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Total inbound visitors for February were estimated at 81,386, an increase of 9.7 per cent when compared to the corresponding month of 2015.

## Inbound Tourism: February 2016

A total of 66,137 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 9,291 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 7.9 per cent to 69,264 when compared to the corresponding month of 2015. The largest proportion of inbound tourists was aged between 45 and 64, followed by those within the 25-44 age bracket (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 10.4 per cent when compared to February 2015, amounting to 581,394 nights. The largest share of guest nights (69.8 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

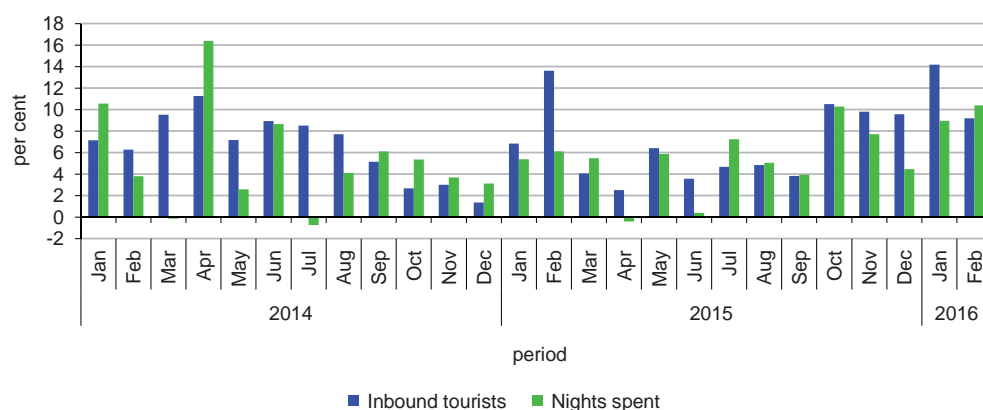
Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €57.8 million, an increase of 9.6 per cent over the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 4).

### January-February 2016

Inbound tourist trips from January to February amounted to 165,822, an increase of 11.7 per cent over the same period in 2015 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 9.6 per cent, surpassing 1.2 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at €123.1 million, 8.2 per cent higher than that recorded for 2015 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €742, a decrease of 3.1 per cent when compared to 2015 (Table 11) ■

**Chart 1. Inbound tourism: year-on-year percentage changes**  
(excluding overnight cruise passengers)



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Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	February			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>65,299</b>	<b>74,189</b>	<b>81,386</b>	<b>7,197</b>	<b>9.7</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	-	-	381	-	-
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>65,299</b>	<b>74,189</b>	<b>81,005</b>	<b>6,816</b>	<b>9.2</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	63,035	72,143	78,338	6,195	8.6
Sea (see note 1)	2,264	2,046	2,667	621	30.4
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	36,327	39,545	43,847	4,302	10.9
Females	28,972	34,644	37,158	2,515	7.3
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	9,342	11,808	11,076	-732	-
25-44	22,004	22,037	24,338	2,301	10.4
45-64	23,729	26,923	30,604	3,681	13.7
65 or more	10,224	13,421	14,987	1,566	11.7
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	52,457	64,172	69,264	5,092	7.9
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	25,221	34,129	36,430	2,300	6.7
Non-EU	12,842	10,016	11,741	1,725	17.2
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	51,216	57,343	66,137	8,794	15.3
Business and professional	7,695	8,238	9,291	1,053	-
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	6,388	8,608	5,577	-3,031	-35.2
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	28,205	34,882	35,111	229	-
Non-package	37,094	39,307	45,894	6,587	16.8
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	40,860	47,939	53,959	6,021	12.6
Repeat tourists	24,439	26,250	27,046	796	-
once a year or less	14,905	17,800	18,792	991	-
more than once a year	9,534	8,450	8,254	-195	-
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	18,357	16,339	21,140	4,800	29.4
4-6 nights	16,318	20,149	22,236	2,087	10.4
7 nights or more	30,624	37,700	37,630	-71	-
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	7.6	7.1	7.2	0.1	-

