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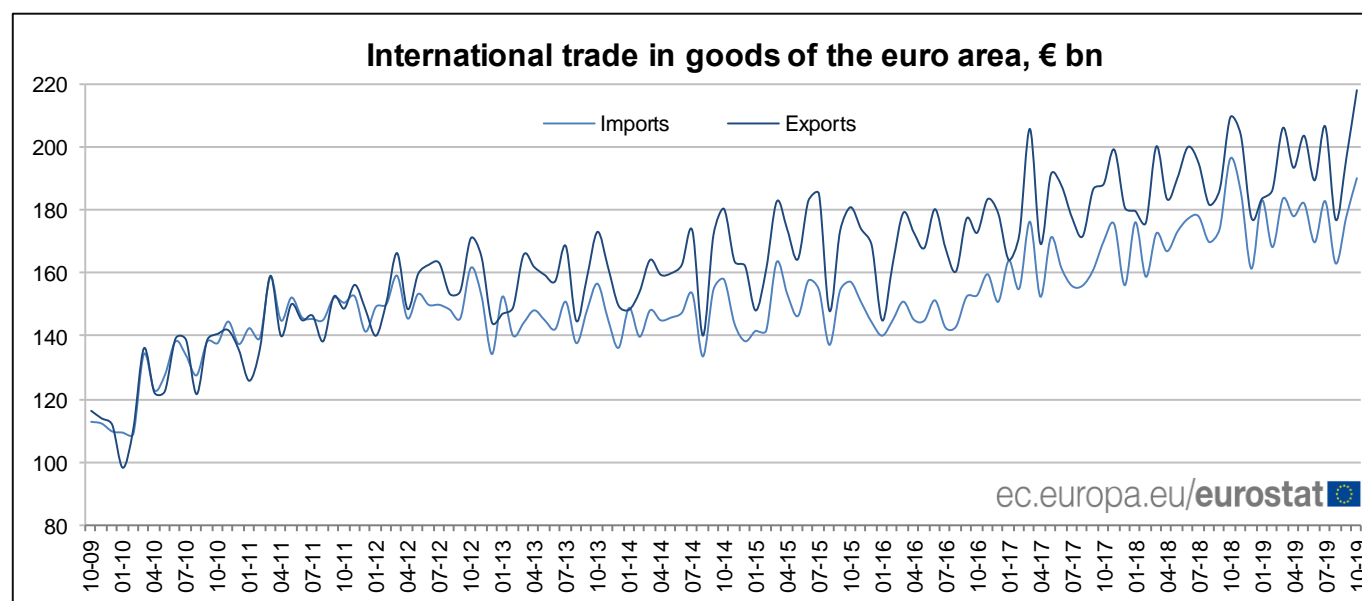
October 2019

**Euro area international trade in goods surplus****€28.0 bn**

€2.2 bn surplus for EU28

**Euro area**

The first estimate for **euro area** (EA19) exports of goods to the rest of the world in October 2019 was €217.9 billion, an increase of 4.1% compared with October 2018 (€209.3 bn). Imports from the rest of the world stood at €189.9 bn, a fall of 3.2% compared with October 2018 (€196.1 bn). As a result, the **euro area** recorded a €28 bn surplus in trade in goods with the rest of the world in October 2019, compared with +€13.2 bn in October 2018. **Intra-euro area** trade fell to €174.9 bn in October 2019, down by 1.4% compared with October 2018.



In January to October 2019, **euro area** exports of goods to the rest of the world rose to €1 959.8 bn (an increase of 3.1% compared with January-October 2018), and imports rose to €1 776.6 bn (an increase of 2% compared with January-October 2018). As a result the **euro area** recorded a surplus of €183.2 bn, compared with +€160.5 bn in January-October 2018. **Intra-euro area** trade rose to €1 647.7 bn in January-October 2019, up by 1.2% compared with January-October 2018.

