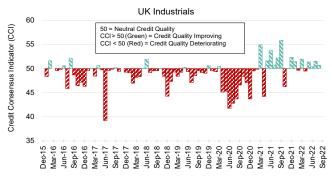


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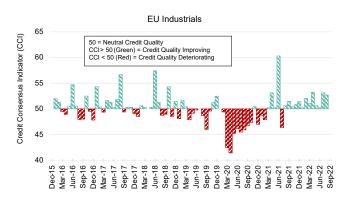


UK Industrials: Ticking Along

Another month of mild positivity for **UK Industrial firms**, with a fourth consecutive instance of a CCI score above 50 - suggesting a trend of improvement is forming.

The **UK Industrials CCI score is 50.6** this month; the CCI score has not risen above 51.5 in the past four months of improvements.

Nearly £50 million in government funding is being made available to support <u>Britain's industrial future</u>.



EU Industrials: Modest Improvement Continues

EU Industrial firms have registered another positive CCI for this month, which is the thirteenth consecutive instance of a positive score.

Whilst the trend was dipping close to neutral, the **EU Industrials CCI** score is 52.7 this month, a second large positive CCI score in a row.

Newly elected Assonave (the Italian shipbuilding industry's trade association) Chairman Claudio Graziano urged <u>new industrial policy</u> to strengthen the Italy's and Europe's global shipbuilding competitiveness.



US Industrials: Staying Positive

Consensus opinion on credit quality for **US Industrial firms** is still in positive territory.

However, the **US Industrials CCI score this month is 50.7**, a significant decrease from last month's CCI score of **53.2**.

President Biden signed an <u>industrial policy bill</u> known as the Chips Act last month, as an answer to the computer chip shortages that have devastated the supply chain in the fallout from the pandemic.

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