

# Q2 & HY 2020 Results

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# Our mail and parcel deliverers provide a vital service to society



## Health and safety for our people and consumers come first

- Proud of our people who made it possible to demonstrate strength of business model under challenging circumstances
- Comprehensive set of measures taken across our business to ensure and safeguard health and safety of our people, partners and customers
  - including contact-free delivery, adjustment of processes and additional hygiene measures
- Sick leave levels among staff in Q2 decreased gradually compared to March 2020 peak, now back to pre-Covid-19 level
- Office-based people predominantly working from home; this accelerated roll-out of digital home-office tools

Comprehensive business continuity plan in place since early March

# Key takeaways Q2 & HY 2020



- Strong performance, driven by volume growth at Parcels
- FY 2020 normalised EBIT expected to be strongly above initially guided €110m - €130m, strong improvement free cash flow



- Normalised EBIT up 38% to €54m in Q2
- Free cash flow Q2 up €86m to €93m



- Scaled up capacity at Parcels within flexible infrastructure by 40% through March and April
- Investments of around €150m (2020-2022) for further expansion Parcels on track
- Realisation of anticipated benefits and synergies of combined mail network ahead of plan



- Progress towards emission-free last-mile delivery in Benelux in 2030
  - Start to replace petrol scooters with electric three-wheel scooters

Strength of business model under challenging circumstances demonstrated

# Key financials and highlights Q2 2020

PostNL reports strong performance

	Revenue	Normalised EBIT	Free cash flow	Outlook normalised EBIT FY 2020
<b>Q2 2020</b>	<b>€789m</b>	<b>€54m</b>	<b>€93m</b>	<b>strongly above €110m - €130m*</b>
Q2 2019	€681m	€39m	€7m	

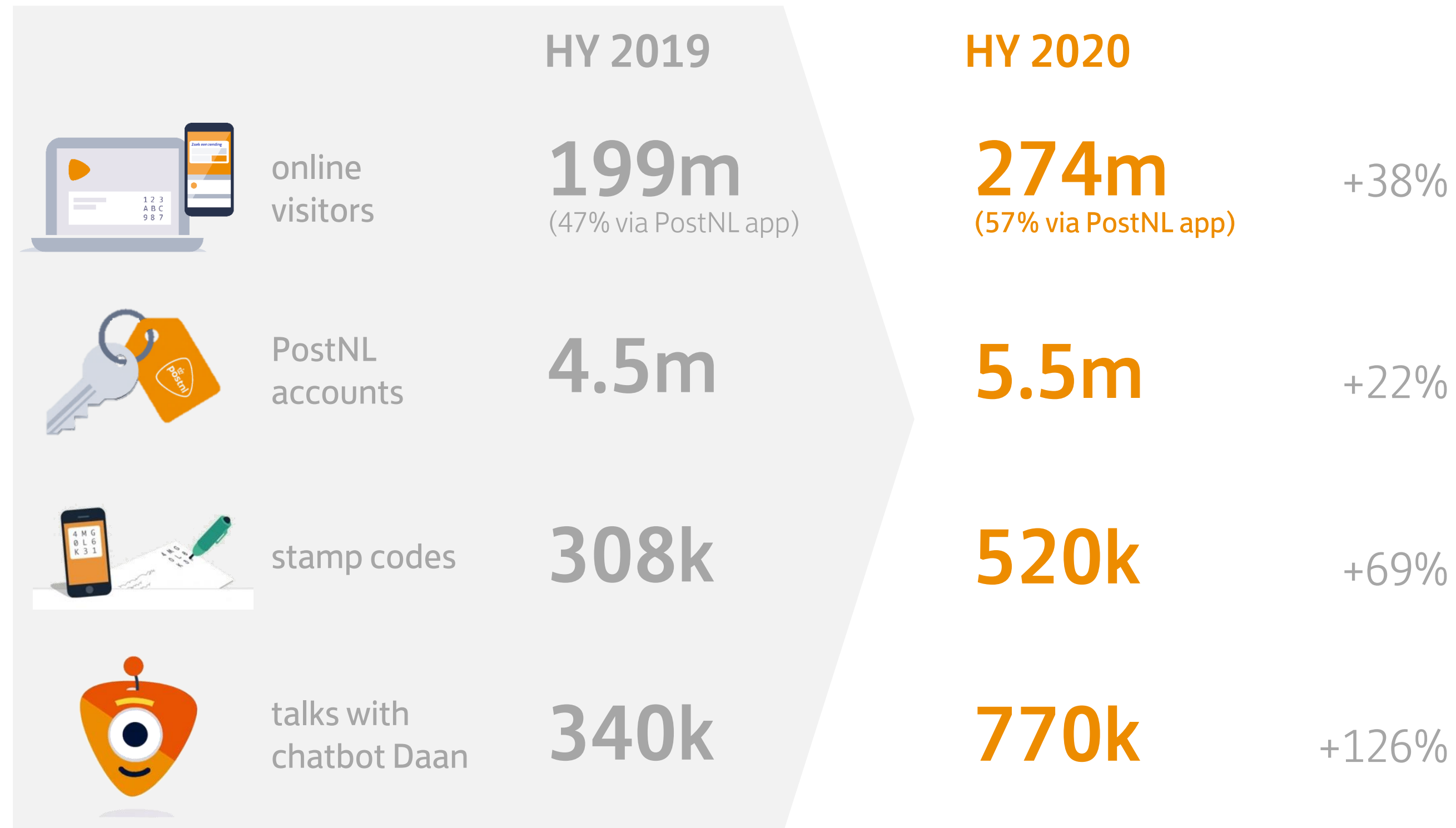
## Highlights Q2 2020

- Strong volume growth at Parcels boosted result
  - Almost optimum utilisation of capacity
  - Positive price/mix effect
  - Significant improvements in operational efficiency
- Combined mail network ahead of plan in realisation of anticipated benefits and synergies
- Additional mail volume decline and favourable price/mix development in Mail in the Netherlands due to Covid-19
- Strong development free cash flow due to working capital management and phasing over quarters
- Normalised EBIT in Q2 2020 includes €(9) million impact, as indicated before, from new labour regulation (mainly in Parcels) and higher non-cash pension expenses (PostNL Other)