**EA19 trade - non seasonally adjusted data****bn €**

Flows	Oct 18	Oct 19	Growth	Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Growth
Extra-EA19 exports	209.3	217.9	4.1%	1 901.7	1 959.8	3.1%
Extra-EA19 imports	196.1	189.9	-3.2%	1 741.1	1 776.6	2.0%
Extra-EA19 trade balance	13.2	28.0		160.5	183.2	
Intra-EA19 trade	177.4	174.9	-1.4%	1 628.4	1 647.7	1.2%

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## European Union

The first estimate for **extra-EU28** exports of goods in October 2019 was €190.1 billion, up by 5.6% compared with October 2018 (€180.0 bn). Imports from the rest of the world stood at €187.8 bn, down by 0.1% compared with October 2018 (€188.0 bn). As a result, the **EU28** recorded a €2.2 bn surplus in trade in goods with the rest of the world in October 2019, compared with a deficit of €8 bn in October 2018. **Intra-EU28** trade fell to €322.0 bn in October 2019, -0.7% compared with October 2018.



In January to October 2019, **extra-EU28** exports of goods rose to €1 693.3 bn (an increase of 3.8% compared with January-October 2018), and imports rose to €1 721.3 bn (an increase of 4.4% compared with January-October 2018). As a result, the **EU28** recorded a deficit of €28.0 bn, compared with -€18.6 bn in January-October 2018. **Intra-EU28** trade rose to €2 997.6 bn in January-October 2019, +1.6% compared with January-October 2018.

### EU28 trade - non seasonally adjusted data

bn €

Flows	Oct 18	Oct 19	Growth	Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Growth
Extra-EU28 exports	180.0	190.1	5.6%	1 630.9	1 693.3	3.8%
Extra-EU28 imports	188.0	187.8	-0.1%	1 649.5	1 721.3	4.4%
Extra-EU28 trade balance	-8.0	2.2		-18.6	-28.0	
Intra-EU28 trade	324.3	322.0	-0.7%	2 951.3	2 997.6	1.6%

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### Main products - EU28

bn €

	Extra-EU28 exports			Extra-EU28 imports			Trade balance	
	Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Growth	Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Growth	Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 630.9</b>	<b>1 693.3</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>1 649.5</b>	<b>1 721.3</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>-18.6</b>	<b>-28.0</b>
<b>Primary goods:</b>	<b>240.4</b>	<b>243.9</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>505.6</b>	<b>484.0</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>	<b>-265.3</b>	<b>-240.1</b>
<i>Food &amp; drink</i>	100.7	111.6	10.8%	93.6	96.8	3.4%	7.1	14.8
<i>Raw materials</i>	42.7	44.1	3.3%	68.3	70.1	2.6%	-25.6	-26.1
<i>Energy</i>	97.0	88.3	-9.0%	343.7	317.1	-7.7%	-246.7	-228.8
<b>Manufactured goods:</b>	<b>1 333.1</b>	<b>1 395.4</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>1 098.5</b>	<b>1 157.9</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>234.5</b>	<b>237.5</b>
<i>Chemicals</i>	298.2	326.4	9.5%	171.3	185.2	8.1%	126.9	141.2
<i>Machinery &amp; vehicles</i>	669.4	686.4	2.5%	510.5	542.6	6.3%	158.9	143.8
<i>Other manuf'd goods</i>	365.4	382.5	4.7%	416.7	430.0	3.2%	-51.3	-47.5
<b>Other</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>-6.1%</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>74.9%</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>-25.5</b>

