

# Basic figures on the EU

## First quarter 2019



# General information

## Coverage

This short guide shows information for the EU, the euro area, the EU Member States and three EFTA countries. The euro area (EA-19) is composed of: Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland. The EU-28 includes the EA-19 countries and also: Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The EFTA countries are: Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

In an effort to give readers a better overview of the data available in the Eurostat database, each edition of Basic figures on the EU introduces a set of three alternating indicators. In this edition they are 'Employees aged 15-29 with temporary contracts', 'Housing cost overburden' and 'Goods handled in ports'.

For the EU, the information presented in this short guide is generally based on data for the EU-28 and EA-19 aggregates. However, the data for inflation is based on moving aggregates that reflect the membership of the EU and euro area over time (coded EU and EA in the graphs).

Quarterly growth rates are expressed in relation to the previous quarter. Quarterly data are generally adjusted by working days and/or seasonally adjusted data, although data for the government surplus/deficit and debt as well as annual rates of change for inflation are based on non-seasonally adjusted data.

## Symbols and abbreviations

: not available

*Figures in italics* are estimates, provisional or forecast.

## Next edition

Extraction made in February 2019. The next edition is planned for June 2019. The most recent data is available at <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/data/database>.

## Data codes

The Eurostat online data code, which is given as part of the source for figures and tables, provides users with a quick and efficient way of accessing the most up-to-date statistics. When used through the 'search' facility of Eurostat's website, each data code directs users to the corresponding dataset offering the freshest data and longer time-series.

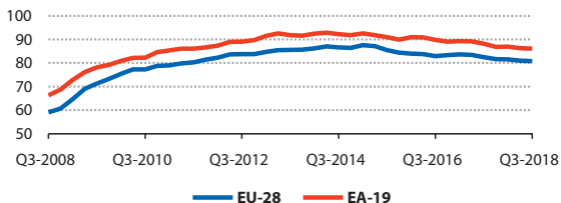
## Indicators of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth

EU-28		2008	2016	2017	Target
Employment	Employment rate (% of population aged 20–64)	70.3	71.1	72.2	75.0
	— male	77.9	76.9	78.0	:
	— female	62.8	65.3	66.5	:
EU-28		2008	2016	2017	Target
R&D	Gross domestic expenditure on R&D (% of GDP)	1.84	2.04	2.07	3.0
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Climate change / energy	Greenhouse gas emissions (index, 1990 = 100)	90.6	78.0	77.6	80.0
	Renewables in gross final energy consumption (%)	11.1	16.7	17.0	20.0
	Primary energy consumption (million tonnes of oil equivalent)	1 693	1 532	1 543	1 483
	Final energy consumption (million tonnes of oil equivalent)	1 180	1 086	1 108	1 086
EU-28		2008	2016	2017	Target
Education	Early leavers from education and training (% of population aged 18–24)	14.7	10.7	10.6	10.0
	— male	16.7	12.2	12.1	:
	— female	12.7	9.2	8.9	:
	Tertiary educational attainment (% of population aged 30–34)	31.2	39.2	39.9	40.0
	— male	28.0	34.4	34.9	:
	— female	34.3	43.9	44.9	:
EU-27		2008	2016	2017	Target
Poverty or social exclusion	People at-risk-of poverty or social exclusion (¹) (Cumulative difference from 2008 in millions)	:	+ 1.0	- 4.2	-20.0

(¹) The overall EU target is to lift at least 20 million people out of risk of poverty or social exclusion by 2020 with 2008 as a baseline year. Monitoring/target refers to EU-27 as Croatia joined EU in 2013 and EU-28 data is therefore only available starting from 2010.