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

# Growing importance of digitalisation

Acceleration of transition to online contacts due to Covid-19



Extra investments in digitalisation and innovation

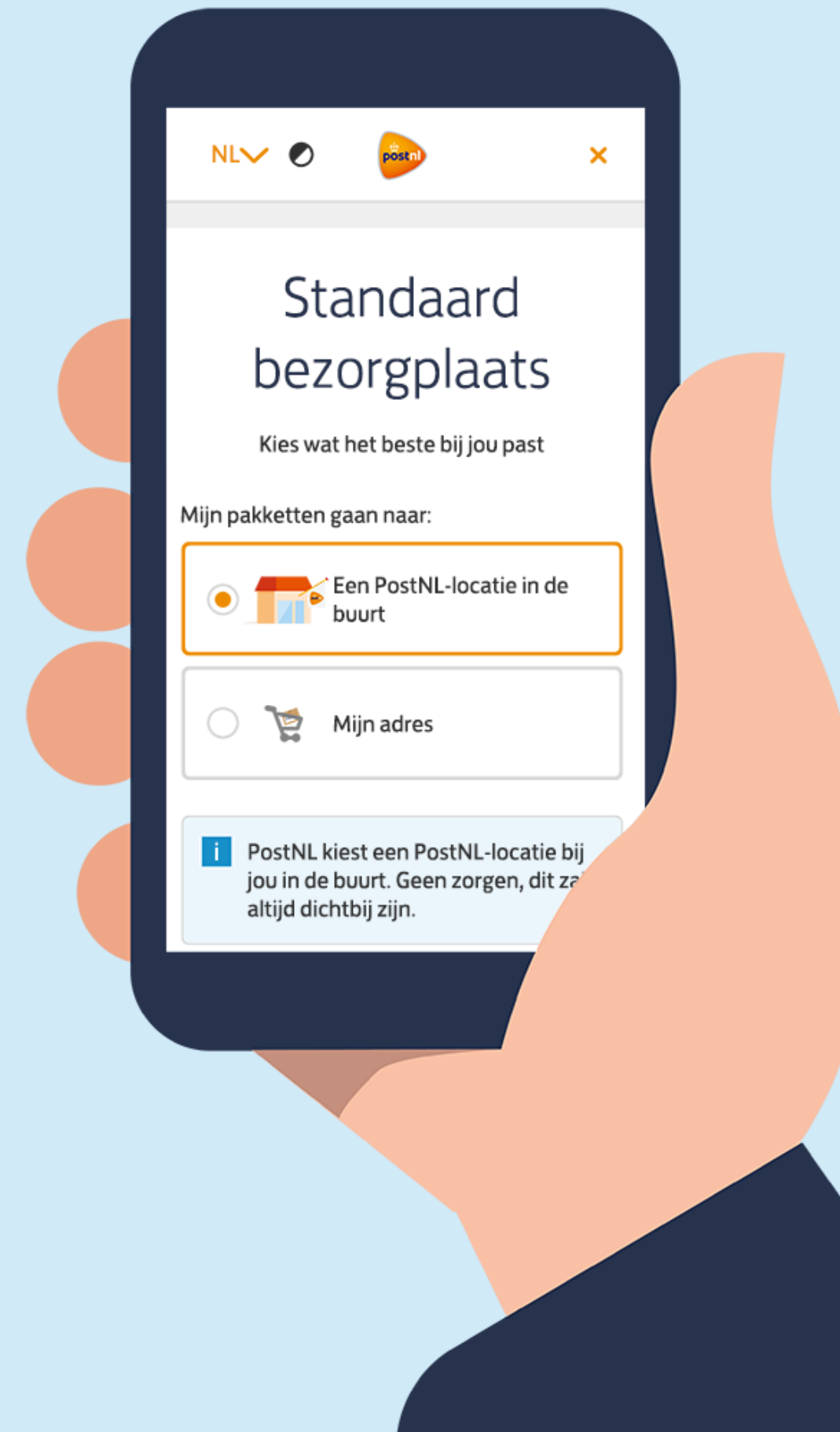


# E-fact: Extra investments in digitalisation

Serve customer needs and improve efficiency

## Improve customer journey

- Pilot standard retail location as delivery address
  - Meet consumer demand
  - More efficient delivery process





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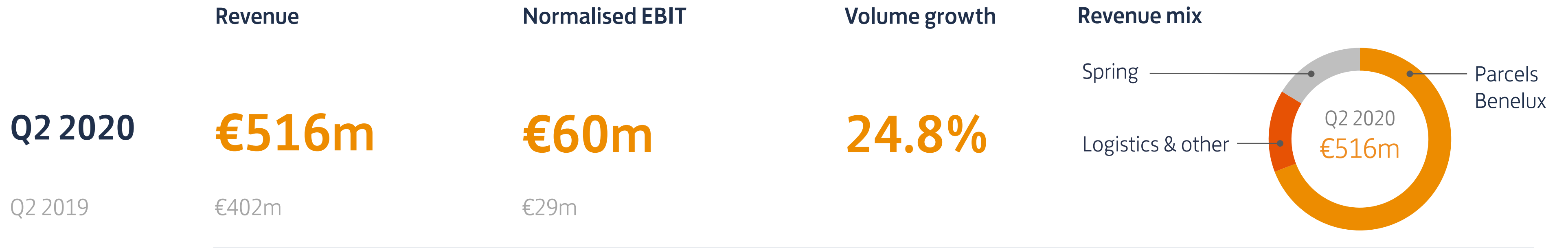
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# Parcels: Volume growth boosted normalised EBIT in extraordinary quarter



## Strong revenue growth

- Covid-19 crisis resulted in pick-up in e-commerce growth
  - Acceleration of transition to online
  - More first-time buyers online and share of existing medium and heavy online shoppers increased
  - Part of growth related to specific, non-recurring, consumer spending
- Visible across almost all segments and products, especially growth amongst small and mid-sized webshops
- Positive impact yield measures (including improved pricing)
- Very strong revenue growth in Spring (Asia and Europe) related to e-commerce growth

## Almost optimum utilisation of capacity

- Scaled up capacity by 40% through March and April
- Significant improvements in operational efficiency mainly due to more equal flow across the week
- Improving business performance at both Logistics and Spring

