

EU-27 trade with ACP countries 2006

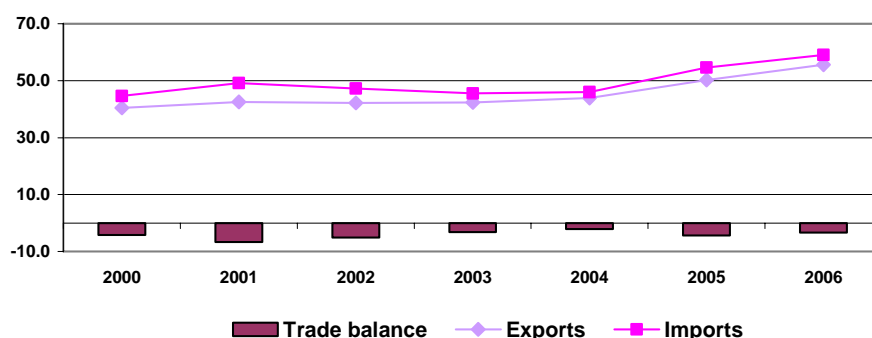
Exports to ACP States increased by an average 5.4% per year over the 2000-2006 period; imports by 4.8%

Relations between the European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP) have developed as a unique combination of aid, trade and political cooperation. These special EU-ACP relations date back to the Treaty of Rome (1957); in 2007 the European Union hence celebrates 50 years of partnership. The relations are today governed by the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, signed in Cotonou (Benin) on 23 June 2000 and concluded for a period of 20 years.

Highlights

- In 2005 and 2006 a noticeable increase was registered in trade with ACP countries: both imports and exports exceeded EUR 50 billion.
- Among the ACP group of countries, South Africa and Nigeria are the EU's main trading partners, both for imports and exports.
- Petroleum products were by far the most imported goods, while road vehicles represented the most exported product.
- The EU-27 trade balance with ACP countries remained constantly negative by a small margin, the deficit reaching EUR 3.4 billion in 2006.
- Germany, France and the United Kingdom counted for over 50% of the total exports to ACP countries. The UK and Spain were the biggest importers from ACP States.

Figure 1: Evolution of EU-27 trade with ACP countries between 2000 and 2006, (EUR billion)



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Exports	40.4	42.5	42.2	42.4	43.9	50.2	55.6
Imports	44.6	49.2	47.3	45.5	46.0	54.6	59.0
Trade balance	-4.2	-6.7	-5.1	-3.2	-2.1	-4.4	-3.4

Source: Eurostat (COMEXT)

Around a third of the entire ACP trade with South Africa

Trade between EU-27 and the ACP countries has remained relatively stable over the 2000- 2006 time span; the total value of EU imports lying slightly over those of EU exports and the trade balance showing a deficit ranging between EUR 6.7 billion (in 2001) and EUR 2.1 billion (2004). In 2006, the EU's trade deficit amounted to EUR 3.4 billion: goods worth EUR 55.6 billion were exported against imports worth EUR 59.0 billion.

The ACP is a quite heterogeneous group of 79 countries (full list supplied in the Methodological Notes on page 3). Table 2 on the next page shows the ten main trading partners among the ACP group. In 2006, these ten countries were responsible for 68% of all EU-27 exports to ACP countries and 71% of all EU-27 imports from ACP countries. For both exports and imports, South Africa is the main partner by a large margin, being responsible for 35.7% of the total EU-27 exports to ACP and 31.3% of the total imports from ACP. Nigeria followed with shares of 12.5% and 18.0% respectively.

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	Exports							Imports						
	2000	2004	2005	2006	Average annual increase 2000-2006	Share in total EU exports to ACP countries - 2006		2000	2004	2005	2006	Average annual increase 2000-2006	Share in total EU imports from ACP countries - 2006	
						%	% cum.						%	% cum.
ACP	40 427	43 933	50 207	55 583	5.4%	100	100	44 645	46 023	54 620	58 992	4.8%	100	100
South Africa	11 810	16 051	18 107	19 843	9.0%	35.7	35.7	14 696	15 812	16 835	18 455	3.9%	31.3	31.3
Nigeria	4 011	5 283	5 972	6 974	9.7%	12.5	48.2	6 419	5 235	8 389	10 628	8.8%	18.0	49.3
Angola	1 030	1 623	2 017	3 024	19.7%	5.4	53.7	1 530	974	2 633	2 176	6.0%	3.7	53.0
Cameroon	932	918	881	950	0.3%	1.7	55.4	1 703	1 646	1 985	2 742	8.3%	4.6	57.6
Côte d'Ivoire	1 443	1 182	1 127	1 146	-3.8%	2.1	57.5	2 059	2 207	1 978	2 488	3.2%	4.2	61.9
Ghana	1 281	1 195	1 251	1 449	2.1%	2.6	60.1	1 173	1 038	978	1 111	-0.9%	1.9	63.7
Cuba	1 450	981	1 305	1 678	2.5%	3.0	63.1	707	710	716	733	0.6%	1.2	65.0
Kenya	942	959	989	1 203	4.2%	2.2	65.2	845	875	957	1 054	3.8%	1.8	66.8
Equatorial Guinea	137	269	459	391	19.1%	0.7	66.0	740	850	1 637	1 735	15.3%	2.9	69.7
Bahamas	1 019	645	1 256	1 103	1.3%	2.0	67.9	638	637	1 089	968	7.2%	1.6	71.4

