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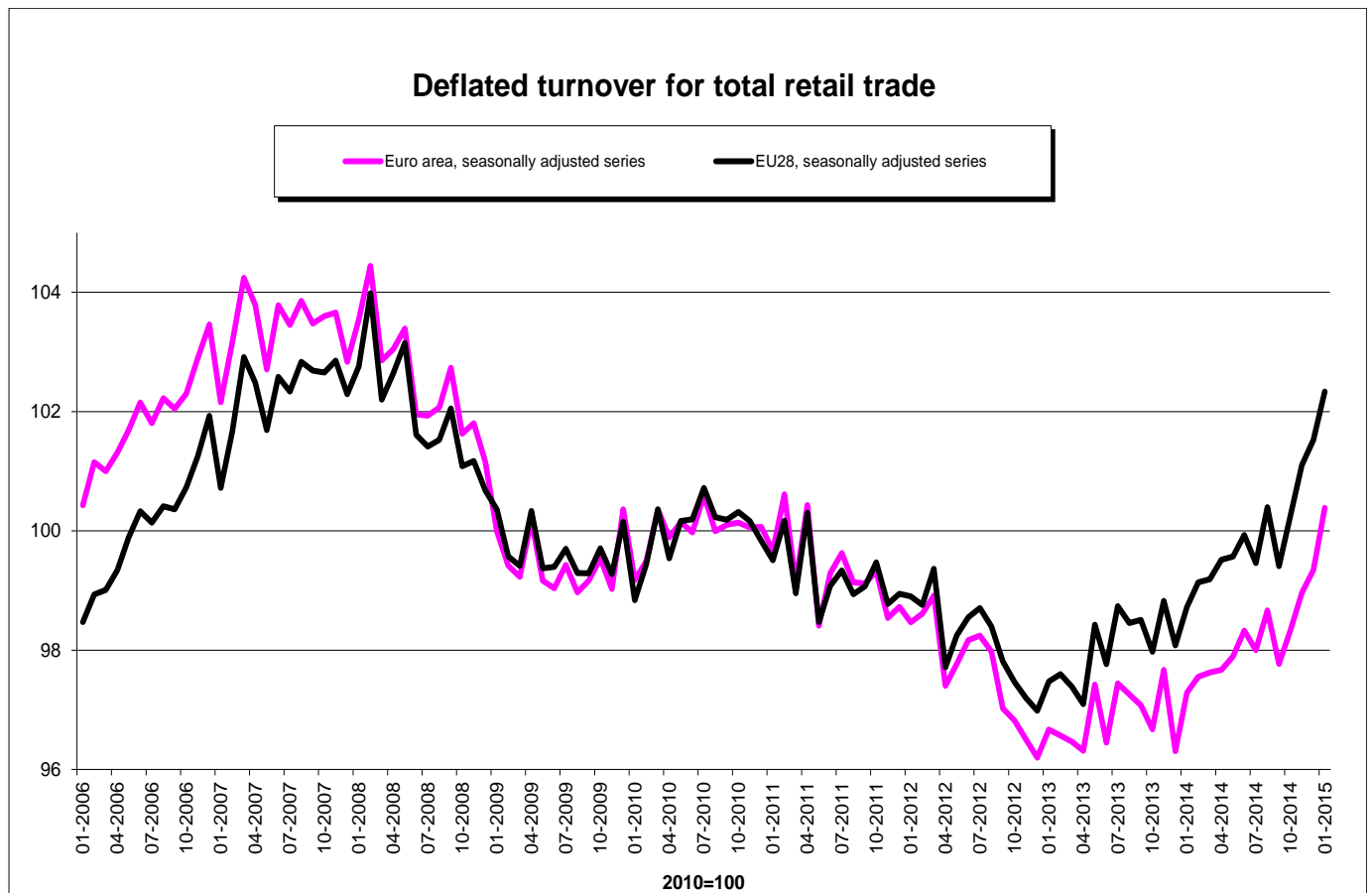
January 2015 compared with December 2014

Volume of retail trade up by 1.1% in euro area

Up by 0.8% in EU28

In January 2015 compared with December 2014, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade¹ rose by 1.1% in the **euro area**² (EA19) and by 0.8% in the **EU28**², according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In December³ retail trade rose by 0.4% in both zones.

