

# Production in Construction Denmark

Construction Statistics

Activity 1.3.4

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# Agenda

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## 1. Introduction

- Presentation of contents
- Different methods (Guidelines for compiling...)
- EU-demands (with proposals)

## 2. Calculation of IPC

- Basis: National Account
- "New" Index of Produktion in Construction (IPC)  
(volatility and revisions!)

## 3. Conclusion/Questions

# Different Methods!

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Report: Guidelines for compiling the monthly Index of Production in Construction, Eurostat 2011-edition

# EU-demands 1

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Scope: Divisions by NACE, F, 2 dig.

**(-CC)** - compulsory for S and L:

1. Total construction (var. 110)  
/except.: Under 1% of value added  
i EU -> only total construction (=F)
2. Building construction (var. 115)
3. Civil engineering (var. 116)

## EU-demands 2

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### Form:

- As index and in working-day adjusted form (Demetra, Calendar effects, Tramo-Seats)
- Unadjusted – now compulsory
- Seasonally adjusted – to use national data ("spin-off" from WDA)

## EU-demands 3

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### Referenceperiod:

- Monthly/except.: Under 1% of value added i EU -> only quarterly

### Deadlines for data transmission:

- One month and 15 calendar days after the end of the reference period  
/minus the 15 days more for S + L

## EU-demands 4

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### ***6 July 2005: change of Regulation***

- Referenceperiod: Monthly for S and L
- First reference period: January 2005

## Basis: National Account

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- IPC is based on the quarterly publication of National Account (NA), gross value added in Construction
- Construction = Nace F: Defined by function -> delimited on basis of the final product (ISIC, rev. 4)

## The general method:

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- The gross value added in Construction is calculated (at constant prices) as the difference between the output (value of production) and intermediate consumption (value of input)
- Measures the volume trend in value added at factor cost

## The value of production (output)

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The production value are calculated for:

1. Other production (0,25% in 2005)
2. OIAM-system (4,49%)
3. Classic norm-based construction (26,62%)
4. Repair of buildings (41,89%)
5. Moonlight, repair and maintenance (2,06%)
6. Repair of civil engineering (7,20%)
7. IM-system (17,50%)

## **Classic norm-based construction/1**

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= all new construction of dwellings and private non-residential buildings for production, administration, etc.

Method: Floor space square meters (from construction statistics) multiplied by estimated square metre prices (surveys)

(for public new construction: Account data)

## Classic norm-based construction/2

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### **Floor space square meters:**

- Dates for started and completed for all individual buildings (period)
- Dispersed on all days/period formed (quarter)

### **Estimated square metre prices**

- The price pr. square meter for different types of buildings (= norm-price)
- Adjusted by Construction Cost Index, corrected for a yearly development in productivity (estimated to 1%)

## Repair and maintenance of buildings/1

= Capital repair (investment) + ordinary, regular maintenance (intermediate consumption)

Method:

1. Established 2 estimates: *supply* (employment) and *use* (accountinf.)
2. By different calculations and estimates established a total value for R+M

## Repair and maintenance of buildings/2

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Supply: (total, consist of 4 elements)

1. Purchased maintenance: *Cost for craftsman: number of employed craftsman x an average output pr. employed (benchmark + adj. by Construction Cost Index)*
2. Do-it-yourself capital repair of dwellings: *Estimated on basis of Household budget survey. Contain values for purchase of products used for capital repair.*
  - *An imputed element for wages is added (EU requirement).*

## Repair and maintenance of buildings/3

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3. Purchase of products used for in-house made ordinary repair of non-residential buildings: *Estimated as share of the business-sectors total cost for ordinary repair (combined in-house made and purchased).*

4. Purchase of products used for in-house made ordinary repair of dwellings: *Estimated as share of total cost for ordinary repair (combined in-house made and purchased).*

## Repair and maintenance of buildings/4

### Use-side grouped in:

- Renting of residential dwellings
  - *Source: accounts from Non-profit building societies.*
- Owner-occupied dwellings
  - *Source: Household budget survey.*

## Repair and maintenance of buildings/5

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- Non-residential buildings:
  - *Source: Structural Business Statistics (information on total value of inter-mediate consumption) combined with special surveys on decomposition of intermediate consumption (share of ordinary maintenance). Split between type (buildings or other structures) of ordinary maintenance are based on size of capital stock of buildings and other structures.*

## Moonlight, repair and maintenance

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= the value is indicated by the "wage" paid for the work

### Method:

- Calculations are made by a benchmark for 2004 which is adjusted
- Source: detailed interviews by telephone (also used to adjustments)

## Repair of civil engineering

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= a part of the total cost for R + M

### Method:

- The total cost is determined from the supplyside
  - *Sources: Structural Business Statistics (information on total value of intermediate consumption) combined with special surveys on decomposition of intermediate consumption*
- Split between type (buildings or other structures) of ordinary maintenance are based on size of capital stock of buildings and other structures.

