

# Q1 2020 Results

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# Mail and parcel deliverers provide a vital service to society



Comprehensive business continuity plan in place since early March



# Health and safety for our people and consumers comes first

Impact Covid-19 going forward



- Measures taken across all businesses to ensure 1.5 metre distance expected to be maintained, including contact-free delivery and flow patterns, extra cleaning of facilities and distribution of disinfectant gels
- Extensive internal communications programme to promote social distancing and extra hygienic measures
- All our people with office jobs are working from home
- Sick leave levels among staff started to improve in early April
- Both challenges (incl. costs related to sick leave and extra measures, as well as overall macroeconomic impact on business environment) and opportunities (e-commerce picking up and increasing popularity of consumer mail)

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# Key financials and highlights Q1 2020

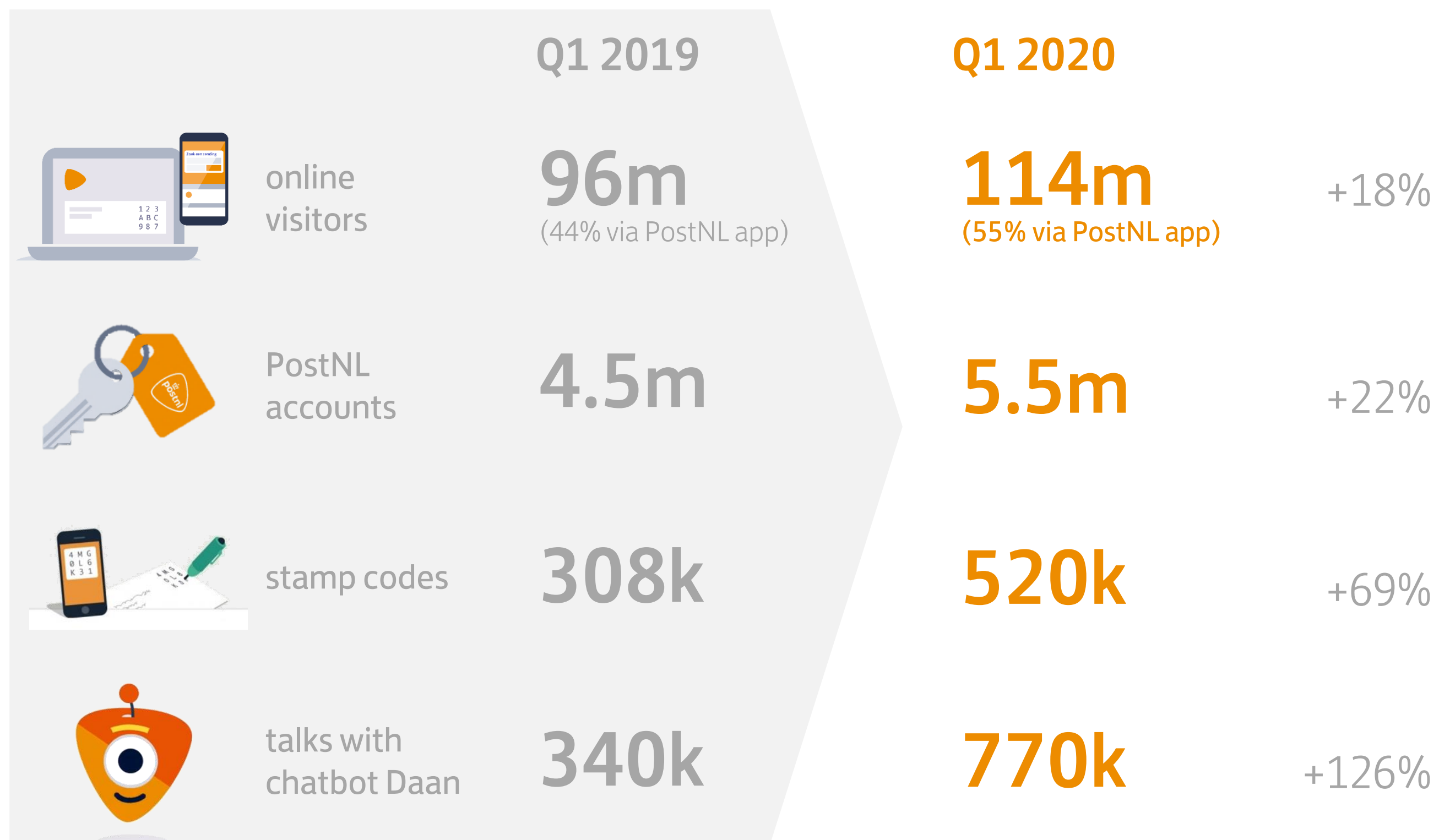
Solid Q1 performance and improved free cash flow

