COVID-19: UK AND EUROPE OVERVIEW

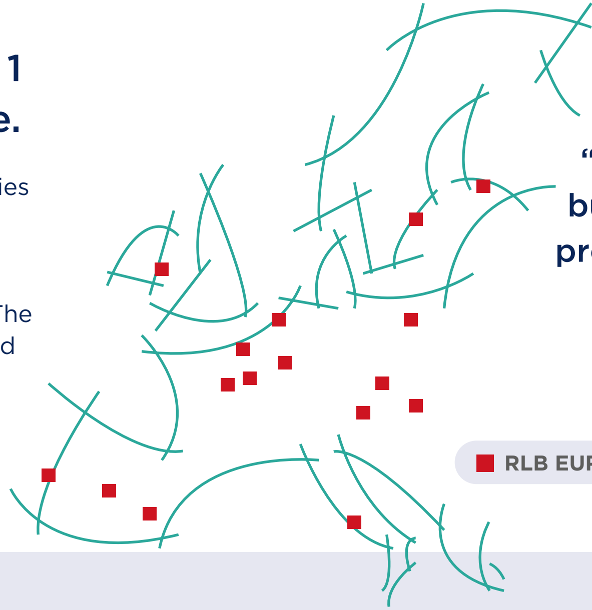
THE IMPACT ON THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR ACROSS THE WORLD

RLB Europe

This snapshot features a summary of the responses, dated 1 February 2021, 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 inquiries and tender prices.

The data has been captured from our rolling global survey, issue 8 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.



"Few sites are closed, but many construction projects are postponed for several months"

Paris, France

IMPACT ON CITIES BY SECTOR

Least affected cities

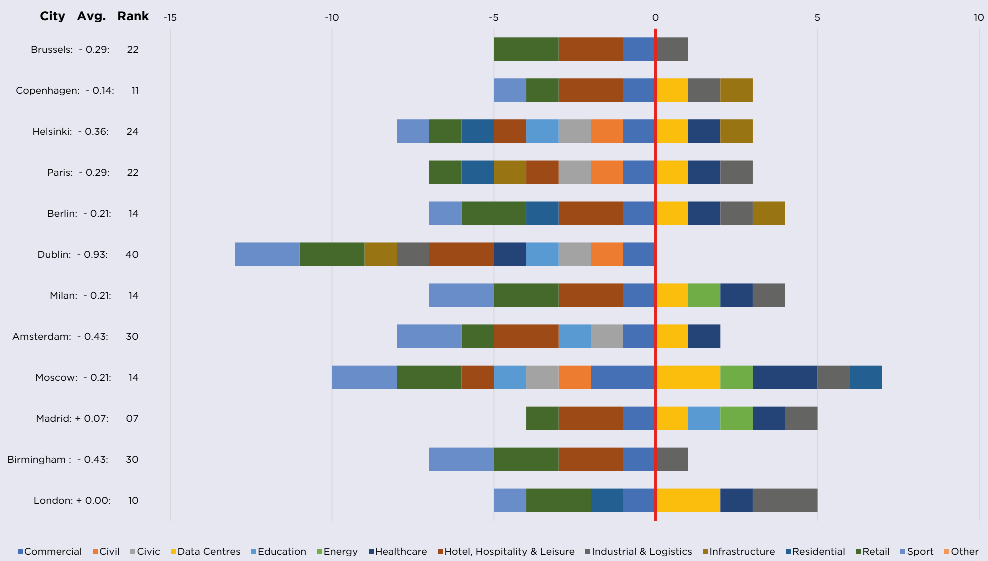
- Madrid
- London
- Copenhagen
- Berlin/Milan
- Moscow

- Dublin
- Amsterdam
- Birmingham
- Helsinki
- Brussels/Paris

Most affected cities

Sectoral performance in Europe and the UK was spread across the range of global rankings, from Madrid, Spain, at ranking of 7 at +0.07 through to Dublin which continues to feature towards the bottom of the table, with a ranking of 40 at -0.93.

