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FIEC Statistical Report 2025: Construction in a Year of Transition

The 68th edition of our Statistical Report has just been released, offering a comprehensive overview of the construction sector in Europe. While total investment declined in 2024, civil engineering remains strong and trends diverge widely between Member States. Explore the key figures, trends and outlooks for 2025 in this new digital publication.



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The FIEC *Statistical Report 2025*, at its 68th edition, provides an in-depth look into the state of the construction sector across Europe. The digital publication allows readers to explore the expected trends on the construction activity and have a closer overview on the sectoral development across the European Union.

It features detailed analyses for 22 individual countries, as well as an EU-wide overview, based on key indicators, including:

- ✓ Macroeconomic overview (economic context and public policy affecting construction);
- ✓ Gross value added (GVA);
- ✓ Investment in construction (total, residential, non-residential, renovation, and civil engineering);
- ✓ Employment in construction and its share in total EU employment;
- ✓ Building permits;
- ✓ Price trends for key construction materials.

Through its 32 national member associations in 27 countries (24 EU countries, Norway, Switzerland and Ukraine), the European Construction Industry Federation represents construction companies of all sizes, i.e., small, and medium-sized enterprises and "global players", carrying out all forms of building and civil engineering activities. FIEC is officially recognised sectoral social partner in the European *Social Dialogue for Construction*.

A year of decline in investment

Following modest growth in 2022 and 2023, construction investment in the EU contracted by 2.0% in 2024. This downturn was driven primarily by the sharp drop in housebuilding, which fell by 7.7%. A further decline of 3.9% is forecast for 2025, confirming persistent weakness in this segment.

Civil engineering remains the main growth driver

Civil engineering activity increased by 5.9% in 2024, confirming its role as the most resilient component of the construction sector. This growth was supported by public investments and green infrastructure projects. The positive trend is expected to continue in 2025, with an estimated increase of 5.4%.

Non-residential construction: modest but stable

Non-residential construction grew slightly in 2024 (+0.2%) and is expected to remain relatively stable in 2025. However, the EU-wide average masks significant differences across Member States, with some experiencing strong growth and others facing sharp declines.

Residential construction under pressure

Despite growing political attention, the residential market continues to face significant challenges. Rising interest rates, reduced access to credit, and the gradual withdrawal of public incentives have deeply affected new housing construction. The slowdown in renovation activity further raises concerns about the EU's ability to meet its climate and energy efficiency objectives.

Diverging trends across the EU

While the major economies in Western and Northern Europe - such as France, Germany and Italy - are experiencing stagnation or decline, other countries are seeing a more positive outlook. Greece, Spain, and Romania, in particular, are benefiting from EU recovery funds and major infrastructure plans, with construction activity expected to accelerate further in 2025.

Based on data provided by FIEC Member Federations, the *Statistical Report 2025* offers a detailed and up-to-date overview of the sector and remains a key reference for EU and national decision-makers, as well as for stakeholders across the construction value chain.

Click on this [link](https://fiel-statistical-report.eu/) to explore the full report or visit the site <https://fiel-statistical-report.eu/>

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