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### Main trading partners - EU28

bn €

	EU28 exports to			EU28 imports from			Trade balance	
	Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Growth	Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Growth	Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19
<b>United States</b>	338.4	376.9	11.4%	221.6	246.2	11.1%	116.7	130.6
<b>China</b>	175.2	185.1	5.7%	326.7	351.1	7.5%	-151.5	-166.0
<b>Switzerland</b>	132.9	134.3	1.1%	90.7	112.5	24.0%	42.2	21.9
<b>Russia</b>	71.0	75.8	6.8%	141.1	130.1	-7.8%	-70.2	-54.2
<b>Turkey</b>	66.8	60.3	-9.7%	63.4	67.1	5.8%	3.4	-6.8
<b>Japan</b>	53.8	57.9	7.6%	58.7	62.5	6.5%	-4.9	-4.6
<b>Norway</b>	45.1	46.8	3.8%	68.8	59.3	-13.8%	-23.6	-12.5
<b>South Korea</b>	42.2	39.5	-6.4%	42.1	43.7	3.8%	0.1	-4.2
<b>India</b>	37.3	35.3	-5.4%	39.0	41.3	5.9%	-1.6	-6.0
<b>Canada</b>	34.9	37.3	6.9%	25.5	28.6	12.2%	9.4	8.8

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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 19	Growth / Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Growth / Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Growth / Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Growth / Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Growth / Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Growth / Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Jan-Oct 18	Jan-Oct 19	Jan-Oct 18
<b>Belgium</b>	330.3	0%	238.5	-1%	91.8	2%	316.9	0%	202.6	-1%	114.3	0%	13.4	13.3	35.8	37.3	-22.4	-24.0
<b>Bulgaria</b>	24.8	6%	16.7	3%	8.1	12%	26.1	-2%	17.4	3%	8.6	-11%	-1.3	-3.3	-0.7	-0.8	-0.5	-2.5
<b>Czechia</b>	148.4	4%	124.7	4%	23.7	7%	131.7	1%	99.6	0%	32.2	7%	16.7	12.3	25.2	20.3	-8.5	-8.0
<b>Denmark</b>	82.0	6%	47.8	1%	34.2	14%	73.0	1%	50.9	0%	22.1	1%	8.9	5.0	-3.2	-3.2	12.1	8.3
<b>Germany</b>	1 118.4	1%	656.1	0%	462.3	2%	924.6	2%	616.7	2%	307.8	0%	193.8	198.6	39.3	52.2	154.5	146.5
<b>Estonia</b>	12.1	1%	8.6	5%	3.5	-7%	13.5	0%	10.5	2%	2.9	-6%	-1.4	-1.5	-1.9	-2.2	0.6	0.6
<b>Ireland</b>	127.4	11%	61.0	5%	66.4	16%	71.0	-4%	46.9	-3%	24.2	-6%	56.3	41.3	14.1	9.8	42.2	31.5
