

October 2015

Euro area international trade in goods surplus

€24.1 bn

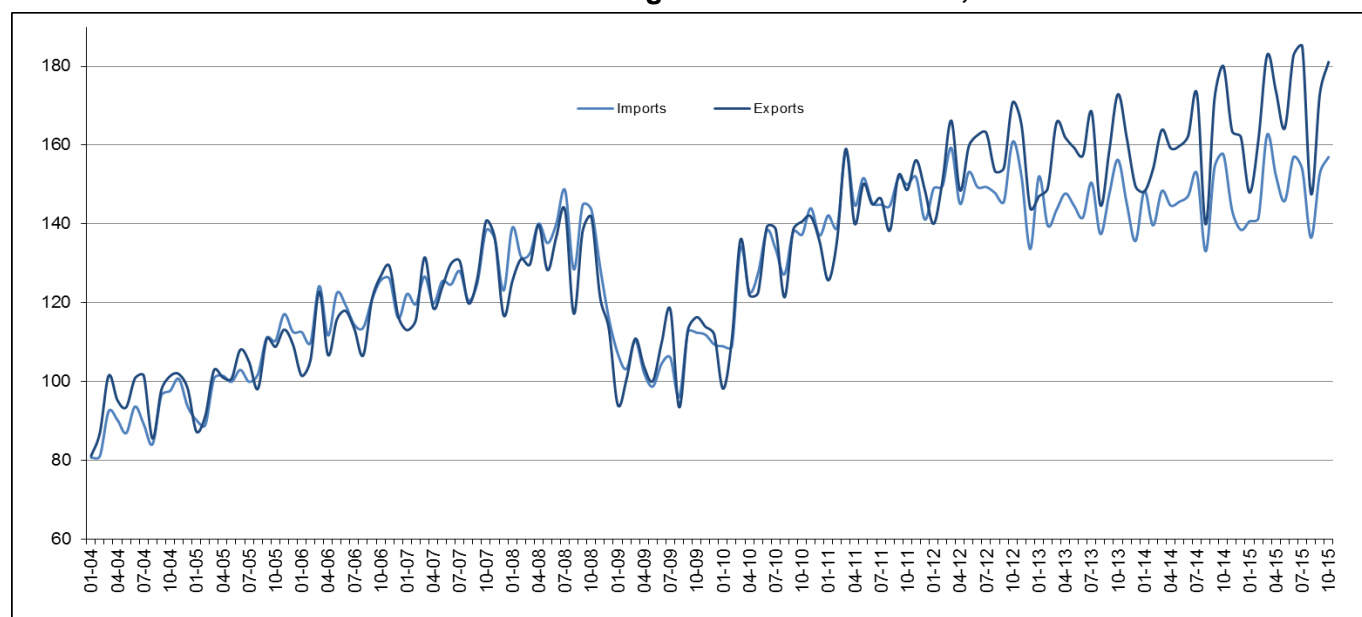
€3.2 bn surplus for EU28

Euro area

The first estimate for **euro area** (EA19) exports of goods to the rest of the world in October 2015 was €181.1 billion, an increase of 1% compared with October 2014 (€180.1 bn). Imports from the rest of the world stood at €157.0 bn, nearly stable compared with October 2014 (€157.7 bn). As a result, the **euro area** recorded a €24.1 bn surplus in trade in goods with the rest of the world in October 2015, compared with +€22.4 bn in October 2014. **Intra-euro area** trade rose to €150.1 bn in October 2015, up by 1% compared with October 2014.

These data are released by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

International trade in goods of the euro area, € bn



In January to October 2015, **euro area** exports of goods to the rest of the world rose to €1 699.7 bn (an increase of 5% compared with January-October 2014), while imports rose to €1 499.9 bn (an increase of 2% compared with January-October 2014). As a result the **euro area** recorded a surplus of €199.7 bn, compared with +€140.5 bn in January-October 2014. **Intra-euro area** trade rose to €1 412.5 bn in January-October 2015, up by 3% compared with January-October 2014.