## IM-system

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= investments by general government or units owned by general government in building for business and civil engineering

### Method:

- Sources: Account statistics private firms and the public sector
- The statistics are split up into types of investments

## Gross value added/1

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= The value of production minus the value of input (materials for own use, etc.)

The total gross value added for the construction sector is to be found in the account statistics (need to be supplied with the value of do-it-yourself-work)

The problem is to split up the total!

## **Gross value added/2**

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The gross value added are calculated for (to match the estimates of the Production value):

1. New construction of buildings
2. Repair and maintenance
3. Civil engineering works
4. Raw material consumption in the construction industry

## Gross value added (GVA)/3

### Dividing up in branches:

- Source: A benchmark which is updated by the total development in GVA and production values for the individual branches in the construction sector
- Raw material consumption in the construction industry

## Gross value added/4

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### Structure of input:

- The total value of input = a residual (GVA and PV are known)
- Source: Several ad-hoc analyses of cost structure (primary yearly surveys/purchases of commodities and services)
- Important: Because different deflators and product compositions influenced the calculation i fixed prices

## Gross value added/5

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- Send to me, quarterly!!
- Converted to indices (- WDA)
- Split up in total, construction and civil engineering
- Revisions: the quarters in the most recent 2 years

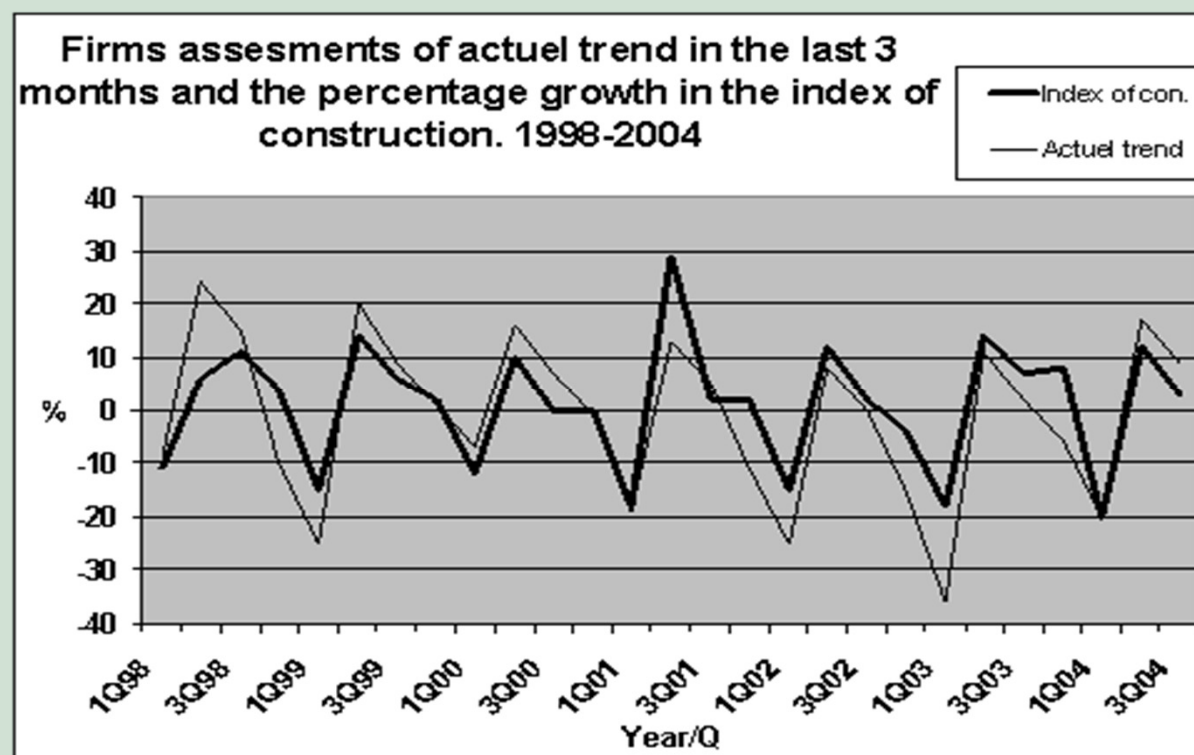
## IPC 1

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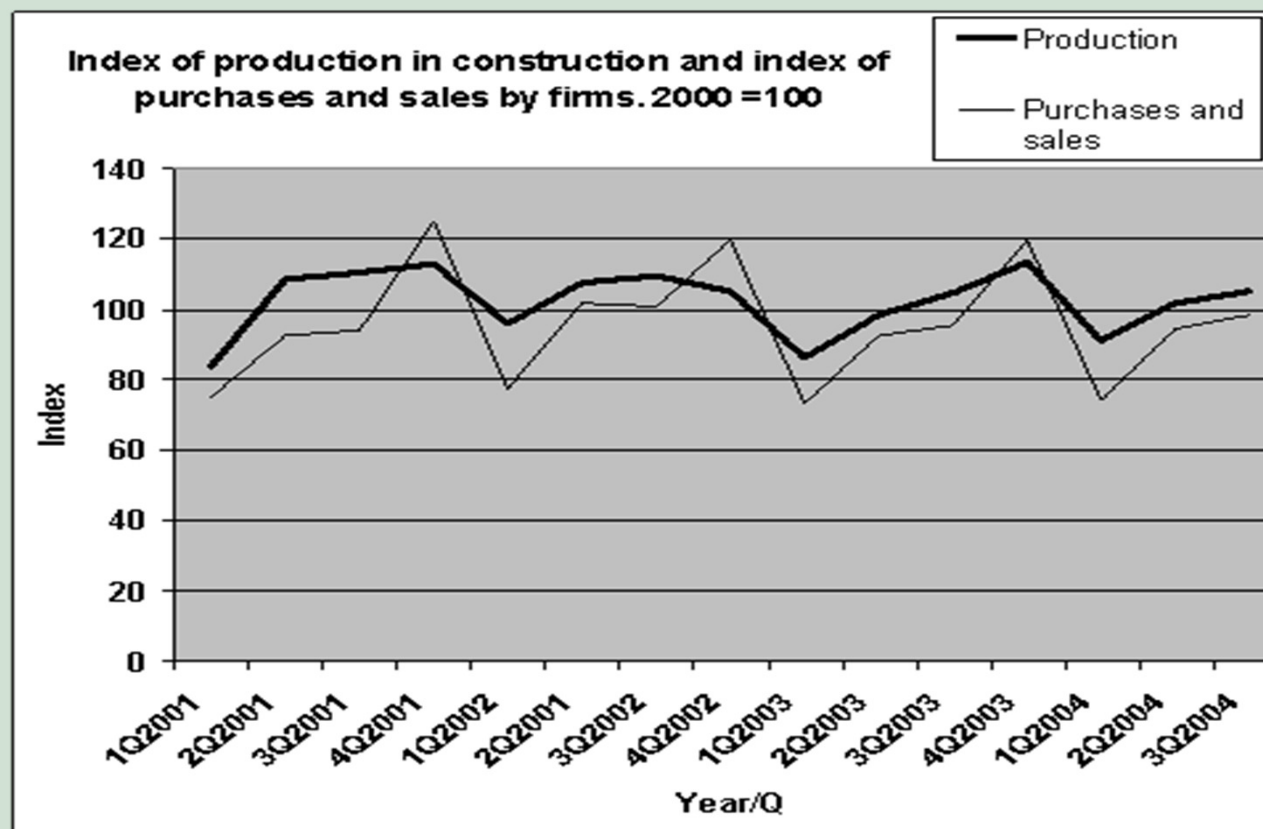
### Considerations and analyses:

- The starting point: The quarterly value added from NA is a reasonably good indicator – quarterly!
- Need a supplementary source to estimate a monthly level (intra- and extrapolating)
- Analyses: Building activity, Construction employment and Purchases and sales by firms (= best method/ $R^2 = 0,83$ )

## IPC 2



# IPC 3



## IPC 4

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### Purchases and sales from firms (FIKS):

- Based on monthly payment of VAT