In January 2015 compared with January 2014⁴ the retail sales index increased by 3.7% in the **euro area** and by 4.0% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 1.1% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in January 2015, compared with December 2014, is due to rises of 3.2% for automotive fuel, of 1.2% for the non-food sector and of 1.0% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”. In the **EU28**, the 0.8% increase in retail trade is due to rises of 2.9% for automotive fuel, of 0.8% for the non-food sector and of 0.6% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were registered in **Portugal** (+6.8%), **Poland** (+3.1%), **Germany** (+2.9%) and **Slovenia** (+2.4%), while decreases were observed in the **United Kingdom** (-0.9%), **Lithuania** (-0.5%), **Bulgaria** and **Ireland** (both -0.1%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 3.7% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in January 2015, compared with January 2014, is due to rises of 6.1% for automotive fuel, of 5.0% for the non-food sector and of 2.2% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”. In the **EU28**, the 4.0% increase in retail trade is due to rises of 5.6% for automotive fuel, of 5.4% for the non-food sector and of 2.4% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were observed in **Luxembourg** (+10.7%), **Hungary** (+8.2%), **Poland** (+7.5%) and **Romania** (+7.3%), while the only decreases were observed in **Finland** (-1.2%) and **Belgium** (-0.3%).




1. The index of the volume of retail trade measures the evolution of the turnover in retail trade, adjusted for price changes (deflated), i.e. the evolution of the total amount of goods sold, based on data adjusted for working day and seasonal effects. Seasonally adjusted euro area and EU series are calculated by aggregating the seasonally adjusted national data. Eurostat carries out the seasonal adjustment of the data for those countries that do not adjust their data for seasonal effects. Missing observations from Member States for recent months are estimated for the calculation of the euro area and the EU. The weights of the Member States in the EU and euro area aggregates can be found at: <https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/5e6d1e48-056c-4c6a-8278-3ab138bcf575>
See file: EU-28_EA-19_NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2010
More detailed data can be found in the short-term business statistics database on the Eurostat website: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/data/database>
More information about the index of retail trade can be found in Statistics Explained: http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Retail_trade_volume_index_overview
2. The euro area (EA19) includes Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.
The European Union (EU28) includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
The tables also include Norway and Switzerland.
3. Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release 23/2015 of 4 February 2015. The monthly percentage change for December 2014 has been revised from +0.3% to +0.4% in both euro area and EU28. The annual percentage changes have been revised from +2.8% to +3.1% in the euro area and from +3.2% to +3.4% in the EU28.
4. Based on data adjusted for working days.

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Volume of retail trade
% change compared with the previous month*

	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.7	-0.9	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.2	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.0	-1.7	0.9	1.2	0.2	1.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	4.6	-7.8	2.0	2.3	0.0	:
Electrical goods and furniture	1.0	-1.0	0.6	1.1	-0.3	:
Computer equipment, books and other	1.0	0.0	0.7	0.2	-0.1	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.1	-0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	:
Mail orders and internet	1.8	-7.6	3.0	6.6	2.6	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.9	-0.2	0.5	0.4	1.9	3.2
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.9	-1.0	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.6
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.7	-2.0	1.3	1.5	0.1	0.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	4.4	-7.5	2.2	2.5	-0.2	:
Electrical goods and furniture	1.7	-1.0	0.8	1.6	-1.1	:
Computer equipment, books and other	2.5	-1.7	2.5	0.3	1.3	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.2	:
Mail orders and internet	1.6	-3.5	1.6	5.6	1.5	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.9	-0.4	0.4	0.5	1.9	2.9