EA19 trade - non seasonally adjusted data

bn €

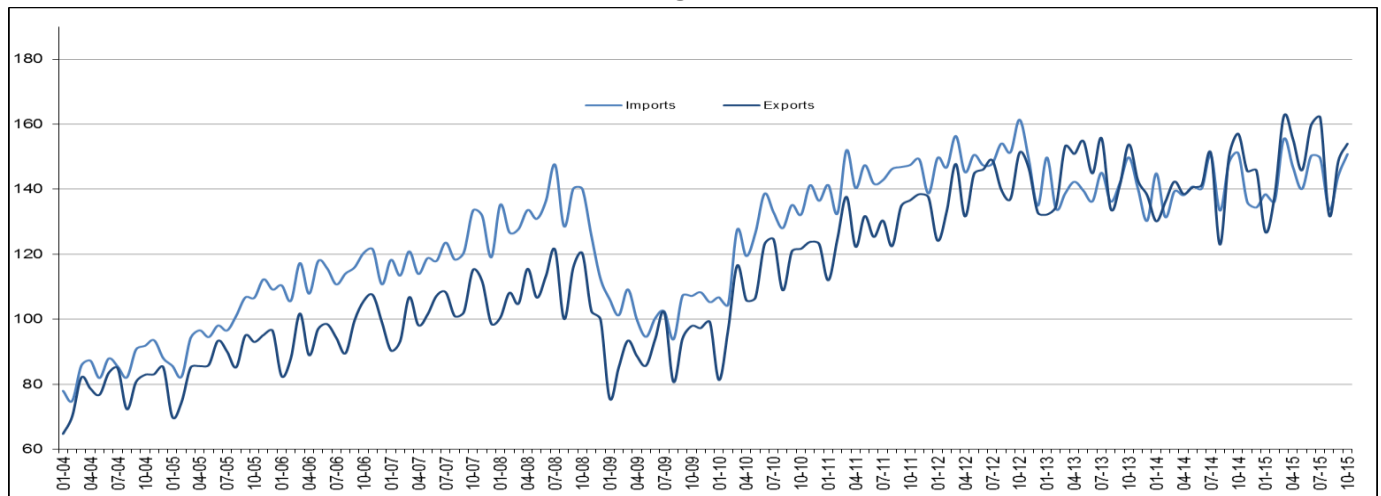
Flows	Oct 14	Oct 15	Growth	Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Growth
Extra-EA19 exports	180.1	181.1	1%	1 612.4	1 699.7	5%
Extra-EA19 imports	157.7	157.0	0%	1 471.9	1 499.9	2%
Extra-EA19 trade balance	22.4	24.1		140.5	199.7	
Intra-EA19 trade	149.4	150.1	1%	1 375.5	1 412.5	3%

The source dataset is available [here](#).

European Union

The first estimate for **extra-EU28** exports of goods in October 2015 was €154.0 billion, down by 2% compared with October 2014 (€157.1 bn). Imports from the rest of the world stood at €150.8 bn, nearly stable compared with October 2014 (€151.1 bn). As a result, the **EU28** recorded a €3.2 bn surplus in trade in goods with the rest of the world in October 2015, compared with +€6.0 bn in October 2014. **Intra-EU28** trade rose to €274.2 bn in October 2015, +2% compared with October 2014.

International trade in goods of the EU28, € bn



In January to October 2015, **extra-EU28** exports of goods rose to €1 485.0 bn (an increase of 5% compared with January-October 2014), while imports rose to €1 446.0 bn (an increase of 2% compared with January-October 2014). As a result, the **EU28** recorded a surplus of €39.0 bn, compared with a deficit of €7.7 bn in January-October 2014. **Intra-EU28** trade rose to €2 561.3 bn in January-October 2015, +4% compared with January-October 2014.

EU28 trade - non seasonally adjusted data

bn €

Flows	Oct 14	Oct 15	Growth	Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Growth
Extra-EU28 exports	157.1	154.0	-2%	1 410.6	1 485.0	5%
Extra-EU28 imports	151.1	150.8	0%	1 418.3	1 446.0	2%
Extra-EU28 trade balance	6.0	3.2		-7.7	39.0	
Intra-EU28 trade	268.6	274.2	2%	2 451.6	2 561.3	4%

The source dataset is available [here](#).

Main products - EU28

bn €

	Extra-EU28 exports			Extra-EU28 imports			Trade balance	
	Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Growth	Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Growth	Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15
Total	1 410.6	1 485.0	5%	1 418.3	1 446.0	2%	-7.7	39.0
Primary goods:	219.5	202.1	-8%	523.8	431.7	-18%	-304.3	-229.7
<i>Food & drink</i>	89.1	93.4	5%	81.3	89.5	10%	7.8	3.9
<i>Raw materials</i>	36.4	36.6	0%	61.6	60.7	-2%	-25.2	-24.1
<i>Energy</i>	94.0	72.1	-23%	380.9	281.5	-26%	-286.9	-209.5
Manufactured goods:	1 137.3	1 222.2	7%	858.7	973.6	13%	278.6	248.6
<i>Chemicals</i>	232.8	264.1	13%	138.8	154.4	11%	94.0	109.7
<i>Machinery & vehicles</i>	583.1	621.7	7%	376.8	438.1	16%	206.3	183.6
<i>Other manuf'd goods</i>	321.4	336.4	5%	343.0	381.1	11%	-21.6	-44.7
Other	53.9	60.8	13%	35.9	40.7	13%	18.0	20.1

The source dataset is available [here](#).