	Revenue	Normalised EBIT	Free cash flow	Outlook normalised EBIT FY 2020
<b>Q1 2020</b>	<b>€701m</b>	<b>€15m</b>	<b>€5m</b>	<b>€110m - €130m</b>
Q1 2019	€684m	€30m	€(8)m	

## Highlights Q1 2020

- Committed to achieve FY 2020 outlook; uncertainties regarding duration and severity of Covid-19 pandemic may impact ability to achieve this result
- Strong development at Parcels since mid-March, supported by positive price/mix effect
- Integration of Sandd ahead of plan in delivering anticipated benefits and synergies
- More greetings cards contributing to a favourable price/mix development
- Additional mail volume decline due to lower direct mail activity since mid-March
- Measures to protect our people and clients and increased staff absence due to Covid-19 pandemic impacted operating costs
- Normalised EBIT includes impact of higher pension expenses and new labour regulation (together €(8)m), as indicated before, and sale and discontinuation of non-core activities of Mail in the Netherlands
- Disciplined working capital management contributed to improved free cash flow

# Growing importance of digitalisation



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# Parcels: strong volume development since mid-March, supported by positive price/mix effect

	Revenue	Normalised EBIT	Volume growth	Revenue mix
<b>Q1 2020</b>	<b>€414m</b>	<b>€26m</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	
Q1 2019	€398m	€23m		

## Revenue growth

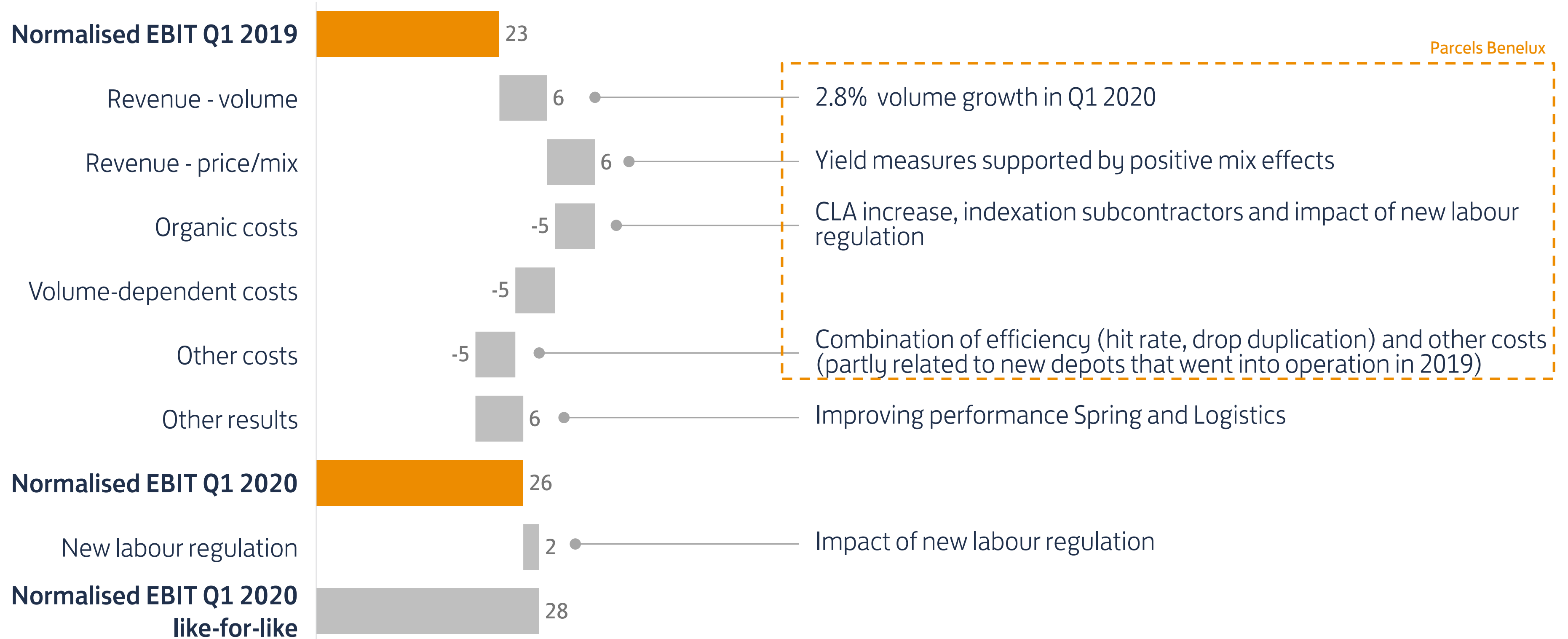
- Volume growth 11.1% in March
  - Covid-19 crisis resulted in pick-up in e-commerce
  - Good growth in small and mid-sized webshops contributes to favourable development of price/mix effect
  - Run-rate growth 13.6% at end of March, with even stronger growth in April
- As expected, webshops opting for multi-vendorship impacted overall volume growth PostNL, especially in January and February
- Mixed growth pattern continued
  - Low growth rates in some, more mature, e-commerce segments, e.g. fashion
- Yield management (incl. improved pricing)