Total retail trade	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15
EA19	0.7	-0.9	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.1
EA18	0.7	-0.9	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.1
EU28	0.9	-1.0	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.8
Belgium	0.3	-1.3	1.2	-0.4	0.6	0.0
Bulgaria	0.5	0.6	-0.1	0.0	1.4	-0.1
Czech Republic	1.5	-0.3	1.2	0.2	1.1	c
Denmark	1.3	-1.4	1.1	1.4	-1.4	0.5
Germany	0.7	-1.7	2.0	0.5	0.6	2.9
Estonia	0.4	0.5	0.4	2.5	-1.2	0.3
Ireland	-0.2	-0.1	1.1	0.5	1.7	-0.1
Greece	1.9	-1.6	0.9	-1.0	-1.3	c
Spain	c	c	c	c	c	c
France	1.0	-0.9	-0.1	1.1	0.4	0.1
Croatia	1.8	0.5	-1.0	1.3	-0.3	c
Italy	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	c
Cyprus	-0.3	-1.3	-0.8	0.6	c	c
Latvia	-0.4	-0.3	1.5	1.3	-1.3	1.7
Lithuania	-0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.6	-0.5
Luxembourg	0.6	0.8	-0.3	3.1	0.8	1.3
Hungary	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.3
Malta	0.1	0.5	-0.5	1.3	-0.6	0.7
Netherlands	0.5	-1.0	0.9	0.8	0.3	c
Austria	1.0	0.4	-1.4	-0.2	1.3	0.8
Poland	0.8	-1.4	1.5	1.4	0.3	3.1
Portugal	2.2	-2.4	-1.8	2.1	-3.2	6.8
Romania	0.2	-0.4	0.5	2.3	0.4	1.6
Slovenia	0.2	0.8	-2.3	0.2	-0.3	2.4
Slovakia	-0.5	0.7	1.5	-1.1	1.1	:
Finland	0.0	-1.6	2.5	-2.3	-0.2	0.9
Sweden	2.3	-0.7	1.0	0.8	-0.9	1.3
United Kingdom	2.0	-1.6	2.0	1.6	0.9	-0.9
Norway	0.8	-0.1	0.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.6
Switzerland	1.8	-0.8	0.3	0.6	1.0	:

* Working day and seasonally adjusted

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Volume of retail trade
% change compared with the same month of the previous year*

	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	1.5	0.4	1.5	1.5	3.1	3.7
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.5	0.7	0.1	-0.3	2.0	2.2
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.6	0.3	2.5	3.2	3.9	5.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	5.6	-5.2	-1.0	-0.5	2.2	:
Electrical goods and furniture	1.7	-0.4	1.6	3.2	3.0	:
Computer equipment, books and other	3.8	4.0	5.7	4.2	4.5	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.0	2.3	3.8	3.9	3.5	:
Mail orders and internet	9.4	0.2	4.8	9.3	9.1	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.3	0.4	1.0	0.2	2.8	6.1
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.0	0.7	2.1	2.6	3.4	4.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.3	1.0	0.7	0.5	2.1	2.4
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.5	0.7	3.4	4.7	4.5	5.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	6.5	-4.5	0.0	1.0	2.4	:
Electrical goods and furniture	3.0	0.6	2.9	4.7	3.4	:
Computer equipment, books and other	4.7	1.9	5.9	5.0	5.5	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.2	3.0	4.0	4.5	4.6	:
Mail orders and internet	10.2	6.8	9.4	14.6	12.1	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.6	-0.3	0.3	-0.1	2.6	5.6