Source: Eurostat (COMEXT)

Over 50% of all EU-27 exports to ACP countries originate from Germany, France and the UK

Looking at the trade with ACP countries from the point of view of the individual Member States, a relatively large surplus was registered for Germany (+ 4.0 billion EUR), France (+1.4 billion EUR) and Sweden (+1.2 billion EUR). This contrasts with large deficits for Spain (-6.3 billion EUR) and the United Kingdom (-3.7 billion EUR).

Germany, France and the United Kingdom are the main exporters to ACP countries with shares of 20%, 17% and 14% respectively. Starting from a low level in absolute terms, Estonia's, Lithuania's and Hungary's exports to ACP countries developed particularly rapidly since 2000. The only countries that registered

a decrease in exports were Greece, France and Latvia.

The United Kingdom and Spain are the EU countries that in 2006 imported most from ACP countries with shares of 19% and 17% of the total EU trade respectively. They were followed by France (14%), Germany (12%) and the Netherlands (10%). Among these major importers, the Netherlands and Spain displayed the strongest growth between 2000 and 2006, with an average annual rate of 9.8% and 8.8% respectively.

Bulgaria, Lithuania and Poland showed the highest growth rates, but their volumes of imports remained very small.

Table 2: EU-27 trade with ACP countries, by EU Member State (EUR million)

	EXPORTS						IMPORTS						TRADE BALANCE			
	2000	2004	2005	2006	Average annual increase 2000-2006	Share in EU-27 trade 2006	2000	2004	2005	2006	Average annual increase 2000-2006	Share in EU-27 trade 2006	2000	2004	2005	2006
EU-27	40 427	43 933	50 207	55 583	5.4%	100%	44 645	46 023	54 620	58 992	4.8%	100%	-4 218	-2 090	-4 414	-3 409
Belgium	2 455	2 617	3 018	3 769	7.4%	6.8%	4 419	4 207	4 906	4 281	-0.5%	7.3%	-1 964	-1 590	-1 888	-513
Bulgaria	52	36	95	66	4.0%	0.1%	25	23	41	55	14.1%	0.1%	27	13	54	11
Czech Republic	89	198	262	349	25.6%	0.6%	83	128	94	105	4.1%	0.2%	6	70	169	244
Denmark	491	480	608	621	4.0%	1.1%	186	466	325	288	7.5%	0.5%	305	14	283	334
Germany	6 909	9 702	10 326	11 374	8.7%	20.5%	5 656	5 253	5 929	7 360	4.5%	12.5%	1 253	4 449	4 397	4 013
Estonia	5	8	27	129	69.3%	0.2%	7	11	5	7	1.4%	0.0%	-1	-2	22	121
Ireland	692	613	615	727	0.8%	1.3%	290	272	301	290	0.0%	0.5%	402	341	314	437
Greece	239	162	302	189	-3.9%	0.3%	358	304	268	332	-1.3%	0.6%	-119	-142	34	-143
Spain	2 484	2 730	3 394	3 786	7.3%	6.8%	6 116	6 116	8 636	10 130	8.8%	17.2%	-3 631	-3 386	-5 242	-6 344
France	10 769	8 418	9 593	9 501	-2.1%	17.1%	7 090	6 370	7 944	8 069	2.2%	13.7%	3 679	2 048	1 649	1 432
Italy	4 262	4 299	4 587	5 132	3.1%	9.2%	5 070	4 489	5 266	6 119	3.2%	10.4%	-808	-191	-679	-987
Cyprus	10	18	19	21	12.0%	0.0%	17	14	14	16	-1.2%	0.0%	-6	3	5	5
Latvia	21	7	18	17	-3.0%	0.0%	3	2	5	5	8.2%	0.0%	18	5	14	12
Lithuania	5	24	39	50	49.2%	0.1%	10	22	20	36	23.2%	0.1%	-6	2	19	14
Luxembourg	53	63	65	66	3.8%	0.1%	14	20	23	16	2.4%	0.0%	39	44	42	51
Hungary	63	155	333	484	40.6%	0.9%	98	48	45	30	-18.1%	0.1%	-36	107	287	454
Malta	17	23	41	39	14.6%	0.1%	10	11	7	10	0.4%	0.0%	8	13	34	30
Netherlands	2 752	3 634	4 469	5 196	11.2%	9.3%	3 491	4 260	5 989	6 131	9.8%	10.4%	-738	-626	-1 521	-935
Austria	542	686	782	975	10.3%	1.8%	479	419	673	743	7.6%	1.3%	63	267	109	231
Poland	249	391	596	598	15.7%	1.1%	253	498	474	807	21.4%	1.4%	-4	-107	123	-209
Portugal	846	1 167	1 265	1 759	13.0%	3.2%	1 645	1 416	1 953	1 819	1.7%	3.1%	-799	-249	-688	-60
Romania	119	106	172	176	6.8%	0.3%	67	96	91	81	3.2%	0.1%	52	10	81	95
Slovenia	22	39	57	52	15.6%	0.1%	24	36	35	34	6.2%	0.1%	-2	3	22	18
Slovakia	38	71	99	110	19.3%	0.2%	36	30	19	29	-3.8%	0.0%	2	41	80	81
Finland	583	654	800	1 023	9.8%	1.8%	203	381	249	344	9.2%	0.6%	380	273	550	680
Sweden	762	1 191	1 522	1 630	13.5%	2.9%	214	308	384	387	10.4%	0.7%	548	883	1 138	1 243
United Kingdom	5 897	6 439	7 102	7 744	4.6%	13.9%	8 782	10 823	10 923	11 468	4.5%	19.4%	-2 885	-4 385	-3 821	-3 724