Main trading partners - EU28

bn €

	EU28 exports to			EU28 imports from			Trade balance	
	Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Growth	Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Growth	Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15
United States	256.9	309.8	21%	171.7	205.5	20%	85.2	104.3
China	135.7	141.6	4%	250.4	290.6	16%	-114.6	-149.1
Switzerland	115.9	122.5	6%	80.9	84.9	5%	35.0	37.6
Russia	88.3	61.7	-30%	157.5	116.0	-26%	-69.3	-54.2
Turkey	61.3	66.4	8%	45.2	50.8	12%	16.1	15.6
Norway	42.0	40.8	-3%	70.6	63.1	-11%	-28.6	-22.3
Japan	44.7	46.5	4%	47.5	49.7	5%	-2.8	-3.2
South Korea	35.2	39.6	12%	32.9	36.0	9%	2.4	3.7
India	28.8	31.7	10%	31.2	33.7	8%	-2.4	-1.9
Brazil	31.1	29.3	-6%	26.0	26.1	1%	5.1	3.2

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Member States' total trade (intra-EU + extra-EU)
bn €

	Total exports						Total imports						Trade balance					
	Total		Intra-EU		Extra-EU		Total		Intra-EU		Extra-EU		Total		Intra-EU		Extra-EU	
	Jan-Oct 15	Growth / Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Growth / Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Growth / Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Growth / Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Growth / Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Growth / Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Jan-Oct 14	Jan-Oct 15	Jan-Oct 14
Belgium	300.5	0%	215.9	2%	84.7	-3%	279.7	-3%	173.2	-7%	106.5	5%	20.9	12.1	42.7	25.7	-21.8	-13.5
Bulgaria	19.4	6%	12.5	9%	6.9	0%	21.9	1%	14.0	6%	7.9	-6%	-2.5	-3.3	-1.5	-1.8	-1.0	-1.5
Czech Republic	118.3	7%	98.6	9%	19.7	1%	104.1	8%	80.4	8%	23.6	8%	14.2	13.6	18.1	16.0	-3.9	-2.4
Denmark	72.1	3%	44.3	-1%	27.8	9%	64.2	3%	44.1	2%	20.1	4%	7.9	7.9	0.2	1.6	7.7	6.3
Germany	1 003.9	7%	581.8	7%	422.1	6%	791.8	4%	519.2	4%	272.6	4%	212.1	180.2	62.6	45.2	149.5	135.0
Estonia	9.7	-4%	7.3	1%	2.4	-16%	10.9	-5%	8.9	-6%	2.0	-4%	-1.2	-1.4	-1.6	-2.2	0.4	0.7
Ireland	90.0	22%	49.0	22%	41.0	23%	51.6	16%	35.2	17%	16.4	15%	38.4	29.2	13.8	10.2	24.6	19.0
Greece	21.5	-5%	11.7	8%	9.8	-17%	36.2	-10%	18.9	-1%	17.3	-18%	-14.7	-17.4	-7.2	-8.2	-7.5	-9.2
Spain	212.6	4%	138.6	7%	73.9	0%	234.0	4%	140.4	10%	93.6	-5%	-21.4	-22.1	-1.8	2.3	-19.6	-24.3
France	379.2	4%	223.6	2%	155.6	9%	428.2	0%	291.4	1%	136.8	-1%	-49.0	-63.0	-67.8	-67.4	18.9	4.4
Croatia	9.6	12%	6.3	15%	3.3	5%	15.4	6%	11.9	9%	3.5	-2%	-5.8	-5.9	-5.6	-5.5	-0.2	-0.5
Italy	344.2	4%	190.1	3%	154.1	4%	309.4	3%	179.7	6%	129.7	0%	34.8	32.8	10.3	13.7	24.4	19.1
Cyprus	1.4	21%	0.7	10%	0.7	35%	4.2	-4%	3.0	0%	1.1	-13%	-2.8	-3.2	-2.3	-2.4	-0.5	-0.8
Latvia	9.0	-1%	6.3	2%	2.7	-6%	10.8	-2%	8.6	-3%	2.2	2%	-1.8	-1.9	-2.2	-2.6	0.5	0.7
Lithuania	19.1	-6%	11.9	6%	7.2	-21%	21.3	-2%	14.1	0%	7.2	-4%	-2.2	-1.3	-2.2	-3.0	0.1	1.7
Luxembourg	12.9	9%	10.9	12%	2.0	-4%	17.4	6%	12.5	-6%	4.8	53%	-4.4	-4.6	-1.6	-3.5	-2.8	-1.1
Hungary	74.2	7%	60.5	9%	13.7	-2%	69.7	6%	53.2	8%	16.5	0%	4.5	3.7	7.3	6.3	-2.8	-2.6
Malta	1.9	6%	0.9	-8%	1.0	21%	4.5	3%	2.9	6%	1.6	-1%	-2.5	-2.5	-2.0	-1.8	-0.5	-0.7
