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# During this Press Conference

- 1. CECE Annual Economic Report 2020
- 2. Responding to the COVID-19 crisis
- 3. The European contractors' view



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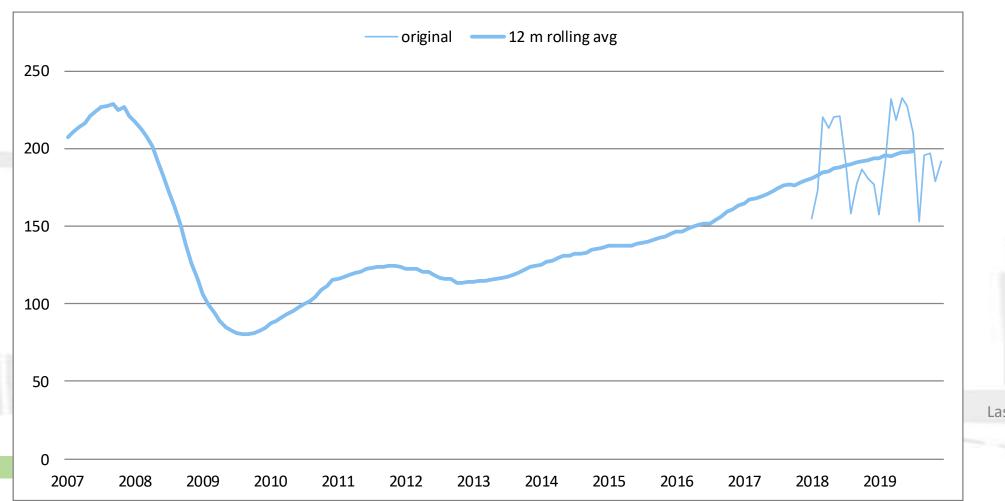
Deep dive on the Annual Economic Report



## The anticipated soft landing of the market is there

European construction equipment sales are at the highest post-crisis level

Market did not reach the (exaggerated) levels of 2007 and 2008 during this upturn



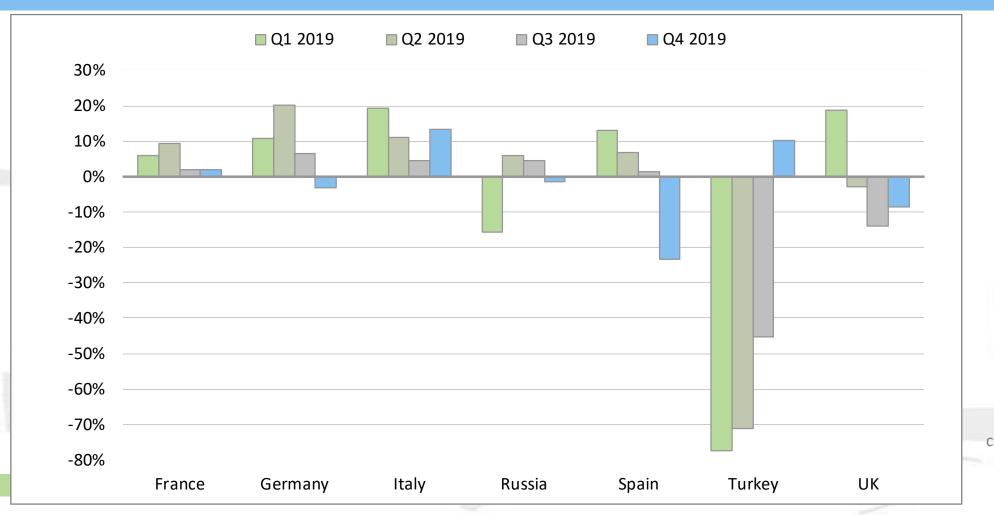
Monthly CE sales in Europe Index 2010=100 Last data point: December 2019



