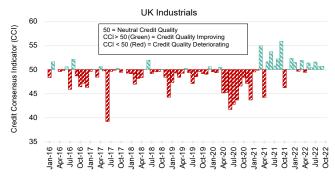
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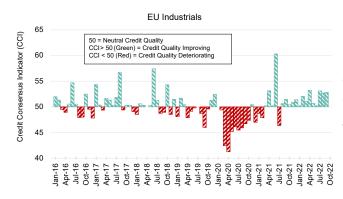


UK Industrials: Little Month-on-Month Change

Another month of mild positivity for **UK Industrial firms**, with a fifth consecutive instance of a CCI score above 50.

The **UK Industrials CCI score is 50.7** this month, a positive reading but little month-on-month change from **50.6** last month.

Trade Secretary sets out plan to future-proof the UK economy by investing in cutting-edge green technology, protecting long-term energy security and <u>creating thousands of jobs in industries of the future</u>.



EU Industrials: Modest Improvement Continues

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

Whilst the trend was dipping close to neutral, the **EU Industrials CCI** score is 52.8 this month, a third large positive CCI score in a row.

After decreases in 2019 and 2020, EU rail freight transport performance saw some recovery in 2021, with rail freight transport up 8.7% compared with 2020, reaching almost the high level of 2018 - a recent study shows.



US Industrials: Neutral

Consensus opinion on credit quality for **US Industrial firms** has struggled to remain in positive territory this month.

The **US Industrials CCI score this month is 50**, suggesting neutral credit quality.

The US can't match China's industrial heft; their attempt at an industrial policy to build electric vehicles and batteries has, once again, fallen flat.

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