# Parcels: Better balance between volume and capacity

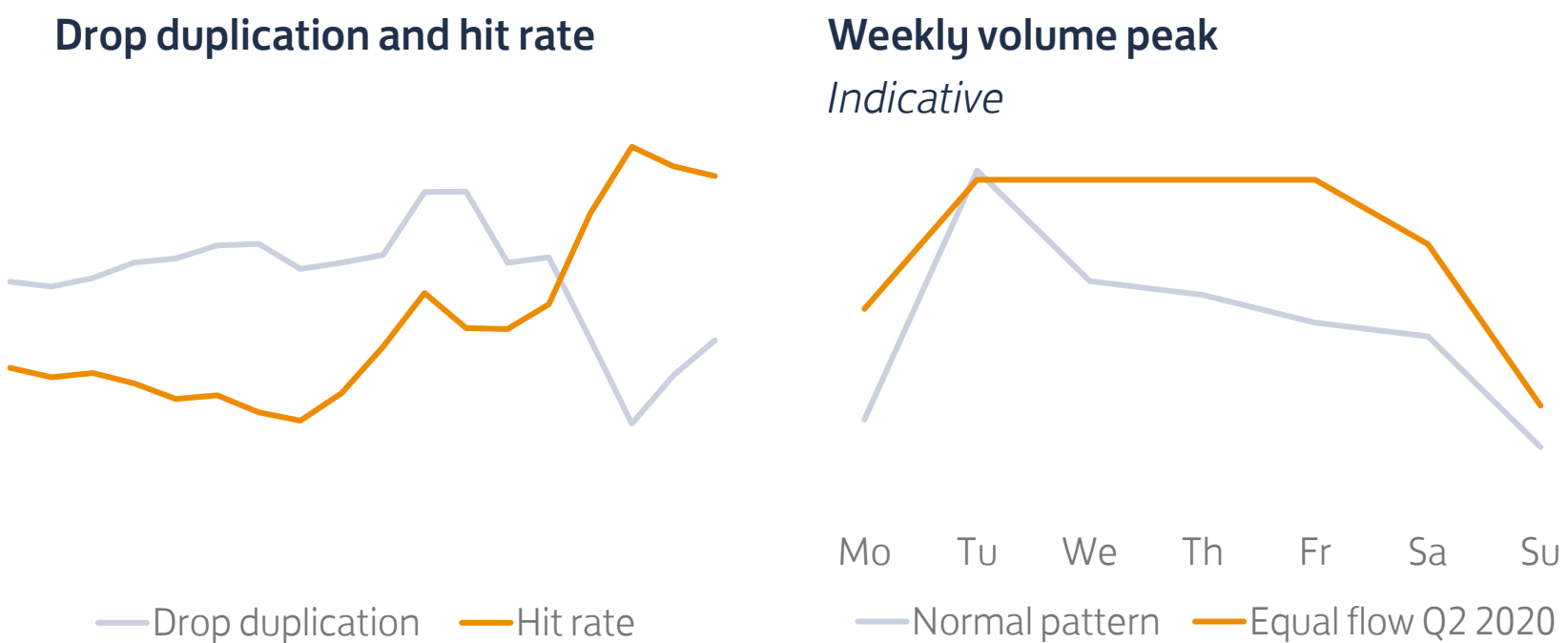
Investments in capacity around €150m 2020-2022

## Significant improvement in yield management and operational efficiency

- Yield management measures including improved pricing
- Better peak balancing of volumes; more equal flow
- Improved hit rate because people working at home more
- Lower drop duplication due to less deliveries 2B

## Further investments in infrastructure

- Scaled up capacity by 40% through March and April
- New cross-dock location in Zaltbommel
- Innovative sorting centre for small parcels on track for opening in 2021
- Opening new depots (Belgium and the Netherlands) in 2021
- Additional joint fulfilment centre with bol.com in 2021
- Further expansion of retail network and introduction self service proposition



Yield management, operational measures and flexible network support business performance

# Mail in the Netherlands: Result impacted by additional volume decline related to Covid-19

	Revenue	Normalised EBIT	Net contribution of Sandd in normalised EBIT	Addressed mail volume decline
<b>Q2 2020</b>	<b>€393m</b>	<b>€5m</b>	<b>€15m</b>	<b>16.2%*</b>
Q2 2019	€380m	€17m		

## Covid-19 crisis resulted in additional volume decline

- Volume decline 16.2%\*, with some recovery visible in June
  - Additional substitution due to Covid-19 (around 5%): more greetings cards, but lower direct mail activity
  - Limited impact from competition
  - Impact of elections in 2019 (1.9%)

## Performance marked by additional volume decline, price increases and the combination of mail networks

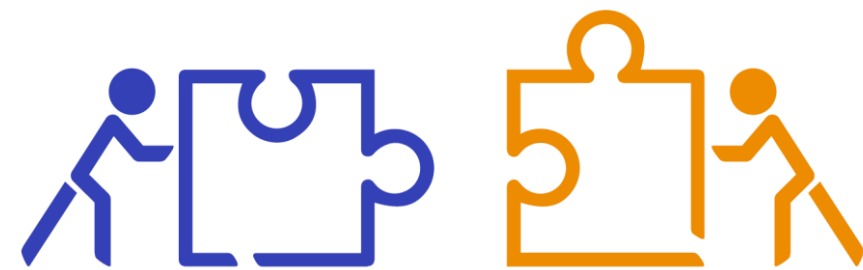
- Impact annual price increases based on moderate pricing policy
- Some additional costs (high absence level and social distancing / health measures) related to Covid-19
- Realisation of anticipated benefits and synergies of combined mail network ahead of plan: €15 million in Q2
- Sale of PCS and Spotta, and discontinued distribution of unaddressed mail

\* Adjusted volume decline (two working days less): 15.0%; starting point for volume decline: 2019 pro forma volume including Sandd volumes

# Combination of mail networks

Keeping mail delivery accessible, reliable and affordable in increasingly digitalising environment

## Integrated networks of PostNL and Sandd



- Consolidation on 22 October 2019

Secure sustainable and more stable mail business



- Networks fully integrated as of 1 February
- Physical infrastructure of Sandd closed down:
  - vehicles sold
  - mail boxes and other branded equipment removed
  - buildings no longer in use
- Further integration costs in HY2 2020 very limited

