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December 2016 compared with November 2016

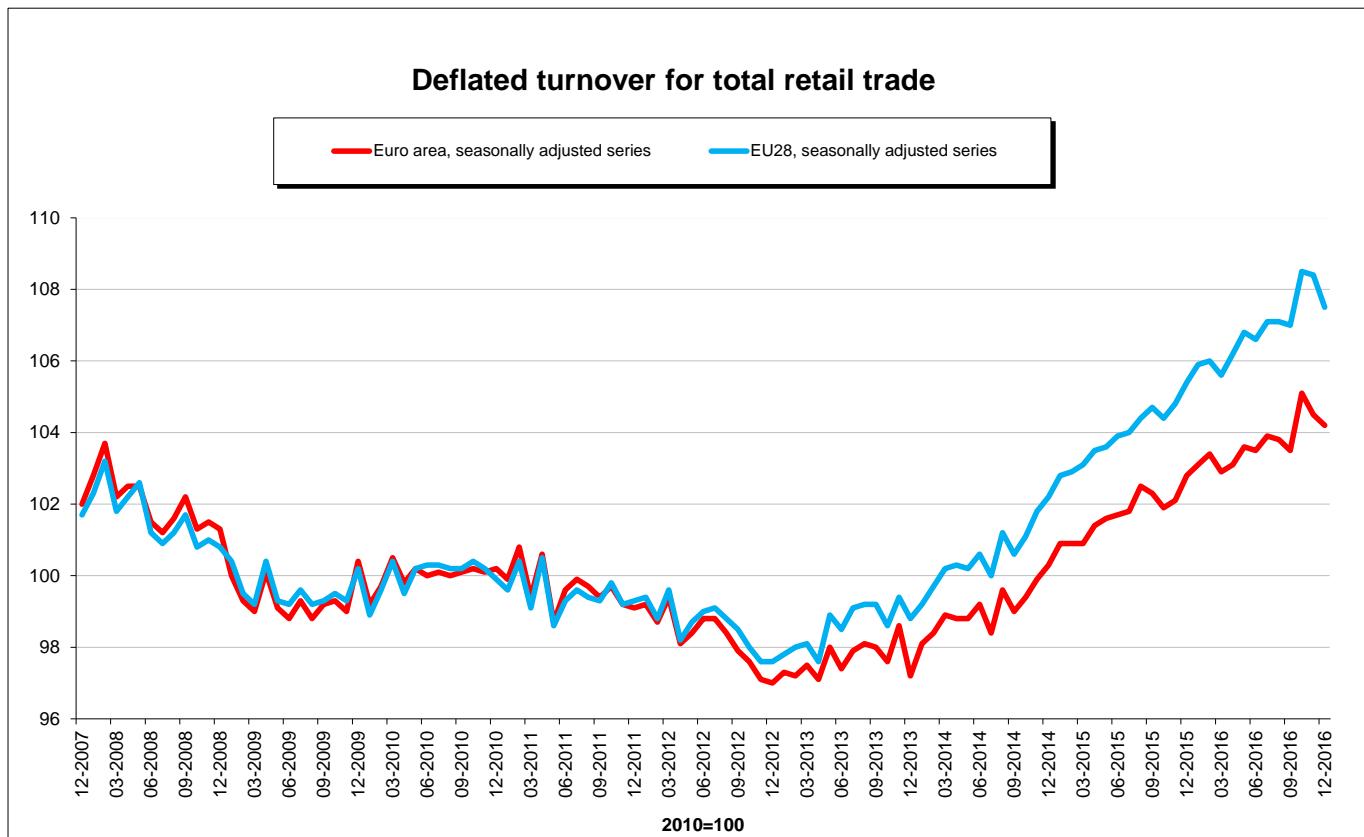
Volume of retail trade down by 0.3% in euro area

Down by 0.8% in EU28

In December 2016 compared with November 2016, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade fell by 0.3% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 0.8% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In November the retail trade volume decreased by 0.6% in the **euro area** and by 0.1% in the **EU28**.

In December 2016 compared with December 2015 the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.1% in the **euro area** and by 2.3% in the **EU28**.

The average retail trade for the year 2016, compared with 2015, rose by 1.8% in the **euro area** and by 2.8% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 0.3% decrease in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in December 2016, compared with November 2016, is due to falls of 1.1% for automotive fuel and of 0.4% for "Food, drinks and tobacco", while non-food products remained stable. In the **EU28**, the 0.8% decrease in the volume of retail trade is due to falls of 1.0% for non-food products, of 0.8% for automotive fuel and of 0.6% for "Food, drinks and tobacco".