## Result Parcels up €3m

- Operational efficiency improved
  - Better hit rate
  - Drop duplication slightly down
- Higher costs:
  - Adjustments in process and higher staff absence related to Covid-19
  - Increased cost level due to new depots opened in 2019
  - Impact new labour regulation
- Improved result at both Spring and Logistics

# Parcels: normalised EBIT development

(in € million)



# Mail in the Netherlands: integration Sandd ahead of plan and already accretive to normalised EBIT

	Revenue	Normalised EBIT	Net contribution of Sandd in normalised EBIT	Addressed mail volume decline
<b>Q1 2020</b>	<b>€395m</b>	<b>€5m</b>	<b>€5m</b>	<b>12.8%*</b>
Q1 2019	€392m	€16m		

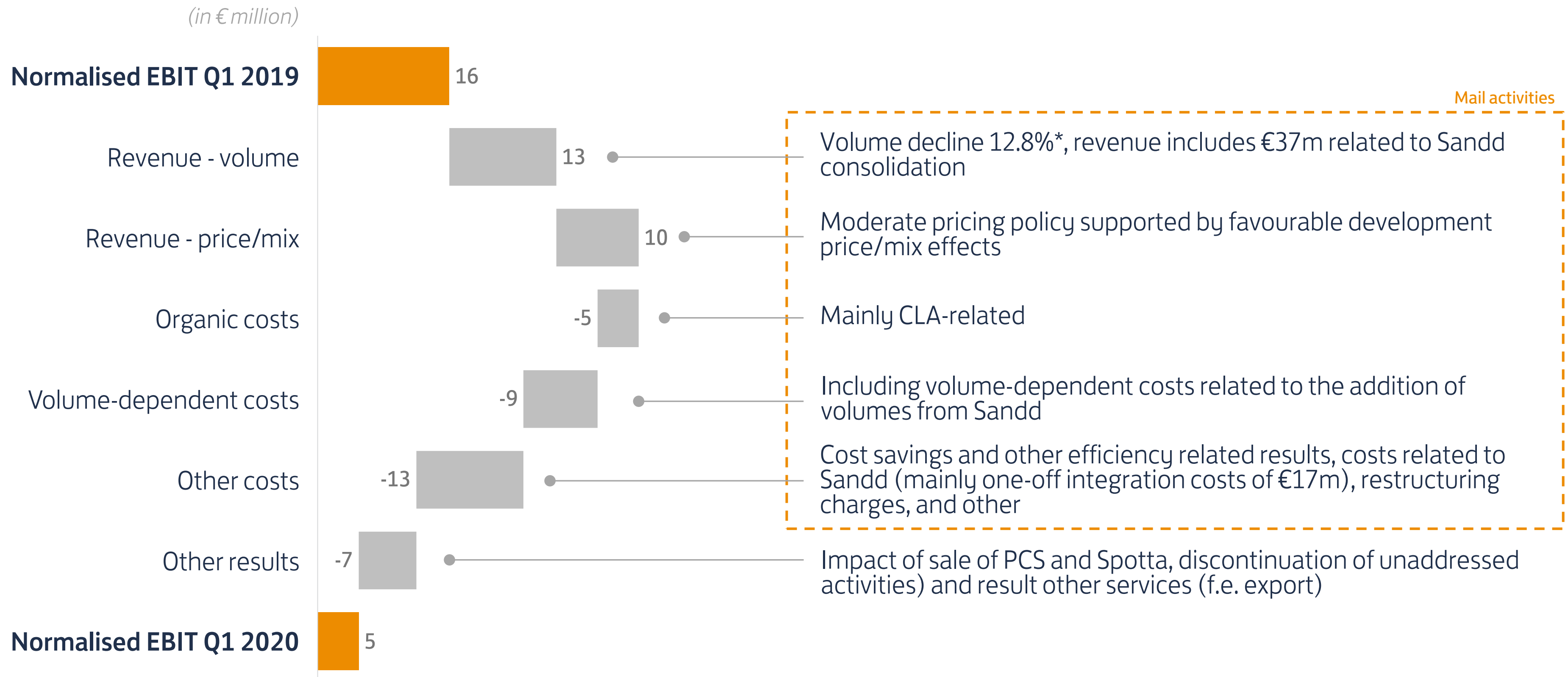
## Revenue development

- Volume declined by 12.8%\*
  - Substitution in line with expectations
  - Impact of elections in 2019 (1.8%)