Netherlands	424.7	1%	321.0	0%	103.6	3%	379.1	2%	172.7	1%	206.4	3%	45.5	49.6	148.4	149.9	-102.8	-100.3
Austria	114.6	2%	80.2	2%	34.3	2%	116.5	1%	89.3	1%	27.2	2%	-1.9	-3.1	-9.1	-10.0	7.1	6.8
Poland	148.1	8%	117.2	11%	30.9	-1%	143.5	4%	100.2	5%	43.3	1%	4.5	-1.5	17.0	9.9	-12.4	-11.5
Portugal	41.9	4%	30.5	6%	11.4	-2%	50.3	2%	38.4	5%	12.0	-5%	-8.4	-9.0	-7.9	-8.1	-0.5	-0.9
Romania	45.9	4%	33.9	8%	12.1	-6%	52.3	7%	40.3	10%	12.1	-1%	-6.4	-4.9	-6.4	-5.5	0.0	0.6
Slovenia	24.0	6%	18.3	7%	5.7	2%	22.2	4%	15.5	6%	6.7	2%	1.7	1.3	2.8	2.4	-1.0	-1.1
Slovakia	56.4	4%	48.1	5%	8.3	-4%	54.5	6%	42.8	10%	11.6	-5%	1.9	3.2	5.3	6.9	-3.4	-3.6
Finland	44.7	-4%	26.2	-3%	18.5	-7%	44.7	-8%	32.4	-1%	12.4	-21%	0.0	-1.6	-6.2	-5.8	6.2	4.2
Sweden	104.7	1%	61.2	1%	43.5	1%	102.7	1%	71.3	2%	31.4	-3%	1.9	1.6	-10.1	-9.1	12.0	10.8
United Kingdom	342.0	9%	153.8	1%	188.1	18%	471.1	9%	251.5	10%	219.6	8%	-129.1	-119.1	-97.7	-76.0	-31.4	-43.1

 The source dataset is available [here](#).

Geographical information

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.

Methods and definitions

Since the introduction of Intrastat for intra-EU trade on 1 January 1993, the value of dispatches has been consistently higher than that of arrivals. In theory, as dispatches are declared FOB and arrivals CIF, the value of arrivals should be slightly higher than that of dispatches. Eurostat uses dispatches as the more reliable measure of total intra-EU trade as, at aggregated levels, total dispatches has better coverage than total arrivals. Due to this divergence in intra-EU trade, and to the difficulties of interpreting figures in absolute terms at the level of individual Member States, trade balances for individual Member States must be interpreted with caution. The same caution applies to the trade balance of the euro area, which includes some intra-EU trade.

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Products are classified according to the Standard international trade classification (SITC), Revision 4.

Revisions and timetable

This News Release is based on data available on 11 December 2015. These are provisional figures based on information provided by Member States. They are subject to frequent revision for up to two years after the month in question.

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Annex - Seasonally adjusted data

In October 2015 compared with September 2015, **euro area** seasonally adjusted exports increased by 0.3%, while imports increased by 0.4%. The seasonally adjusted balance was +€19.9 bn, stable compared with September.

EA19 trade - seasonally adjusted data

bn €

Flows	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15
Extra-EA19 exports	164.7	167.9	164.9	172.0	172.5	171.3	170.3	171.7	172.6	166.2	167.7	168.2
Extra-EA19 imports	145.1	145.1	144.2	148.8	154.8	151.4	148.9	152.2	150.1	147.0	147.8	148.4
Extra-EA19 trade balance	19.6	22.7	20.7	23.2	17.7	19.9	21.4	19.5	22.5	19.2	19.9	19.9
Intra-EA19 trade	137.4	137.8	137.1	139.2	140.1	140.5	140.2	143.7	142.5	139.7	140.6	141.4

The source dataset is available [here](#).