## A positive scenario in most European regions

With the exception of Turkey, all major regions recorded stability in 2019

The expectation of slowing demand in the second half of the year did materialize



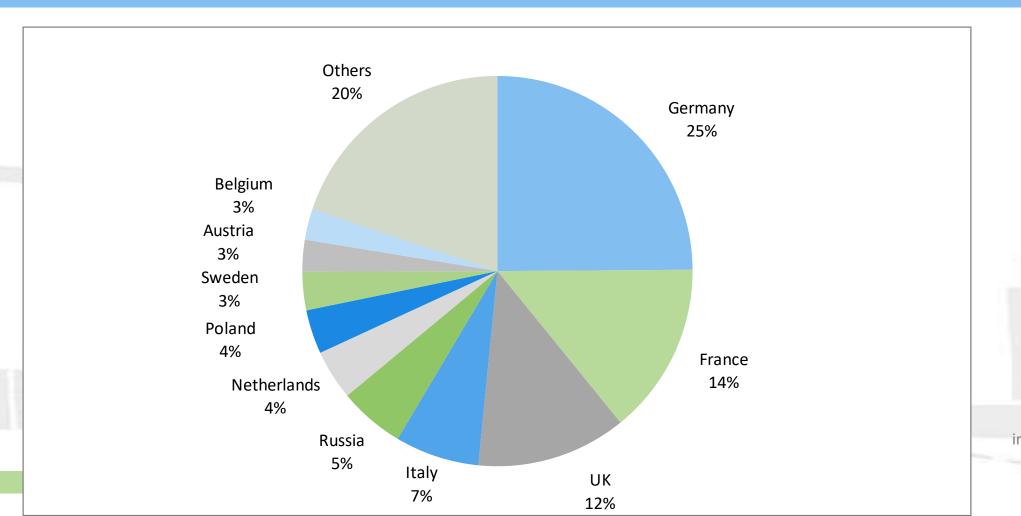
construction equipment sales in major European markets compared to previous year in %



## Top 3 markets make up more than 50%

Major markets in Northern and Western Europe are the anchors of stability

Saturation tendencies in these markets will have a rather strong leverage on overall market