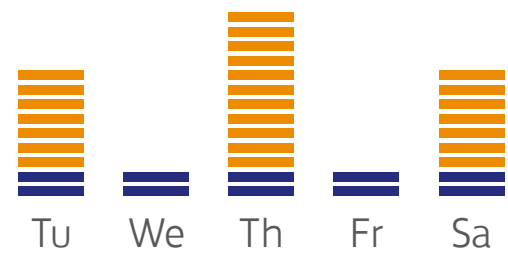
### Related attention points

- Agreement with union FNV for compensation former Sandd mail deliverers
- Dutch government and PostNL have appealed court decision that annulled earlier approval granted for consolidation

**Ahead of plan in delivering anticipated benefits and synergies – run-rate €50m - €60m as of 2022**

# Further implementation cost savings projects in 2020-2021

Former business model



## New mail route

- Optimising sorting and automation processes and delivery routes for 30% step-up in volume
- Expansion of routes
- Larger contracts for mail deliverers
- More e-bikes and other electrical transport resources – implementation started, 35 locations to be equipped for electrical transportation resources in 2021
- Results pilot lead to adjustments in design

New mail route



- Overhead reduction in line with earlier plans



- Centralisation locations to align network with declining mail volume
  - Some delay due to additional measures taken to apply social distancing guidelines in operations and facilities
  - 10 migrations of locations scheduled for 2021

Some delay due to measures taken to apply social distancing guidelines in operations and facilities






# E-fact: Towards emission-free last-mile delivery in Benelux

## Fully implemented by mid-2021

- 600 professional electric three-wheel scooters to replace all 1,000 petrol scooters by 2021
- Direct contribution to sustainability targets: save 657 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually
- Essential part of next phase 'New Mail Route': longer routes to improve efficiency in our distribution process



# Outlook FY 2020

		Volume development 2020	
		HY1	HY2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volume growth at Parcels expected to continue at more moderate pace than in Q2</li><li>• Our capacity will be scaled up further to accommodate higher volumes towards the second half of the year</li></ul>	14.1%	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Higher pace of substitution mail volumes due to Covid-19 expected to slow down</li><li>• Successful combination of mail networks</li><li>• Some delay in cost savings initiatives</li></ul>	-14.4%	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FY 2020 normalised EBIT expected to be strongly above €110m - €130m</li><li>• Strong improvement in free cash flow</li><li>• Uncertainties around the global impact of Covid-19 seem to increase</li></ul>		

Confidence in ability to deliver very solid FY 2020 performance



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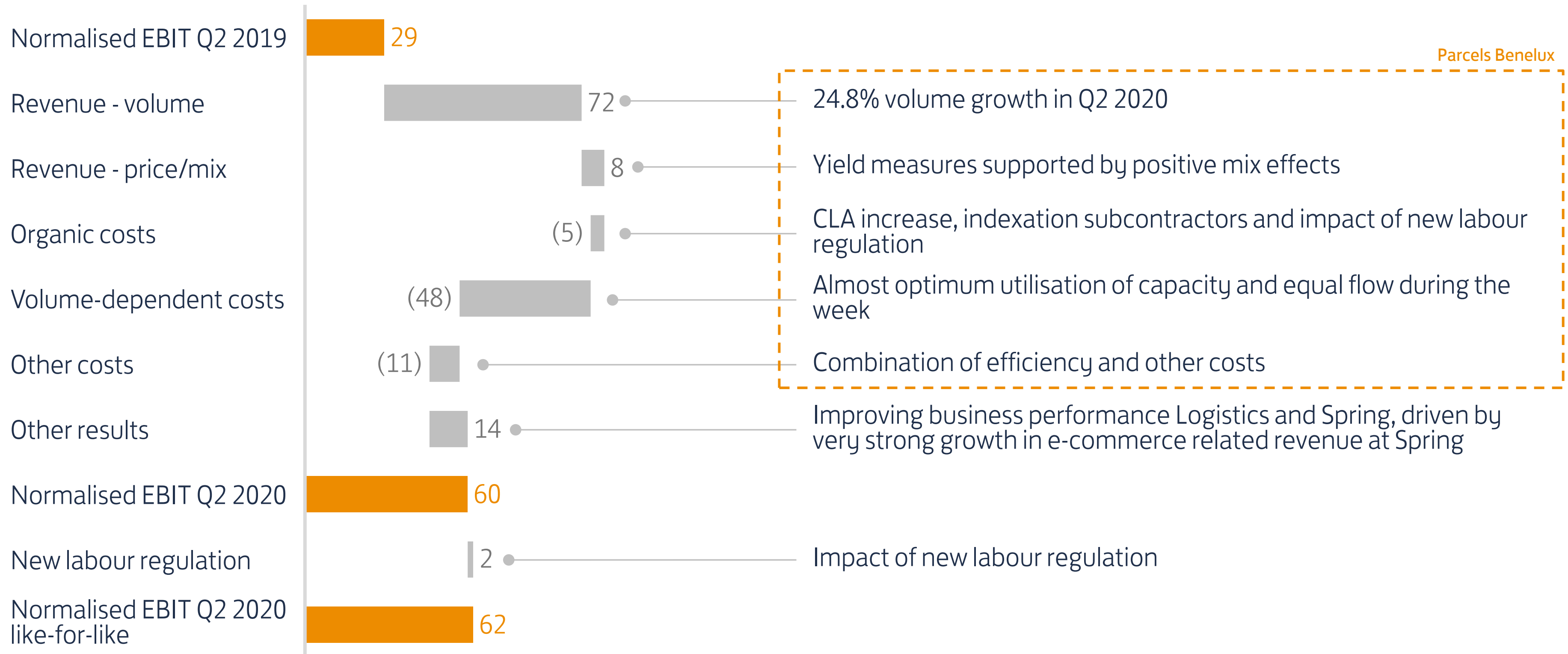
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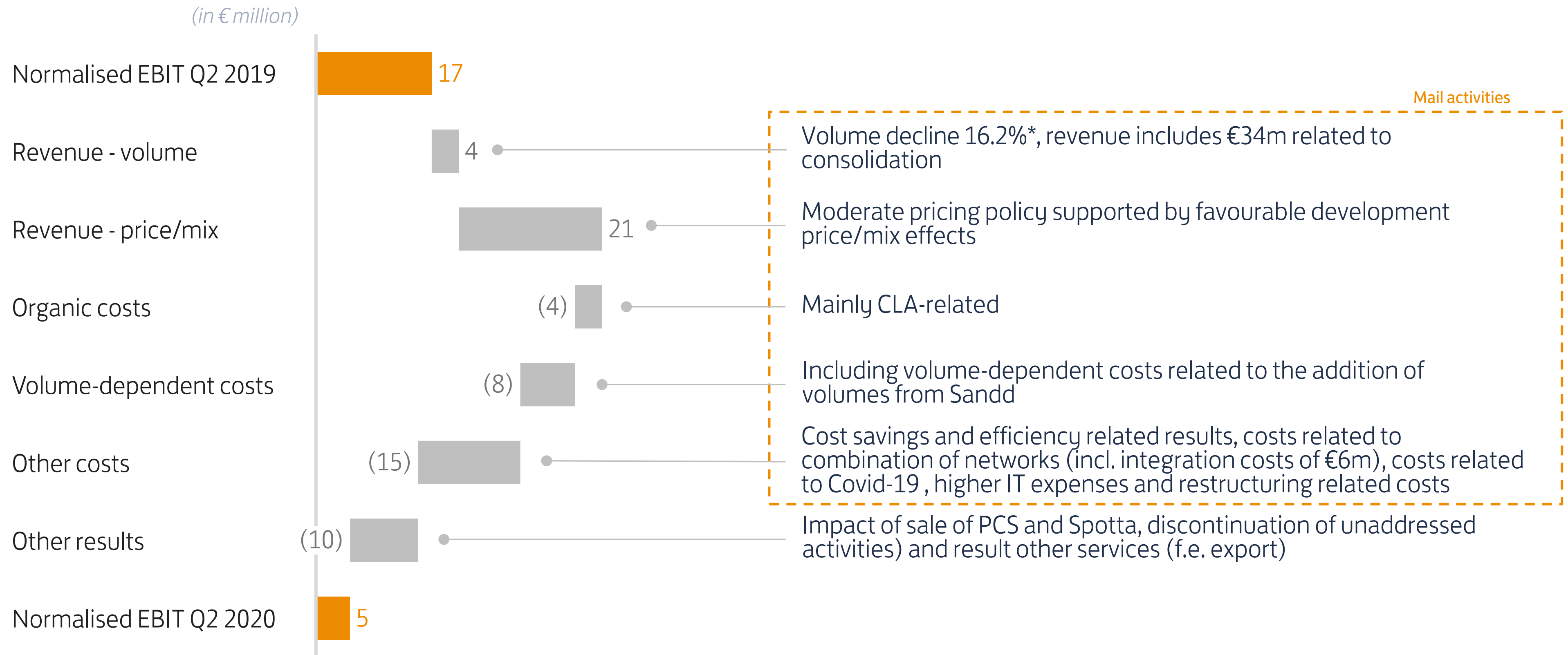
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# Parcels: Normalised EBIT up €31m

