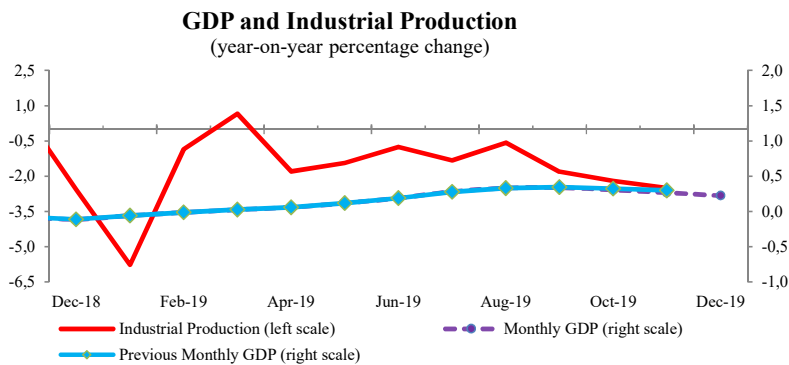


Monthly GDP: December 2019

Growth broadly flat in December

The monthly estimate of the real GDP remains broadly flat in December (0,01% m/m). The index of industrial production recovered slightly in November (0.1% m/m), halting the contraction recorded in the previous two months. The modest increase was underpinned by the expansion in sectors that are more linked to the demand of consumption of durable goods, intermediate and capital goods from the productive system. Nonetheless, it has been held back by the strong decrease in the energy sector.

Looking ahead, the signs from the surveys turn out to be weak. In December manufacturing PMI reached the minimum level of the year (at 46.2) and the expectations of production coming from ISTAT soft data edged down with respect to the previous month. Data for services are encouraging (PMI improved at 51.1) and are recovering with respect to November.



(*) The monthly GDP estimate is based on the methodology published in Fralle C. et al. "EUROMIND: A Monthly Indicator of the Euro Area Economic Conditions", Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A, 174, 439- 470. The GDP estimate takes into account the forecasts of the industrial production made through a bridge model.

	Industrial Production (ISTAT)	Monthly GDP (updated estimate)	Monthly GDP (previous estimate)
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Nov-18	-1,8	0,04	0,04
Dec-18	-0,8	0,04	0,04
Jan-19	1,8	0,05	0,05
Feb-19	0,7	0,04	0,04
Mar-19	-1,1	0,02	0,02
Apr-19	-0,7	0,01	0,01
May-19	0,9	0,02	0,02
Jun-19	-0,3	0,02	0,02
Jul-19	-0,8	0,02	0,02
Aug-19	0,4	0,02	0,02
Sep-19	-0,5	0,02	0,02
Oct-19	-0,3	0,02	0,02
Nov-19	0,1	0,01	0,02
Dec-19		0,01	