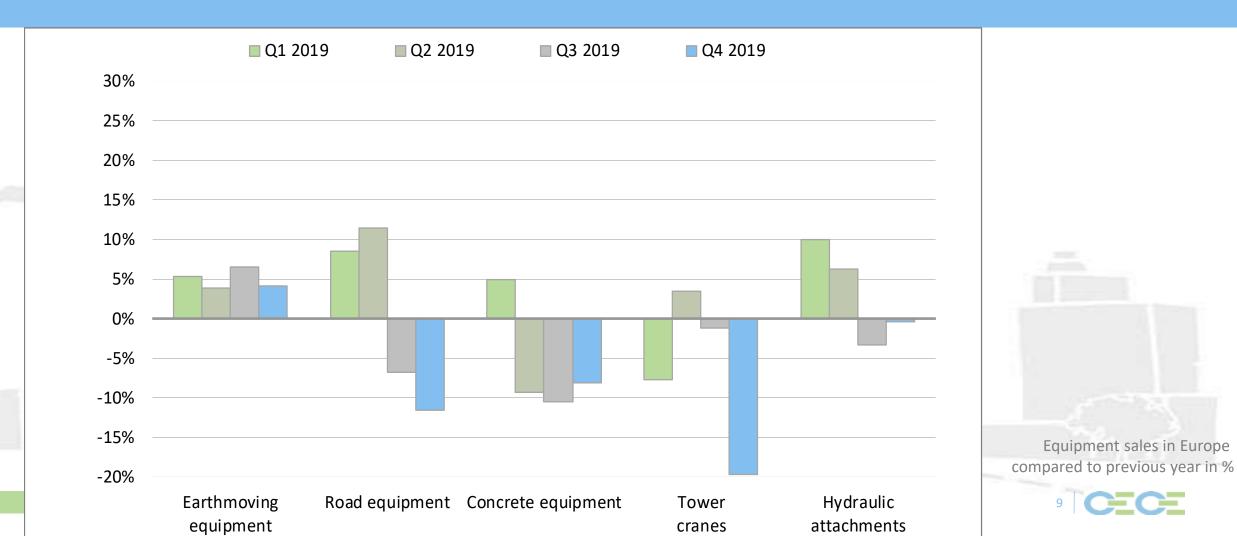




## Earthmoving equipment with strongest growth

Building construction equipment segments already recorded a downturn

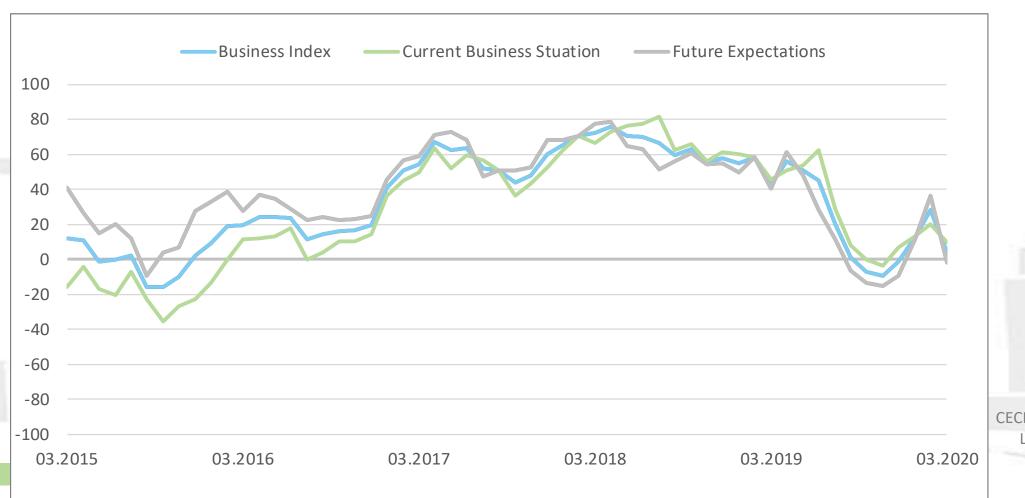
Temporary "bauma effect" visible in the second quarter, especially for road machinery



#### Covid-19 crisis smashes European business climate

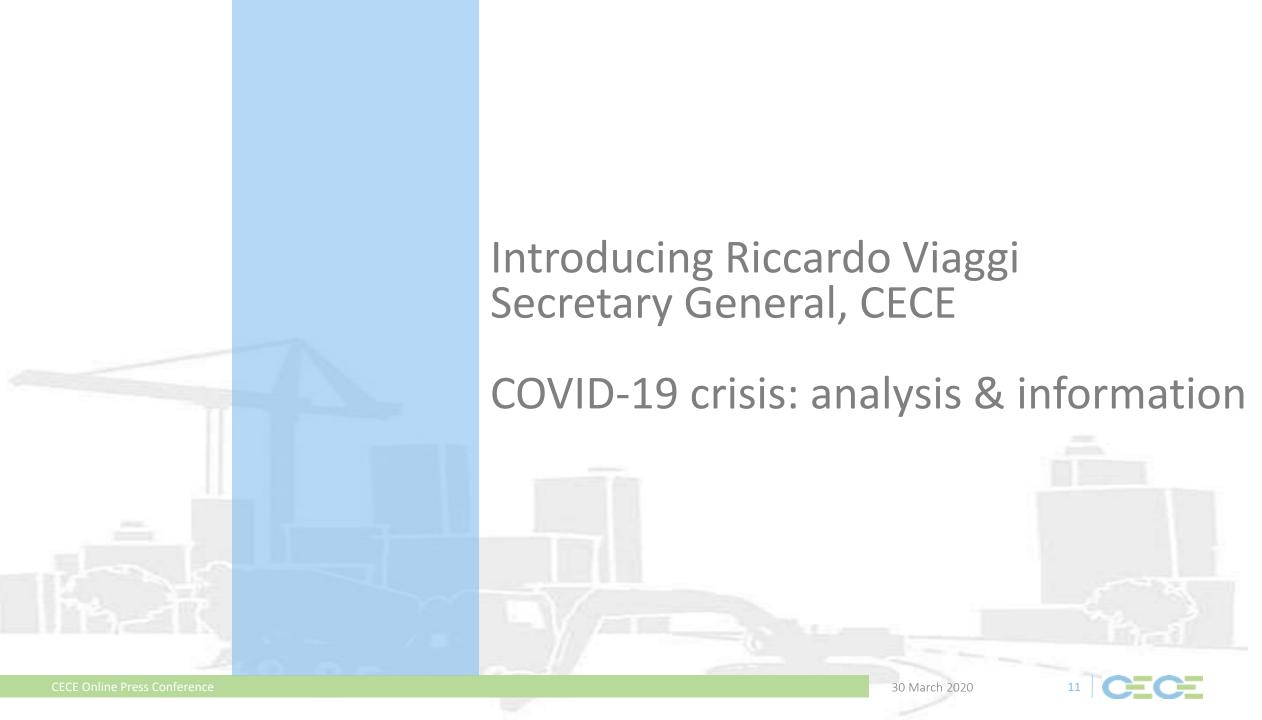
CECE Business Barometer on a rollercoaster ride as confidence had bounced back strongly over the winter

