

## Introduction

The course of real processes in November of 2012 shows that a slowdown in growth pace in many areas of economy has maintained. After a certain improvement of dynamics in October of 2012, a decrease in sold production in industry and a deepening of decline in construction were recorded. A growth of sales of transport services was still high, although slightly lower than in previous periods. Retail sale, similarly to the previous month, only slightly exceeded last year's level. Further weakening of growth pace of prices of consumer goods and services influenced a slower drop in average real wages and salaries in the enterprises sector. Economic slowdown had a negative impact on the employment dynamics in this sector; the unemployment rate continued to grow.

In the period of eleven months of 2012, sold production of industry increased by 2.1% in annual terms. In November of 2012, the production was by 0.8% lower than the year before (after eliminating an influence of seasonal factors – by 1.9%). Production in manufacturing as well as in mining and quarrying decreased, with an increase in two remaining sections. Among the main industrial groupings, only the production of non-durable consumer goods and energy was higher than the year before. Construction and assembly production in the period of eleven months was by 1.5% higher than the year before, and in November of 2012 a decline recorded since mid-year maintained (by 5.3% in annual terms and after eliminating seasonal factors – by 10.7%)

The general business tendency climate in December of 2012 is assessed more pessimistically than a month before in manufacturing, construction, retail trade and in most of service sections. Manufacturing enterprises as well as entities operating in construction express negative, worse than in November of 2012, current and future assessments regarding order books and production. Entities of retail trade show a possibility to limit sales to a larger extent than in November of 2012 as well as to reduce demand for goods. Financial situation of construction enterprises is deteriorating; difficulties of manufacturing enterprises and trade entities regarding settlement of financial obligations are increasing as well. In construction and retail trade reduction of employment is planned to be more substantial than a month before and in manufacturing the scale of reduction might also be slightly higher than in November of 2012. Positive assessments regarding general business tendency climate are expressed by enterprises conducting financial and insurance activity and by entities from information and communication section. Synthetic indicator of economic situation (including elimination of an influence of seasonal factors) develops in December at a similar level to the one noted a month before, slightly less pessimistic than in October of 2012.

The growth rate of prices of consumer goods and services in November of 2012 slowed down to 2.8% in annual terms (from 3.4% a month before), mainly affected by a slowdown in

dynamics of prices related to transport goods and services as well as prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages. A decrease of producer's prices in industry and construction was recorded.

An average employment in the enterprise sector was by 0.3% lower than in November of 2011. The unemployment rate increased to 12,9% as of the end of November of 2012. According to a survey of demand for labour, in the period of three quarters of 2012 fewer jobs were created than in the corresponding period of the previous year. The scale of job liquidations also decreased.

A slight increase of average nominal monthly gross wages and salaries in the enterprise sector maintained - in November it amounted to 2.7% in annual terms. With the weakening of inflation, the purchasing power of wages and salaries was similar to that noted the year before, whereas in previous months its drop was observed. A growth rate of real retirement pays and pensions both in the employee and in the farmers system has improved.

On the agricultural market in November of 2012, most of basic agricultural products were more expensive than the year before. However, the procurement prices of ryes, poultry and milk have decreased. From an estimated result conducted in November of 2012, it appears that in current year the crops of cereal in total were more favourable both in comparison with last year's crops and to the average of the years 2006-2010.

In foreign trade in the period of January-October of 2012, a weaker growth of turnover calculated in zlotys was recorded than the one noted the year before. Exports grew faster than imports, which influenced the improvement of total negative turnover balance. External trade with countries of Central and Eastern Europe developed to the largest extent. The dynamics of turnover with developed countries, including the EU countries, was slower than with the remaining groups of countries - with a slight increase of exports, a drop of imports from these countries was recorded. In the period of three quarters of 2012, the exports in constant prices increased compared to the corresponding period of 2012, whereas the imports decreased. The terms of trade index was more unfavourable than the year before (97.9 against 98.7).

In the period of January-November of 2012, expenditure of the state budget amounted to PLN 293.4 billion (that is 89.2% of the amount assumed in the Budget Act for 2012), whereas revenue amounted to PLN 263.0 billion (89.5% respectively). The state deficit amounted to PLN 30.4 billion, which constituted 86.9% of the plan.

