Preliminary flash estimate for the first quarter of 2022
GDP up by 0.2% in the euro area and by 0.4% in the EU
+5.0% and +5.2% respectively compared with the first quarter of 2021

In the first quarter 2022, seasonally adjusted GDP increased by 0.2% in the euro area and by 0.4% in the EU, compared with the previous quarter, according to a preliminary flash estimate published by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union. In the fourth quarter of 2021, GDP had grown by 0.3% in the euro area and 0.5% in the EU.

These preliminary GDP flash estimates are based on data sources that are incomplete and subject to further revisions.
Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, seasonally adjusted GDP increased by 5.0% in the euro area and by 5.2% in the EU in the first quarter of 2022, after +4.7% in the euro area and +4.9% in the EU in the previous quarter.

Among the Member States for which data are available for the first quarter 2022, Portugal (+2.6%) recorded the highest increase compared to the previous quarter, followed by Austria (+2.5%) and Latvia (+2.1%). Declines were recorded in Sweden (-0.4%) and in Italy (-0.2%). The year on year growth rates were positive for all countries.

### Published growth rates of GDP in volume up to 2022Q1*

(based on seasonally adjusted** data)

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* See “Methods and definitions”
** Growth rates to the previous quarter and to the same quarter of the previous year presented in this table are generally both based on seasonally and calendar adjusted figures since unadjusted data are usually not transmitted for the compilation of GDP flash estimate.

Source dataset: namq_10_gdp

The next estimates for the first quarter of 2022 will be released on 17 May 2022.
Geographical information

**Euro area** (EA19): Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

**European Union** (EU27): Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland and Sweden.

Methods and definitions

European quarterly national accounts are compiled in accordance with the European System of Accounts 2010 (ESA 2010). The preliminary flash estimate of the first quarter of 2022 GDP growth presented in this release is based on the data of 17 Member States, covering 93% of euro area GDP and 91% of EU GDP. The country coverage was not affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

Two statistical working papers present the preliminary GDP flash methodology for the **European estimates** and **Member States estimates**. The method used for compilation of European GDP estimates is the same as for previous releases.

Revisions and timetable

With this preliminary flash estimate, euro area and EU GDP figures for earlier quarters are not revised. All figures presented in this release may be revised with the GDP t+45 flash estimate scheduled for 17 May 2022 and subsequently by Eurostat’s regular estimates of GDP and main aggregates (including employment) scheduled for 8 June 2022 and 20 July 2022.

Data on revisions for test estimations, showing that the preliminary flash estimation procedure is sufficiently reliable, are available in chapter 5 of the statistical working paper Euro area and EU GDP flash estimates at 30 days.

For more information

Eurostat website section on national accounts, and specifically the page on quarterly national accounts

Eurostat database section on national accounts and Eurostat metadata on quarterly national accounts

Eurostat “Statistics Explained” articles on measuring quarterly GDP, presentation of updated quarterly estimates and the impact of COVID-19 on main GDP aggregates including employment.

Note on the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on national accounts, guidance on quarterly national accounts (including flash) estimates in the context of the COVID-19 crisis and country specific metadata on the impact of COVID-19 on GDP estimates.

**European System of Accounts 2010**

**Eurostat €-indicators release calendar**

**European Statistics Code of Practice**

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