Area: Labour Market

HOURLY LABOUR COST*) HIGHER IN QUARTER III 2017¹)

- In Quarter III 2017 the adjusted hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) registered an increase rate of 2.90% by comparison with the previous quarter and of 16.57% by comparison with the same quarter of the previous year.

- As against the same periods of reference, the change in the non-adjusted hourly labour cost had a similar trend with the adjusted form (3.69%, respectively 17.85%).

Quarter III 2017 compared to Quarter II 2017

Compared to Quarter II 2017, the hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) increased in the majority of economic activities.

The most significant increases were recorded in education (24.52%) determined by the working time reduction, due to the school holidays, followed by public administration (9.79%) as a result of applying the legal provisions in force²) and arts, entertainment and recreation (6.49%).

The most significant decrease of the hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) was in financial and insurance activities (-4.64%).

As against the previous quarter, in Quarter III 2017, the increase (for the working days adjusted index) of the direct costs component (wages and salaries) was of 2.88%, while the one concerning the other costs (non-wages costs) was of 2.96%. The increases registered by the two components – for the non-adjusted index – were of 3.70%, respectively 3.65%.

Quarter III 2017 compared to Quarter III 2016

As against the same quarter of the previous year, the hourly labour cost increased in all economic activities.

The highest increases of the hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) were observed in arts, entertainment and recreation (38.76%), human health and social work activities (32.48%), education (30.91%) and public administration (29.57%).

¹) Quarterly labour cost indices were recalculated for the year 2016 and first two quarters of the year 2017.

²) Law no.152/2017 approving the G.E.O. no.99/2016 on certain measures concerning the personnel paid from public funds, extension of some time limits and other fiscal measures; Framework law no.153/2017 on remuneration of personnel paid from public funds.
These increases of the hourly labour cost were mainly due to the application of legal provisions in force\(^3\).

The lowest increases were registered in mining and quarrying and in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (3.92% each).

The quarterly labour cost index - percentage change, Quarter III 2017\(^1\) compared to Quarter III 2016 - (working days adjusted)

\(^1\) provisionally data

Graph data (xls)

As against the same quarter of the previous year, the increase – working days adjusted index – for the direct costs component (wages and salaries) was of 16.57%, while for the non-adjusted index was of 17.89%. The other costs component (non-wages costs) registered similar increase (16.60%, respectively 17.71%).

Additional information

\(^*)\) The quarterly labour cost index is a short-term indicator that allows the evaluation of the tendencies of the hourly costs incurred by employers with labour force.

For an accurate interpretation of the indicators, please see the Methodological notes attached to the press release on the homepage.

The quarterly labour cost index are presented in the Annex.

Additional information can be obtained from the publication Monthly Statistical Bulletin no.10/2017 or on-line accessing TEMPO database (starting with 11\(^{th}\) December 2017): http://statistici.insse.ro/shop/index.jsp?page=tempo2&lang=en&context=15

The next press release on labour cost index will be issued on March 6\(^{th}\), 2018.

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\(^3\) G.O. no.38/2017 for application of G.E.O. no.57/2015; Law No.250/2016 approving the G.E.O. no.20/2016 concerning the modification and completion of the G.E.O. no.57/2015 regarding the personnel paid from public funds in 2016, the extension of certain time limits, some tax-budgetary measures as well the modification and completion of some legislative acts; G.E.O. no.9/2017 on certain measures in the 2017 budget, the extension of deadlines and amendment of some laws; G.E.O. no.17/2017 regarding certain measures in education; Law no.152/2017 approving the G.E.O. no.99/2016 on certain measures concerning the personnel paid from public funds, extension of some time limits and other fiscal measures; Framework law no.153/2017 on remuneration of personnel paid from public funds.