# SELECTED INDICATORS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY

Specification a – 2011 b – 2012	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	
Paid employment in the enterprise sector <sup>1</sup> in thous. persons													
..... a	5501	5513	5509	5514	5514	5527	5528	5520	5515	5512	5515	5503	
..... b	5551	5543	5539	5531	5530	5531	5529	5522	5514	5510	5497		
Registered unemployed persons (in thous. persons; end of period)..... a	2105	2150	2134	2044	1963	1883	1863	1855	1862	1868	1915	1983	
..... b	2122	2168	2142	2073	2014	1964	1953	1965	1979	1995	2058		
Unemployment rate (in %; end of period)..... a	13,1	13,4	13,3	12,8	12,4	11,9	11,8	11,8	11,8	11,8	12,1	12,5	
..... b	13,2	13,4	13,3	12,9	12,6	12,3	12,3	12,4	12,4	12,5	12,9		
Average monthly nominal gross wage and salary in the enterprise sector <sup>1</sup> (in zł) .....	a	3391,59	3422,14	3633,54	3597,84	3483,99	3600,47	3611,56	3591,23	3581,94	3617,16	3682,19	4015,37
..... b	3666,41	3568,32	3770,66	3719,81	3617,98	3754,48	3700,01	3686,45	3640,84	3718,19	3780,64		
previous month=100 .....	a	88,1	100,9	106,2	99,0	96,8	103,3	100,3	99,4	99,7	101,0	101,8	109,0
..... b	91,3	97,3	105,7	98,7	97,3	103,8	98,5	99,6	98,8	102,1	101,7		
corresponding month of previous year=100 .....	a	105,0	104,1	104,0	105,9	104,1	105,8	105,2	105,4	105,2	105,1	104,4	104,4
..... b	108,1	104,3	103,8	103,4	103,8	104,3	102,4	102,7	101,6	102,8	102,7		
Average monthly real gross wage and salary in the enterprise sector <sup>1</sup>													
corresponding month of previous year=100..... a	101,5	100,7	99,9	101,5	99,3	101,6	101,3	101,2	101,3	100,9	99,8	99,9	
..... b	103,9	100,1	100,0	99,5	100,3	100,2	98,7	99,0	98,0	99,5	100,0		
Average monthly real gross retirement pay and pension:													
from non-agricultural social security system													
corresponding month of previous year=100..... a	102,2	102,3	100,1	100,0	99,3	100,2	100,4	100,1	100,6	100,2	99,6	99,8	
..... b	100,4	100,0	101,4	101,2	101,8	100,8	101,1	101,3	101,2	101,7	102,4		
of farmers													
corresponding month of previous year=100..... a	100,5	100,4	98,1	98,2	97,4	98,3	98,7	98,4	98,8	98,5	97,9	97,9	
..... b	98,8	98,5	103,4	103,4	103,6	102,8	103,2	103,3	103,3	103,9	104,6		
Price indices of consumer goods and services:													
previous month=100 .....	a	101,2	100,2	100,9	100,5	100,6	99,6	99,7	100,0	100,1	100,7	100,7	100,4
..... b	100,7	100,4	100,5	100,6	100,2	100,2	99,5	99,7	100,1	100,4	100,1		
corresponding month of previous year=100 .....	a	103,6	103,6	104,3	104,5	105,0	104,2	104,1	104,3	103,9	104,3	104,8	104,6
..... b	104,1	104,3	103,9	104,0	103,6	104,3	104,0	103,8	103,8	103,4	102,8		
December of previous year=100 .....	a	101,2	101,4	102,3	102,9	103,5	103,1	102,8	102,7	102,8	103,5	104,2	104,6
..... b	100,7	101,1	101,7	102,2	102,4	102,6	102,1	101,8	101,9	102,3	102,3		
Price indices of sold production of industry:													
previous month=100 .....	a	100,4	101,2	101,6	100,7	99,7	100,3	100,4	100,6	101,7	100,1	100,9	100,4
..... b	100,1	99,5	100,1	100,7	100,4	99,5	99,6	100,0	100,5	99,3	99,8		
corresponding month of previous year=100 .....	a	106,2	107,5	109,5	108,8	106,3	105,6	105,9	106,8	108,4	108,5	109,1	108,2
..... b	107,9	106,0	104,4	104,4	105,2	104,4	103,6	103,0	101,8	101,0	99,9		
Price indices of construction and assembly production:													
previous month=100 .....	a	100,1	100,1	100,2	100,2	100,2	100,3	100,2	100,3	100,1	100,1	100,0	100,0
..... b	99,9	99,9	100,0	100,0	99,9	99,9	99,8	99,8	99,8	99,9	99,8		
corresponding month of previous year=100 .....	a	100,3	100,4	100,6	100,6	100,7	100,8	101,1	101,4	101,6	101,6	101,7	101,8
..... b	101,5	101,4	101,3	101,1	100,9	100,5	100,1	99,7	99,3	99,1	98,9		

<sup>1</sup> Data concern economic entities employing more than 9 persons.