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in the total retail trade volume were observed in **Finland** (-3.2%), the **United Kingdom** (-2.8%), **Ireland** and **Sweden** (both -2.7%), while the highest increases were registered in **Luxembourg** (+1.9%), **Belgium** (+1.1%) and **France** (+0.8%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 1.1% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in December 2016, compared with December 2015, is due to rises of 2.1% for non-food products and of 0.7% for "Food, drinks and tobacco", while automotive fuel fell by 0.9%. In the **EU28**, the 2.3% increase in retail trade volume is due to rises of 3.3% for non-food products, of 1.4% for "Food, drinks and tobacco" and of 0.3% for automotive fuel.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in the total retail trade volume were observed in **Luxembourg** (+14.7%), **Slovenia** (+10.1%), **Romania** (+7.9%) and the **United Kingdom** (+6.6%), while decreases were observed in **Finland** (-2.2%), **Germany** (-1.1%), **Denmark** and **Austria** (both -1.0%) as well as **Malta** (-0.7%).

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

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 calendar 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 aggregates.

Revisions and timetable

Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release 3/2017 of 6 January 2017. The monthly percentage change for November 2016 has been revised from -0.4% to -0.6% in the euro area and remains unchanged at -0.1% in the EU28. The annual percentage change has been revised from +2.3% to +2.5% in the euro area and from +3.4% to +3.8% in the EU28.

For more information

Eurostat database section on short-term business statistics

Eurostat Statistics Explained article on the index of retail trade

The weights of the Member States in the EU and euro area aggregates

(See file EU-28_EA-19_NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2010)

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

	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	1.5	-0.6	-0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.8	-0.2	0.5	0.3	-0.6	-0.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.4	0.2	-1.1	3.0	-0.8	0.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.0	-2.0	-4.7	8.3	-2.6	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	2.4	-1.1	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.2	-0.4	0.7	1.4	-0.3	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.4	:
Mail orders and internet	-4.1	2.0	-2.5	7.5	-2.2	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	2.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.9	0.6	-1.1
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.5	0.0	-0.1	1.4	-0.1	-0.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.2	0.1	-0.7	2.9	-0.1	-1.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.5	-1.6	-4.2	7.4	-1.9	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.0	-0.9	-0.3	2.3	0.2	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.3	-0.5	0.8	1.3	0.3	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.0	0.6	0.0	0.4	-0.1	:
Mail orders and internet	-1.9	2.8	0.1	5.8	0.5	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.9	0.1	0.1	-0.7	0.3	-0.8

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

Total retail trade	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
EA19	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	1.5	-0.6	-0.3
EU28	0.5	0.0	-0.1	1.4	-0.1	-0.8
Belgium	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	1.0	0.6	1.1
Bulgaria	1.3	-0.3	-0.2	1.3	0.2	0.1
Czech Republic	-0.1	0.0	0.8	-0.3	1.9	c
Denmark	-0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.8	-0.4	-1.5
Germany	0.5	0.0	-1.4	2.7	-1.7	-0.9
Estonia	0.3	-0.6	1.3	0.9	1.7	-1.2
Ireland	-0.1	0.5	0.6	-0.3	3.4	-2.7
Greece	4.9	-4.0	1.7	0.6	-0.3	c
Spain	0.4	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.1
France	-0.2	0.4	0.3	1.5	-0.1	0.8
Croatia	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.8	-1.0	c
Italy	0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.6	-0.5	c
Cyprus	-0.8	-0.6	1.5	2.1	0.0	c
Latvia	0.5	0.0	-0.9	0.8	0.5	-1.3
Lithuania	0.3	1.2	-0.3	0.9	-0.6	-0.3
Luxembourg	1.7	-0.4	1.4	2.4	-1.0	1.9
Hungary	-0.2	0.1	0.5	-0.3	0.7	0.0
Malta	-0.2	1.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.9	-0.7
Netherlands	0.8	-0.9	-0.3	3.5	-1.0	c
Austria	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.9	-0.9	-1.4
Poland	-1.1	0.2	1.0	1.8	0.2	-1.7
Portugal	1.2	0.5	-2.4	1.7	-0.8	-2.3
Romania	-0.4	0.2	0.0	0.8	1.4	-0.1
Slovenia	1.0	0.3	-0.3	4.3	0.9	0.1
Slovakia	-0.9	1.1	0.3	0.0	1.4	0.7
Finland	-0.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.3	-3.2
Sweden	-0.3	0.4	-0.2	1.1	1.9	-2.7
United Kingdom	1.8	0.3	0.0	1.7	1.0	-2.8
Norway	-0.6	0.3	-0.4	0.9	0.0	-2.1
Switzerland	-0.2	-0.1	0.3	1.1	0.7	:

