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Strategic Watch: COVID-19 Overview by country and region (situation at February 15, 2021)

Based on FIEC's COVID-19 Construction Observatory, FIIC's, CIAN's and MEDEFI's and IFAWPCA's data

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Switzerland

Country/Region	Facts & Measures for Construction
SWITZERLAND	
Economic outlook	<p><u>Prior to the Covid-19 outbreak, output in the Swiss construction sector expanded by 0.8% in 2019 in real terms according to GlobalData.</u> However, with the disruptions caused by the pandemic and the subsequent lockdown measures, the industry has been severely impacted in 2020. According to Eurostat, the Swiss construction industry contracted by 8.7% year on year (YoY) in the second quarter of 2020, this was preceded by a year on year (YoY) decline of 2.3% in Q1 2020.</p> <p>Reflecting the disruptions caused by the pandemic, coupled with the weak outlook for economic growth, GlobalData forecasts construction industry output to contract by 3.2% in 2020. Following the second Covid-19 outbreak, the Swiss government imposed new lockdown restrictions with the closure of non-essential businesses from 29 October 2020. However, construction sites and factories were exempted from the new lockdown measures imposed at the end of October 2020.</p>
Recovery	<p>The construction industry will be supported by government measures to contain the impact of the outbreak on manufacturing output and support for businesses to cope with the outbreak by providing guarantee on loans. The Swiss government's investment in transport and energy infrastructure projects is also expected to drive growth in the coming years (cf. GlobalData) (December 2020).</p>

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