# SELECTED INDICATORS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY

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Specification a - 2011 b - 2012	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
Sold production of industry <sup>1</sup> (constant prices <sup>2</sup> ):												
previous month=100 .....	a 93,7	103,3	115,2	90,7	102,7	101,0	94,0	104,1	112,6	97,6	100,5	95,1
corresponding month of previous year=100 .....	b 95,0	99,2	110,7	92,4	104,2	98,0	97,9	99,3	106,1	107,8	95,2	
of previous year=100 .....	a 110,3	110,5	106,8	106,7	107,8	102,0	101,8	107,9	107,4	106,4	108,5	107,7
of previous year=100 .....	b 109,1	104,8	100,8	102,8	104,3	101,2	105,4	100,6	94,8	104,7	99,2	
Construction and assembly production (constant prices <sup>2</sup> ):												
previous month=100 .....	a 30,7	111,5	142,4	109,7	125,9	117,6	96,6	101,5	118,3	95,7	92,5	140,6
corresponding month of previous year=100 .....	b 35,5	94,5	131,6	114,6	123,7	105,0	92,9	105,7	102,2	112,4	90,9	
of previous year=100 .....	a 111,0	118,7	124,2	115,6	123,9	117,0	116,5	110,8	118,1	108,9	113,0	114,6
of previous year=100 .....	b 132,2	112,0	103,5	108,1	106,2	94,8	91,3	95,0	82,1	96,4	94,7	
Dwellings completed (from the beginning of year) .....	a 10289	18329	27500	36973	45726	54568	65064	75965	86839	101027	114443	130954
of previous year=100 .....	b 12468	23783	36292	47377	57409	67843	79716	92677	104805	119365	134698	
Retail sales of commodities <sup>1</sup> (constant prices <sup>3</sup> ):												
previous month=100 .....	a 70,8	101,8	117,4	101,7	98,3	101,9	101,3	101,5	101,3	102,8	93,5	120,3
corresponding month of previous year=100 .....	b 74,9	101,0	115,0	97,0	100,8	100,2	102,2	100,5	98,4	103,7	93,7	
of previous year=100 .....	a 102,3	108,6	105,1	113,6	108,5	106,4	104,2	106,9	107,7	106,8	107,4	104,2
of previous year=100 .....	b 109,9	108,9	106,9	101,8	104,3	102,6	103,4	102,3	99,6	100,5	100,7	
State budget balance - from the beginning of year (in mln zł) .....	a -2762,0	-14409,2	-17499,7	-21585,5	-23728,3	-20222,2	-21083,6	-20680,7	-21888,5	-22470,4	-21573,4	-25124,4
of previous year=100 .....	b -5301,8	-16515,6	-22968,6	-24819,9	-26981,0	-21085,6	-24338,8	-22911,8	-21128,9	-34206,1	-30426,0	
Average exchange rates in zł - National Bank of Poland:												
100 USD .....	a 291,48	287,87	286,88	274,67	274,19	275,86	279,11	287,70	314,29	317,69	326,09	339,59
of previous year=100 .....	b 338,84	316,08	313,20	317,27	334,72	343,99	340,61	330,21	321,54	316,72	322,37	
100 EUR .....	a 389,69	392,86	401,74	397,06	393,95	396,95	399,07	412,32	433,32	435,62	442,39	447,66
of previous year=100 .....	b 437,75	418,40	413,70	417,56	428,84	430,72	418,96	409,12	413,14	410,91	413,54	
100 CHF .....	a 305,03	303,12	311,88	305,92	314,00	327,99	338,24	368,94	361,93	354,41	359,34	364,68
of previous year=100 .....	b 361,35	346,60	343,00	347,36	357,00	358,65	348,84	340,64	341,68	339,65	343,10	
Foreign trade <sup>4</sup> in mln zł:												
exports .....	a 40153,3	42483,4	48187,9	44225,9	46415,3	45259,8	42486,9	45945,9	52812,9	52071,3	52126,2	46570,2
of previous year=100 .....	b 48470,1	47800,2	51553,4	48123,1	50251,1	49933,3	49711,3	47970,9	50725,6	55484,1	.	
imports .....	a 44300,5	47210,9	52935,3	50553,5	52021,9	51666,4	48956,6	51626,1	56269,0	56928,9	57444,7	53458,9
of previous year=100 .....	b 53153,9	53182,5	55434,5	51360,7	55504,3	53210,5	52462,7	49468,3	51805,7	55436,9	.	
balance .....	a -4147,2	-4727,5	-4747,4	-6327,6	-5606,6	-6406,6	-6469,7	-5680,2	-3456,1	-4857,6	-5318,5	-6888,7
of previous year=100 .....	b -4683,8	-5382,3	-3881,1	-3237,6	-5253,2	-3277,2	-2751,4	-1497,4	-1080,1	47,2	.	

<sup>1</sup> Data concern economic entities employing more than 9 persons. <sup>2</sup> The average current prices from 2005. <sup>3</sup> The current prices from the period preceding the surveyed period.

<sup>4</sup> Preliminary data.