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

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

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

	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
EA19						
Total retail trade	1.9	1.2	1.0	3.3	2.5	1.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.3	0.5	1.8	2.4	1.7	0.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	2.3	1.9	0.4	4.4	3.6	2.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.3	-0.3	-6.9	4.2	4.4	:
Electrical goods and furniture	2.4	1.2	-0.2	2.8	1.4	:
Computer equipment, books and other	2.3	1.2	2.6	5.0	3.6	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	2.9	3.0	2.6	3.6	3.4	:
Mail orders and internet	3.4	5.7	2.3	11.0	8.0	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	3.0	1.7	2.3	1.3	2.2	-0.9
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.8	2.6	2.0	4.0	3.8	2.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.9	1.4	2.0	2.6	2.2	1.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.5	3.4	1.8	5.6	5.3	3.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	2.3	0.8	-5.3	4.9	4.5	:
Electrical goods and furniture	2.7	2.4	0.6	3.5	3.0	:
Computer equipment, books and other	3.3	2.3	3.3	5.5	5.2	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.6	4.1	3.3	4.1	3.3	:
Mail orders and internet	8.4	11.5	10.7	17.9	18.1	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	4.3	3.1	3.6	2.1	2.6	0.3

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Total retail trade	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
EA19	1.9	1.2	1.0	3.3	2.5	1.1
EU28	2.8	2.6	2.0	4.0	3.8	2.3
Belgium	-3.5	-3.3	-3.4	-1.5	-0.1	0.9
Bulgaria	2.2	5.3	1.9	2.8	5.9	3.5
Czech Republic	5.1	5.8	5.0	3.2	6.6	c
Denmark	-0.7	-0.9	1.0	2.0	0.9	-1.0
Germany	1.5	1.3	-0.1	2.9	0.7	-1.1
Estonia	1.5	1.5	3.2	3.1	6.5	2.0
Ireland	3.1	3.7	3.2	3.7	5.0	2.0
Greece	9.5	-2.1	2.4	2.6	3.6	c
Spain	5.3	3.3	3.2	2.1	3.1	2.7
France	1.3	1.2	1.8	4.1	4.9	3.0
Croatia	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.7	-0.3	c
Italy	0.2	-0.7	-0.4	2.7	0.2	c
Cyprus	1.7	-0.1	2.2	6.9	6.3	c
Latvia	1.7	1.0	0.6	0.2	4.6	1.9
Lithuania	5.8	6.5	7.6	8.7	7.9	5.0
Luxembourg	14.7	10.9	11.7	16.9	7.8	14.7
Hungary	4.0	4.3	5.1	2.6	4.6	3.2
Malta	-2.0	3.5	3.0	0.4	4.1	-0.7
Netherlands	2.2	0.6	-0.1	5.1	3.6	c
Austria	0.4	1.7	0.5	2.4	1.7	-1.0
Poland	4.8	9.4	7.6	7.1	7.8	4.0
Portugal	3.7	2.8	2.5	3.4	4.8	3.8
Romania	13.6	11.8	9.8	8.7	9.5	7.9
Slovenia	3.3	3.5	1.9	9.6	10.2	10.1
Slovakia	-0.6	1.9	1.5	0.8	3.9	4.3
Finland	0.5	1.7	3.1	2.9	2.1	-2.2
Sweden	1.6	2.5	1.3	2.2	3.9	1.3
United Kingdom	5.9	6.4	4.3	7.2	7.6	6.6
Norway	-1.4	-1.1	-0.5	0.1	0.3	-2.2
Switzerland	-3.1	-2.7	-2.2	-0.7	0.8	:

