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Dear members of the GSB,

the figures for building permits in the building construction sector for the first quarter of 2021 have been eagerly awaited by us in order to be able to give you an indicator for the future.

These are now available and provide a positive outlook for the time ahead.

Your GSB Team



Building Permits for Building Construction Q1 2021

Compared with the first quarter of 2020, Eurostat forecasts an increase of 7.7% in building permits for the current year (building construction; square meters of useful floor area). Significant differences can be seen between the individual countries.

For a better overview, we have edited the statistics for you and provided color scales. In this way, you can take a detailed look at the countries that are particularly relevant for you.

We have chosen to present the figures by square meters of useful floor area and to restrict them to building construction, as these figures are the most likely to provide an indication of the future demand for coated surfaces. Of course, the demand for square meters of coated surface depends on many other factors, such as trends related to the construction materials used, surface finishing processes, and so on. The figures presented here should therefore be seen as indicators that can be used to make approximate predictions.

GEO (Codes)	GEO (Labels)	2021-Q1	
EU27	European Union - 27 countries (from 2020)	7,7	Eurostat estimate
BE	Belgium	5,3	provisional
CZ	Czechia	-6,1	
DK	Denmark	-19,1	estimated
DE	Germany	15,7	
EE	Estonia	-16,1	
IE	Ireland	-34,8	
EL	Greece	26,7	provisional
ES	Spain	-15,6	
FR	France	0,4	
HR	Croatia	36,1	
IT	Italy	:	
CY	Cyprus	12,1	
LV	Latvia	-15,1	
LT	Lithuania	30,7	
LU	Luxembourg	64,2	
HU	Hungary	21,3	
NL	Netherlands	43,1	
AT	Austria	31,8	estimated
PL	Poland	33,2	
PT	Portugal	3,2	
SI	Slovenia	33,8	provisional
SK	Slovakia	10,9	
FI	Finland	8,2	
SE	Sweden	2,9	
NO	Norway	1,5	
ME	Montenegro	-2,8	
MK	North Macedonia	29,3	
RS	Serbia	-2,8	provisional
TR	Turkey	86,4	
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	9,8	

Quarterly
Building permits - m2 of useful floor area
Buildings
Unadjusted data (i.e. neither seasonally adjusted nor calendar adjusted data)
Percentage change compared to same period in previous year

*Illustration based on Eurostat (2021).

Sources:

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