Total retail trade	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15
EA19	1.5	0.4	1.5	1.5	3.1	3.7
EA18	1.5	0.4	1.5	1.5	3.1	3.7
EU28	2.0	0.7	2.1	2.6	3.4	4.0
Belgium	2.4	0.4	4.1	0.5	2.9	-0.3
Bulgaria	4.6	5.7	3.4	2.3	6.1	4.3
Czech Republic	2.7	1.8	4.7	1.9	4.6	c
Denmark	2.8	-0.4	2.4	3.6	0.9	2.5
Germany	1.9	-0.2	2.5	1.9	4.8	5.4
Estonia	6.7	8.2	6.0	9.0	7.8	2.8
Ireland	3.4	3.4	4.7	4.0	5.3	5.2
Greece	3.2	0.0	2.2	-1.2	-1.1	c
Spain	c	c	c	c	c	c
France	1.4	0.8	0.7	1.1	2.2	4.1
Croatia	-0.4	1.9	0.6	2.3	2.2	c
Italy	0.4	0.0	0.3	1.9	1.1	c
Cyprus	2.0	0.9	-0.8	2.3	c	c
Latvia	3.4	3.1	4.7	4.7	2.7	6.7
Lithuania	5.0	5.1	5.5	5.6	6.1	3.3
Luxembourg	3.7	3.8	0.9	8.5	9.1	10.7
Hungary	2.5	4.5	5.2	5.1	5.7	8.2
Malta	-3.0	-1.4	-3.6	1.3	0.3	2.0
Netherlands	2.7	-1.6	1.5	2.8	1.8	c
Austria	0.7	1.4	0.0	-2.1	1.4	2.3
Poland	1.1	-1.1	1.9	2.3	3.1	7.5
Portugal	1.3	1.8	0.6	-1.0	1.1	2.5
Romania	4.9	3.6	4.0	6.9	6.0	7.3
Slovenia	0.2	3.7	-1.0	-1.0	-1.7	1.9
Slovakia	1.3	3.0	6.5	2.4	4.3	:
Finland	-0.5	-3.1	0.6	-2.1	-2.2	-1.2
Sweden	3.8	1.9	3.6	3.7	2.8	4.2
United Kingdom	3.9	1.5	4.4	6.7	4.9	4.4
Norway	1.9	1.0	2.5	2.8	2.6	1.4
Switzerland	1.5	0.5	0.7	-0.6	2.2	:

* Working day adjusted

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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, working day and seasonally adjusted
(base year 2010)