  - Covid-19 crisis: more greetings cards, but lower direct mail activity; additional volume decline almost 2% (partly phasing)
- Reduced international mail activity
- Consolidation of Sandd
- Moderate price increases and favourable mix effects
- Discontinuation of non-core activities

## Result

- Sandd Integration ahead of plan in delivering anticipated benefits and synergies
- Impact Covid-19
- Cost savings initiatives progressed according to plan
  - Adjusting sorting and delivery process
  - Streamlining of staff
  - Centralisation of locations

# Mail in the Netherlands: normalised EBIT development



\* Starting point for volume decline: 2019 pro forma volume including Sandd volumes

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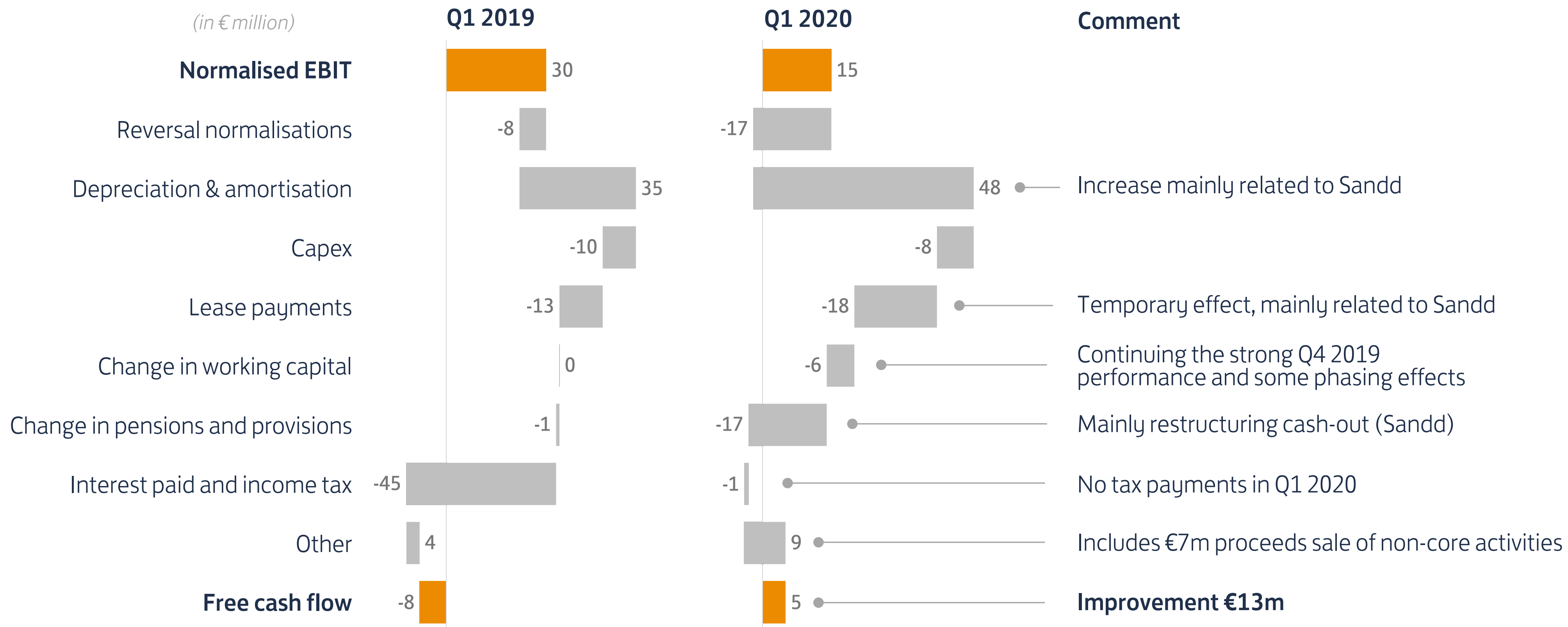
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# Generation of free cash flow in Q1 2020

