

## 24. Trade and other accounts payable

The balance of *Trade and other accounts payable* was €3,889 million at 31 December 2022 (€3,148 million at 31 December 2021). This increase was due primarily to the increment in balances due to suppliers of the Infrastructure division driven by the rise in construction activity.

Current balances in respect of advances from customers and work certified in advance recognised at 31 December 2022 and 2021 totalled €844 and €764 million, respectively, mainly in the infrastructure division (see Note 16).

### *Average payment period to suppliers*

The information required by the second Final Provision of Spanish Law 31/2014, of 3 December, prepared in accordance with the Resolution of 29 January 2016 of the Spanish Institute of Accounting and Audit (ICAC), which refers only to Spain where this legislation is applicable, is as follows:

<i>Average payment period and payments made and outstanding at the reporting date</i>	2022	2021
	Days	Days
Average payment period to suppliers	22	28
Settled transactions ratio	20	27
Outstanding transactions ratio	43	34
(millions of euros)	Amount	Amount
Total payments made	5,446	3,527
Total payments outstanding	617	635

The Average payment period to suppliers is the period of time between the delivery of goods or provision of services by a supplier and payment of the transaction.

This average payment period is calculated by adding settled transactions times total payments made and outstanding transactions payable times total outstanding payments, and then dividing the result by the total payments made plus outstanding payments.

The settled transactions ratio is calculated as the sum of amounts paid times the number of payment days (i.e. calendar days elapsed between inception and payment of transaction), divided by the total amount of payments made.

The outstanding transactions ratio is calculated as the sum of amounts outstanding times the number of pending payment days (i.e. calendar days elapsed between inception of the payment period and the reporting date), divided by the total amount of outstanding payments.

Also, the information required by Spanish Law 18/2022, of 28 September, on enterprise creation and growth with regard to invoices paid before the end of maximum period permitted by default regulations is as follows:

	2022
Payment volume (millions of euros)	5,154
Percentage of the total value of payments to suppliers	94.65%
Number of invoices paid	404,216
Percent of total invoices paid to suppliers	80.53%