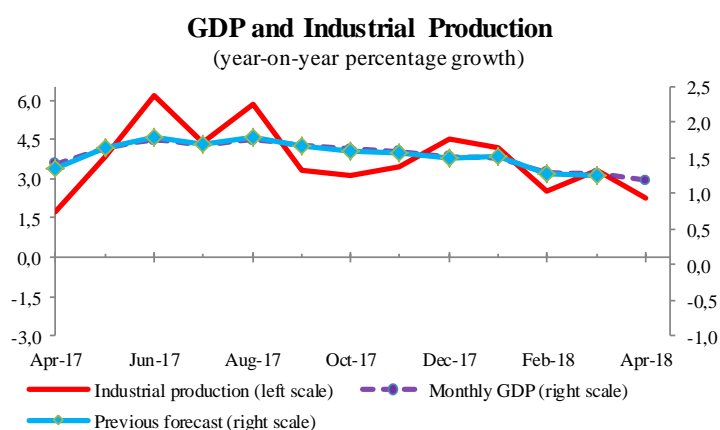


Monthly GDP: April 2018

The "soft patch" continued in April

Economic growth is estimated to have remained broadly unchanged in April, at -0.03% m/m and +1.19% yoy. Industrial production dropped 1.2% m/m in April, erasing last month's rise (+1.2% m/m) and falling back to its February level. Results were negative across the board barring investment goods, that grew by 0.7% m/m for the second month in a row. Energy printed the worst contraction (-4.8%), followed by consumption goods (-1.3%) and intermediate goods (-1.1%). The decline could have been influenced by the bank holidays at the end of the month and the index will probably rebound in May.

Business confidence and manufactory PMI moderated further, while services' sentiment remained resilient in May.



(*) 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.

	Industrial production (ISTAT)	Monthly GDP (previous monthly estimate)	Monthly GDP (revised estimate)
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Apr-17	-0,1	0,03	0,06
May-17	0,5	0,21	0,17
Jun-17	1,3	0,12	0,11
Jul-17	-0,4	0,05	0,07
Aug-17	2,8	0,24	0,20
Sep-17	-2,8	-0,01	0,04
Oct-17	0,5	0,07	0,11
Nov-17	0,8	0,15	0,13
Dec-17	2,1	0,20	0,18
Jan-18	-1,8	0,07	0,06
Feb-18	-0,6	-0,02	0,02
Mar-18	1,2	0,17	0,14
Apr-18	-1,2		-0,03