

First estimate for August 2015

## EU28 current account surplus €12.5 bn

€14.1 bn surplus for trade in services

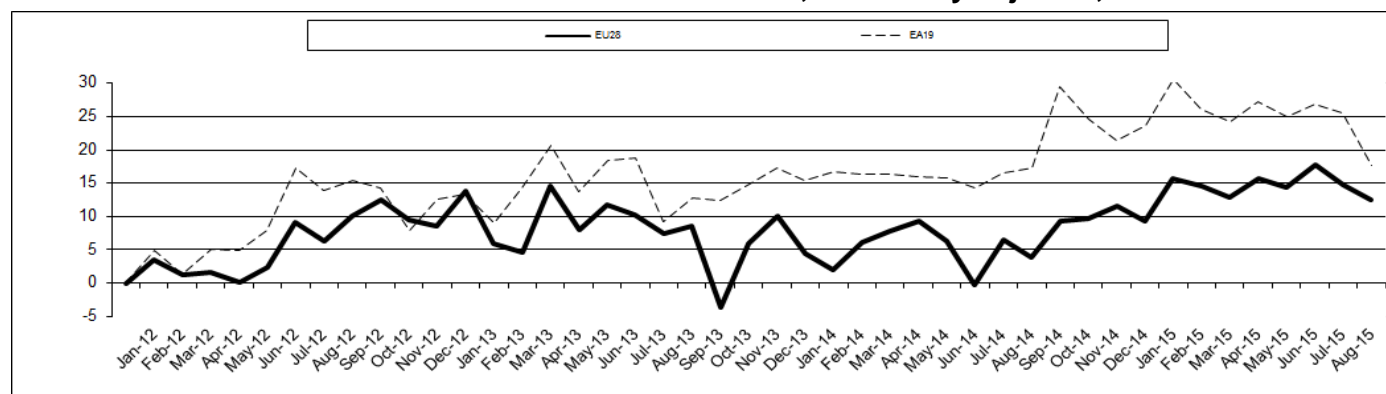
The **EU28** seasonally adjusted external current account recorded a surplus of €12.5 billion in August 2015, compared with a surplus of €14.8 bn in July 2015 and a surplus of €3.9 bn in August 2014, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

In August 2015, compared with July 2015, based on seasonally adjusted data, the surplus of the goods account decreased (+€5.1 bn compared with +€8.8 bn) and the surplus of the primary income account moved into deficit (-€0.5 bn compared with +€0.1 bn). The surplus of the services account grew (+€14.1 bn compared with +€12.3 bn), while the deficit of the secondary income account fell slightly (-€6.3 bn compared with -€6.5 bn).

The 12-month cumulated current account for the period ending in August 2015 recorded a surplus of €158.1 billion, compared with €58.5 billion for the 12 months to August 2014. The deficit of the goods account moved into surplus (+€77.4 bn compared with -€24.3 bn) while the surplus of the services account increased (+€157.7 bn compared with +€152.2 bn) and the deficit of the secondary income account fell slightly (-€74.1 bn compared with -€77.1 bn). The surplus of the primary income account moved into deficit (-€2.8 bn compared with +€7.8 bn).

These data are subject to revision.

**EU and euro area current account balance, seasonally adjusted, bn €**



**Balance of payments euro-indicators for the EU - monthly data, seasonally adjusted (bn €)**

	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15
<b>EU28 current account balance</b>	3.9	9.4	9.7	11.6	9.4	15.7	14.5	12.8	15.7	14.3	17.8	14.8	<b>12.5</b>
<b>Balance of trade in goods</b>	-4.1	2.2	2.8	3.7	2.9	7.9	7.2	4.9	10.2	9.7	11.9	8.8	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Balance of trade in services</b>	11.8	12.5	12.7	12.7	12.5	13.1	13.9	13.0	13.0	13.7	14.1	12.3	<b>14.1</b>
<b>Balance of primary income</b>	1.9	0.3	0.2	1.4	0.2	0.8	-0.7	1.0	-1.3	-2.7	-1.8	0.1	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>Balance of secondary income</b>	-5.7	-5.7	-6.0	-6.2	-6.2	-6.2	-5.9	-6.1	-6.3	-6.4	-6.4	-6.5	<b>-6.3</b>

Source: Eurostat

## EU28 current account – seasonally adjusted (bn €)

	Aug 2014		Apr 2015		May 2015		Jun 2015		Jul 2015		Aug 2015	
	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>	254.0	250.0	277.1	261.4	273.4	259.1	277.4	259.7	275.9	261.2	<b>272.2</b>	<b>259.7</b>
- Goods	136.9	141.0	153.0	142.8	150.4	140.7	153.5	141.6	147.7	138.8	<b>142.6</b>	<b>137.5</b>
- Services	61.4	49.6	67.1	54.1	67.4	53.7	68.0	53.9	67.8	55.4	<b>69.5</b>	<b>55.3</b>
- Primary income	49.2	47.3	49.9	51.2	48.1	50.7	48.5	50.4	53.0	52.9	<b>52.4</b>	<b>52.9</b>
- Secondary income	6.5	12.2	7.2	13.4	7.6	14.0	7.4	13.8	7.5	14.0	<b>7.7</b>	<b>14.0</b>

Source: [Eurostat](#)

## Balance of payments euro-indicators for the euro area - monthly data, seasonally adjusted (bn €)

	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15
<b>EA19 current account balance</b>	17.4	29.4	24.7	21.5	23.7	30.6	26.2	24.3	27.2	24.9	26.9	25.6	<b>17.7</b>
<b>Balance of trade in goods</b>	16.5	26.0	25.8	23.2	25.5	28.3	26.4	21.2	27.2	26.6	28.5	28.2	<b>21.2</b>
<b>Balance of trade in services</b>	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.1	4.0	5.4	5.5	4.2	4.7	6.1	4.9	3.8	<b>4.3</b>
<b>Balance of primary income</b>	4.8	7.4	3.8	5.6	6.1	7.7	5.9	10.1	7.1	4.0	3.3	4.5	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Balance of secondary income</b>	-9.9	-9.8	-10.6	-12.4	-11.9	-10.8	-11.7	-11.2	-11.9	-11.8	-9.9	-11.0	<b>-11.6</b>

Source: [European Central Bank](#)

### Geographical coverage

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 **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.