* Calendar adjusted

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

	12/15	01/16	02/16	03/16	04/16	05/16	06/16	07/16	08/16	09/16	10/16	11/16	12/16
EA19	102.8	103.1	103.4	102.9	103.1	103.6	103.5	103.9	103.8	103.5	105.1	104.5	104.2
EU28	105.4	105.9	106.0	105.6	106.2	106.8	106.6	107.1	107.1	107.0	108.5	108.4	107.5
Belgium	100.8	99.6	100.1	99.3	100.0	100.2	100.2	99.9	99.5	99.1	100.1	100.7	101.8
Bulgaria	123.0	123.7	125.9	126.9	126.0	127.4	126.2	127.8	127.4	127.2	128.9	129.2	129.3
Czech Republic	111.8	113.3	113.1	112.7	113.9	113.4	115.0	114.9	114.9	115.8	115.5	117.7	c
Denmark	96.8	97.3	96.9	95.5	97.5	96.5	97.4	96.8	96.7	97.4	98.2	97.8	96.3
Germany	106.7	106.7	106.9	106.0	105.8	106.5	106.5	107.0	107.0	105.5	108.3	106.5	105.5
Estonia	130.1	132.3	129.4	127.1	129.6	130.9	129.5	129.9	129.1	130.8	132.0	134.3	132.7
Ireland	112.2	112.3	113.1	112.8	113.2	114.8	113.1	113.0	113.6	114.3	113.9	117.8	114.6
Greece	70.9	70.4	68.0	70.9	70.5	69.4	70.0	73.4	70.5	71.7	72.1	71.9	c
Spain	87.1	87.5	87.8	88.1	88.4	88.2	89.1	89.5	89.2	89.3	89.2	89.5	89.6
France	115.5	116.2	116.5	116.2	116.7	117.3	116.6	116.4	116.9	117.3	119.1	119.0	119.9
Croatia	102.6	100.0	99.9	100.6	101.2	101.0	100.1	101.1	101.3	101.7	102.5	101.5	c
Italy	95.3	95.1	95.4	94.9	95.0	95.4	95.1	95.3	95.0	95.0	95.6	95.1	c
Cyprus	91.8	90.6	91.8	92.7	93.7	91.1	93.1	92.4	91.8	93.2	95.2	95.2	c
Latvia	123.1	125.9	126.3	126.0	126.6	127.4	126.5	127.1	127.1	126.0	127.0	127.6	126.0
Lithuania	131.3	132.4	132.4	133.3	134.8	136.9	137.4	137.8	139.4	139.0	140.3	139.5	139.1
Luxembourg	200.8	209.4	212.4	211.4	215.1	215.6	218.7	222.4	221.6	224.6	230.1	227.8	232.2
Hungary	113.5	113.6	115.2	115.0	116.0	116.0	116.5	116.3	116.4	117.0	116.7	117.5	117.5
Malta	107.4	106.5	108.4	106.6	106.0	106.8	106.8	106.6	107.8	107.6	107.2	108.2	107.4
Netherlands	95.7	95.1	95.3	94.9	94.6	96.5	95.8	96.6	95.7	95.4	98.7	97.7	c
Austria	101.2	99.6	100.9	100.1	100.8	101.1	100.7	100.7	101.3	101.4	102.3	101.4	100.0
Poland	114.2	116.3	115.2	115.0	118.7	119.0	118.4	117.1	117.3	118.5	120.6	120.9	118.9
Portugal	86.0	90.1	94.0	89.1	90.4	87.8	91.0	92.1	92.6	90.4	91.9	91.2	89.1
Romania	129.2	132.3	132.9	134.7	136.2	135.2	137.4	136.9	137.2	137.2	138.3	140.2	140.1
Slovenia	95.6	97.1	96.1	96.6	97.9	97.8	98.7	99.7	100.0	99.7	104.0	104.9	105.0
Slovakia	102.8	102.0	102.3	103.3	103.9	104.4	104.3	103.4	104.5	104.8	104.8	106.3	107.0
Finland	103.2	103.0	103.0	103.4	102.4	103.8	103.2	103.1	103.6	104.1	104.3	104.6	101.3
Sweden	116.4	116.5	116.6	116.1	116.6	119.9	118.1	117.7	118.2	118.0	119.3	121.6	118.3
United Kingdom	111.6	113.4	112.7	112.5	113.9	115.0	114.2	116.2	116.6	116.6	118.6	119.8	116.5
Norway	108.8	109.1	108.5	107.6	107.8	109.6	108.8	108.2	108.5	108.1	109.1	109.1	106.8
Switzerland	106.5	105.7	104.9	104.7	104.6	104.5	104.2	104.0	103.9	104.2	105.3	106.0	:

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

	12/13	12/14	12/15	01/16	02/16	03/16	04/16	05/16	06/16	07/16	08/16	09/16	10/16	11/16	12/16
EA19	118.8	122.7	125.8	99.3	91.2	100.5	100.7	102.1	101.8	103.4	105.2	100.9	107.2	104.7	127.2
EU28	120.8	124.9	128.5	100.2	93.7	102.8	103.7	105.4	105.1	107.1	107.9	104.3	110.5	110.6	131.4
Belgium	118.7	121.1	120.9	98.8	88.4	98.9	99.4	101.3	100.8	103.2	93.9	96.6	102.9	96.9	122.0
Bulgaria	123.8	138.5	140.9	109.2	108.4	120.6	123.6	122.3	128.7	136.4	138.7	131.0	131.6	129.3	145.9
Czech Republic	124.0	129.3	137.7	102.2	98.8	111.4	112.2	114.4	115.1	111.2	112.6	114.3	117.6	123.7	c
Denmark	118.9	119.9	119.4	89.8	83.0	92.5	97.2	100.4	98.4	95.8	97.6	92.0	98.1	101.3	118.2
Germany	117.0	121.8	125.5	99.5	95.4	107.4	106.0	106.3	104.2	107.7	103.7	102.4	110.8	110.3	124.1
Estonia	128.0	138.0	147.0	122.0	110.0	122.0	126.0	136.0	135.0	139.0	135.0	128.0	134.0	131.0	150.0
Ireland	141.5	149.0	157.1	105.8	106.5	103.3	107.3	111.2	107.7	114.9	110.7	107.1	109.6	124.4	160.2
Greece	83.2	82.1	82.3	67.5	64.5	67.4	69.9	66.9	69.4	74.8	74.5	71.2	71.4	69.7	c
Spain	94.1	100.2	102.6	90.7	77.7	84.8	85.0	85.7	88.8	98.2	87.8	87.3	88.7	86.0	105.4
France	136.4	141.5	146.7	112.7	102.2	111.9	112.9	113.1	115.3	101.5	132.0	114.7	121.7	116.9	151.1
Croatia	100.3	102.7	109.6	80.8	78.5	92.5	99.2	101.4	105.3	122.8	122.3	106.7	102.8	92.0	c
Italy	116.2	117.3	118.4	93.5	82.6	90.9	91.6	95.1	91.0	100.9	91.7	93.6	100.4	94.2	c
Cyprus	108.1	105.6	114.8	84.1	78.0	84.8	90.4	88.8	94.1	101.7	95.2	93.6	94.8	91.4	c
Latvia	134.7	138.4	140.6	113.7	108.8	119.9	121.1	127.9	128.1	135.4	137.7	128.1	130.2	123.8	143.3
Lithuania	135.3	144.7	152.5	117.8	112.6	127.5	130.3	138.2	139.7	145.4	149.7	139.4	145.0	136.5	160.2
Luxembourg	284.0	306.5	325.8	209.8	186.0	200.9	193.4	194.0	197.6	212.1	195.2	204.1	222.4	278.9	373.6
Hungary	127.2	134.7	141.1	93.7	94.7	109.5	114.5	113.4	116.1	122.7	122.0	119.6	121.6	120.9	145.6
Malta	108.3	115.5	123.5	97.3	99.3	100.3	102.7	106.8	107.4	115.4	108.2	104.3	110.2	108.3	122.6
Netherlands	107.9	109.9	111.9	91.4	83.1	92.7	93.0	99.2	98.2	98.6	93.2	92.5	100.6	98.0	c
Austria	118.3	119.8	121.7	93.7	90.8	100.4	100.7	98.8	98.4	101.9	99.2	98.7	105.5	101.3	120.5
Poland	120.9	124.4	133.5	103.0	99.9	116.0	118.3	118.8	118.4	119.4	120.6	120.1	126.0	116.0	138.9
Portugal	107.8	110.0	109.4	82.6	79.6	84.2	84.7	85.6	88.2	98.6	99.8	89.5	91.4	90.2	113.6
Romania	120.1	127.9	146.4	111.8	112.1	127.3	137.5	130.9	136.3	143.8	146.6	141.1	142.5	148.0	157.9
Slovenia	107.7	105.7	106.8	91.0	83.3	95.3	97.7	95.4	99.5	102.3	102.2	101.6	110.1	102.6	117.6
Slovakia	111.8	116.6	119.8	91.5	91.6	102.5	101.4	104.1	106.4	103.3	103.7	104.7	107.3	109.0	124.9
Finland	126.8	123.0	125.3	93.0	86.5	98.9	98.9	107.4	107.9	110.0	106.9	100.6	104.0	102.3	122.6
Sweden	127.4	130.1	137.5	104.6	98.5	112.6	114.6	123.9	125.9	122.7	120.4	113.4	120.1	121.1	139.3
United Kingdom	129.2	134.7	137.5	104.2	103.5	107.1	109.8	112.4	111.4	115.9	111.5	111.6	118.5	133.2	146.6
Norway	133.6	136.4	134.8	100.2	91.6	100.4	99.7	114.3	116.1	109.5	111.9	104.5	108.7	111.9	131.8
Switzerland	138.6	141.0	138.5	100.5	88.0	106.6	100.8	101.4	106.1	105.4	99.3	97.3	106.8	108.0	:

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