

# COVID-19: UK AND EUROPE OVERVIEW

## THE IMPACT ON THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR ACROSS THE WORLD

This snapshot features a summary of the responses, dated 23 November, from 15 locations across the UK and Europe.

We have focused on three areas that affect the construction industry and our clients: the cities performing best across the continent per sector, the impact on productivity and tender prices.

The data has been captured from our rolling global survey, issue 7 which provides a regular overview of the developing impact of COVID-19 on the built environment across the world.

The survey respondents provided answers and views on a series of structured questions designed to elicit detailed and comparable responses to show the differing and evolving impact of the pandemic.

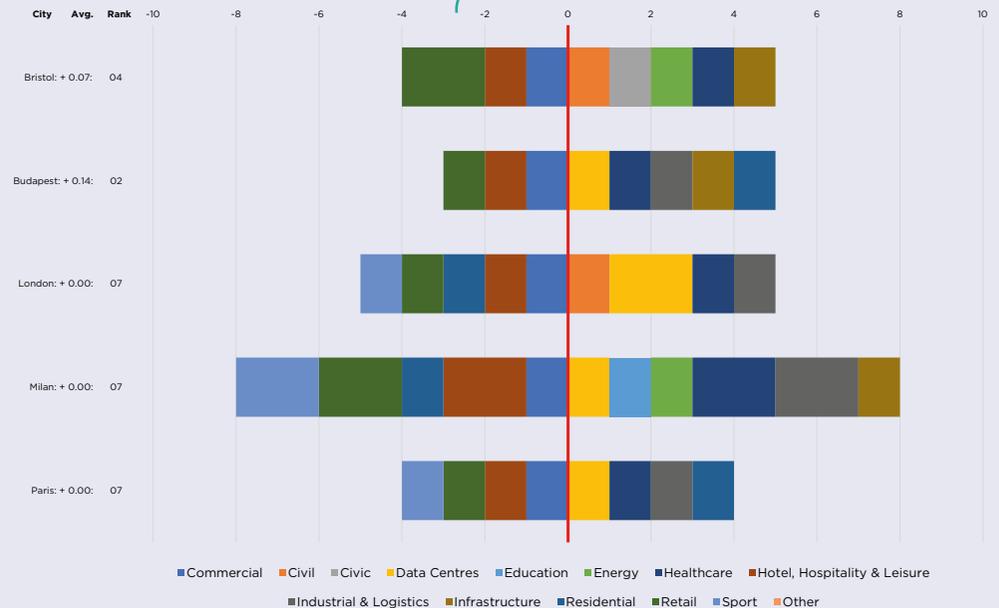


### IMPACT ON CITIES BY SECTOR



Sectoral performance in Europe and the UK was spread across the range of rankings, from Budapest, Hungary, at ranking of 2 at +0.14 through to Dublin’s ranking of 41 at -0.79.

The significance of the spread demonstrates the diversity of the COVID-19 experience across Europe. In Hungary, Budapest’s construction market was booming before the pandemic struck, which perhaps cushioned the impact to an extent. In Dublin, Ireland, whilst four sectors showed neutral effects, the rest were negative, with hotel, hospitality and leisure particularly adversely affected.

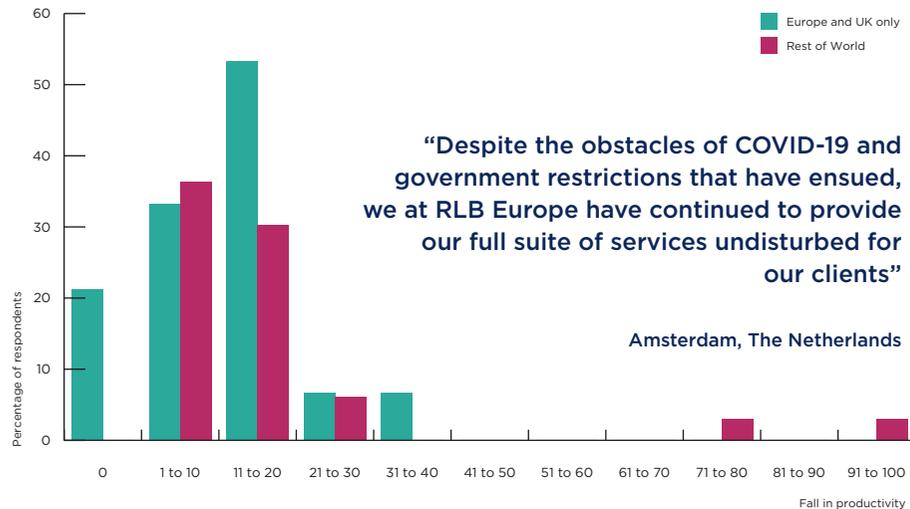


## IMPACT ON PRODUCTIVITY

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Site productivity losses in Europe remain significantly more clearly delineated than is the case of the rest of the world. Almost 87% of European cities report productivity losses of less than 20% despite the new waves of COVID-19 cases.

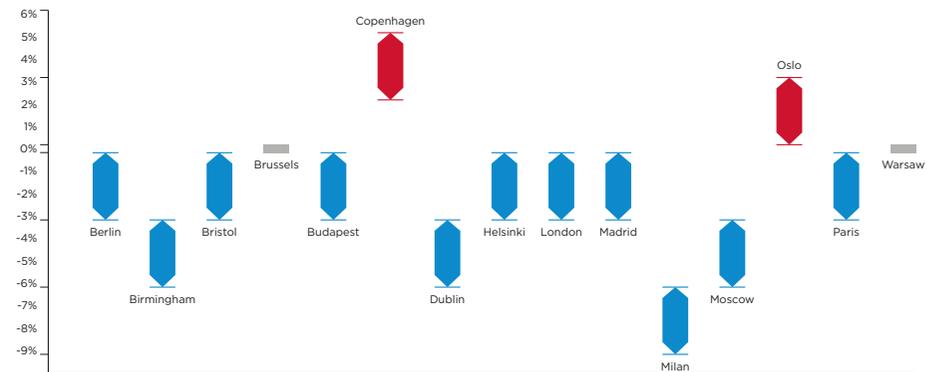
This level of continued consistency suggests that whereas when COVID-19 first appeared, mitigation steps were taken without real certainty as to their outcomes, now, even in the face of new constraints, sites have learned to accommodate and to work around the difficulties.



## IMPACT ON TENDER PRICES

Copenhagen and Oslo continue to stand out as the only two cities reporting a positive effect overall this year on tender prices.

Almost half of the cities in this UK and European analysis are now reporting a fall of between 0 and 3% in tender prices, in relation to their previous forecasts for 2020 made at the end of 2019. However, there remains a number of cities in which perceived effects have been more adverse as almost one third of respondent cities see the fall as in excess of 3%.



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