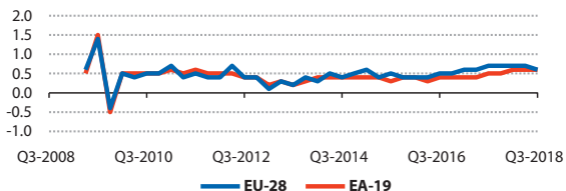
Source: Eurostat (<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/europe-2020-indicators/europe-2020-strategy/headline-indicators-scoreboard>)

## General government gross debt (% of GDP)



Source: Eurostat (online data code: [gov\\_10q\\_ggdebt](#))

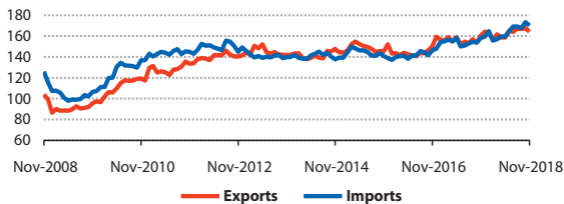
## Labour cost index (whole economy), quarterly growth rate (%)



Note: Timeperiod starts Q2-2009

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [lc\\_lci\\_r2\\_q](#))

## Trade in goods, EU-28 (billion EUR)



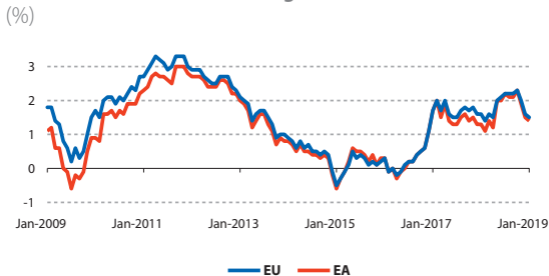
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ext\\_st\\_eu28bec](#))

**General government surplus (+) / deficit (-)**  
(% of GDP)

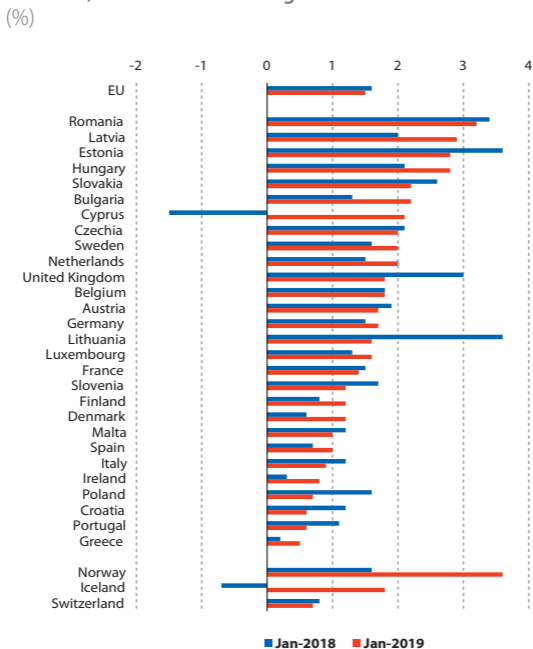
	Q3-2017	Q2-2018	Q3-2018
<b>EU-28</b>	- 0.7	0.1	- 0.5
<b>EA-19</b>	- 0.7	0.4	- 0.5
Belgium	- 5.2	4.9	- 4.4
Bulgaria	3.2	5.5	4.5
Czechia	2.5	3.3	1.6
Denmark	0.7	0.8	- 0.5
Germany	0.7	3.6	0.8
Estonia	0.3	1.8	1.2
Ireland	- 2.3	- 0.2	- 1.4
Greece	5.2	- 0.4	4.7
Spain	2.6	- 5.7	2.5
France	- 3.9	- 1.6	- 3.6
Croatia	4.0	2.9	5.1
Italy	- 1.8	- 0.6	- 1.7
Cyprus	7.3	- 0.4	- 19.7
Latvia	1.1	5.0	0.1
Lithuania	1.8	4.6	1.5
Luxembourg	2.0	5.7	3.4
Hungary	- 3.8	0.1	- 0.7
Malta	5.2	3.8	3.9
Netherlands	- 0.3	0.4	0.6
Austria	1.5	1.7	1.1
Poland	- 0.5	- 0.5	- 0.2
Portugal	2.3	- 3.1	6.0
Romania	- 0.7	- 1.5	- 1.3
Slovenia	0.1	1.3	0.4
Slovakia	- 0.9	- 0.5	- 0.9
Finland	- 2.0	3.1	- 1.6
Sweden	1.5	3.8	0.5
United Kingdom	- 2.0	- 2.5	- 1.2
Iceland	0.6	0.7	0.2
Norway	3.0	9.5	6.2
Switzerland	1.4	1.0	1.3

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [gov\\_10q\\_ggnfa](#))