€13m improvement compared to Q1 2019



# Pension developments

Coverage ratio (12-month average) pension fund at 108.3% as at 31 March 2020

(in € million)	2019	YE 2020	Q1 2020
<b>Provision for pension liabilities</b>	<b>283</b>		<b>259</b>
<b>Pension expense (P&amp;L)</b>	<b>119</b>	~145	36
<b>Regular pension cash contribution</b>	<b>111</b>	~120	29

- Provision for pension liabilities down mainly due to increase in interest rates during Q1 2020
- Pension expense up ~€25m in 2020 as indicated before, visible in normalised EBIT (€(6)m in Q1 2020)
- Impact on equity mitigated by positive effect in OCI (€23m in Q1 2020, of which €14m phasing)
- Expected impact on cash contributions is limited
- Actual coverage ratio 98.9%; taking into account resilience of pension fund, no top-up payment obligation is expected

## Positive outcome discussion pension fund

- Expected cash-out for final payment transitional plans: ~€300m, to be paid by the end of 2020
- Agreement-in-principle:
  - Final payment transitional plans capped at €290m
  - Substantial part of the payment will be deferred and paid in 5 instalments in period 2021-2025
  - Regular contributions related to transitional plans expected to be €5m less
  - Entitlements of employees will not be affected

Agreement-in-principle with pension fund results in lower cash-out for transitional plans

# Consolidated statement of financial position

Adjusted net debt position end of Q1 2020: €699m

<i>(in € million)</i>	28 Mar 2020		28 Mar 2020
Intangible fixed assets	359	<i>Consolidated equity</i>	(10)
Property, plant and equipment	402	<i>Non-controlling interests</i>	3
Right-of-use assets	239	Total equity	(7)
Other non-current assets	88	Pension liabilities	259
Other current assets	434	Long-term debt	695
Cash	485	Long-term lease liabilities	191
Assets classified as held for sale	68	Other non-current liabilities	31
		Short-term lease liabilities	59
		Other current liabilities	762
		Liabilities related to assets classified as held for sale	85
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2,076</b>	<b>Total equity &amp; liabilities</b>	<b>2,076</b>

- Adjusted net debt is €699m; gross debt (Eurobonds, other debt/receivables), pension liabilities (adjusted for tax impact), lease liabilities (on-balance sheet and off-balance sheet commitments, adjusted for tax impact) and cash position
- Total comprehensive income Q1 2020: €10m (Q1 2019: €(1)m)



# Committed to achieve outlook for 2020

Uncertainties regarding duration and severity of Covid-19 pandemic may impact ability to achieve this result

(in € million)

	2019	2020 like-for-like		2020 indication
<b>Normalised EBIT</b>				
Parcels	120	125 – 145	new labour regulation ~(10)	115 – 135
Mail in the Netherlands	52	50 – 70		50 – 70
PostNL Other	(37)	~(40)	pension expense ~(25), no impact pension cash-out	~(65)
<b>PostNL</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>145 – 165</b>	impact new labour regulation and pensions ~(35)	<b>110 – 130</b>
<b>Free cash flow*</b>				
<b>PostNL</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>(15) – 15</b>	final payment transitional plans around (300)**, to be paid in 2020	<b>(315) – (285)**</b>

**Outlook  
for 2020**

\* Cash flow before dividend, acquisitions, redemption bonds/other financing activities; after payment of leases

