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European Semiconductor Market in April 2003

European Semiconductor sales in April 2003 amounted to US\$ 2.503 billion according to WSTS. This corresponds to a +9.7% increase compared to the same month last year. Year-to-date, semiconductor sales increased by +11.1% versus the same period last year. Monthly sequential growth (i.e. April compared to March) was -0.3%.

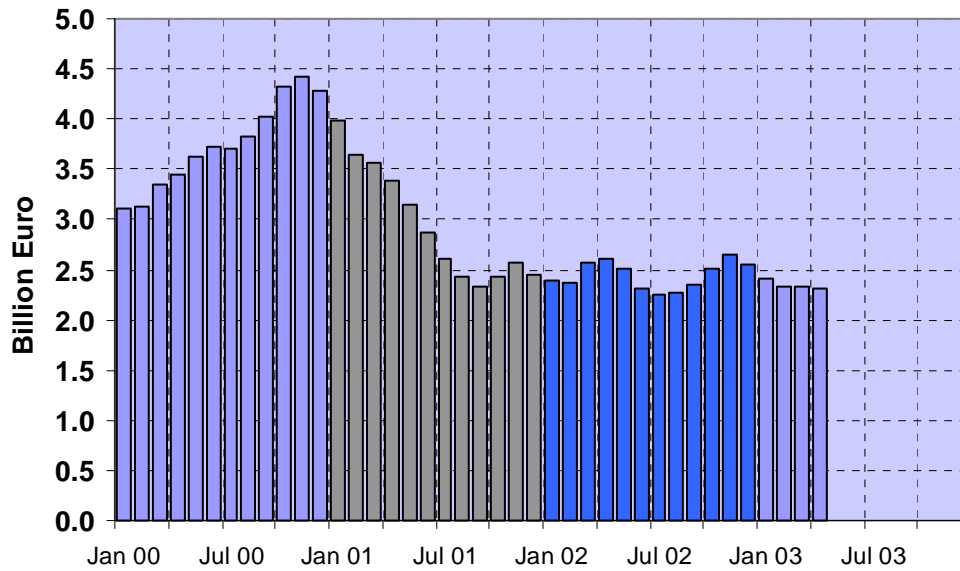
The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ has a very significant impact on the growth data at this time. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in April were EURO 2.316 billion, a decline of -11.0% versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales decreased by -9.2% versus the same period last year. Monthly sequential growth in April was -1.0%.

On a Worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in April were US\$ 12.142 billion, a +9.7% growth versus the same month a year ago. On a monthly sequential basis, this corresponds to an increase of +0.0% and on a year-to-date basis to a growth of +11.8%.

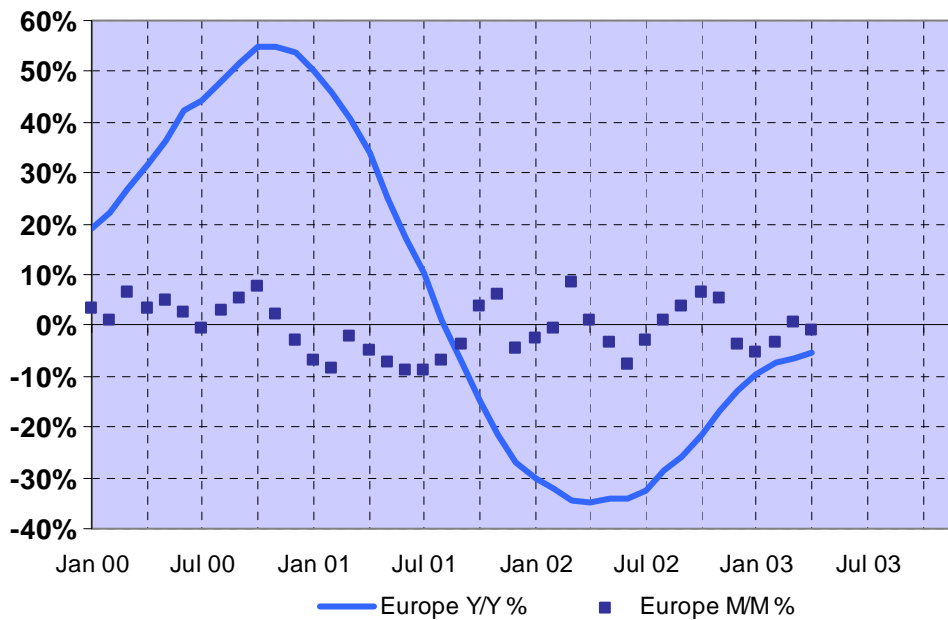
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Year on Year growth		Month on Month growth		YTD growth	
	Mrz 03	Apr 03	Mrz 03	Apr 03	Mrz 03	Apr 03	Mrz 03	Apr 03
in \$:								
Europe	2.511	2.503	11.3%	9.7%	2.8%	-0.3%	11.3%	11.1%
Americas	2.401	2.369	-8.0%	-9.4%	-0.3%	-1.3%	-8.0%	-8.1%
Japan	2.826	2.838	34.0%	28.9%	5.2%	0.4%	34.0%	31.6%
Asia Pacific	4.402	4.432	17.2%	11.6%	2.7%	0.7%	17.2%	14.2%
World	12.140	12.142	13.1%	9.7%	2.7%	0.0%	13.1%	11.8%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.339	2.316	-9.1%	-11.0%	0.7%	-1.0%	-9.1%	-9.2%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.077	1.086	22.8%	22.4%	< Variation Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

(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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