## Inflation, annual rate of change

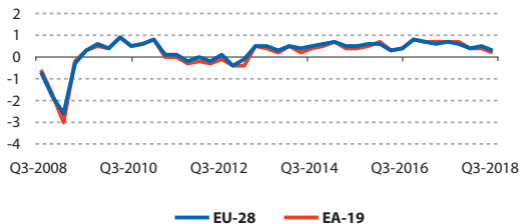


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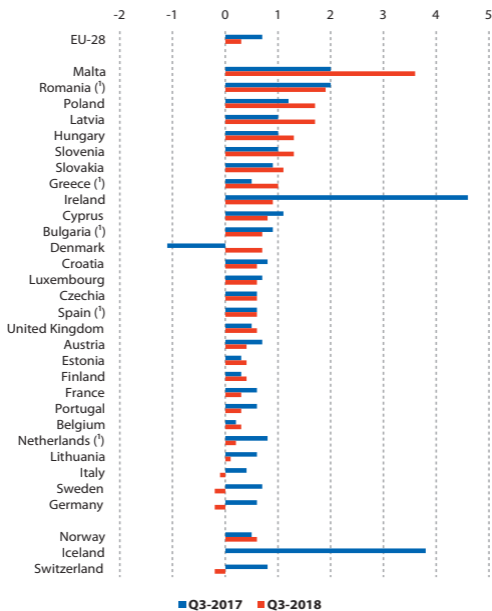
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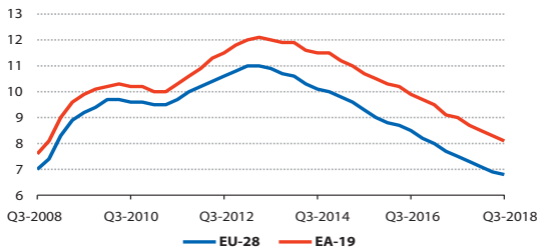


(¹) Provisional data for both periods, Bulgaria only for Q3-2018.

Source: Eurostat (online data codes: [namq\\_10\\_gdp](#))

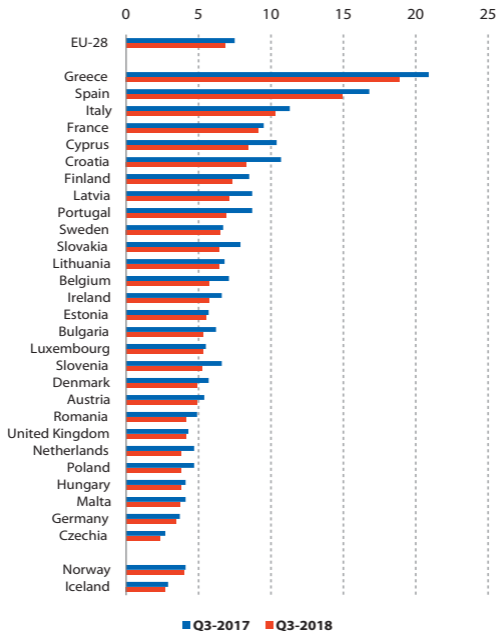
## Unemployment rate

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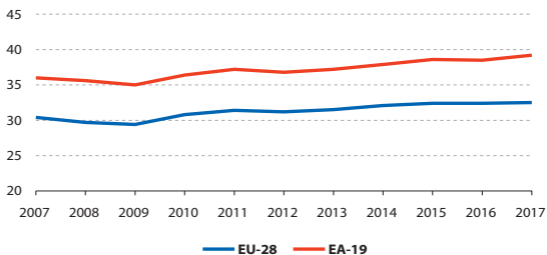


