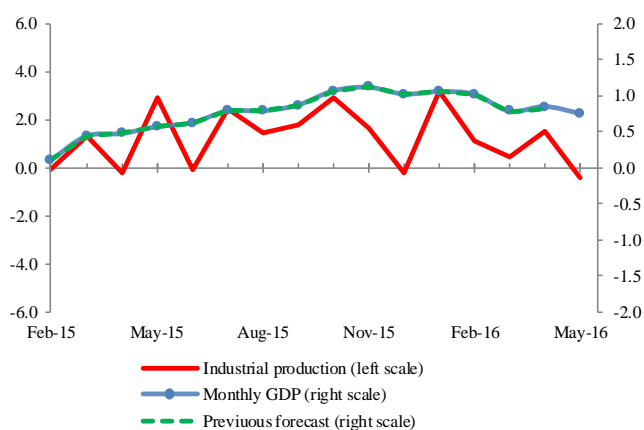


Data and comment

Monthly GDP: flat profile in May

In May, industrial production decreased (-0.6% m/m) more than expected. However, the outcome is in line with developments in the rest of Europe. All the main sectors posted a reduction with capital goods sector recording the worst performance (-1.8%). On the contrary, durable goods were the only component to rise (0.4%). Favorable signals on the economy were provided by the business climate indicator in the manufacturing sector and by export and import data in volume terms. The new GDP estimate for May points at flat m/m profile (-0.02% m/m) with year on year growth remaining at +0.8%.

GDP and Industrial Production
(year-on-year percentage growth)



(*) Monthly GDP is an average of results obtained from different models as documented in Frale, C., and Monteforte, L., "FaMIDAS: A mixed frequency factor model with MIDAS structure", MEF and Department of the Treasury Working Paper Series n. 3/2010.

	Monthly GDP (month-on-month percentage growth)		
	Industrial production (ISTAT)	Monthly GDP (monthly estimate)	Monthly GDP (revised estimate)
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Aug-14	0.6	0.03	0.02
Sep-14	-0.4	-0.07	-0.07
Oct-14	-0.4	-0.09	-0.09
Nov-14	0.8	0.05	0.05
Dec-14	1.2	0.09	0.10
Jan-15	-1.7	0.12	0.12
Feb-15	1.3	0.15	0.15
Mar-15	0.7	0.22	0.22
Apr-15	-0.7	0.06	0.05
May-15	1.3	0.05	0.07
Jun-15	-1.2	0.07	0.06
Jul-15	1.1	0.11	0.10
Aug-15	-0.4	0.03	0.02
Sep-15	-0.1	0.01	0.01
Oct-15	0.7	0.10	0.11
Nov-15	-0.4	0.09	0.09
Dec-15	-0.6	0.00	0.00
Jan-16	1.6	0.15	0.15
Feb-16	-0.8	0.12	0.12
Mar-16	0.0	-0.03	-0.02
Apr-16	0.4	0.09	0.11
May-16	-0.6	-	-0.02