- Enriched with informations from the Danish Business Register (informations on the firm + legal firm?)
- Missing values: make estimates/last report
- Use: Domestic sales in Construction industry, current prices and seasonally adjusted

# IPC 5

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## Challenges:

1. Differences in the populations (only main industries in FIKS)  
-> **presumed common trends**
2. Current prices (FIKS) vs. constant prices  
-> deflate with Net price index
3. Considerable seasonal impact in FIKS  
-> **seasonally adjusted domestic sale**

## IPC 6

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### The model:

- Based on the existing quarterly index of production from National Accounts
- The most recently quarterly index for Gross Value Added from NA determined both the level/total and the distribution on subindex for the estimating ahead

## IPC 6 – cont.

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- FIKS: The relative distribution of the monthly figures form the basis of the distribution for the subsequent months
- Basically: The preliminary figures are estimated as a simpel projection of the quarterly index of production by means of the percentage changes in FIKS

## IPC 6 – cont., again

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- Revisions: The most recently quarterly index for Gross Value Added from NA adjust the last quarter to the correct figure (for the moment!) and FIKS adjust the months in the quarter.
- Revisions are made back for the total serie (Jan. 2001) – also with updated distribution keys

# EUROSTAT

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Complain of large volatility and revisions in IPC (all member states!):

- Task Force, 2010-11 (Roberto)
- Intension: Finding a best practice
- Result: A wide variety of methods/not able to identify a single best method -> rank the various methods (A = best, B = acceptable and C = should be avoided)

## Danish's experience

### Main reasons for volatility and revisions in the danish IPC:

1. NA made revision to all quarters in the most recent 2 years every time
2. Using seasonally adjusted domestic sale => influences the total timeseries
3. Presumed common trends in all activities in the estimations => reality may be different!

## IPC 7

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### **Dissemination:**

- Not published in Denmark
- Send to Eurostat – approximately 60 days after the end of the reference month
- Both unadjusted and WDA-adjusted index