	01/14	02/14	03/14	04/14	05/14	06/14	07/14	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14	01/15
EA19	97.3	97.6	97.6	97.7	97.9	98.3	98.0	98.7	97.8	98.3	99.0	99.3	100.4
EA18	97.2	97.5	97.5	97.6	97.8	98.2	97.9	98.6	97.7	98.2	98.9	99.2	100.3
EU28	98.7	99.1	99.2	99.5	99.6	99.9	99.5	100.4	99.4	100.2	101.1	101.5	102.3
Belgium	102.4	101.1	102.5	102.5	103.8	103.3	103.0	103.3	101.9	103.1	102.6	103.2	103.2
Bulgaria	113.0	114.0	113.5	113.2	113.3	113.8	114.9	115.5	116.2	116.1	116.1	117.7	117.6
Czech Republic	101.9	102.0	102.0	101.8	101.4	102.3	100.9	102.5	102.1	103.3	103.5	104.6	c
Denmark	93.7	95.3	95.0	95.3	95.7	95.2	94.9	96.1	94.8	95.8	97.1	95.7	96.2
Germany	102.3	103.3	102.9	102.3	102.1	103.4	102.7	103.4	101.6	103.6	104.1	104.7	107.7
Estonia	120.2	116.1	118.6	120.9	118.4	119.4	120.0	120.5	121.1	121.6	124.6	123.0	123.4
Ireland	100.8	100.7	100.5	102.0	101.8	102.7	102.8	102.6	102.6	103.7	104.2	106.0	105.9
Greece	71.4	71.6	72.6	73.3	71.6	73.3	72.3	73.7	72.5	73.2	72.5	71.6	c
Spain	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
France	103.7	103.6	104.3	103.9	105.2	105.4	104.7	105.7	104.8	104.7	105.8	106.2	106.3
Croatia	94.6	94.9	96.2	95.5	94.9	95.8	94.8	96.5	97.0	96.0	97.2	96.9	c
Italy	92.6	92.7	92.7	93.1	92.9	93.0	93.2	93.2	93.2	93.3	93.6	93.6	c
Cyprus	81.0	80.2	87.0	86.8	85.5	85.8	84.2	83.9	82.8	82.2	82.7	c	c
Latvia	114.4	114.2	117.5	120.5	117.1	116.5	119.2	118.7	118.3	120.1	121.6	120.0	122.0
Lithuania	118.7	118.8	120.5	121.5	121.0	120.9	121.9	121.8	122.0	122.5	123.3	124.0	123.4
Luxembourg	171.3	174.8	173.5	176.7	178.5	179.5	176.1	177.2	178.6	178.0	183.6	185.0	187.4
Hungary	102.4	103.5	104.4	104.5	104.4	104.2	104.3	104.9	106.0	106.9	107.6	108.2	109.6
Malta	97.5	97.1	95.8	98.9	97.2	97.8	97.1	97.2	97.7	97.3	98.5	97.9	98.5
Netherlands	92.3	92.7	92.5	92.7	92.4	92.6	92.5	93.0	92.1	92.9	93.7	93.9	c
Austria	97.8	99.2	98.1	98.5	97.6	99.4	98.0	99.0	99.4	98.0	97.8	99.1	99.9
Poland	102.4	101.8	103.1	103.9	102.8	103.2	104.1	104.9	103.4	104.9	106.4	106.7	110.0
Portugal	87.9	86.9	84.8	83.8	86.2	84.8	86.9	88.8	86.7	85.1	86.9	84.1	89.8
Romania	108.5	110.0	112.2	108.4	110.8	110.1	110.6	110.8	110.4	111.0	113.6	114.0	115.8
Slovenia	95.5	95.0	95.3	96.8	94.6	94.4	96.1	96.3	97.1	94.9	95.1	94.8	97.1
Slovakia	98.8	99.2	100.0	100.4	99.4	99.9	100.4	99.9	100.7	102.2	101.1	102.1	:
Finland	102.2	101.3	103.0	103.7	102.0	101.7	101.8	101.8	100.2	102.7	100.3	100.1	101.0
Sweden	106.3	107.0	108.1	108.5	107.7	108.2	106.6	109.1	108.3	109.4	110.3	109.3	110.7
United Kingdom	102.9	104.0	103.3	105.3	104.8	104.9	103.5	105.6	103.9	106.0	107.7	108.7	107.7
Norway	107.9	108.4	109.6	110.2	109.2	110.6	108.5	109.4	109.3	109.9	110.2	110.1	109.4
Switzerland	106.1	107.0	108.1	107.4	106.4	109.8	106.5	108.4	107.5	107.9	108.5	109.5	:

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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, working days adjusted
(base year 2010)

