

COMPANY INSOLVENCIES IN CENTRAL, EASTERN AND NORTHERN EUROPE: positive trends but the decline will be slower than in 2015 in some countries

INSOLVENCIES (region average)

Central and Eastern Europe

2015 **-14%**

Northern Europe

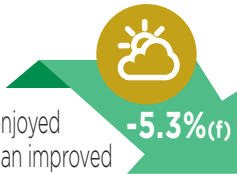
2015 **-7.2%**



OUTLOOK FOR 2016

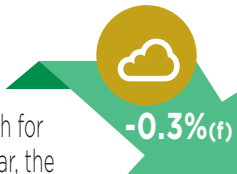
■ Central and Eastern Europe

Countries in the Central and Eastern Europe region enjoyed favourable economic conditions last year. This led to an improved situation for CEE businesses. The region showed a varied picture, with double-digit deterioration recorded in Ukraine and Lithuania, whereas Romania and Hungary enjoyed significant improvements. Coface forecasts that businesses will continue to take advantage of supportive conditions and that company insolvencies will drop by -5.3% in 2016.



■ Northern Europe

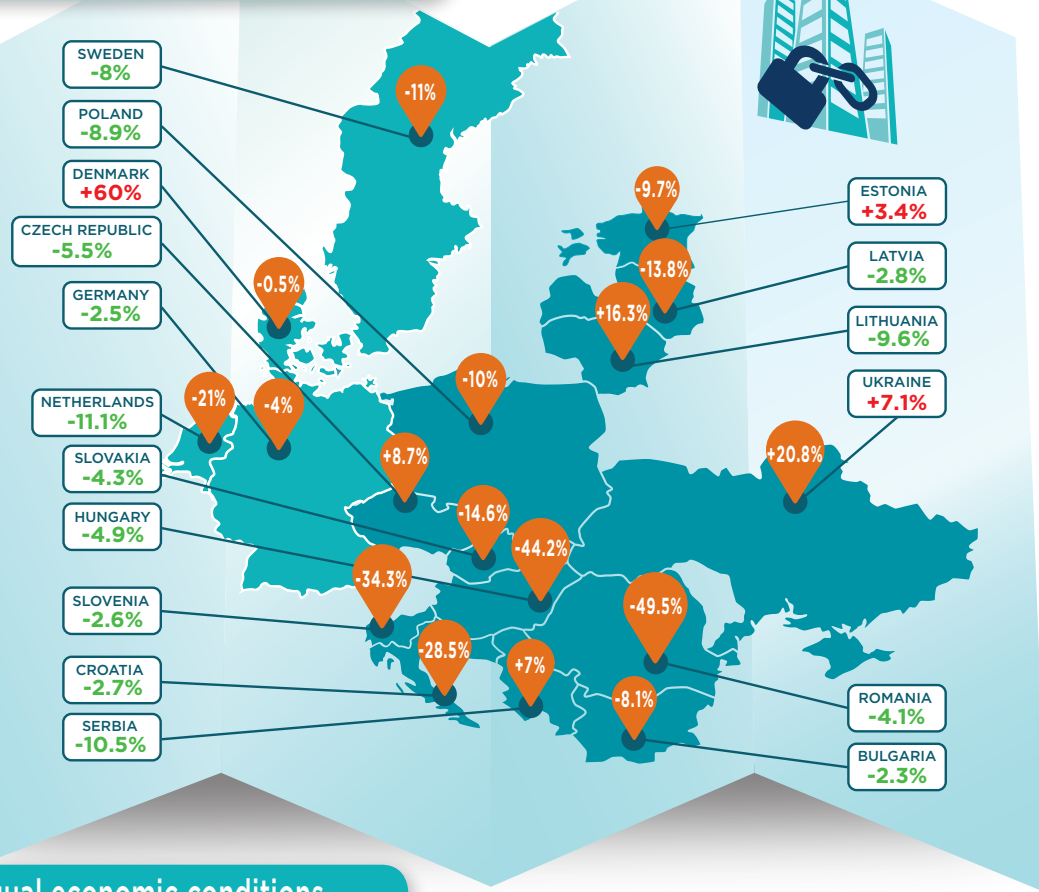
On the back of slightly weaker average GDP growth for the four NER economies over the course of this year, the downward trend in insolvencies should continue in 2016. Although, the rate of decline will be slower. Coface expects continued improvements in insolvencies for the individual countries - with the exception of Denmark. Denmark's very bad start to the year will lead to the number of business failures showing a marked increase for 2016 as a whole.



COMPANY INSOLVENCIES DYNAMICS

2015
 2016 forecast

Central and Eastern Europe
 Northern Europe



- Inequal economic conditions
- Differing insolvency law regulations