Notes:

1. Data on sea passengers for February 2015 has been revised. For more information refer to methodological note 13.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 2. Inbound tourists by month of departure and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	February			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016		
Private accommodation	13,366	15,369	17,736	2,367	15.4
Collective accommodation*	51,933	58,820	63,269	4,449	7.6
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>65,299</b>	<b>74,189</b>	<b>81,005</b>	<b>6,816</b>	<b>9.2</b>

\* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages, hostels, B&Bs and campsites.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 3. Total nights spent by inbound tourists by month of departure and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	February			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016		
Private accommodation	148,302	151,563	175,517	23,954	15.8
Collective accommodation*	348,048	375,116	405,877	30,761	8.2
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>496,350</b>	<b>526,678</b>	<b>581,394</b>	<b>54,716</b>	<b>10.4</b>

\* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages, hostels, B&Bs and campsites.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 4. Total expenditure by inbound tourists by month of departure and expenditure category**

€ 000

Expenditure category	February			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016		
Package	13,078	17,730	17,742	12	0.1
Non-package	14,511	14,661	17,537	2,876	19.6
Air/sea fares	7,324	7,859	8,616	756	9.6
Accommodation	7,187	6,802	8,922	2,120	31.2
Other expenditure	19,379	20,395	22,558	2,163	10.6
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>46,967</b>	<b>52,787</b>	<b>57,837</b>	<b>5,051</b>	<b>9.6</b>

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand euro.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 5. Inbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure by month of departure and country of residence**

Country of residence		February			Change	Percentage change
		2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Tourists	<b>EU</b>	<b>52,457</b>	<b>64,172</b>	<b>69,264</b>	<b>5,092</b>	<b>7.9</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	3,444	4,980	5,497	517	-
	Germany	4,636	7,114	7,729	615	-
	Italy	9,869	13,295	14,531	1,235	-
	United Kingdom	23,738	24,158	26,800	2,643	10.9
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>12,842</b>	<b>10,016</b>	<b>11,741</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>17.2</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>65,299</b>	<b>74,189</b>	<b>81,005</b>	<b>6,816</b>	<b>9.2</b>
Nights	<b>EU</b>	<b>366,209</b>	<b>450,335</b>	<b>493,679</b>	<b>43,344</b>	<b>9.6</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	18,614	34,794	41,615	6,821	-
	Germany	30,471	52,661	55,706	3,045	-
	Italy	42,315	75,042	83,644	8,602	-
	United Kingdom	197,195	194,112	215,700	21,588	11.1
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>130,141</b>	<b>76,343</b>	<b>87,715</b>	<b>11,372</b>	<b>14.9</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>496,350</b>	<b>526,678</b>	<b>581,394</b>	<b>54,716</b>	<b>10.4</b>
Expenditure (€000)	<b>EU</b>	<b>33,646</b>	<b>42,734</b>	<b>45,641</b>	<b>2,906</b>	<b>6.8</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	2,195	3,610	3,848	237	-
	Germany	3,513	5,276	5,809	534	-
	Italy	4,056	7,051	7,192	142	-
	United Kingdom	16,023	17,199	18,162	963	5.6
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>13,321</b>	<b>10,052</b>	<b>12,197</b>	<b>2,145</b>	<b>21.3</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>46,967</b>	<b>52,787</b>	<b>57,837</b>	<b>5,051</b>	<b>9.6</b>

Notes:

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2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure**

