



European Semiconductor Industry Association

## **LATEST SEMICONDUCTOR SALES DATA, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **European chips sales positive in May**

Semiconductor sales in the European market increased by 0.8% in May compared to April, according to the latest World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) data. Strong growth rates were reported for some of the main product categories on the basis of a three month rolling average. Sensors & actuators, total logic chips and MOS microcontroller units were among the areas of strength in May.

Looking at application market segments, microchips used in specific applications grew by 1.5 % compared to April, as a result, in particular, of the growth in consumer, wireless communication and automotive infotainment semiconductor sales.

Overall, European semiconductor sales in May 2012 amounted to US\$ 2.843 billion. On a monthly basis, semiconductor sales declined by 13.6%. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales declined by 14.8 % versus the same period in the year 2011.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar has affected the growth data compared to April. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.173 billion Euros in May 2012, up 1.7% on the previous month and down 5.9% versus the same month a year ago.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in May 2012 were US\$ 24.392 billion, up 1.4% versus the previous month. This results in a decrease of 3.4% versus the same month in 2012.

(For more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

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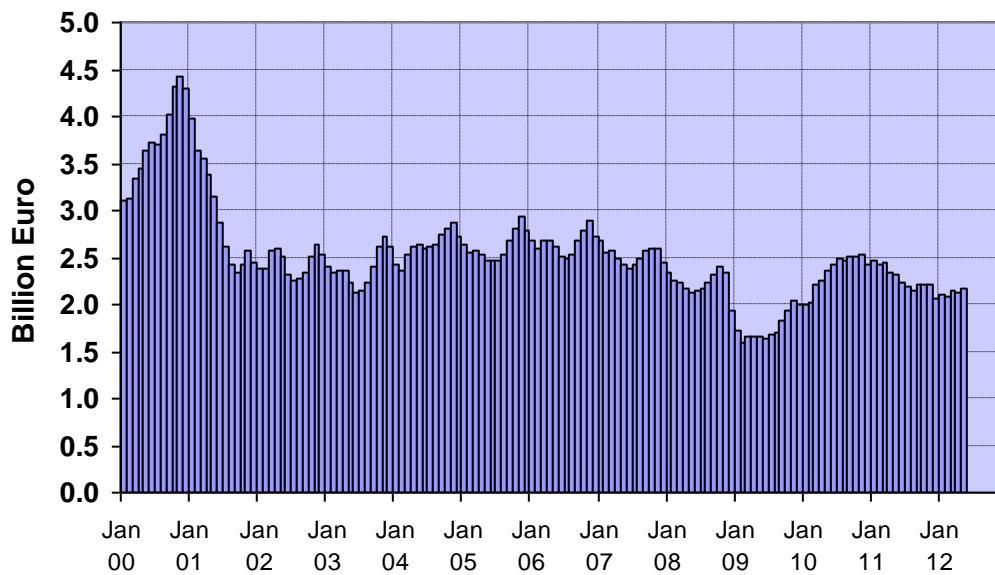
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## Market data by region<sup>1</sup>

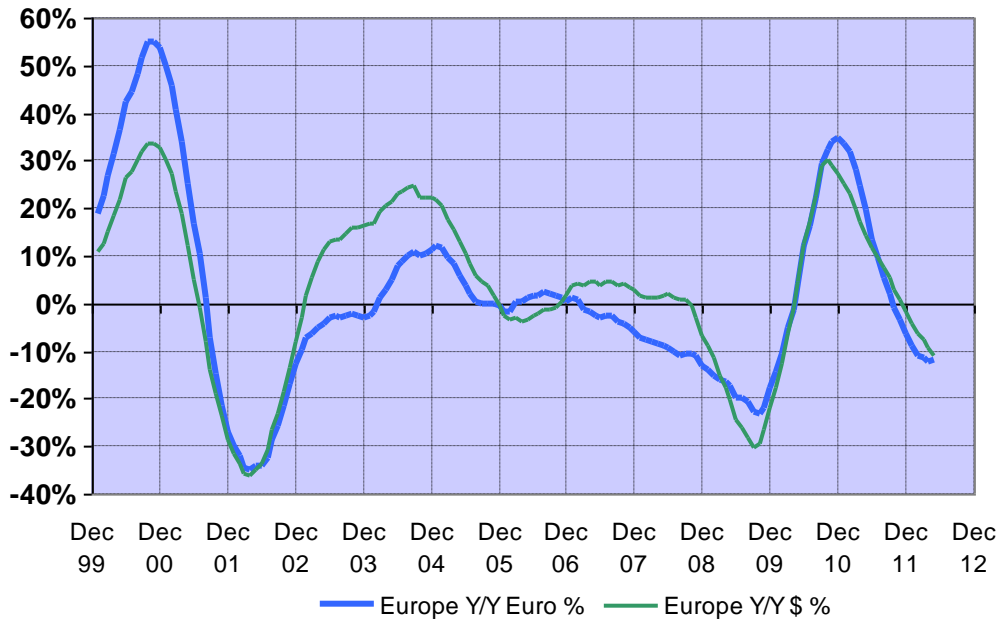
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Apr 12	May 12	Apr 12	May 12	Apr 12	May 12	Apr 12	May 12
<b>in \$:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	2.821	2.843	-0.2%	0.8%	-14.4%	-13.6%	-15.0%	-14.8%
<b>Americas</b>	4.563	4.482	2.4%	-1.8%	-0.4%	-3.2%	-3.4%	-4.5%
<b>Japan</b>	3.375	3.354	-1.3%	-0.6%	-1.2%	0.4%	-3.0%	-1.9%
<b>Asia Pacific</b>	13.306	13.714	5.8%	3.1%	-1.4%	-1.9%	-5.2%	-4.2%
of which China	5.111	5.221	3.1%	2.1%	-3.2%	-5.4%	-5.9%	-5.3%
<b>World</b>	<b>24.066</b>	<b>24.392</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>	<b>-5.4%</b>
<b>In EURO:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	2.138	2.173	-0.9%	1.7%	-9.1%	-5.9%	-10.3%	-9.2%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.317	1.284	-8.8%	-10.5%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

- 1) Unless otherwise indicated, all figures are 3-month-average data except YTD growth which is based on current month data.

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



## European Semiconductor sales growth in % - Annualized growth trend (Y/Y) in Euro and Dollar (12-month-average data)



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**About WSTS:** World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) is a non-profit organization of 62 semiconductor companies representing close to 80% of the world semiconductor market. Founded in 1986, WSTS is the singular source for monthly industry shipment statistics. The mission of WSTS is to be the respected source of semiconductor market data and forecasts.