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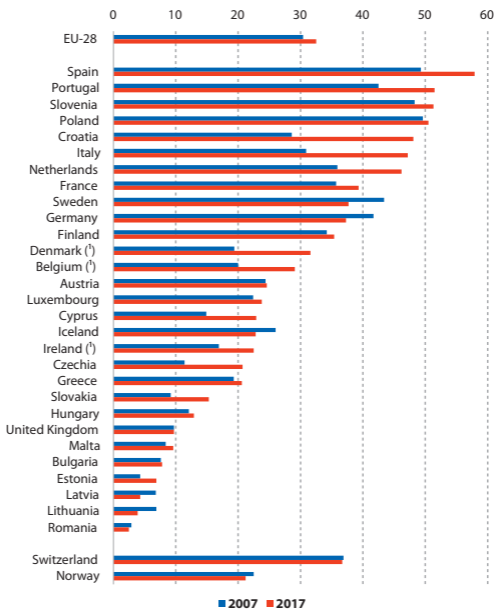
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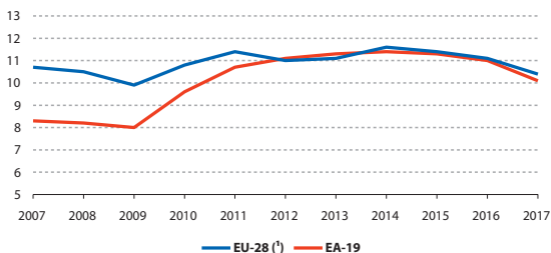


(<sup>1</sup>) Break in series in 2017.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [yth\\_empl\\_050](#))

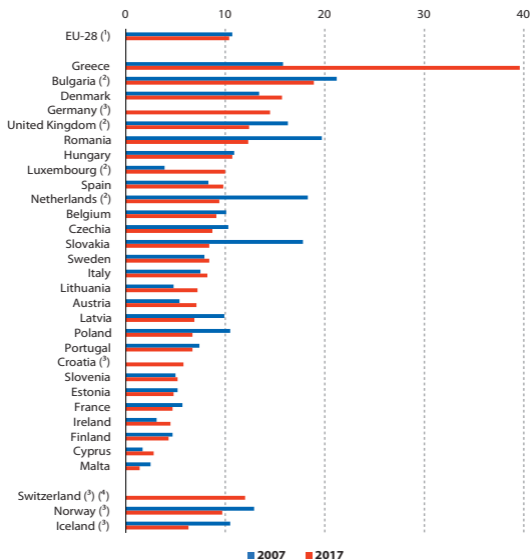
## Housing cost overburden

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Note: This indicator shows the percentage of the population living in a household where total housing costs represent more than 40% of the total disposable household income (net of housing allowances).

(¹) EU-28 = estimated EU-27 for 2007-2009.

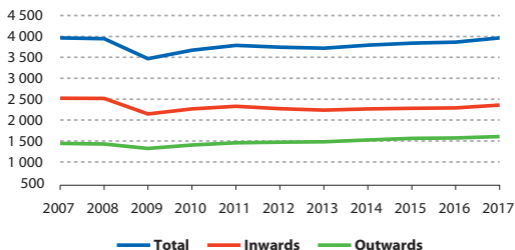
(²) 2016 instead of 2017

(³) 2007 not available

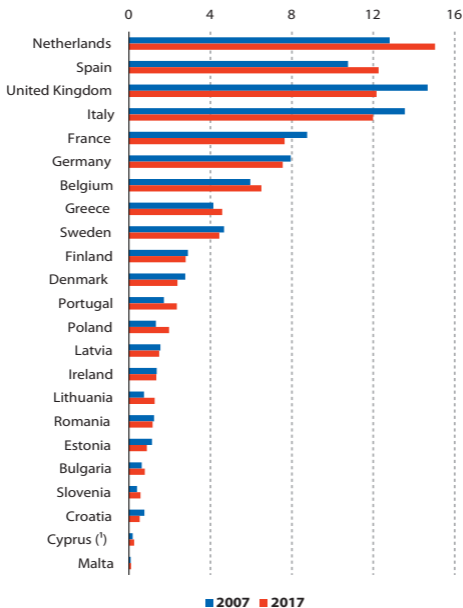
(⁴) Break in series.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ilc\\_lvho07a](#))

## Gross weight of goods handled in all EU-28 ports by direction (million tonnes)



## Gross weight of goods handled in all ports (% share of EU total)



Note: EU-28 2017 data estimated. Czechia, Luxembourg, Hungary, Austria and Slovakia have no maritime ports

(¹) 2016 instead of 2017

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [mar\\_go\\_aa](#))

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Eurostat collects data from national statistical institutes; the statistics are harmonised according to Europe-wide methodologies. Data are, therefore, genuinely **comparable** across the whole of the EU.

## Website

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