Characteristics	January-February			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>134,824</b>	<b>148,469</b>	<b>166,825</b>	<b>18,356</b>	<b>12.4</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	-	-	1,003	-	-
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>134,824</b>	<b>148,469</b>	<b>165,822</b>	<b>17,353</b>	<b>11.7</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	131,281	145,469	160,552	15,083	10.4
Sea (see note 1)	3,543	3,000	5,270	2,270	75.7
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	76,916	80,959	91,953	10,994	13.6
Females	57,908	67,510	73,869	6,359	9.4
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	18,486	19,335	20,668	1,333	-
25-44	46,817	47,032	56,154	9,122	19.4
45-64	48,752	54,833	60,102	5,269	9.6
65 or more	20,769	27,269	28,898	1,629	6.0
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	105,201	125,335	140,347	15,012	12.0
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	53,515	68,879	75,831	6,952	10.1
Non-EU	29,623	23,134	25,475	2,341	10.1
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	106,656	120,435	137,981	17,546	14.6
Business and professional	17,470	16,675	18,783	2,108	12.6
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	10,698	11,358	9,058	-2,301	-20.3
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	54,875	67,807	68,888	1,082	-
Non-package	79,949	80,663	96,934	16,271	20.2
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	80,696	95,017	108,414	13,396	14.1
Repeat tourists	54,128	53,452	57,409	3,957	7.4
once a year or less	32,028	34,556	38,712	4,156	12.0
more than once a year	22,100	18,896	18,696	-200	-
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	34,227	31,982	40,764	8,782	27.5
4-6 nights	33,529	40,998	46,424	5,427	13.2
7 nights or more	67,068	75,489	78,634	3,144	4.2
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-</b>

Notes:

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**Table 7. Inbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	January-February			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016		
Private accommodation	29,955	32,713	39,402	6,689	20.4
Collective accommodation*	104,869	115,756	126,420	10,664	9.2
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>134,824</b>	<b>148,469</b>	<b>165,822</b>	<b>17,353</b>	<b>11.7</b>

\* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages, hostels, B&Bs and campsites.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 8. Total nights spent by inbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	January-February			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016		
Private accommodation	370,398	368,153	422,918	54,765	14.9
Collective accommodation*	697,696	761,035	815,036	54,001	7.1
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>1,068,095</b>	<b>1,129,188</b>	<b>1,237,955</b>	<b>108,766</b>	<b>9.6</b>

\* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages, hostels, B&Bs and campsites.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 9. Inbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure by period of departure and country of residence**

Country of residence	January-February			Change	Percentage change	
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015		
<b>Tourists</b>	Austria	2,074	2,486	1,481 <sup>u</sup>	-1,006	-
	Belgium	2,329	2,830	2,595	-236	-
	France	7,005	10,054	9,269	-786	-
	Germany	10,194	14,570	15,624	1,054	-
	Ireland	3,041	3,375	2,921	-454	-
	Italy	21,159	26,990	32,001	5,011	18.6
	Libya	8,867	1,364 <sup>u</sup>	475 <sup>u</sup>	-889	-
	Netherlands	3,065	2,672	2,726	54	-
	Russia	3,759	1,472 <sup>u</sup>	1,942	470	-
	Scandinavia*	4,524	5,380	6,476	1,096	-
	Spain	2,060	2,100	3,979	1,878	89.4
	Switzerland	2,338	2,290	1,861	-429	-
	United Kingdom	43,451	45,464	50,041	4,578	10.1
	USA	2,467	1,918	2,027	108	-
	Other	18,491	25,503	32,407	6,904	27.1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>134,824</b>	<b>148,469</b>	<b>165,822</b>	<b>17,353</b>	<b>11.7</b>
<b>Nights</b>	Austria	15,202	16,262	12,207 <sup>u</sup>	-4,056	-
	Belgium	19,382	19,739	14,052	-5,687	-
	France	41,219	66,409	66,769	360	-
	Germany	79,981	115,224	113,744	-1,480	-
	Ireland	28,680	22,576	21,758	-818	-
	Italy	96,528	157,619	188,375	30,756	19.5
	Libya	67,826	11,443 <sup>u</sup>	4,147 <sup>u</sup>	-7,296	-
	Netherlands	18,886	17,993	15,242	-2,750	-
	Russia	50,661	14,783 <sup>u</sup>	22,788	8,005	-
	Scandinavia*	36,499	43,623	46,799	3,177	-
	Spain	11,574	15,296	22,797	7,501	49.0
	Switzerland	13,963	14,916	11,775	-3,141	-
	United Kingdom	402,337	394,995	411,949	16,954	4.3
	USA	19,546	14,717	16,163	1,446	-
	Other	165,813	203,593	269,389	65,795	32.3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,068,095</b>	<b>1,129,188</b>	<b>1,237,955</b>	<b>108,766</b>	<b>9.6</b>
<b>Expenditure (€000)</b>	Austria	1,613	1,825	1,040 <sup>u</sup>	-785	-
	Belgium	1,871	2,027	2,060	33	-
	France	4,869	7,299	6,815	-484	-
	Germany	8,316	11,635	11,980	345	-
	Ireland	2,475	1,956	2,168	211	-
	Italy	10,041	15,051	16,632	1,581	10.5
	Libya	9,023	1,478 <sup>u</sup>	730 <sup>u</sup>	-749	-
	Netherlands	1,956	1,921	1,812	-109	-
	Russia	4,484	1,653 <sup>u</sup>	2,441	788	-
	Scandinavia*	4,242	4,418	5,210	792	-
	Spain	1,308	1,476	2,741	1,265	85.7
	Switzerland	2,307	2,240	1,967	-272	-
	United Kingdom	30,872	35,104	35,161	58	0.2
	USA	2,819	2,140	2,824	684	-
	Other	16,801	23,531	29,517	5,986	25.4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>102,998</b>	<b>113,754</b>	<b>123,099</b>	<b>9,345</b>	<b>8.2</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