(in € million)



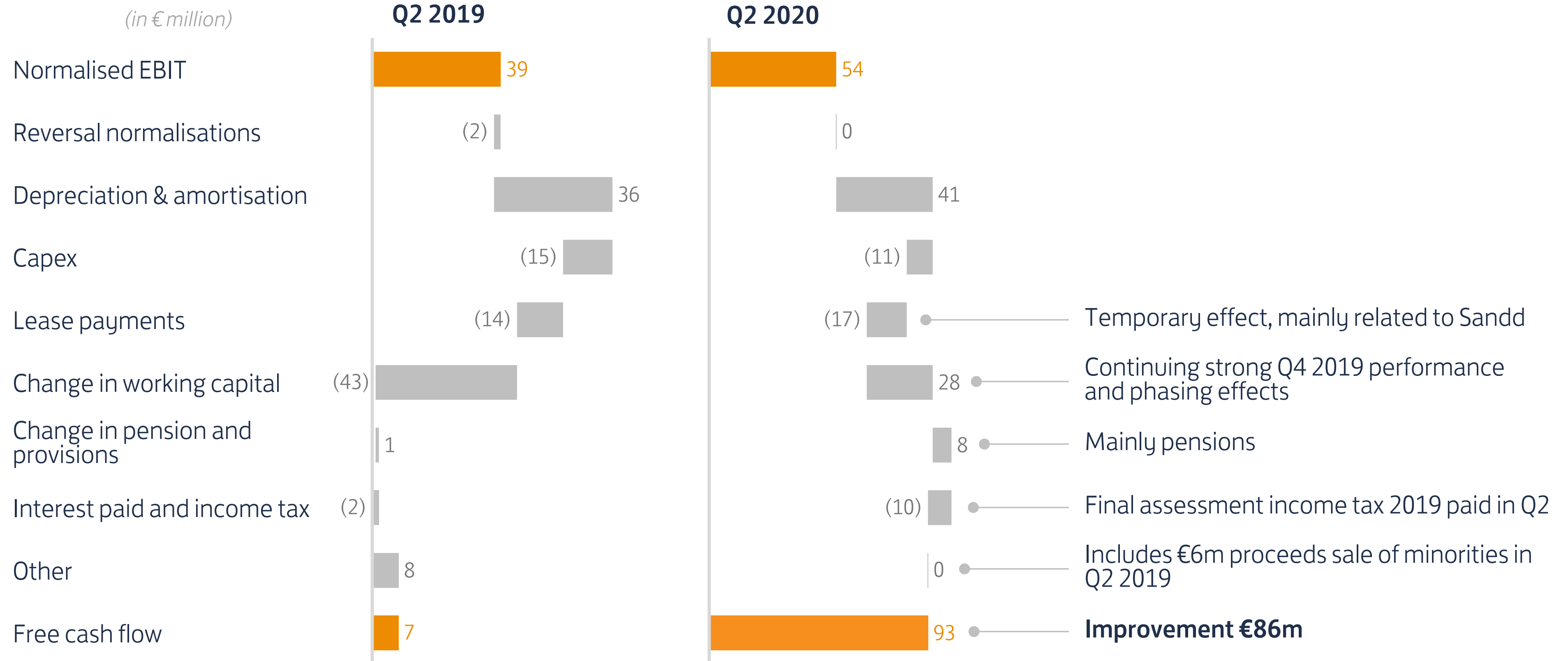
# Mail in the Netherlands: Normalised EBIT development impacted by Covid-19



