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## Investment Survey

April 2008

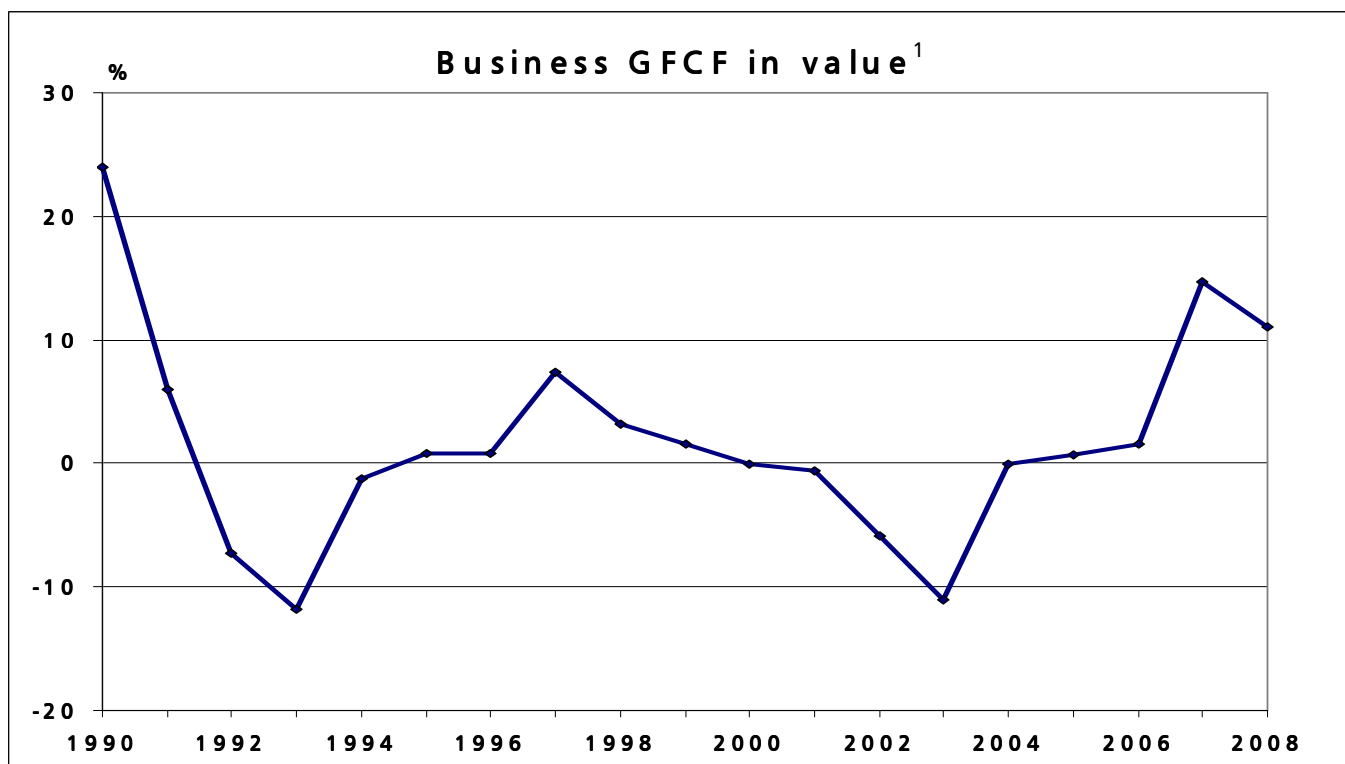
### **Perspectives for the business investment in 2008 relatively high in the April Survey, although pointing to a deceleration in relation to 2007**

According to the results of the April 2008 Investment Survey, the value of the enterprises' investment might increase around 11% in nominal terms in 2008. In the same survey, enterprises declared having invested in 2007 a value 14.7% higher than in 2006.

Data from the April 2008 Investment Survey revealed a stronger increase in the investment growth in 2007, when compared with the information from the previous survey. In fact, the values obtained in the present survey point to a nominal growth of the entrepreneurial Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) of 14.7%, 11.6 percentage points (p.p.) more than the result for 2007 in the October 2007 Survey.

For 2008 the survey points to a nominal growth of the enterprises' investment of 11.0%, what represents a revision of -3.3 p.p. comparing to the result of the previous survey (the first estimate to 2008).

From 2007 to 2008, data points to a slowdown of investment of 3.7 p.p.. Although, taking into account that the economic background is now more adverse than in the last survey, the nominal investment growth forecasted to 2008 is still relatively high. In the larger enterprises, it is observed some resilience in keeping the plans of high investments to 2008, which even present an acceleration relatively to 2007. In fact, enterprises with more than 500 employees, revealed investment plans that, if materialized, will represent a growth of 28.3% in 2008, more 6.3 p.p. than the 2007 growth rate.



<sup>1</sup> In the graphic, the percentages correspond to the last estimate available to each year. To 2008, the projected value corresponds to the forecasts expressed by the enterprises.

## STRUCTURE, CHANGE AND DIFFUSION OF INVESTMENT

NACE-Rev.1	STRUCTURE (a)			CHANGE (b)		DIFFUSION (c)		
	2006	2007	2008	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
MINING AND QUARRYING (10 to 14)	0.7	0.7	0.9	18.3	34.9	100.0	81.4	81.4
MANUFACTURING (15 to 37)	23.2	20.1	21.9	-1.0	21.5	84.8	81.0	69.8
ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER SUPPLY (40+41)	14.6	19.3	20.9	52.0	20.4	99.2	100.0	93.5
CONSTRUCTION (45)	4.6	6.6	4.6	67.6	-23.8	88.1	81.8	68.2
TRADE (50 to 52)	17.4	12.7	10.6	-16.5	-7.3	83.9	75.7	64.0
SALE OF VEHICLES AND FUEL (50)	8.1	7.1	11.3	-27.0	47.9	69.6	75.6	63.6
WHOLESALE TRADE (51)	60.8	36.2	40.4	-50.2	3.3	86.8	73.0	59.6
RETAIL TRADE (52)	31.1	56.7	48.3	52.4	-21.0	87.3	79.4	70.3
HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS (55)	2.2	2.8	1.2	40.6	-49.8	95.2	96.7	84.5
TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION (60 to 64)	19.8	20.6	21.7	19.6	17.0	87.4	70.5	68.5
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COMMUNICATION (64)	45.2	49.5	40.5	30.9	-4.4	100.0	97.7	97.7
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (65 to 67)	3.7	4.2	5.3	30.7	37.7	84.0	84.0	80.6
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATION (65)	86.1	90.4	90.0	37.2	37.1	92.1	92.1	92.1
INSURANCE (66)	10.9	8.9	9.5	7.7	46.7	66.3	66.3	66.3
ACTIVITIES AUXILIARY TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATION (67)	3.0	0.6	0.4	-72.7	-5.6	71.2	71.2	45.8
REAL ESTATE, RENTING AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES (70 to 74)	13.8	13.0	12.9	8.1	10.0	87.7	76.4	69.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>68.2</b>

(a) Weight of the activities, on percentage

(b) Year-on-year rates of change

(c) Percentage of enterprises with investments on the period

### Technical note:

The Investment Survey was based on a sample of 4157 firms with more than 4 workers, that belong to the activities of NACE 13 to 74 and that have a yearly turnover of, at least, €125000. The firms of the referred activities with more than 199 workers were exhaustively surveyed.

The survey occurred between the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2008 and the global response rate was 66.7%.

These firms represent 85.0% of the sample, considering the stratification/extrapolation variable (number of workers).

**Next report will be released on February, 2009.**

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