<sup>u</sup> under-represented due to small sample size. Please note that these data must be interpreted with caution.

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand euro.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 10. Total expenditure of inbound tourists by expenditure category, period of departure and country of residence**

€ 000

Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
<b>January-February 2016</b>					
Austria	347	118	130	446	<b>1,040</b>
Belgium	799	299	241	721	<b>2,060</b>
France	2,627	872	1,129	2,187	<b>6,815</b>
Germany	5,351	1,266	1,618	3,744	<b>11,980</b>
Ireland	625	224	378	941	<b>2,168</b>
Italy	3,227	2,208	3,231	7,966	<b>16,632</b>
Libya	136	148	149	296	<b>730</b>
Netherlands	438	294	273	808	<b>1,812</b>
Russia	717	402	319	1,004	<b>2,441</b>
Scandinavia*	1,368	940	978	1,923	<b>5,210</b>
Spain	701	447	429	1,164	<b>2,741</b>
Switzerland	490	447	300	731	<b>1,967</b>
United Kingdom	12,408	4,046	4,337	14,370	<b>35,161</b>
USA	180	862	703	1,079	<b>2,824</b>
Other	6,249	6,288	4,521	12,460	<b>29,517</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,661</b>	<b>18,862</b>	<b>18,734</b>	<b>49,841</b>	<b>123,099</b>
<b>January-February 2015</b>					
Austria	884	234	109	598	<b>1,825</b>
Belgium	540	430	234	823	<b>2,027</b>
France	2,897	960	988	2,453	<b>7,299</b>
Germany	5,783	1,029	1,161	3,662	<b>11,635</b>
Ireland	399	324	343	891	<b>1,956</b>
Italy	4,369	2,040	2,457	6,186	<b>15,051</b>
Libya	159	459	246	614	<b>1,478</b>
Netherlands	573	322	249	776	<b>1,921</b>
Russia	237	455	258	703	<b>1,653</b>
Scandinavia*	1,135	911	620	1,752	<b>4,418</b>
Spain	143	307	353	673	<b>1,476</b>
Switzerland	629	520	235	855	<b>2,240</b>
United Kingdom	13,237	4,505	3,954	13,407	<b>35,104</b>
USA	183	766	391	800	<b>2,140</b>
Other	5,832	5,035	2,848	9,816	<b>23,531</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,001</b>	<b>18,298</b>	<b>14,445</b>	<b>44,010</b>	<b>113,754</b>
<b>January-February 2014</b>					
Austria	642	199	150	622	<b>1,613</b>
Belgium	606	265	172	828	<b>1,871</b>
France	1,685	732	747	1,705	<b>4,869</b>
Germany	3,378	880	967	3,091	<b>8,316</b>
Ireland	612	354	391	1,118	<b>2,475</b>
Italy	1,719	1,844	1,807	4,671	<b>10,041</b>
Libya	547	2,155	1,428	4,893	<b>9,023</b>
Netherlands	401	413	324	818	<b>1,956</b>
Russia	993	789	633	2,070	<b>4,484</b>
Scandinavia*	1,161	816	506	1,760	<b>4,242</b>
Spain	176	269	276	586	<b>1,308</b>
Switzerland	809	426	251	820	<b>2,307</b>
United Kingdom	11,242	3,510	3,133	12,987	<b>30,872</b>
USA	185	853	751	1,030	<b>2,819</b>
Other	3,409	4,076	2,355	6,962	<b>16,801</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,566</b>	<b>17,580</b>	<b>13,892</b>	<b>43,960</b>	<b>102,998</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.