Source: Eurostat (COMEXT)

34% of all imports from ACP countries consist of 'energy products'

81% of the EU exports to the ACP group of countries in 2006 consisted of manufactured goods. 'Machinery and transport equipment' made up half of all EU-exports.

Primary products represented the majority (61%) of EU imports from ACP countries; especially 'Energy' (34%), followed by food products (16%).

Table 3: EU-27 trade with ACP countries, by main product group (EUR million)

	EXPORTS						IMPORTS						TRADE BALANCE			
	2000	2004	2005	2006	Average annual increase	Share in total trade	2000	2004	2005	2006	Average annual increase	Share in total trade	2000	2004	2005	2006
					2000-2006	2006					2000-2006	2006				
TOTAL	40 427	43 933	50 207	55 583	5%	100%	44 645	46 023	54 620	58 992	5%	100%	-4 218	-2 090	-4 414	-3 409
Primary products	6 199	6 337	7 363	9 375	7%	17%	25 119	24 558	31 594	36 020	6%	61%	-18 920	-18 221	-24 231	-26 645
Food products	4 036	4 020	4 257	4 956	3%	9%	9 297	9 789	9 807	9 715	1%	16%	-5 262	-5 769	-5 550	-4 759
Crude materials	725	680	672	794	2%	1%	5 551	5 085	5 597	6 268	2%	11%	-4 827	-4 405	-4 924	-5 474
Energy	1 439	1 636	2 433	3 625	17%	7%	10 271	9 684	16 190	20 037	12%	34%	-8 832	-8 047	-13 757	-16 413
Manufactured goods	33 397	36 604	41 667	44 961	5%	81%	16 374	18 434	21 003	21 036	4%	36%	17 024	18 170	20 664	23 925
Chemicals	4 638	5 235	5 834	6 343	5%	11%	788	850	956	1 168	7%	2%	3 851	4 386	4 878	5 175
Machinery and transport equipment	20 898	22 323	26 022	27 655	5%	50%	4 397	6 104	7 229	5 517	4%	9%	16 501	16 219	18 793	22 138
Other manufactured articles	7 861	9 046	9 811	10 962	6%	20%	11 189	11 481	12 819	14 352	4%	24%	-3 328	-2 435	-3 008	-3 389
Others	830	992	1 177	1 247	7%	2%	3 152	3 031	2 023	1 936	-8%	3%	-2 322	-2 039	-846	-689

Source: Eurostat (COMEXT)

As a result, the 2006 EU trade balance by product group showed a near balance: a deficit of EUR 26.6 billion for primary products stood against a surplus of EUR 23.9 billion for manufactured goods.

Looking in detail, 'Petroleum and petroleum products' was the most important product imported and represented 24.3% of the total value of all ACP imports. 5.6% of all EU imports of these products came from ACP countries.

