Preliminary flash estimate for the third quarter of 2018

**GDP up by 0.2% in the euro area and by 0.3% in the EU28**
+1.7% and +1.9% respectively compared with the third quarter of 2017

Seasonally adjusted GDP rose by 0.2% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 0.3% in the **EU28** during the third quarter of 2018, compared with the previous quarter, according to a preliminary flash estimate published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In the second quarter of 2018, GDP had grown by 0.4% in the **euro area** and by 0.5% the **EU28**.

Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, seasonally adjusted GDP rose by 1.7% in the **euro area** and by 1.9% in the **EU28** in the third quarter of 2018, after +2.2% and +2.1% respectively in the previous quarter.

**EU28 and euro area GDP growth rates**
% change over the previous quarter

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**Growth rates of GDP in volume**
(based on seasonally adjusted data)

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The source dataset can be found [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, 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
European quarterly national accounts are compiled in accordance with the European System of Accounts 2010 (ESA 2010). The preliminary flash estimate of the third quarter of 2018 GDP growth presented in this release is based on the data of 16 Member States, covering 92% of EA19 GDP (89% of EU28 GDP). Two statistical working papers present the preliminary GDP flash methodology for the European estimates and Member States estimates.

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 14 November 2018 and subsequently by the estimate of GDP and main aggregates scheduled for 7 December 2018. 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
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Eurostat Statistics Explained article on measuring quarterly GDP
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