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European Semiconductor Market in September 2002

European Semiconductor sales in September 2002 amounted to US\$ 2.316 billion according to WSTS. This corresponds to a +10.6% increase compared to the same month last year. Year-to-date, semiconductor sales decreased by -14.7% versus the same period last year. Monthly sequential growth (i.e. September compared to August) was +4.6%.

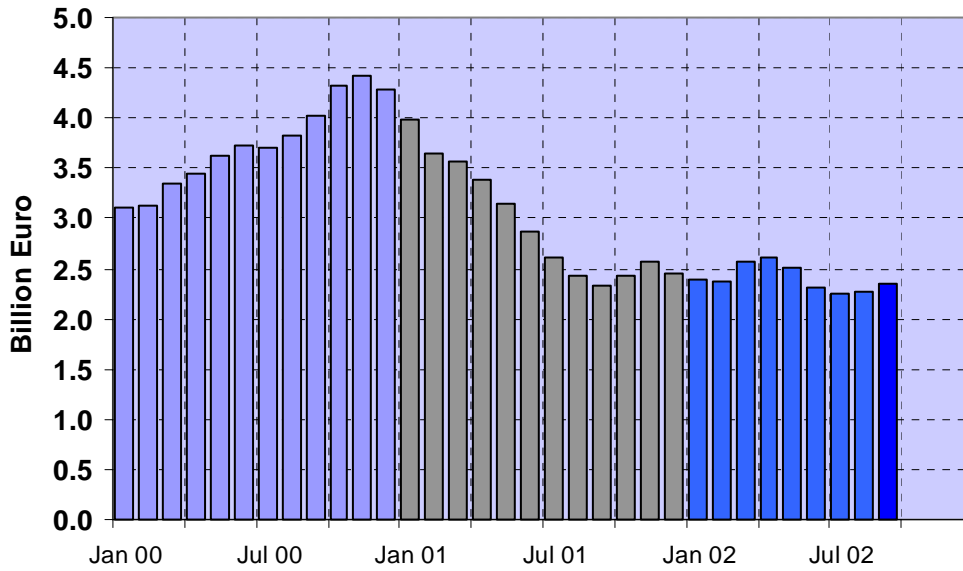
The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ has a significant impact on the growth data. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in September were EURO 2.351 billion, a +0.5% increase versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales decreased by -17.4% versus the same period last year. Monthly sequential growth in September was +3.6%.

On a Worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in September were US\$ 12.289 billion, a +20.6% growth versus the same month a year ago. On a monthly sequential basis, this corresponds to a growth of +3.0% and on a year-to-date basis to a decline of -4.9%.

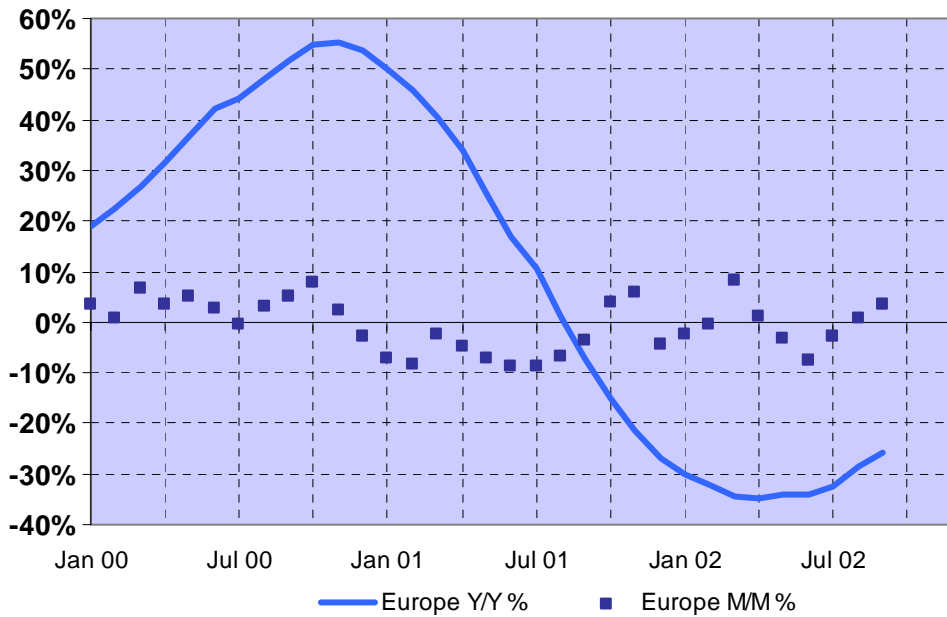
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Year on Year growth		Month on Month growth		YTD growth	
	Aug 02	Sep 02	Aug 02	Sep 02	Aug 02	Sep 02	Aug 02	Sep 02
in \$:								
Europe	2.214	2.316	4.9%	10.6%	2.8%	4.6%	-17.4%	-14.7%
Americas	2.580	2.633	-0.8%	8.0%	-0.7%	2.0%	-19.8%	-17.2%
Japan	2.754	2.828	7.1%	17.3%	3.5%	2.7%	-20.4%	-17.2%
Asia Pacific	4.378	4.512	38.4%	39.1%	2.7%	3.1%	24.9%	25.8%
World	11.926	12.289	14.2%	20.6%	2.1%	3.0%	-7.5%	-4.9%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.269	2.351	-6.7%	0.5%	0.8%	3.6%	-19.3%	-17.4%
Rate	0.978	0.984	\$ / Euro					

(Unless otherwise indicated, all figures are 3-month-average data.)

Europe (Euro)



Monthly European Semiconductor sales in billion Euro
(3-month-average data)



European Semiconductor sales growth in %
Month over previous month (M/M) and yearly growth trend (Y/Y)
(3-month-average and 12-month-average data – measured in Euro)

About EECA and ESIA

The European Electronic Component Manufacturers Association (EECA) is an association grouping of four autonomous industry associations with members coming from the manufacturing and related industries as well as from national associations. Their goal is to promote and defend the vital interests of the European Electronic Components Industry and to support its competitive position in the global marketplace. The four associations are European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA), European Display Industry Association (EDIA), European Passive Components Industry Association (EPCIA), European Packaging and Interconnection Industry Association (EPIA). EECA is a chartered member of the World Semiconductor Council. More information can be found at <http://www.eeca.org>.

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