

31.3 Service costs

Service costs amount to € 662.2 million, up by € 111.5 million compared to the same period of last year, as indicated in the following table:

	H1 2015	H1 2014	Change
(Amounts in €/000)			
Consultancy and technical services	190,963	130,786	60,177
Fees to directors, statutory auditors and independent auditors	6,430	7,057	(627)
Employee travel expenses	3,395	7,059	(3,664)
Maintenance and testing	7,298	8,786	(1,488)
Transport and customs	83,485	56,776	26,709
Insurance	32,517	15,850	16,667
Cost recharges from consortiums	218,682	201,636	17,046
Rent and leases	65,712	42,342	23,370
Charge backs recharges	176	569	(393)
Lease payments and expenses	67	191	(124)
Trade expenses	46	1,529	(1,483)
Other	53,432	78,113	(24,681)
Total cost of services	662,203	550,694	111,509

The item "Other", down by € 24.6 million compared to the first half of 2014, includes for approximately € 5 million, expenses for detached personnel, for € 2.1 million J.O. costs. For the remaining part, the item mainly refers to costs for services, for security and for board expenses.

The item "Consultancy and technical services", increased € 60.2 million compared to June 30, 2014, and mainly includes the planning and laying costs incurred by project companies and costs for legal counsel and administration tasks. Hereunder, the table:

(Amounts in €/000)	H1 2015	H1 2014	Change
Design and engineering consulting	151,119	103,367	47,752
Legal, administrative and other services	29,691	22,549	7,142
Testing	495	1,575	(1,080)
Building	9,658	3,295	6,363
Total	190,963	130,786	60,177