Among the ten main products imported, three relate to food: 'Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices' (5.3% share), 'Vegetables and fruit' (4.0%) and 'Fish' (3.4%).

For EU-27 exports, road vehicles represented clearly the predominant category (12% of the total); most of the other main categories were also related to machinery and transport equipment.

Table 4a: Main EU-27 imports from ACP countries, by product

SITC division	Value (EUR million)				Share in total extra-EU trade of this division (%)				Share in total EU imports from ACP	
	2000	2004	2005	2006	2000	2004	2005	2006	%	% cum.
									2006	2006
Total	44 645	46 023	54 620	58 992	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.4	100	100
33 Petroleum, petroleum products	8 261	6 570	11 966	14 352	6.3	4.6	5.8	5.6	24.3	24.3
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	5 010	4 839	5 955	5 686	20.6	22.3	24.1	22.6	9.6	34.0
68 Non-ferrous metals	1 845	1 961	2 368	3 947	7.8	8.7	9.4	9.5	6.7	40.7
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices	2 891	3 060	3 173	3 117	36.3	44.5	39.7	35.7	5.3	45.9
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	569	994	1 391	3 002	2.4	3.6	3.9	6.1	5.1	51.0
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	2 132	1 984	2 365	2 959	14.5	11.7	11.5	10.7	5.0	56.0
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	1 437	2 116	2 833	2 683	21.6	18.3	20.6	18.7	4.5	60.6
05 Vegetables and fruit	2 049	2 294	2 327	2 373	14.8	14.2	13.1	13.0	4.0	64.6
67 Iron and steel	1 165	1 760	1 855	2 020	9.4	9.1	8.3	6.7	3.4	68.0
03 Fish	1 867	1 970	1 989	1 989	15.9	16.2	14.5	12.6	3.4	71.4

Table 4b: Main EU-27 exports to ACP countries, by product

SITC division	Value (EUR million)				Share in total extra-EU trade of this division (%)				Share in total EU exports to ACP	
	2000	2004	2005	2006	2000	2004	2005	2006	%	% cum.
									2006	2006
Total	40 427	43 933	50 207	55 583	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.8	100	100
74 Road vehicles	3 671	4 991	5 774	6 753	4.9	5.2	5.7	6.1	12.1	12.1
74 General industrial machinery and equipm.	2 205	2 977	3 242	3 722	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.9	6.7	18.8
33 Petroleum, petroleum products	1 385	1 590	2 378	3 557	5.3	5.4	5.7	7.0	6.4	25.2
72 Machinery for particular industries	1 907	2 634	2 954	3 488	4.3	5.0	5.3	5.5	6.3	31.5
76 Telecommunications	2 056	2 322	2 888	3 434	5.3	6.7	6.4	8.4	6.2	37.7
77 Electrical machinery	1 757	1 950	2 250	2 651	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.4	4.8	42.5
79 Transport equipment (other than road)	6 167	3 555	4 500	2 547	12.3	7.9	9.5	5.9	4.6	47.1
71 Power-generating machinery	1 470	1 838	2 172	2 460	4.1	4.8	5.1	5.4	4.4	51.5
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	1 487	1 797	1 962	2 148	4.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.9	55.3
75 Office machines	1 391	1 545	1 887	2 052	5.0	6.3	6.6	7.1	3.7	59.0

Source: Eurostat (COMEXT)

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Statistical sources (data extracted on: 25/02/2007)

➤ EU data: Eurostat (Comext)

The EU-27 includes: Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States): Angola - Antigua and Barbuda - Belize - Cape Verde - Comoros - Bahamas - Barbados - Benin - Botswana - Burkina Faso - Burundi - Cameroon - Central African Republic - Chad - Congo (Brazzaville) - Congo (Kinshasa) - Cook Islands - Côte d'Ivoire - Cuba - Djibouti - Dominica - Dominican Republic - Eritrea - Ethiopia - Fiji - Gabon - Gambia - Ghana - Grenada - Republic of Guinea - Guinea-Bissau - Equatorial Guinea - Guyana - Haiti - Jamaica - Kenya - Kiribati - Lesotho - Liberia - Madagascar - Malawi - Mali - Marshall Islands - Mauritania - Mauritius - Micronesia - Mozambique - Namibia - Nauru - Niger - Nigeria - Niue - Palau - Papua New Guinea - Rwanda - St. Kitts and Nevis - St. Lucia - St. Vincent and

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Classification of products (Table 3)

Third revision of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC). Food products = sections 0+1, Crude materials = sections 2+4, Energy = section 3, Chemicals = section 5, Machinery and transport equipment = section 7 and Other manufactured articles = sections 6+8.

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