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

# Generation of free cash flow in Q2 2020

€86m improvement compared to Q2 2019



# Pension developments

Coverage ratio (12-month average) pension fund at 105.7% as at 30 June 2020

(in € million)	2019	YE 2020	HY 2020
Provision for pension liabilities	283		278
Pension expense (P&L)	119	~145	73
Regular pension cash contribution	111	~115	53

Based on final agreement with pension fund

- Final payment transitional plans capped at €290m (was: €300m)
- Around €85m of this 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

- Pension expense up ~€25m in 2020 as indicated before, visible in normalised EBIT (€(7)m in Q2 2020)
- Impact on equity mitigated by effect in OCI (€(3)m in Q2 2020, mainly phasing)
- Expected impact on cash contributions is limited
- Actual coverage ratio June 2020 is 102.5%; taking into account resilience of pension fund, no top-up payment obligation is expected

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

# Consolidated statement of financial position

Adjusted net debt position end of Q2 2020: €614m

<i>(in € million)</i>	27 Jun 2020		27 Jun 2020
Intangible fixed assets	353	<i>Consolidated equity</i>	28
Property, plant and equipment	398	<i>Non-controlling interests</i>	2
Right-of-use assets	239	Total equity	31
Other non-current assets	99	Pension liabilities	278
Other current assets	444	Long-term debt	695
Cash	573	Long-term lease liabilities	189
Assets classified as held for sale	70	Other non-current liabilities	28
		Short-term lease liabilities	59
		Other current liabilities	813
		Liabilities related to assets classified as held for sale	82
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>Total equity &amp; liabilities</b>	<b>2,176</b>

- Adjusted net debt is €614m; 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 Q2 2020: €37m (Q2 2019: €(5)m)

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# Attention points development normalised EBIT for HY2 2020

## Covid-19 impact

- Volume growth Parcels to continue at more moderate pace than in Q2; more fluctuation in flow during week
- Higher pace of substitution mail volumes due to Covid-19 expected to slow down in HY2
- Better price/mix expected, but effect in HY2 not as visible as in HY1
- Limited additional costs due to measures and staff absence
- Some delay in cost savings initiatives
- Lower result anticipated international mail

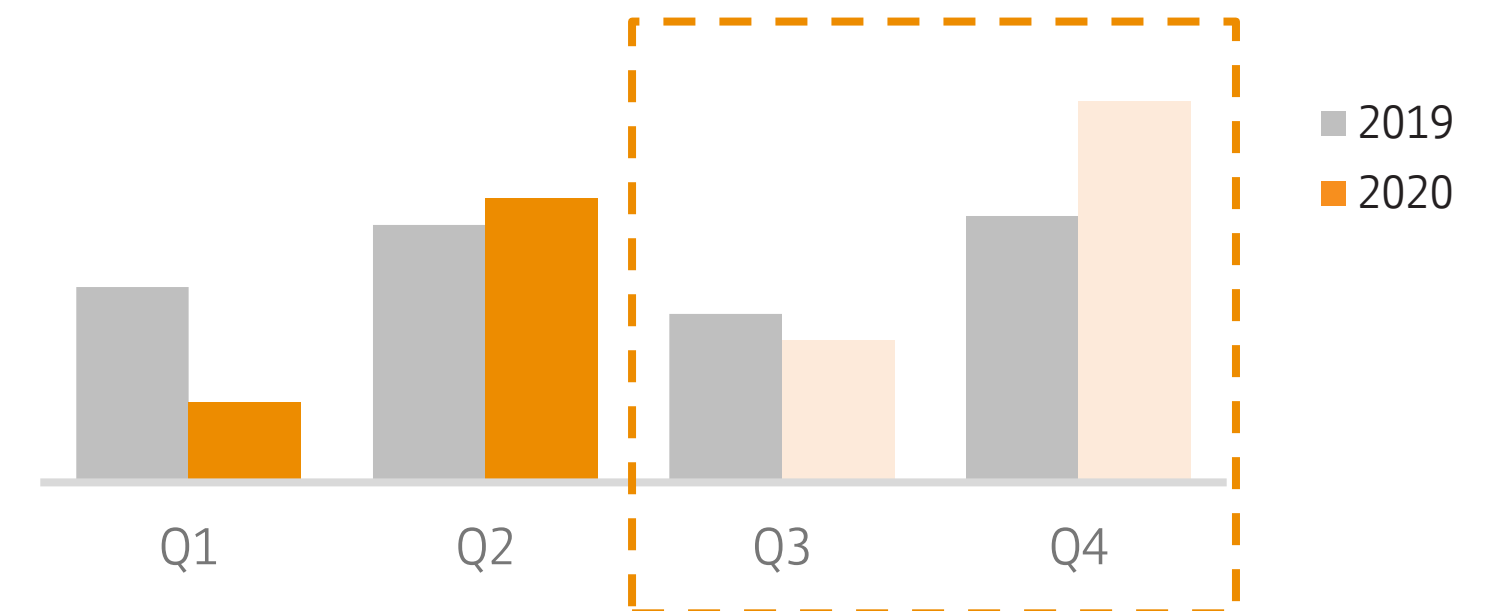
## Other elements in HY2 2020

- Higher pension expense ~€(6)m per quarter in PostNL Other
- New labour regulation ~€(2)m per quarter mainly in Parcels
- Positive contribution from combination of networks and continued substitution in mail; delay in cost savings due to integrated networks
- Discontinuation of non-core activities compared with HY2 2019

## Additional remarks

- Negative contribution of consolidation of Sandd in Q4 2019 (restructuring-related charges and other business effects)

% of normalised EBIT not evenly spread over the quarters  
*indicative only*



Uncertainties regarding duration and severity of Covid-19 pandemic may impact results



# Outlook for 2020

Visibility for second half of the year remains limited

<i>(in € million)</i>	Initial outlook FY 2020 (24 Feb 2020)	Outlook FY 2020 agreement transitional plans (2 June 2020)	Outlook FY 2020 trading update (17 June 2020)	Outlook FY 2020 (3 August 2020)
Normalised EBIT	110 – 130	110 – 130	strongly above 110 – 130	strongly above 110 – 130
Free cash flow *	(315) – (285)	(215) – (185)	better than (215) – (185)	strong improvement compared to (215) – (185)