The significance of the spread demonstrates the diversity of the COVID-19 experience across Europe. Dublin appears to have been particularly badly affected with 10 of the 14 sectors showing adverse effects, and none positive. For the other cities, most show a mix of negative and positive effects, which often balance.



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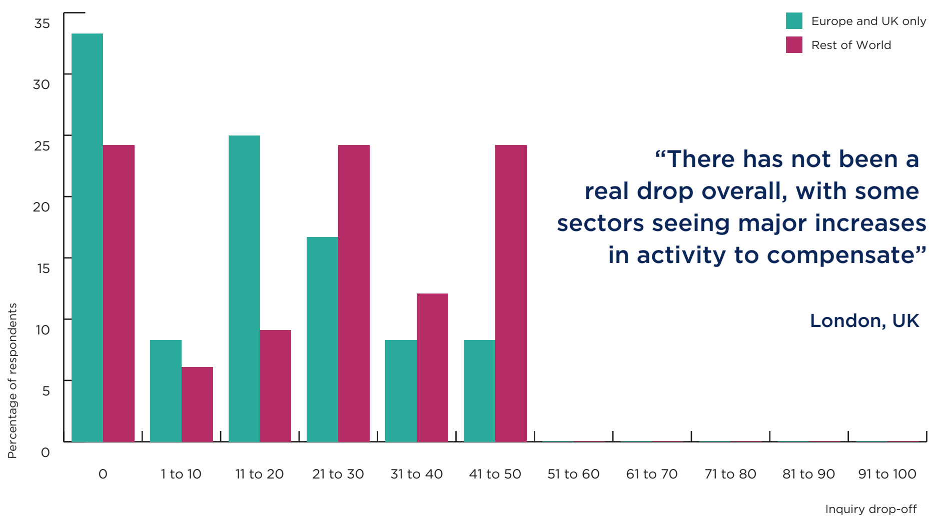
IMPACT ON INQUIRIES

Europe and the UK in combination is displaying a significantly different reaction to ongoing and upcoming development works, in comparison with the rest of the world.

RLB's contributors in Europe and the UK are seeming to cluster toward the view that there has been a less than 20% drop-off of inquiries, almost 67% as against the rest of the world's 40%. While the make-up of the "rest of the world" set is very diverse, the difference in view as to the future seems to indicate a positive outlook in the UK and Europe, as workload diminution, though it exists, is limited.



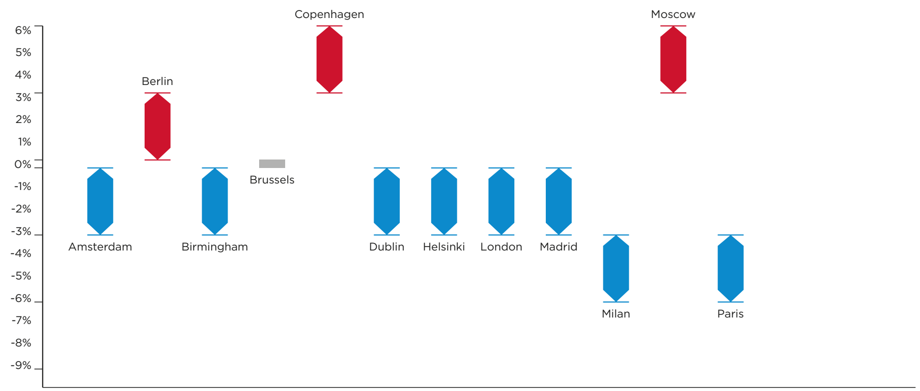
"There has not been a real drop overall, with some sectors seeing major increases in activity to compensate"

London, UK

IMPACT ON TENDER PRICES

While two thirds of reporting locations are still suggesting that there is a negative effect on tender prices, there is a discernible move toward a more optimistic position.

Copenhagen and Moscow now lead the way, with Berlin also showing a positive upturn in tender price expectations. The spread of opinion has clustered around zero change, with two thirds of respondents overall saying that they see the effect, if any, being between plus and minus 3%.



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