

Socio-economic situation of Poland – main tendencies

In May of 2015, in most basic areas of economy, growth tendencies continued. Sold production of industry increased in annual terms at a pace similar to the one observed a month before, and after elimination of seasonal factors its growth was significantly higher than in April, and similar to the one observed in the 1st quarter of 2015. The increase in construction and assembly production was slower than in April of 2015. However, the growth in retail sales accelerated. For the second month in a row, the sales of transport services was below the level from the year before.

Average monthly nominal gross wages and salaries in the enterprise sector increased in annual terms slightly slower than in April of 2015. With a slowdown of a drop in consumer prices, the growth of purchasing power of wages and salaries was weaker than in previous periods. Average nominal and real gross retirement and other pensions in employee system increased in annual terms at a pace similar to the one in April of 2015. The growth of social benefits of individual farmers was stronger than in the employee system and higher than in the previous month.

The average paid employment in the enterprise sector in May of 2015, similarly to the previous month, was by 1.1% higher than a year before. The registered unemployment rate decreased to 10.8%. According to the labour demand survey, in the 1st quarter of 2015 more jobs were created than in the same period of the previous year, with a slight drop in the number of liquidated jobs.

The decrease in the prices of consumer goods and services in annual terms was the slowest since the beginning of the year. Prices of goods and services in transport, food and non-alcoholic beverages, as well as clothing and footwear dropped to a smaller extent than in the previous months. The scale of drop in prices of sold production of industry was lower than in the previous months, while in prices of construction and assembly production did not change significantly.

Sold production of industry in May of 2015 increased in annual terms by 2.8% (after elimination of seasonal factors - by 5.3%). Production was higher than the year before in all sections except for electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply. Sales in most industrial groupings (except for non-durable consumer goods) increased, and the highest increase was observed in energy and capital goods. Construction and assembly production was by 1.3% higher than in May 2014 (after elimination of seasonal factors it was higher by 4.8%). Production growth was recorded in civil engineering and in specialised construction activities, while a decrease was observed in the construction of buildings. Retail sales increased by 4.7% in annual terms.

The general business tendency climate in manufacturing in June of 2015 is assessed positively, but slightly more cautiously than in the previous month. Due to worsening pessimistic assessments of foreign order-books and favourable indications concerning the domestic order-

books, optimistic assessments of the total current order-books weakened; predictions in this area are less favourable. Assessments of current production remain positive, with slightly worsening of negative indications related to the current financial situation. Optimistic forecasts in these both areas weakened. Construction entities assess the general business climate slightly negatively, similarly to May of 2015. Indications related to the current order-books and production are less pessimistic than a month before, but forecasts in these areas are slightly less favourable than the ones formulated in May of 2015. Slightly optimistic predictions concerning the financial situation are maintained, with continuously unfavourable current assessments. The entrepreneurs sentiments in retail trade are positive, similar to the previous month. Predictions as regards demand for goods and diagnoses and forecasts related to sales are optimistic, but worse than in May of 2015. Assessments of the current financial situation remain unfavourable, with slightly positive predictions.

On the agricultural market in May of 2015, procurement prices of most basic agricultural products (except for poultry and cattle for slaughter) dropped as compared to the ones recorded in April of 2015. Only the prices of cattle for slaughter were above the level from the previous year. Low profitability of pigs fattening was sustained.

Foreign trade turnover (calculated in PLN and in EUR) in the period of January-April of 2015 grew in annual terms to a greater extent in exports than in imports. The total balance of trade turnover was positive against the negative one recorded a year before. A growth was observed in turnover with all groups of countries, except for the Central and Eastern European countries, in relation to which a deep decline was observed. The total terms of trade index in the 1st quarter of 2015 was at a favourable level, amounting to 101.9 (against 103.6 a year before).

The revenue of the State Budget in the period of five months of 2015 amounted to PLN 116.3 bn, and expenditure – PLN 135.9 bn (i.e. accordingly 39.1% and 39.6% of the amount assumed in the Budget Act for of 2015). As a result, a deficit in the amount of PLN 19.6 bn was recorded, which accounted for 42.6% of the plan.