<b>Greece</b>	28.2	1%	15.8	8%	12.3	-6%	46.7	3%	24.5	4%	22.1	2%	-18.5	-17.5	-8.7	-9.0	-9.8	-8.5
<b>Spain</b>	248.7	1%	165.3	2%	83.4	1%	278.1	1%	160.2	-1%	117.9	3%	-29.4	-31.0	5.1	1.3	-34.5	-32.3
<b>France</b>	425.4	4%	248.7	2%	176.8	7%	487.6	3%	332.8	2%	154.8	5%	-62.2	-65.8	-84.2	-84.5	22.0	18.7
<b>Croatia</b>	12.8	5%	8.6	4%	4.2	6%	21.1	5%	16.9	9%	4.2	-6%	-8.3	-7.8	-8.2	-7.2	-0.1	-0.6
<b>Italy</b>	398.3	3%	224.2	1%	174.1	4%	355.2	0%	208.8	0%	146.4	0%	43.0	32.5	15.4	13.0	27.7	19.6
<b>Cyprus</b>	2.6	-33%	1.3	15%	1.3	-52%	6.8	-7%	4.6	2%	2.3	-22%	-4.2	-3.5	-3.3	-3.4	-0.9	-0.1
<b>Latvia</b>	11.4	1%	7.8	3%	3.7	-3%	13.8	-1%	10.7	3%	3.1	-12%	-2.4	-2.6	-2.9	-2.8	0.5	0.2
<b>Lithuania</b>	24.7	6%	14.7	6%	10.1	6%	26.7	4%	18.1	2%	8.6	8%	-2.0	-2.3	-3.5	-3.8	1.4	1.5
<b>Luxembourg</b>	12.7	10%	10.7	10%	2.0	10%	18.0	6%	15.1	2%	2.9	42%	-5.3	-5.4	-4.4	-5.1	-0.9	-0.2
<b>Hungary</b>	93.4	5%	76.4	5%	17.0	5%	90.1	5%	66.1	2%	24.0	11%	3.2	2.8	10.3	8.3	-7.0	-5.5
<b>Malta</b>	2.2	5%	1.3	1%	0.9	12%	5.5	20%	4.0	21%	1.5	16%	-3.3	-2.5	-2.8	-2.1	-0.5	-0.4
<b>Netherlands</b>	525.4	3%	387.6	2%	137.9	4%	471.4	4%	214.7	3%	256.8	4%	54.0	57.0	172.9	171.3	-118.9	-114.3
<b>Austria</b>	134.5	3%	95.5	2%	39.0	5%	139.7	2%	108.6	2%	31.1	1%	-5.2	-5.9	-13.1	-12.3	7.9	6.4
<b>Poland</b>	196.6	6%	157.0	5%	39.6	10%	195.5	3%	134.5	1%	61.0	8%	1.1	-3.3	22.5	16.9	-21.4	-20.2
<b>Portugal</b>	50.1	3%	38.5	4%	11.6	0%	67.4	8%	51.4	9%	16.0	4%	-17.3	-13.9	-12.9	-10.1	-4.4	-3.8
<b>Romania</b>	57.9	2%	44.7	2%	13.2	1%	72.2	5%	53.9	5%	18.3	5%	-14.3	-12.1	-9.2	-7.7	-5.1	-4.4
<b>Slovenia</b>	33.7	8%	24.9	4%	8.8	20%	32.7	10%	20.8	4%	11.9	23%	0.9	1.6	4.0	3.9	-3.1	-2.3
<b>Slovakia</b>	66.9	2%	56.7	0%	10.1	8%	67.1	3%	54.2	4%	12.9	-2%	-0.2	0.8	2.5	4.6	-2.7	-3.8
<b>Finland</b>	54.6	2%	31.9	1%	22.7	4%	54.8	-1%	39.0	1%	15.8	-5%	-0.3	-2.0	-7.1	-7.2	6.9	5.2
<b>Sweden</b>	120.0	3%	69.9	1%	50.1	7%	118.3	-1%	82.9	-1%	35.4	-2%	1.7	-3.5	-13.0	-14.3	14.7	10.8
<b>United Kingdom</b>	347.6	0%	163.0	0%	184.6	0%	519.6	10%	257.3	2%	262.3	18%	-172.0	-125.4	-94.3	-88.4	-77.7	-37.0