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

- FY 2020 normalised EBIT to come in strongly above initial guided range of between €110m and €130m
- Free cash flow for FY 2020 is expected to show strong improvement
  - Around €100m related to final agreement on determination and conditions final payment transitional plans
  - Further upside is anticipated as improvement in normalised EBIT above initially guided range will convert into cash
  - Working capital investments should be lower than anticipated due to strict working capital management, more than offsetting effect from higher revenue; strong performance in HY 2020 includes phasing effects

**Confidence in ability to deliver very solid FY performance**



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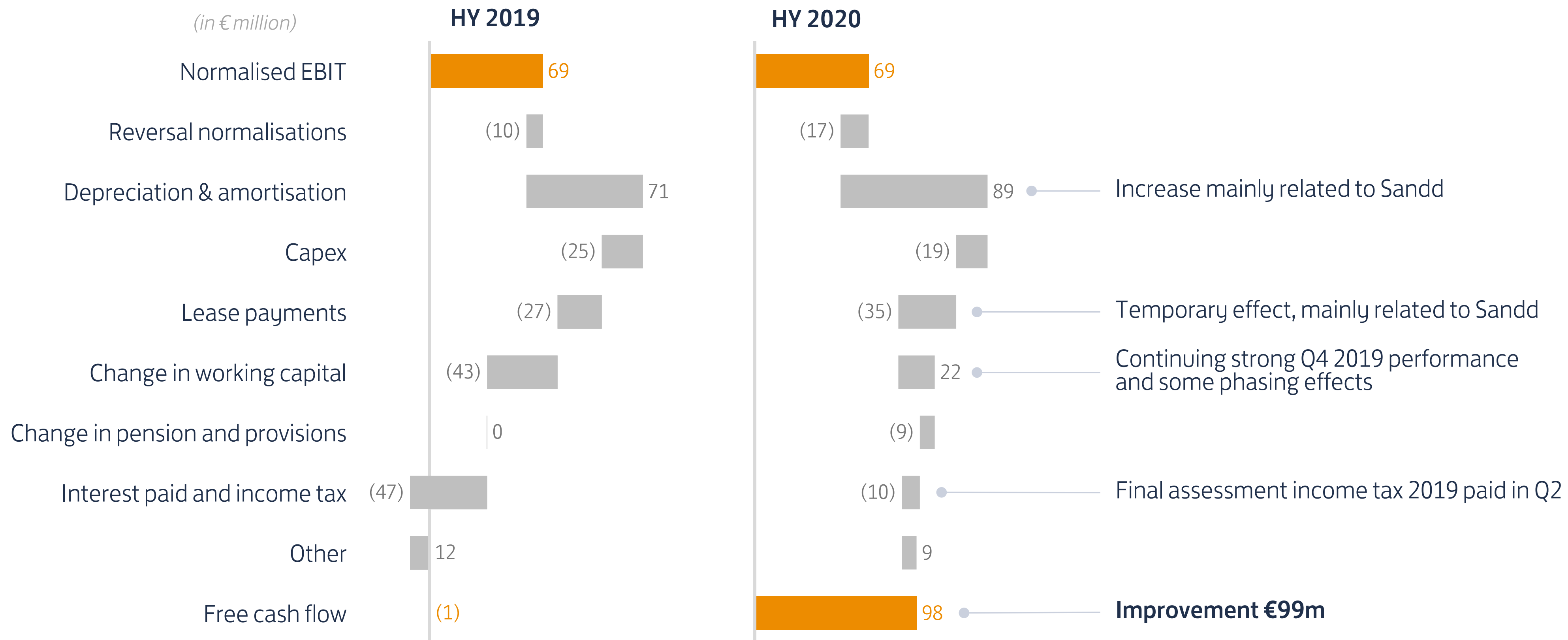
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- Results by segment Q2 2020
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- Breakdown pension cash contribution and expenses
- Adjusted net debt

# Generation of free cash flow in HY 2020



# Results by segment Q2 2020

(in € million)

	Revenue		Normalised EBIT	
	Q2 2019	Q2 2020	Q2 2019	Q2 2020
Parcels	402	516	29	60
Mail in the Netherlands	380	393	17	5
PostNL Other	19	26	(7)	(11)
Intercompany	(120)	(146)		
<b>PostNL</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>54</b>

Normalised EBIT in Q2 2020 includes €(9) million impact, as indicated before, from new labour regulation (mainly in Parcels) and higher non-cash pension expenses (PostNL Other)