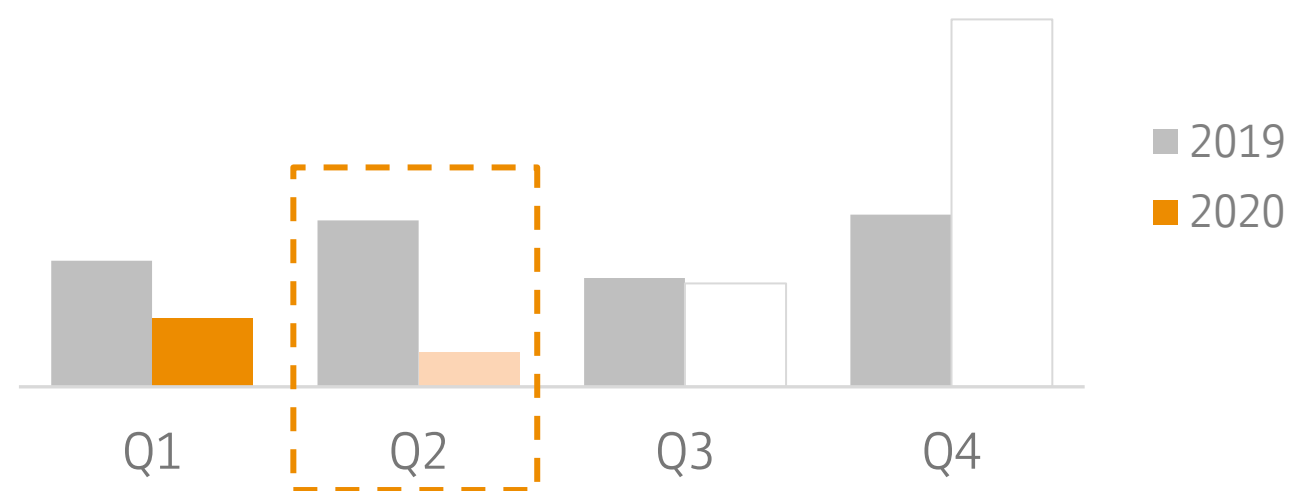
\*\* Agreement-in-principle with pension fund: maximum final payment of €290m; substantial part of the final payment will be deferred and paid in 5 instalments in 2021-2025

# Attention points for Q2 2020

Normalised EBIT FY 2020 to be largely achieved in the second half of year

## % of normalised EBIT not evenly spread over the quarters

*indicative only*



(in € million)

	2019	Q2 2019	2020 outlook
<b>Normalised EBIT</b>	135	39	<b>110 – 130</b>
<b>Free cash flow*</b>	107	7	<b>(315) – (285)</b>

- Lower (normalised) EBIT
- Phasing working capital and other cash flow drivers
- Gradual increase in capex/lease payments

## Covid-19 impact

- Strong volume decline bulk mail
- Additional volume growth Parcels
- Better price/mix
- Additional costs due to measures (partly structural) and staff absence
- International mail, parcels, Spring: structural lower volumes anticipated

## Other elements in Q2 2020

- Higher pension expense ~(6)m
- New labour regulation ~(2)m
- Small positive contribution from Sandd integration
- Continued mail volume decline and in delay cost savings
- Discontinuation of non-core activities compared with Q2 2019

## Additional

- Negative contribution of Sandd in Q4 2019 (restructuring related charges and other business effects)
- Too early to be very specific about exact phasing Q3 and Q4

# Key takeaways Q1 2020

- Fully operational and able to continue primary business activities
- Health and safety for our people, partners, clients and consumers comes first
- Comprehensive business continuity plan in place since early March
  
- Integration of Sandd ahead of plan in delivering the anticipated benefits and synergies, already accretive this quarter
- Start new depot in Belgium
- Strong liquidity position with €485m in cash at end of Q1
  
- Going forward, we see both challenges and opportunities, as e-commerce has picked up, resulting in strong volume growth in Parcels since mid-March, and consumer mail is becoming more popular
- Building on solid Q1 performance, we continue to be committed to achieve our FY 2020 outlook
- Uncertainties regarding duration and severity of Covid-19 pandemic may impact ability to achieving this result

**Solid Q1 performance and improved free cash flow**

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- Breakdown pension cash contribution and expenses

# Results by segment Q1 2020

(in € million)

	Revenue		Normalised EBIT	
	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Q1 2019	Q1 2020
Parcels	398	414	23	26
Mail in the Netherlands	392	395	16	5
PostNL Other	21	26	(9)	(15)
Intercompany	(127)	(133)		
<b>PostNL</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>

# Breakdown pension cash contribution and expenses

(in € million)

	Q1 2019		Q1 2020	
	Expenses	Cash	Expenses	Cash
Business segments	24	26	24	29
IFRS difference	6		12	
<b>PostNL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>
Interest	1		0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>36</b>	