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## 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, Czechia, 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 intra-EU exports has been consistently higher than that of intra-EU imports. In theory, as exports are declared FOB and imports CIF, the value of corresponding imports should be slightly higher than that of exports. Eurostat uses intra-EU exports as the more reliable measure of total intra-EU trade as, at aggregated levels, total intra-EU exports has better coverage than total intra-EU imports. 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.

Dutch trade flows are over-estimated because of the so-called 'Rotterdam effect' (or quasi-transit trade): that is goods bound for other EU countries arrive in Dutch ports and, according to EU rules, are recorded as extra-EU imports by the Netherlands (the country where goods are released for free circulation). This in turn increases the intra-EU flows from the Netherlands to those Member States to which the goods are re-exported. Although to a lesser extent, trade figures of other Member States like Belgium or Luxembourg may also be overestimated due to quasi-transit.

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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 2019. 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 2019 compared with September 2019, **euro area** seasonally adjusted exports increased by 2.1%, while imports decreased by 0.9%. The seasonally adjusted balance was +€24.5 bn, an increase compared with September (+€18.7 bn).

### EA19 trade - seasonally adjusted data

bn €

Flows	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19
Extra-EA19 exports	192.3	193.5	195.4	194.6	195.8	192.8	195.3	193.8	193.6	194.4	195.9	200.1
Extra-EA19 imports	178.1	178.4	178.7	175.2	179.1	177.5	176.8	176.1	176.6	174.7	177.2	175.6
Extra-EA19 trade balance	14.2	15.1	16.7	19.5	16.7	15.3	18.5	17.7	17.0	19.7	18.7	24.5
Intra-EA19 trade	163.7	163.4	166.1	164.9	164.1	164.0	165.6	163.4	162.9	162.2	162.6	162.6

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

In October 2019 compared with September 2019, **EU28** seasonally adjusted exports increased by 3.0%, while imports decreased by 0.5%. The seasonally adjusted balance was +€1.2 bn, an increase compared with September (-€4.8 bn).

### EU28 trade - seasonally adjusted data

bn €

Flows	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19
Extra-EU28 exports	164.2	163.0	166.8	166.0	167.2	170.7	171.3	169.3	167.8	167.6	169.6	174.7
Extra-EU28 imports	170.4	170.1	172.8	168.3	169.1	170.3	168.6	166.5	175.0	173.5	174.3	173.5
Extra-EU28 trade balance	-6.2	-7.1	-6.0	-2.3	-1.9	0.5	2.7	2.8	-7.2	-5.9	-4.8	1.2
Intra-EU28 trade	297.9	297.7	302.0	302.1	304.4	293.9	298.1	294.4	294.8	295.3	296.2	296.9

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

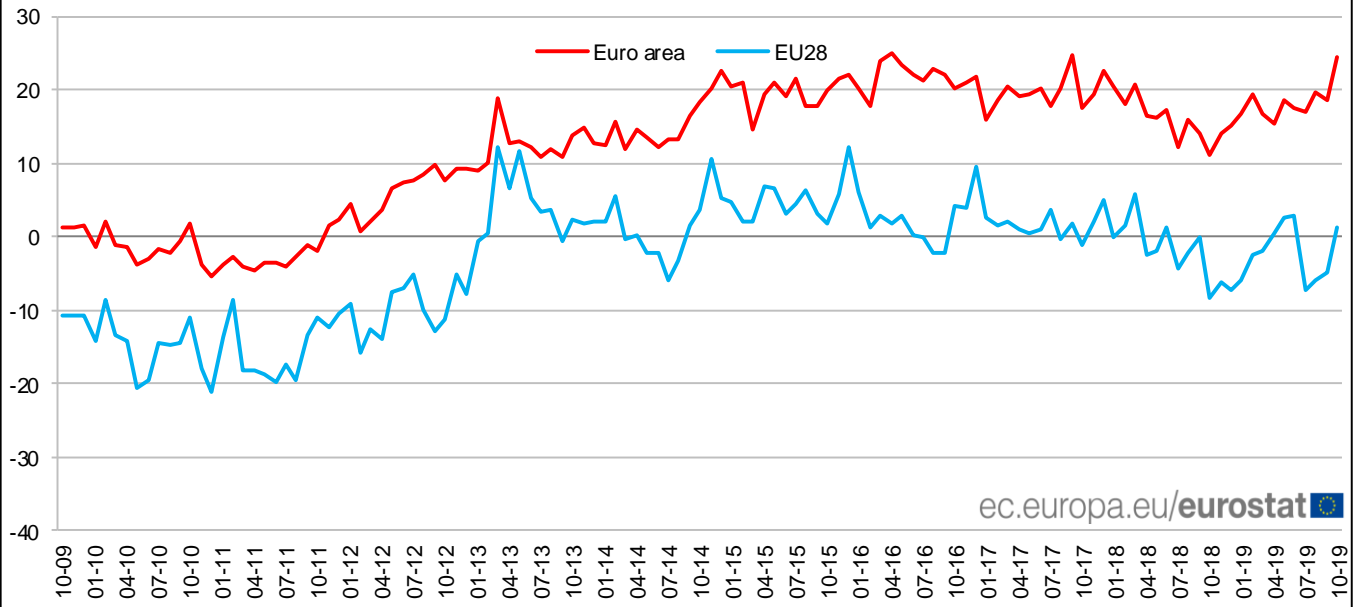
### Contribution of EU28 Member States to extra-EU28 trade - seasonally adjusted data

