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April's European semiconductor sales declined month-on-month

European semiconductor sales reached US\$ 3.359 billion for the month of April 2019, a decrease of 1.2 percent from the March-2019 total of US\$ 3.358 billion, the European Semiconductor Industry Association announced, based on the latest report compiled by the WSTS. The main drivers of April's European sales were optoelectronic, logic and memory chips. All growth figures represent a three-month rolling average.

Looking at application-specific semiconductors, devices especially designed for automotive and computer applications performed particularly well in April.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in April 2019 were US\$ 32.127 billion, down 0.4 percent versus the previous month and up 0.5 percent versus the same month in 2018.

Exchange rate effects continued to affect the European sales picture, when comparing market growth in Euros and in Dollars. Measured in Euros, April's semiconductor sales were 2.977 billion Euros, down 0.7 percent versus the previous month; however, they increased compared to the same month one year ago. In the January-to-April timeframe, semiconductor sales also increased compared to the same period in 2018.

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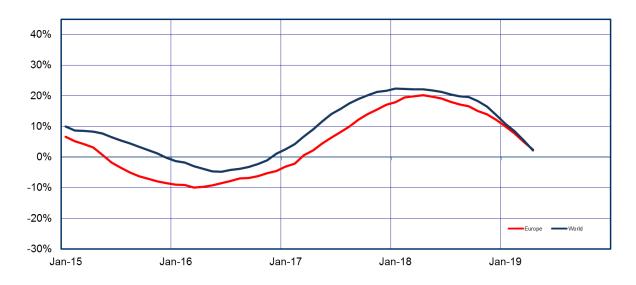
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Monthly European semiconductor sales

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Mar 19	Apr 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	Mar 19	Apr 19
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Europe	3.400	3.359	0.7%	-1.2%	-5.6%	-8.0%	-5.6%	-6.9%
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Americas	5.927	5.752	-6.8%	-3.0%	-26.7%	-29.5%	-26.7%	-28.2%
Japan	2.859	2.930	-4.4%	2.5%	-11.0%	-10.9%	-11.0%	-10.0%
Asia Pacific	20.080	20.087	-0.3%	0.0%	-9.5%	-10.8%	-9.5%	-11.0%
of which China	10.846	11.036	1.3%	1.8%	-9.5%	-10.9%	-9.5%	-11.4%
World	32.266	32.127	-1.8%	-0.4%	-13.0%	-14.6%	-13.0%	-14.2%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.998	2.977	1.0%	-0.7%	2.3%	0.5%	2.3%	1.1%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.129	1.124	-8.5%	-8.5%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

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

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



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

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About ESIA: The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) is the voice of the semiconductor industry in Europe. Its mission is to represent and promote 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 semiconductor 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) was founded in 1986 as a non-profit organisation of semiconductor product companies and is the industry's only source for monthly industry shipment statistics. <u>http://www.wsts.org/</u>