SELECTED INDICATORS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY

Specification													
a – 2014	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	
b – 2015													
Paid employment in the enterprise sector ¹ in thous. persons	a	5506	5508	5515	5515	5515	5526	5531	5535	5537	5545	5551	5549
	b	5573	5573	5576	5575	5577							
		2261	2256	2182	2079	1987	1913	1879	1853	1822	1785	1800	1825
Registered unemployed persons (end of period) in thous. persons	a	1919	1919	1861	1782	1702							
	b	13,9	13,9	13,5	13,0	12,5	12,0	11,8	11,7	11,5	11,3	11,4	11,5
Unemployment rate (end of period) in %	a	12,0	12,0	11,7	11,2	10,8							
	b												
Average monthly nominal gross wage and salary in the enterprise sector ¹ :													
in zloty	a	3805,28	3856,56	4017,75	3976,80	3878,31	3943,01	3964,91	3893,23	3900,49	3980,92	4004,80	4379,26
	b	3942,78	3981,75	4214,14	4123,26	4002,16							
previous month=100	a	90,1	101,3	104,2	99,0	97,5	101,7	100,6	98,2	100,2	102,1	100,6	109,4
	b	90,0	101,0	105,8	97,8	97,1							
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	103,4	104,0	104,8	103,8	104,8	103,5	103,5	103,5	103,4	103,8	102,7	103,7
	b	103,6	103,2	104,9	103,7	103,2							
Average monthly real gross wage and salary in the enterprise sector ¹ — corresponding													
month of previous year=100	a	103,0	103,3	104,2	103,5	104,6	103,2	103,6	103,7	103,7	104,3	103,2	104,7
	b	105,2	105,0	106,6	104,9	104,1							
Average monthly real gross retirement pay and pension:													
from non-agricultural social security system													
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	103,9	104,3	102,1	103,2	103,6	103,4	104,2	103,7	103,7	103,7	103,9	104,2
	b	104,5	104,6	104,8	103,3	103,1							
of farmers													
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	103,8	103,8	100,8	101,0	101,2	101,3	101,7	101,9	101,9	102,0	102,4	102,9
	b	102,8	103,2	104,9	104,5	105,5							
Price indices of consumer goods and services:													
previous month=100	a	100,1	100,1	100,1	100,0	99,9	100,0	99,8	99,6	100,0	100,0	99,8	99,7
	b	99,8	99,9	100,2	100,4	100,0							
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	100,5	100,7	100,7	100,3	100,2	100,3	99,8	99,7	99,7	99,4	99,4	99,0
	b	98,6	98,4	98,5	98,9	99,1							
December of previous year=100	a	100,1	100,2	100,3	100,2	100,1	100,1	99,9	99,5	99,4	99,5	99,2	99,0
	b	99,8	99,6	99,8	100,3	100,3							
Price indices of sold production of industry:													
previous month=100	a	100,0	99,9	99,8	99,8	99,8	99,9	99,9	100,3	100,0	99,6	99,5	98,8
	b	99,9	99,9	100,1	99,6	100,3							
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	99,0	98,6	98,7	99,3	99,0	98,2	97,9	98,5	98,4	98,7	98,4	97,3
	b	97,2	97,2	97,5	97,3	97,8							
Price indices of construction and assembly production:													
previous month=100	a	99,8	99,8	99,9	99,9	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	99,9	99,9
	b	99,9	99,9	100,0	100,0	99,9							
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	98,3	98,4	98,5	98,5	98,6	98,7	98,8	99,1	99,2	99,3	99,4	99,2
	b	99,5	99,6	99,7	99,7	99,7							

¹ Data concern economic entities employing more than 9 persons.

SELECTED INDICATORS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY

(cont.)

Specification												
a - 2014	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
b - 2015												
Sold production of industry ¹ (constant prices ²):												
previous month=100	103,0	98,2	109,4	97,8	98,3	100,0	102,1	91,5	116,5	103,6	92,5	97,4
a												
b	96,8	101,4	113,4	92,0	98,7							
corresponding month of previous year=100	104,2	105,3	105,5	105,5	104,4	101,8	102,4	98,1	104,2	101,7	100,3	108,1
a												
b	101,6	105,0	108,8	102,4	102,8							
Construction and assembly production (constant prices ²):												
previous month=100	36,0	118,7	124,2	103,2	114,0	116,8	100,9	94,6	119,8	107,2	90,6	129,6
a												
b	34,8	116,7	128,2	108,7	106,4							
corresponding month of previous year=100	96,1	114,4	117,4	112,2	110,0	108,0	101,1	96,4	105,6	99,0	98,4	105,0
a												
b	101,3	99,7	102,9	108,5	101,3							
Dwellings completed (from the beginning of year) ..	12511	24973	35562	47208	56101	66418	79677	88821	100142	114866	127871	143166
a												
b	11634	21132	31715	41737	51712							
Retail sales of commodities ³ (constant prices ²):												
previous month=100	78,7	99,5	112,5	102,3	97,5	99,2	105,2	99,6	99,0	104,0	92,1	120,1
a												
b	78,0	98,4	117,1	97,4	100,5							
corresponding month of previous year=100	104,8	107,0	103,3	108,9	104,3	101,8	103,1	102,8	103,0	103,7	101,4	104,0
a												
b	103,6	102,4	106,6	101,5	104,7							
State budget balance - from the beginning of year (in mln zł)	-2601,1	-11718,2	-17491,0	-21179,9	-22362,6	-25298,6	-26403,2	-24603,5	-22444,6	-27233,2	24790,7	-28976,8
a												
b	-586,9	-11324,0	-16660,1	-16693,1	-19637,7							
Average exchange rates in zł - National Bank of Poland:												
100 USD	306,50	306,13	303,78	302,93	304,15	304,25	305,98	314,82	324,75	331,52	337,77	342,87
a												
b	367,39	367,66	381,38	373,47	365,20							
100 EUR	417,76	417,86	419,72	418,41	417,90	413,69	414,47	419,32	419,01	420,50	421,15	422,33
a												
b	427,97	417,76	412,78	402,91	407,83							
100 CHF	339,35	342,05	344,71	343,17	342,44	339,65	341,14	346,02	346,95	348,14	350,11	351,23
a												
b	392,73	393,22	389,12	388,12	392,11							
Foreign trade ⁴ in mln zł:												
exports	55718,8	54071,7	58525,3	58676,5	56460,0	55997,0	56901,5	50029,5	61611,0	64294,2	59698,1	50376,4
a												
b	58421,4	59014,5	64888,1	58589,8	.							
imports	56094,1	54642,6	59408,9	57898,9	58480,6	56539,0	58852,6	51783,0	60745,7	64245,3	60017,5	53864,6
a												
b	56106,8	55469,2	62288,6	58311,5	.							
balance	-375,3	-570,9	-883,6	777,6	-2020,6	-542,0	-1951,1	-1753,5	865,3	48,9	-319,4	-3488,2
a												
b	2314,6	3545,3	2599,5	278,3	.							

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