### Methods and definitions

The **current account** covers all transactions occurring between resident and non-resident entities, and refers to international trade in goods and services, as well as primary and secondary income.

In line with the agreed allocation of responsibility, the European Central Bank (ECB) is in charge of compiling and disseminating monthly and quarterly balance of payments and quarterly international investment position statistics for the euro area, while the European Commission (Eurostat) focuses on monthly, quarterly and annual aggregates of the EU. The aggregates for the euro area and the EU are compiled consistently on the basis of Member States' transactions with residents of countries outside the euro area and the European Union respectively.

### Revisions and time table

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**Current account balances - national data (intra-EU + extra-EU) – not working day and seasonally adjusted (bn €)**

	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15
<b>Belgium</b>	-2.16	1.13	1.46	0.14	-0.76	-0.74	0.84	-3.47	3.07	0.66	-1.99	0.71	<b>-0.96</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	0.50	0.08	-0.09	-0.09	-0.35	-0.04	-0.14	0.48	-0.23	0.09	0.18	0.36	<b>0.48</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	-0.38	-0.63	0.16	-0.16	0.18	1.11	1.26	0.98	0.69	-0.94	0.36	-0.79	<b>-0.03</b>
<b>Denmark</b>	2.43	2.19	1.95	1.75	1.87	1.38	1.83	0.60	0.65	2.31	1.39	1.72	<b>2.16</b>
<b>Germany</b>	11.06	23.31	22.20	18.99	25.37	14.51	15.51	26.77	21.16	11.75	24.39	24.69	<b>12.31</b>
<b>Estonia</b>	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.08	0.05	0.04	-0.02	-0.03	0.09	0.13	0.09	0.02	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Ireland</b>	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	<b>c</b>
<b>Greece</b>	1.86	0.61	-0.46	-1.50	-1.87	-0.28	-1.45	-1.48	-1.04	-0.14	0.79	2.45	<b>2.09</b>
<b>Spain</b>	2.05	1.38	1.24	2.63	4.22	-0.44	-2.01	1.04	-0.15	1.57	1.66	2.99	<b>c</b>
<b>France</b>	-2.86	0.84	-2.44	-0.41	3.35	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	<b>c</b>
<b>Croatia</b>	1.35	0.21	-0.20	-0.26	-0.16	-0.35	-0.40	-0.56	-0.41	0.00	0.48	c	<b>c</b>
<b>Italy</b>	1.53	1.23	5.99	3.16	6.18	-1.62	1.10	1.57	3.09	1.73	1.87	6.65	<b>1.39</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	<b>c</b>
<b>Latvia</b>	-0.03	-0.07	0.07	-0.02	-0.09	0.02	0.00	-0.07	-0.04	-0.02	-0.10	-0.05	<b>-0.08</b>
<b>Lithuania</b>	0.04	0.55	0.25	0.02	0.36	-0.07	-0.16	-0.13	-0.27	-0.22	-0.03	-0.13	<b>0.03</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	0.49	0.26	0.13	0.17	-0.13	0.23	-0.17	0.11	0.40	0.84	-0.18	0.37	<b>-0.15</b>
<b>Hungary</b>	0.33	0.61	0.10	0.46	-0.02	0.37	0.51	0.78	0.25	0.33	0.54	0.71	<b>0.46</b>
<b>Malta</b>	0.08	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.04	-0.05	0.24	0.09	-0.08	0.02	<b>0.16</b>
<b>Netherlands</b>	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	<b>c</b>
<b>Austria</b>	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	<b>c</b>
<b>Poland</b>	-1.14	-0.26	-0.32	0.11	-1.01	-0.23	0.09	1.05	1.65	1.12	-1.60	-1.21	<b>-0.86</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	0.60	0.57	0.65	-0.25	-0.20	0.09	-0.19	-0.08	-0.36	-0.52	0.20	0.91	<b>0.71</b>
<b>Romania</b>	-0.16	0.13	0.67	-0.11	-0.24	0.31	-0.39	0.53	-0.10	-0.17	-0.24	-0.28	<b>-0.22</b>
<b>Slovenia</b>	0.02	0.38	0.35	0.10	0.28	0.12	-0.03	0.33	0.21	0.18	0.37	0.37	<b>0.18</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	-0.14	0.12	0.01	0.00	-0.37	-0.05	0.34	0.02	-0.14	-0.15	-0.05	-0.26	<b>-0.35</b>
<b>Finland</b>	-0.05	0.46	0.14	0.10	0.15	-0.41	-0.40	-0.36	-1.27	0.20	0.70	0.34	<b>0.19</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	2.62	2.70	2.46	2.64	2.44	2.41	3.03	3.16	0.79	2.11	3.39	1.62	<b>1.77</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	<b>c</b>
<b>Former Yug. Rep. of Macedonia</b>	0.08	0.04	0.02	0.01	-0.02	0.04	0.01	-0.08	-0.05	-0.02	0.01	0.03	<b>:</b>
<b>Serbia</b>	-0.12	-0.24	-0.11	-0.18	-0.27	-0.04	-0.15	-0.26	-0.04	0.02	-0.18	-0.02	<b>-0.12</b>

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