



Press Release

ANOTHER DOUBLE FIGURE SLOWDOWN FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY PRODUCTION IN ITALY: THE -12% OF JANUARY 2019 FOLLOWS THE -12.3% OF DECEMBER 2018 AND IT UNDERLINES AGAIN THE NECESSITY TO PUT IN ACTION THE INDUSTRIAL POLICES IN SUPPORT OF THE SECTOR

Worrying worsening also for the car production in January with a contraction of 25%

Turin, March 8th 2019 - According to ANFIA data, in January 2019, the **national cars productions** in Italy decreases of 25% respect to January 2018.

The growing trend of the car production begun in 2014. In the last five years, the yearly average production has been higher than one million vehicles, the 32% more than the production of the previous five years, from 2009 to 2013, that, in the middle of the crisis, registered the yearly average of 760,000 cars produced.

During February 2019, the Italian car market registered a slowdown of 2.4%, after the 7% of January. In February, the FCA Group registrations reached a market share of 25%, with volumes in slowdown of 8%. In the other sectors, show a positive sign in the period from January to February 2019 only for the light commercial vehicles (+3%, while during February it grew of 6%), while are in slow down trucks (-11%, with a slowdown of 12% during the month), buses (-1%, in despite of +3% of February), heavy trailers and semitrailers (-5%, while during the month the slow down reached the 7%) and light trailers (-5% with a slowdown of 8% in February).

In December 2018, the value of the export of cars from Italy amount to 1.65 billion of Euro, the 4.6% of the total exported, which is in increasement of 0.2%. The import of vehicles, values, instead 2.71 billion of Euro (-2% respect to December 2017), which is equal to 8.4% of the total imported in Italy. France represents, in terms of value, the first country as destination for the export of cars from Italy with a share of 16%, followed by the United States of America and Germany, respectively with a share of 14% and of 13%.

In Italy, the index of the Industrial Production in the overall¹ decreases of 0.8% in January 2019.

"The Italian Automotive Production in the overall², registers in January 2019 a trend of decreaseament of 12% which follows the already registered decreases in the second semester of 2018 (-12.3%, in December, -13.3% in November, -8.9% in October, -4.4% in September, -5.5% in August, -5.9% in July) - says Gianmarco Giorda, Director of ANFIA.

¹ Corrected for the calendar effect: working days have been 22 like in January 2018 (with the only exception of the Construction field). Since the beginning of 2018, the index of the industrial production published by ISTAT, based on 2015=100 (until the past month it was based of 2010=100).

² Ateco Code 29: production of cars, car bodies, trailers and semitrailers and production of components and accessories for cars and their engines (no tyres).



Also the Italian production of components and accessories for vehicles and their engines³ register a negative sign during January, with a slowdown of 9%”.

During December 2018, according to the last data available, the orders of this specific sector register a slowdown of 8.3%, for effect of the decrease of the national orders (-13.7%) and, not in the same way also for the international orders (-2.1%). During the whole 2018, the orders register a slowdown of 3% (-8.1% and +2.6% respectively the national and international). The income of components sector, in the end, registers a slowdown of 2.6% during the month, because of the national part in decrease of 10,1%, with the International one closes with a +5,3%. In the whole 2018, the index of the income, registers a decrease of 0.9%, with a national part in slow down of 7.5% (+6.6% the international income).

The **orders**⁴ in the automotive sector, in the overall are in slow down of 15.5% in December (result of a national part in decrease of 22.3% and of an international one in decrease of 5.5%). In the whole 2018, orders register a slow down of 2.4% (-4.3% in the national market and +0% in the international one). The total of the orders of the industry, registers a slow down of 5,3% instead, during December (-3.6% the national part and -7.6% the international one) with an increase of 2% during 2018 (+1% the national part and +3.3% the international one).

The **income**⁵ in the automotive sector, in the end, registers a slow down of 6% in December. Also in the whole 2018 the income decreases, of 2.1% (-3.4% the national income and -0.3% the international one). For the industry the income (with the only exception of the Manufacturing sector) the income decreases of 4.2% in December while it shows a positive sign, +3.2% in 2018 (+4.4% on the international markets and +2.5% on the national one).

ANFIA - Italian Association of the Automotive Industry - is one of the leading Italian Trade Associations, members of CONFINDUSTRIA.

Born in March 1912, over these one hundred years, ANFIA mission has always been to represent the interests of its associate members and ensure effective communication between the Italian motor vehicle industries on the one hand, and the Public Administration and Italian political bodies on the other, with regard to all technical, economic, fiscal, legal, statistical and quality-related issues referred to the automotive sector. The Association is structured in three product-based Groups, each one chaired by a President.

Components: motor vehicle parts and components manufacturers; Car Coachbuilders and Designers: companies working in the sector of design, engineering and style of motor vehicles and/or parts and components for the automotive sector; Motor vehicles: motor vehicles manufacturers in general, including trucks, trailers, camper vans, special means of transport.

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³ Codice Ateco 29.3 no tyres

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