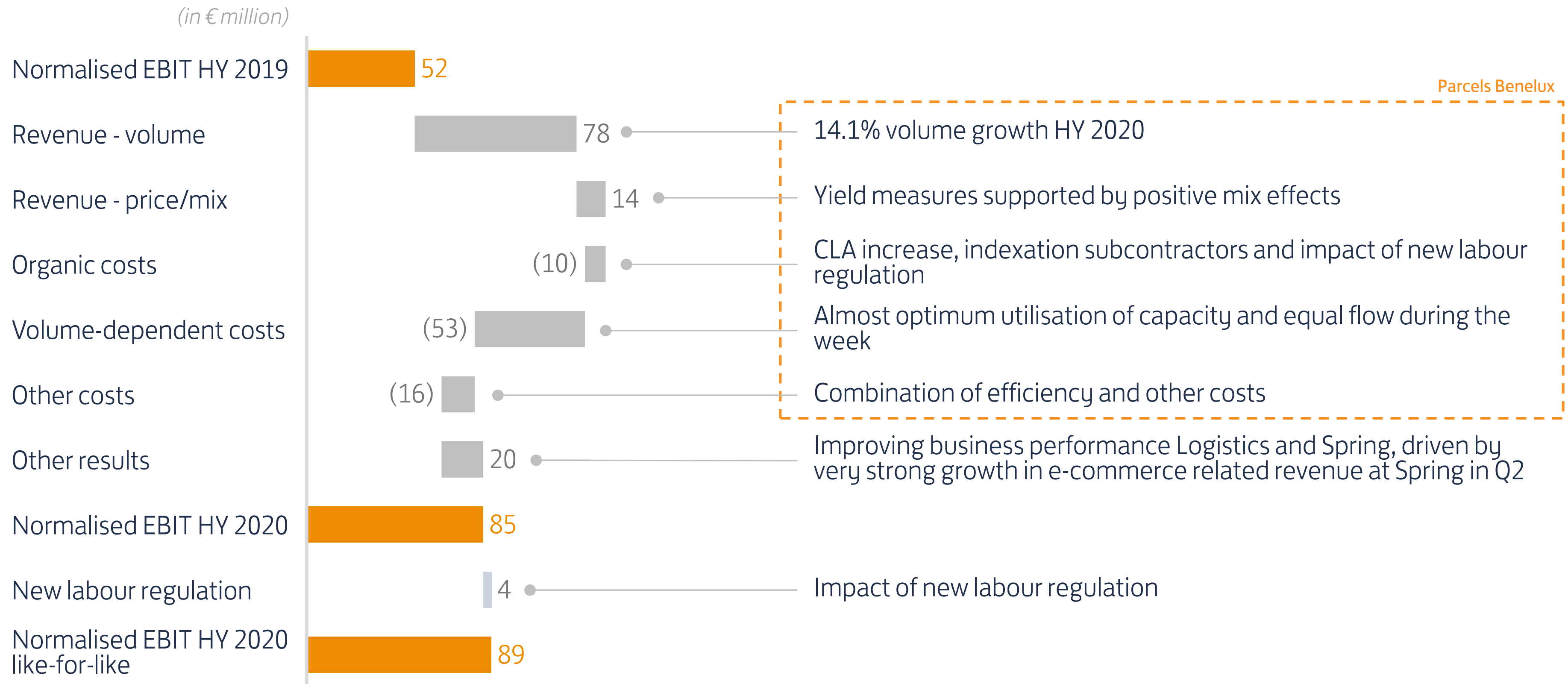
# Results by segment YTD 2020

(in € million)

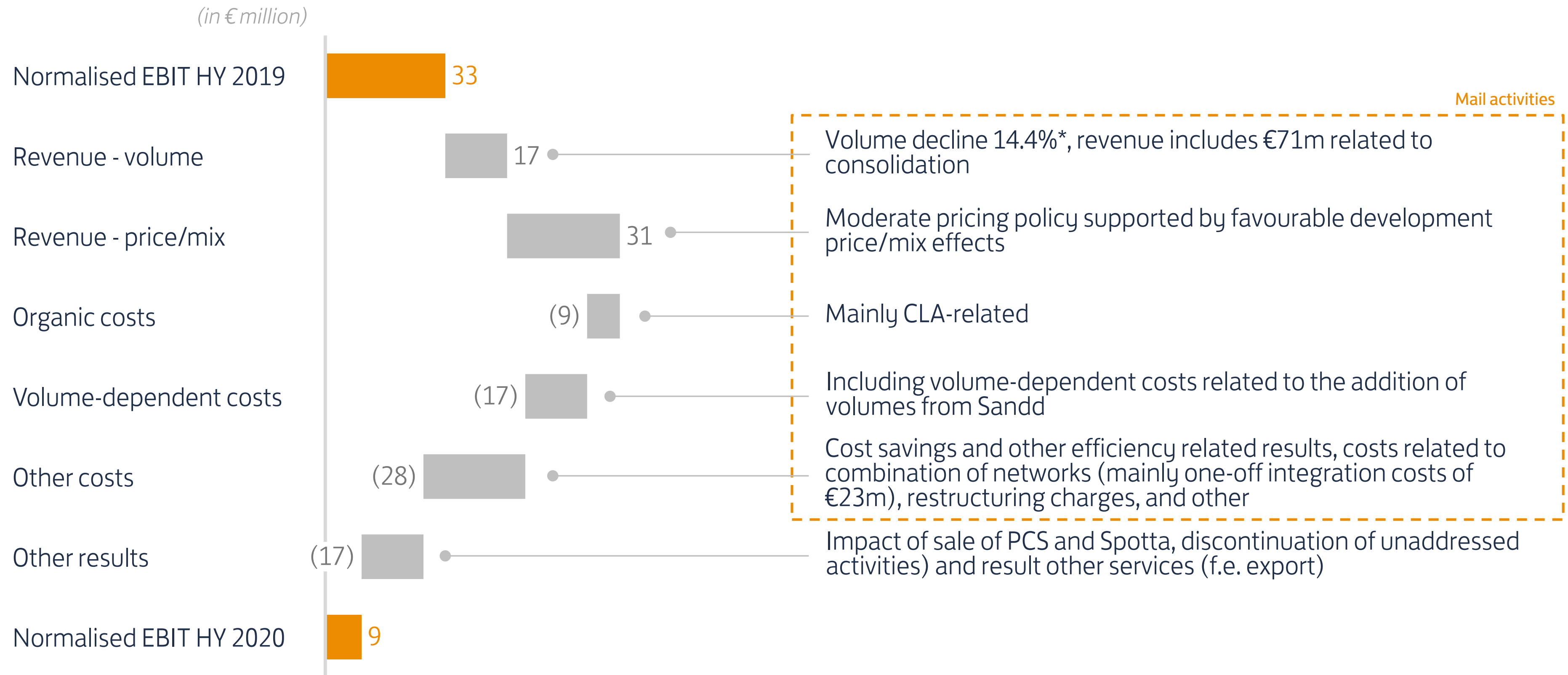
	Revenue		Normalised EBIT	
	HY 2019	HY 2020	HY 2019	HY 2020
Parcels	800	930	52	85
Mail in the Netherlands	772	788	33	9
PostNL Other	40	51	(16)	(26)
Intercompany	(247)	(279)		
<b>PostNL</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>

Normalised EBIT in HY 2020 includes €(17) million impact, as indicated before, from new labour regulation (mainly in Parcels) and higher non-cash pension expenses (PostNL Other)

# Parcels: normalised EBIT up €33 million



# Mail in the Netherlands: normalised EBIT development impacted by Covid-19



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



# Breakdown pension cash contribution and expenses

(in € million)

	Q2 2019		Q2 2020	
	Expenses	Cash	Expenses	Cash
Business segments	25	27	25	24
IFRS difference	5		12	
PostNL	30	27	37	24
Interest	2		0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>		<b>38</b>	

# Adjusted net debt

*(in € million)*

	31 Dec 2019	27 Jun 2020
Short- and long-term debt	696	695
Long-term interest-bearing assets	(6)	(6)
Cash and cash equivalents	(480)	(573)
<b>Net debt</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>116</b>
Pension liabilities	283	278
Lease liabilities (on balance)	264	249
Lease liabilities (off balance)	51	45
Deferred tax assets on pension and operational lease liabilities	(72)	(73)
<b>Adjusted net debt</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>614</b>