**Table 11. Per capita expenditure of inbound tourists by expenditure category, period of departure and country of residence**

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total expenditure per capita
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
<b>January-February 2016</b>					
Austria	410	185	233	301	<b>703</b>
Belgium	790	189	247	278	<b>794</b>
France	580	184	261	236	<b>735</b>
Germany	510	247	334	240	<b>767</b>
Ireland	427	154	345	322	<b>742</b>
Italy	376	94	177	249	<b>520</b>
Libya	2,000	363	488	624	<b>1,535</b>
Netherlands	486	161	180	296	<b>665</b>
Russia	993	329	306	517	<b>1,257</b>
Scandinavia*	495	253	302	297	<b>804</b>
Spain	557	165	223	293	<b>689</b>
Switzerland	826	352	260	393	<b>1,057</b>
United Kingdom	509	158	239	287	<b>703</b>
USA	769	481	443	533	<b>1,394</b>
Other	567	294	256	384	<b>911</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>742</b>
<b>January-February 2015</b>					
Austria	552	264	198	240	<b>734</b>
Belgium	485	250	259	291	<b>716</b>
France	537	206	261	244	<b>726</b>
Germany	549	255	339	251	<b>799</b>
Ireland	350	145	185	264	<b>580</b>
Italy	441	119	188	229	<b>558</b>
Libya	539	429	257	450	<b>1,083</b>
Netherlands	436	237	235	290	<b>719</b>
Russia	880	378	276	478	<b>1,123</b>
Scandinavia*	482	301	282	326	<b>821</b>
Spain	380	178	300	321	<b>703</b>
Switzerland	697	375	218	373	<b>978</b>
United Kingdom	605	191	246	295	<b>772</b>
USA	595	476	306	417	<b>1,116</b>
Other	560	334	247	385	<b>923</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>766</b>
<b>January-February 2014</b>					
Austria	510	244	214	300	<b>778</b>
Belgium	585	205	224	356	<b>803</b>
France	532	191	221	243	<b>695</b>
Germany	544	221	284	303	<b>817</b>
Ireland	468	204	268	368	<b>814</b>
Italy	287	122	146	221	<b>476</b>
Libya	499	277	213	552	<b>1,018</b>
Netherlands	471	187	176	267	<b>638</b>
Russia	668	347	344	551	<b>1,193</b>
Scandinavia*	686	288	246	389	<b>938</b>
Spain	367	171	203	284	<b>635</b>
Switzerland	732	345	301	351	<b>987</b>
United Kingdom	504	166	227	299	<b>712</b>
USA	489	409	413	418	<b>1,143</b>
Other	523	340	269	377	<b>915</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>765</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Table 12. Profile of overnight cruise passengers by month of departure

Characteristics	February		
	2014	2015	2016
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	-	-	<b>381</b>
<b>Sex</b>			
Males	-	-	183
Females	-	-	198
<b>Age group</b>			
0-19	-	-	-
20-39	-	-	4
40-59	-	-	18
60-79	-	-	321
80 or more	-	-	38
<b>Markets</b>			
EU	-	-	376
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	-	-	373
Non-EU	-	-	5

