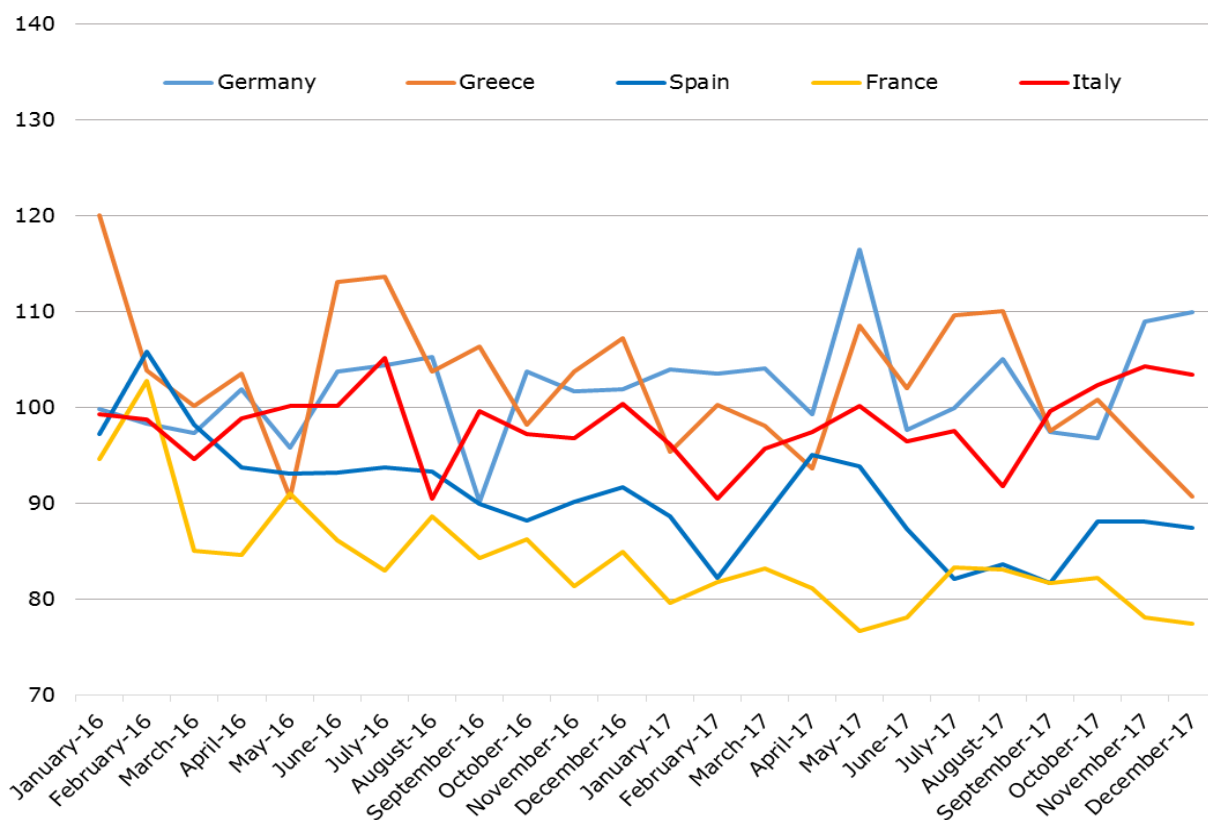


FOOTWEAR SECTOR 2017 RESULTS

In 2017, **European footwear production** was not very dynamic on average, showing a downward trend especially in the first part of the year, offset by a slight recovery in the second half of 2017.

The year-on-year comparison is not very rewarding, with the biggest EU footwear manufacturers in decline compared to 2016, with the sole exception of Germany (+3%). Italy in negative stability (-1%), while both the Spanish and the French manufacturers lost ground, declining by 7% and 8% respectively compared to the previous year.

Footwear – Production index in volume
(base: 2015=100 – seasonally adjusted)



Beyond the EU borders, the **Turkish manufacturers** went up (+6%), while the **Chinese exports** recovered (+4% in volume, +2% in value in 2017), despite persistent difficulties in the leather footwear (-1% in volume, -4% in value). **Vietnam footwear** export accelerates (+13% in value the variation 2017 on 2016). Production volumes increasing for the **Brazilian footwear** (+3%, despite a reduction in value).

Source: UNIC – Italian Tanners’ Association elaboration on Eurostat, CLIA, Abicalçados data