

PILOT FORM

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Labour Cost Index Meta Information

<u>Member State:</u>	Luxembourg
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Background

It says in Article 6.2 of Regulation (EC) 450/2003 on the Labour Cost Index that

"[...] Metadata, defined as the explanations needed to interpret the changes in the data either arising from methodological or technical changes, or due to changes in the labour market, shall be delivered with the data."

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1) Changes in the Labour Market that has an impact on the latest LCI

If relevant, please explain about changes in the labour market that may be reflected in the LCI data for the latest quarter.

none

2) Changes in Total Labour Costs and Hours worked

Provide the year-on-year rate of change of the working day adjusted* for the latest quarter for the following series:

	NACE sections B to N	NACE sections B to S
Total labour cost	1.2*	2.6*
Number of hours worked	-1.0*	0.3*

* If it is not possible to provide the working day adjusted change, provide the not-seasonally adjusted change and marked it with an asterisk *

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3) Changes to LCI methodology

Has changes been introduced to

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| - Sources | yes <input type="checkbox"/> | no X |
| - Estimation methods | yes <input type="checkbox"/> | no X |
| - Other changes to methodology | yes <input type="checkbox"/> | no X |

If any change to sources or methodology then:

- First reference period with new source or methodology?
- please provide separate documentation describing
 - a) the changes,
 - b) the series affected (NACE sections, wage or non-wages, etc.),
 - c) the expected effect in terms of quality, precision, changes to development or seasonal pattern,
 - d) whether it has caused a break in the series and whether past data have been adjusted or corrected,
 - e) any other relevant information

4) Revisions

If relevant, please explain the cause of significant revisions to past data.