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ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey

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ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey: Italian employers expect a flat labor market for the next three months

Third quarter hiring intentions decline by 2 percentage points year-over-year.

Encouraging signs in Agriculture & Fishing and Horeca.

Milan, June 13th 2017 -The ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey released today report flat hiring prospects in Italy for the July-September time frame. While 5% of employers forecast an increase in staffing levels, 5% expect a decrease and 85% anticipate no change. Once the data is adjusted to allow for seasonal variation, the Outlook stands at -2% for the second consecutive quarter.

*“Competitiveness and labour costs remain the main concerns for employers right now. It is not surprising that employers are still cautious. **Stefano Scabbio, President Mediterranean and South-East Europe** says. “Nevertheless there is a positive outlook for a few sectors. Agriculture, for example, is going through a great transformation due to product and production innovations but also innovative sales processes, thanks to e-commerce and digital marketing. Many of the roles that we need today didn't exist just five years ago. Investing in the new skills is surely a key element to restart productivity growth in Italy.”*

Regional comparisons

Employers in three of the four regions expect a decline in staffing levels during the next three months. South/Islands report the weakest hiring prospects with a sluggish Net Employment Outlook of -8%. Elsewhere, muted hiring intentions are reported in Middle Italy where the Outlook is -3%, while the Outlook for the North East stands at -1%. However, North West employers anticipate a slight increase in payrolls, reporting an Outlook of +2%. When compared with the previous quarter, employers in the North West report a moderate improvement of 5 percentage points, but Outlooks in both the North East and the South/Islands decline by 3 percentage points. Meanwhile, Middle Italy employers report relatively stable hiring plans.

Sector comparisons

Employers in six of the 10 industry sectors anticipate a decline in staffing levels during the upcoming quarter. The weakest labor market is forecast for the Construction sector, where the Net Employment Outlook stands at -18%, while Mining & Quarrying sector employers also expect a gloomy hiring climate, reporting an Outlook of -14%. Elsewhere, pessimistic hiring plans are reflected in Outlooks of -7% and -5% for the Electricity, Gas & Water sector and the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector, respectively. However, employers in three sectors forecast some payroll gains, most notably in the Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry & Fishing sector, where the Outlook is +4%, and in the Restaurants & Hotels sector, with an Outlook of +3%.



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Organization-Size comparisons

Large employers (250 or more employees) forecast a steady hiring pace in the forthcoming quarter, reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +16%. However, Micro employers (less than 10 employees) anticipate a muted labor market with an Outlook of -4%. Elsewhere, Small (10-49 employees) and Medium-size (50-249 employees) employers report uncertain hiring intentions with Outlooks of -1%. When compared with 2Q 2017, hiring prospects decline by 2 percentage points for employers in both the Micro- and Medium-size categories. However, the Outlook for Small employers remains relatively stable, while Large employers report an improvement of 7 percentage points.

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