In October 2015 compared with September 2015, **EU28** seasonally adjusted exports fell by 0.5%, while imports rose by 1.6%. The seasonally adjusted balance was +€1.7 bn, a fall compared with September (+€4.8 bn).

EU28 trade - seasonally adjusted data

bn €

Flows	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15
Extra-EU28 exports	146.0	147.3	143.4	148.4	153.5	152.2	149.9	150.9	150.7	145.9	146.2	145.4
Extra-EU28 imports	139.2	140.3	139.8	143.9	150.3	146.1	143.5	146.8	144.7	140.7	141.4	143.7
Extra-EU28 trade balance	6.8	7.0	3.6	4.6	3.1	6.1	6.4	4.1	6.0	5.2	4.8	1.7
Intra-EU28 trade	246.7	247.9	247.5	253.1	255.2	253.4	254.5	259.4	257.7	253.5	256.0	257.2

The source dataset is available [here](#).

Contribution of EU28 Member States to extra-EU28 trade - seasonally adjusted data

bn €

	Total exports			Total imports			Trade balance	
	Sep 15	Oct 15	Growth	Sep 15	Oct 15	Growth	Sep 15	Oct 15
EU28	146.2	145.4	-0.5%	141.4	143.7	1.6%	4.8	1.7
Belgium	7.6	8.5	12.6%	9.9	10.7	7.9%	-2.4	-2.2
Bulgaria	0.6	0.6	-1.2%	0.7	0.7	4.5%	-0.1	-0.1
Czech Republic	1.9	2.0	0.5%	2.3	2.7	16.7%	-0.4	-0.7
Denmark	2.9	2.6	-8.6%	2.0	2.0	1.1%	0.9	0.6
Germany	42.0	40.3	-3.9%	26.8	26.8	0.0%	15.2	13.5
Estonia	0.2	0.2	0.9%	0.2	0.2	-0.9%	0.0	0.0
Ireland	4.0	4.5	14.2%	1.6	1.6	-0.1%	2.4	2.9
Greece	0.8	1.0	22.3%	1.6	1.8	11.9%	-0.8	-0.8
Spain	7.2	7.3	1.6%	9.1	9.0	-1.4%	-1.9	-1.7
France	15.2	15.4	1.5%	13.3	13.3	0.1%	1.9	2.2
Croatia	0.4	0.4	-6.2%	0.4	0.3	-14.5%	0.0	0.0
Italy	15.3	14.9	-2.3%	12.6	12.5	-0.8%	2.6	2.4
Cyprus	0.1	0.1	10.2%	0.1	0.1	34.3%	0.0	-0.1
Latvia	0.3	0.3	-5.4%	0.2	0.2	3.6%	0.1	0.0
Lithuania	0.7	0.8	11.8%	0.7	0.7	1.6%	0.0	0.1
Luxembourg	0.2	0.2	9.7%	0.6	0.4	-27.9%	-0.4	-0.2
Hungary	1.3	1.3	-1.0%	1.7	1.7	-2.5%	-0.3	-0.3
Malta	0.1	0.1	27.1%	0.1	0.1	-16.0%	0.0	0.0
Netherlands	9.9	10.2	3.5%	19.7	19.9	0.8%	-9.9	-9.7
Austria	3.5	3.4	-2.8%	2.8	2.7	-4.0%	0.7	0.7
Poland	3.0	3.2	4.5%	4.6	4.2	-9.2%	-1.6	-1.0
Portugal	1.0	1.1	7.7%	1.2	1.1	-4.5%	-0.1	0.0
Romania	1.2	1.1	-4.2%	1.2	1.2	1.3%	0.0	-0.1
Slovenia	0.6	0.6	0.6%	0.7	0.7	0.5%	-0.1	-0.1
Slovakia	0.8	0.8	2.5%	1.2	1.2	0.8%	-0.4	-0.4
Finland	1.8	1.7	-3.4%	1.3	1.3	2.4%	0.5	0.4
Sweden	4.5	4.2	-5.7%	3.0	3.1	4.5%	1.5	1.1
United Kingdom	19.2	18.4	-4.2%	21.8	23.4	7.1%	-2.6	-4.9

The source dataset is available [here](#).

International trade in goods balance, seasonally adjusted, € bn

