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Electrical Goods Retailing - Europe

In euro-denominated terms, consumer spending on electrical goods across the countries covered by this report (excluding Switzerland) fell by an estimated 0.3% in aggregate in 2011.

Electrical Goods Retailing - Italy

Putting aside Italy's current financial predicament, the country has fundamental problems in terms of productivity and competitiveness, dragged down by small family companies, entrenched interests and closed-shop professions. The business landscape is dominated by small businesses, which have remained in family ownership and failed to expand, and this has resulted ...

Electrical Goods Retailing - France

Eurostat estimates France saw real-terms GDP growth of 1.7% in 2011, although this is expected to slow considerably, to 0.4% in 2012. Previous French government forecasts had been around 1.75% for 2012, indicating the impact of the eurozone crisis.

Electrical Goods Retailing - Spain

Spain has been one of the weaker economies in Europe since the global financial crisis in 2008. While four consecutive quarters of economic growth have been recorded since the final period of 2010, the last quarter of 2011 slipped back into negative territory as world trade slowed and the impact ...

Electrical Goods Retailing - Germany

Germany has seen the strongest economic recovery in Western Europe, with 3.0% real-terms growth in 2011. Th