	01/12	01/13	01/14	02/14	03/14	04/14	05/14	06/14	07/14	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14	01/15
EA19	95.0	92.9	93.6	85.6	95.5	95.3	96.5	96.7	101.1	97.2	95.5	100.2	99.4	121.0	97.1
EA18	95.0	92.9	93.6	85.5	95.5	95.2	96.4	96.6	101.0	97.1	95.4	100.1	99.3	120.9	97.1
EU28	93.7	92.1	93.4	87.3	96.6	97.2	98.3	98.7	102.1	99.4	97.3	101.9	102.8	123.9	97.1
Belgium	102.7	103.2	103.2	89.2	103.3	102.0	104.7	103.1	104.4	98.2	99.8	106.0	99.4	122.4	102.9
Bulgaria	94.3	90.1	97.0	95.4	106.4	110.1	110.5	114.0	126.2	127.1	124.3	122.2	115.0	131.4	101.2
Czech Republic	86.3	87.5	89.4	87.3	100.9	99.9	102.6	102.3	98.4	102.6	101.4	105.7	109.1	129.7	c
Denmark	90.2	87.1	86.4	81.8	92.9	95.0	99.6	96.4	93.9	97.0	89.7	93.9	98.8	119.9	88.6
Germany	92.0	93.9	94.8	91.4	104.8	102.3	101.8	101.4	102.6	100.8	99.3	106.4	108.5	122.6	99.9
Estonia	100.3	100.0	109.0	99.0	115.0	118.0	123.0	125.0	128.0	127.0	119.0	123.0	121.0	138.0	112.0
Ireland	90.6	91.7	94.8	94.3	91.6	97.4	98.0	98.6	104.9	99.9	96.6	100.8	108.3	149.0	99.7
Greece	84.7	70.4	68.3	70.4	67.5	72.6	68.6	72.3	73.6	77.7	71.9	71.3	70.4	82.3	c
Spain	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
France	99.5	100.4	101.4	89.9	99.8	99.9	100.9	104.2	109.4	106.0	102.8	107.3	104.4	132.6	105.6
Croatia	81.4	78.7	77.2	76.1	91.2	91.9	95.7	102.6	114.1	118.5	103.1	96.1	88.3	102.6	c
Italy	95.4	90.3	90.3	79.4	89.4	90.1	92.6	89.0	98.0	89.3	91.9	96.9	93.0	117.5	c
Cyprus	82.8	76.1	74.5	67.5	76.4	80.0	83.8	87.5	92.9	89.2	84.7	82.7	80.9	c	c
Latvia	98.1	102.1	103.7	97.6	111.3	114.7	115.7	118.0	127.2	129.3	121.9	123.9	117.7	138.2	110.7
Lithuania	99.8	101.5	106.8	99.4	114.9	116.5	123.9	121.8	130.3	131.9	122.0	125.4	120.7	143.2	110.4
Luxembourg	135.6	157.6	177.6	153.7	166.1	165.6	164.6	161.8	161.0	153.1	156.8	168.2	218.9	300.9	196.5
Hungary	81.2	79.2	84.0	82.8	99.0	102.9	102.6	102.7	109.6	111.2	108.7	113.3	110.2	134.3	90.9
Malta	90.5	90.8	89.5	82.5	87.0	98.8	99.1	98.7	102.5	99.1	97.3	102.5	100.0	108.8	91.3
Netherlands	93.9	87.7	87.2	80.5	90.5	91.2	94.4	94.6	94.3	93.1	89.5	94.2	94.1	109.6	c
Austria	93.3	92.0	92.2	88.1	98.9	98.2	96.1	96.4	99.2	96.9	96.4	100.8	98.5	120.0	94.3
Poland	89.5	91.9	92.1	88.2	104.1	103.2	102.8	103.0	106.8	109.2	105.8	109.6	102.7	125.8	99.0
Portugal	81.6	78.2	79.9	73.9	80.2	78.9	83.8	82.3	92.7	95.5	85.6	84.7	85.0	109.0	81.9
Romania	83.4	86.0	90.3	91.0	109.2	106.7	110.4	109.5	115.2	120.5	114.6	115.7	118.1	128.2	96.9
Slovenia	95.3	89.7	88.8	82.1	94.8	96.7	92.5	95.8	98.8	98.7	99.6	99.9	92.1	105.8	90.5
Slovakia	89.4	88.2	91.0	91.4	98.6	98.2	98.7	100.7	101.7	100.2	100.3	104.5	101.6	116.6	:
Finland	96.3	95.5	93.4	84.6	97.5	101.0	106.5	108.9	108.5	105.2	97.2	102.6	98.1	124.4	92.3
Sweden	91.3	93.2	95.1	89.9	104.1	105.9	111.0	115.0	111.8	112.4	104.6	109.4	108.7	131.3	99.1
United Kingdom	91.0	90.0	94.3	95.8	97.8	102.7	101.9	103.3	103.1	101.9	99.9	105.6	117.7	135.6	98.4
Norway	97.1	100.1	99.8	91.3	101.5	100.6	113.2	117.2	110.0	112.9	105.9	108.6	111.9	139.3	101.2
Switzerland	100.1	102.1	102.0	91.3	111.0	103.5	104.4	110.7	107.5	103.6	100.8	108.4	108.6	141.5	:

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