bn €

	Total exports			Total imports			Trade balance	
	Sep 19	Oct 19	Growth	Sep 19	Oct 19	Growth	Sep 19	Oct 19
<b>EU28</b>	<b>169.6</b>	<b>174.7</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>174.3</b>	<b>173.5</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Belgium	9.2	9.3	0.6%	11.7	11.2	-4.3%	-2.5	-1.9
Bulgaria	0.8	0.8	-1.6%	0.8	0.8	-4.3%	0.0	0.0
Czechia	2.4	2.5	4.1%	3.2	3.3	3.0%	-0.8	-0.8
Denmark	3.5	3.6	4.9%	2.2	2.2	1.5%	1.3	1.4
Germany	45.3	46.8	3.2%	30.2	30.7	1.5%	15.1	16.1
Estonia	0.3	0.3	4.4%	0.3	0.3	1.6%	0.0	0.0
Ireland	7.1	6.8	-5.0%	2.7	2.1	-21.2%	4.4	4.7
Greece	1.2	1.1	-13.1%	2.1	2.1	0.3%	-0.9	-1.1
Spain	8.3	8.0	-3.9%	12.0	11.1	-7.3%	-3.6	-3.1
France	17.3	18.5	7.0%	15.2	15.1	-0.5%	2.1	3.4
Croatia	0.4	0.4	0.6%	0.4	0.4	21.5%	0.0	0.0
Italy	18.0	18.6	3.4%	14.8	14.1	-4.4%	3.2	4.5
Cyprus	0.1	0.2	40.2%	0.3	0.2	-29.8%	-0.1	0.0
Latvia	0.4	0.4	6.2%	0.3	0.3	-11.6%	0.1	0.1
Lithuania	1.0	1.0	1.1%	0.8	0.9	13.7%	0.2	0.1
Luxembourg	0.2	0.2	-6.8%	0.1	0.1	-9.4%	0.1	0.1
Hungary	1.8	1.8	3.2%	2.5	2.3	-6.7%	-0.8	-0.5
Malta	0.1	0.1	1.7%	0.1	0.3	232.2%	0.0	-0.2
Netherlands	14.3	15.0	5.3%	25.8	26.6	3.2%	-11.5	-11.6
Austria	3.8	4.1	10.1%	3.1	2.9	-6.3%	0.7	1.3
Poland	4.0	4.1	2.1%	5.9	6.4	8.9%	-1.9	-2.4
Portugal	1.2	1.2	2.6%	1.6	1.5	-8.8%	-0.5	-0.3
Romania	1.4	1.3	-7.7%	1.8	1.9	4.4%	-0.4	-0.6
Slovenia	1.0	1.0	0.8%	1.2	1.3	9.9%	-0.3	-0.4
Slovakia	0.9	1.0	9.2%	1.3	1.3	-1.9%	-0.4	-0.3
Finland	2.2	2.2	0.0%	1.5	1.6	4.1%	0.7	0.6
Sweden	4.9	5.0	1.0%	3.3	3.6	9.8%	1.6	1.4
United Kingdom	18.5	19.5	5.1%	29.2	28.8	-1.4%	-10.7	-9.4

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

International trade in goods balance, seasonally adjusted, € bn



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