Table 13. Profile of overnight cruise passengers by period of departure

Characteristics	January-February		
	2014	2015	2016
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	-	-	<b>1,003</b>
<b>Sex</b>			
Males	-	-	469
Females	-	-	534
<b>Age group</b>			
0-19	-	-	3
20-39	-	-	36
40-59	-	-	89
60-79	-	-	792
80 or more	-	-	83
<b>Markets</b>			
EU	-	-	421
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	-	-	374
Non-EU	-	-	582

## Methodological Notes

1. This release focuses on Inbound Tourism, which comprises the activities of non-resident visitors travelling to Malta (i.e. outside their usual environment), and staying for not more than 12 consecutive months for leisure, business or other (corresponding) purposes.
2. The results in this release are based on the ongoing frontier survey known as Tourstat. Data for tourist air departures is collected by means of personal interviews through a continuous survey at the departure lounge of the Malta International Airport (MIA). A two-stage sampling design is used to survey air passengers. In the first stage alternate days are selected, whereby a sample of passengers is selected systematically within each shift.
3. Tourstat measures the number of tourist trips carried out during a particular reference month. These differ from the number of tourists in that the same person can make more than one trip during the same period.
4. Tourist sea departures are collected through a regular survey, conducted during three separate months every year at the Valletta Cruise Port. A quota sample is used to conduct sea passenger departures in which survey interviewers are guided to select people according to fixed quotas. Survey data is supplemented by administrative data provided by ferry operators.
5. Under-represented figures are indicated where applicable for each table and should be treated with caution. Users should also exercise caution when analysing figures that involve estimates relating to less than 1,500 tourists. Such estimates may be subject to variations attributable to low frequency in the sample (sampling errors). Other limitations may involve non-sampling errors, namely those linked to respondents' willingness to provide proper information and those related to language barriers.
6. Percentage changes for tourists based on counts of less than 1,500 are not presented due to sampling errors.
7. The expenditure data in this release should not be equated to national tourism earnings.
8. The monthly passenger departures data published by the Malta International Airport cannot be equated to the number of inbound tourists because the former is inclusive of departing Maltese and transit passengers.
9. Data on cruise passengers who spent at least one night berthed on board their cruiseship is compiled on the basis of administrative records held by Transport Malta.
10. Arrivals and nights spent in time-share accommodation are being categorised in 'Private Accommodation' instead of 'Collective Accommodation' as per Eurostat recommendation. In this regard, there may be minor differences in these statistics and statistics published in tourism supply due to the fact that hotels report time-share accommodation under 'Collective Accommodation'.
11. Prior to comparing and interpreting differences between demand-side (based on Tourstat) and supply-side (based on Accomstat) tourism statistics, users are strongly advised to consult concept 8.3 of the NSO's metadata file (<http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=37>).
12. **Definitions:**
  - **Traveller:** A person who moves between different geographic locations, for any purpose and any duration.
  - **Visitor:** The three fundamental criteria used to distinguish visitors from travellers are:
    - a. **The trip should be to a place other than that of the usual environment**, which would exclude short-distance local transport and commuting, i.e. more or less regular trips between the place of work/study and the place of residence;
    - b. **The stay in the place visited should not last more than twelve consecutive months**, beyond which the visitor would become a resident of that place (from the statistical standpoint);
    - c. **The main purpose of the visit should be other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited**, which would exclude migratory movements for work purposes.

Visitors (domestic/international) comprise tourists and same-day visitors.

  - **Tourist:** A visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place/country visited.
  - **Same-day visitor:** A visitor who does not spend the night in collective or private accommodation in the place/country visited.
13. Administrative data on sea passengers are provided on a monthly basis by ferry operators. Due to unforeseen circumstances these data were not available for February 2015. In view of this, sea passenger data have been estimated using a first-order autoregression time series model with a seasonal difference of order one. Following the final data received from the source, the data have been revised and can be considered as final.
14. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>

Metadata: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=37>

Statistical Database: <http://nso.gov.mt/statdb/start>