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European semiconductor sales up 5.9% year-on-year

European sales of semiconductors reached US\$ 2.819 billion in February 2017, an increase of 5.9% versus the same month in 2016. The results were announced by the European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) based on the latest WSTS report.

Looking at month-to-month growth rates, the European market was essentially flat (-0.6%) in February compared to the January sales. This development is in line with results in the regions worldwide. On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in February were US\$ 30.391 billion, down 0.8% versus the previous month.

Several important product categories grew strongly in February on a month-to-month basis: discrete, optoelectronic devices, and especially sensors (+4.6% compared to January) all experienced steady growth in Europe. Sales of application-specific chips were also positive in Europe compared to the previous month. Looking at worldwide sales of application specific devices, automotive semiconductors grew strongly in February.

In February, exchange rate effects continued to play a role comparing market growth in Euros and in Dollars. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.659 billion Euros in February 2017, down 0.2% versus the previous month, and up 9.4% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales increased by 11.5%.

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Monthly European Semiconductor Sales

(3-month-average data, except YTD growth which is calculated based on current month data)

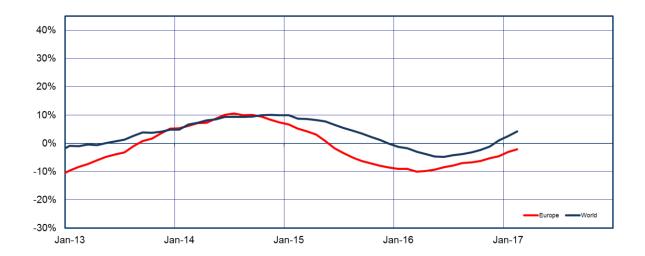
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Jan 17	Feb 17	Jan 17	Feb 17	Jan 17	Feb 17	Jan 17	Feb 17
in \$: Europe	2.837	2.819	1.2%	-0.6%	4.9%	5.9%	10.0%	7.9%
Americas Japan	6.134 2.790		-3.1% -1.8%	-2.3% -0.9%	13.3% 12.1%	19.1% 11.9%	14.0% 14.1%	19.3% 11.6%
Asia Pacific of which China	18.874	18.814	-0.8%	-0.3% -1.0%	15.9%	18.2% 25.0%		16.8% 25.0%
World	30.635	30.391	-1.2%	-0.8%	13.9%	16.5%	12.7%	15.8%
In EURO:		·		·				
Europe	2.664	2.659	2.5%	-0.2%	6.6%	9.4%	12.6%	11.5%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.062	1.065	-2.3%	-4.0%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

Monthly European Semiconductor Sales Development (in Euro)



Note: 3/12 = Percent change of a three-month period compared to a similar period twelve months before 12/12 = Percent change of a twelve-month period compared to a similar period twelve months before

Semiconductor Sales Worldwide and in Europe (in US Dollars)



Note: On a 12/12 basis, i.e. on the basis of the percent change of a 12-month period compared to a similar period twelve months before

For more information

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About ESIA: The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) is the voice of the Semiconductor Industry of Europe. Its mission is to represent, promote and defend the common interests of the Europe based semiconductor industry towards the European Institutions and stakeholders in order to ensure a sustainable business environment and foster its global competitiveness. As a provider of key enabling technologies the industry creates innovative solutions for industrial development, contributing to economic growth and responding to major societal challenges. Being ranked as the most R&D intensive sector by the European Commission, the European Semi-conductor ecosystem supports approx. 200.000 jobs directly and up to 1.000.000 induced jobs in systems, applications and services in Europe. Overall, micro- and nano-electronics enable the generation of at least 10% of GDP in Europe and the world.

About WSTS: World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) is a non-profit organization located in California, USA. 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 forecast. http://www.wsts.org/