Extremely strong deterioration in March, and the worst is probably still to come









## Actions to respond to the COVID-19 crisis

#### Information collection & gathering – www.cece.eu/covid19



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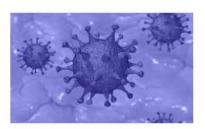


#### l atest news

27-03-2020

COVID-19: The European construction sector calls for urgent measures to protect workers' health, support economic activity and accelerate the recovery

#### Covid-19



CECE helps to promote the knowledge and understanding of the construction equipment sector amongst the wider audience. Especially, in such unprecedented situation, CECE strives to provide its members and the public with all relevant updates.

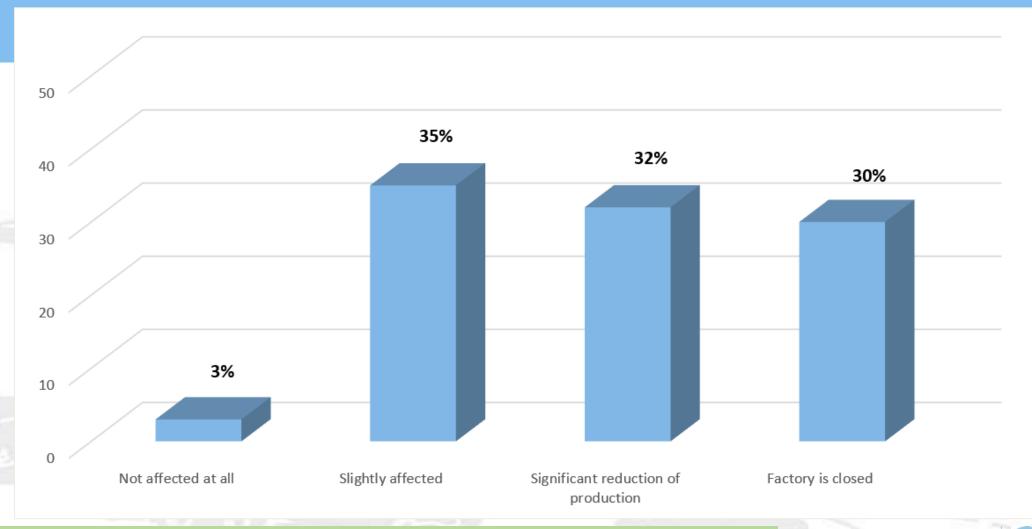
In this section of our website you will be able to find all relevant updates on Covid-19.

Read the 'COVID-19: Joint Statement by European mobile machinery industry'. The European industry associations representing the non-road mobile machinery sector call on the EU to adopt swift measures in response to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

30 March 2020

## COVID-19 CECE Flash Survey – 23<sup>rd</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> March

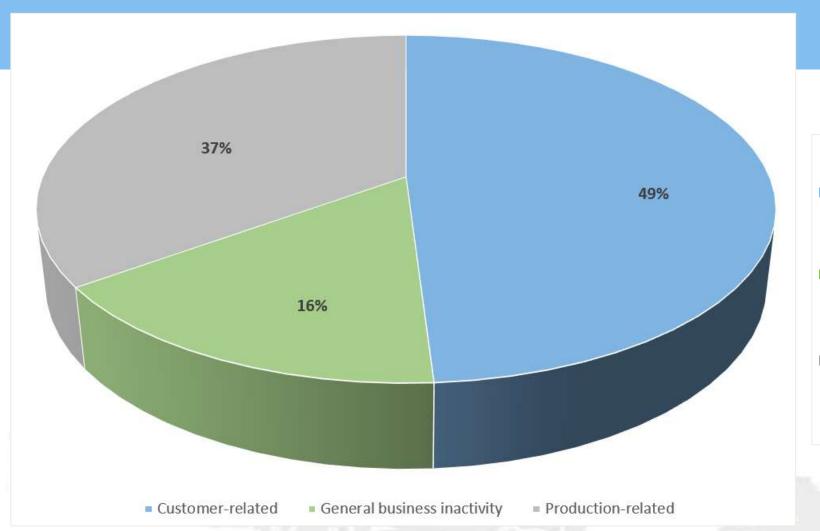
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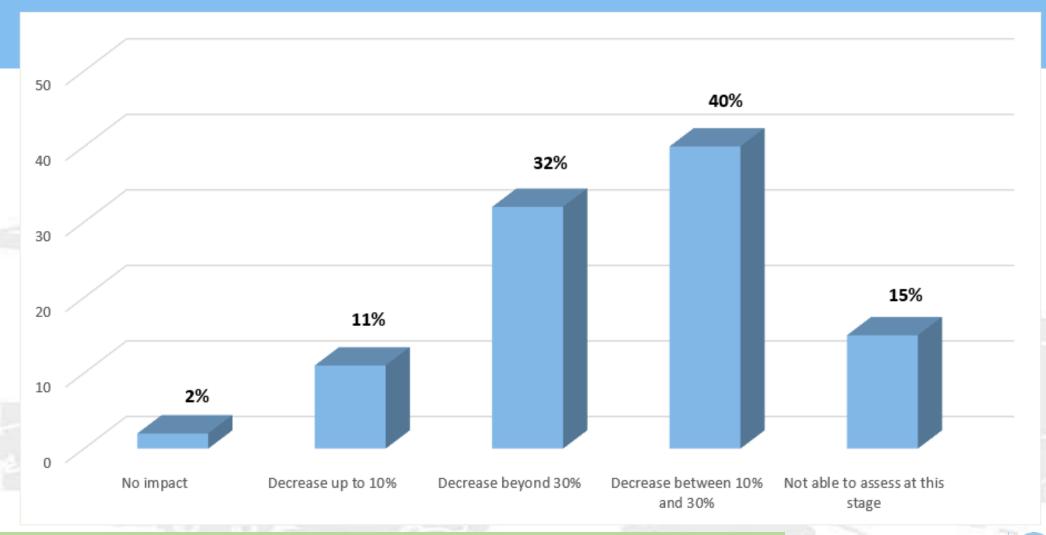


- Customer-related: shutdown of construction sites / cancellation of projects
- General business inactivity: restrictions of travel, movement, meetings
- **Production-related**: disruptions in the supply chain / availability of components

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#### NRMM Joint Industry letter – 25<sup>th</sup> March



**Postponement** of Stage V Regulation deadlines

Disruptions & lack of components
Impossible to meet deadlines of transition phase

Thousands of engines risk being scrapped Unneeded economic & environmental damage

Follow-up with EC on 3<sup>rd</sup> April conf-call Legal act could go through quickly

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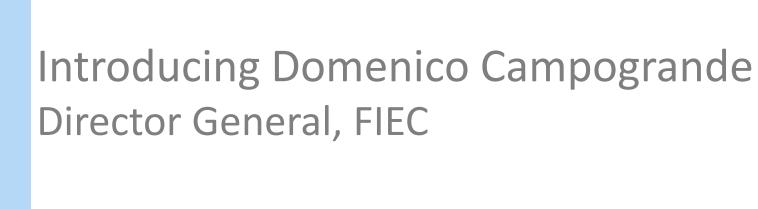
#### Coordination and joint actions with the value-chain



# Request the EU to organise a dialogue to define medium-term recovery measures

- Put in place required and tailor-made health and safety measures, protocols and guidelines
- Support the construction sector by allowing the efficient functioning of the EU internal market
- Carry out massive support and stimulus programmes not limited to a few iconic sectors
- Ease the administrative burden & the conditions for employers to implement temporary unemployment plans

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COVID-19: The European contractors' view

## 3 urgent requests by contractors to the EU



- 1. Publicly announce, that the Covid-19 pandemic is a case of "Force Majeure" and has to be treated accordingly by all construction employers and clients, in order to preserve jobs, avoid associated fallout and avoid definitive stoppages.
- 2. Warmly recommend to the Member States that they allow the possibility of suspending or reducing the activity on ongoing construction worksites, without penalties, for the period necessary, if the responsible contractor is unable to comply with the requested health and safety measures for its workers and/or if the contractor is unable to undertake activities because of disruption in the supply chain or because of the shortage/lack of personnel due to Covid-19.

Such a possibility of reduction or suspension would apply to any worksites, whether public or private, would allow an extension of the contract duration and would not imply any penalty (such as liquidated damages or other payments for damages) for the liable contractor.

3. Allocate specific resources for covering the additional costs affecting construction companies (overheads, extra security of worksites, costs related to changes in organisation and new time schedules on worksites,...) generated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Permit and encourage the Member States to do the same at national level.



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