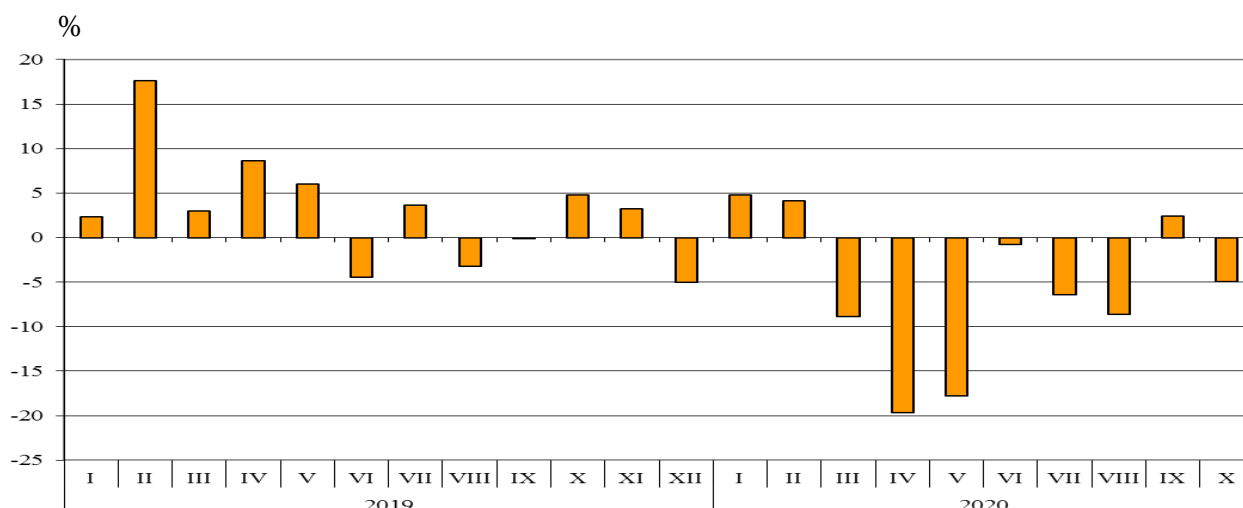


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - OCTOBER 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - October 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU decreased by 5.6% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 29 762.1 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 70.0 % of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **October 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU decreased by 5.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 321.9 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to EU in the period 2019 - 2020
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



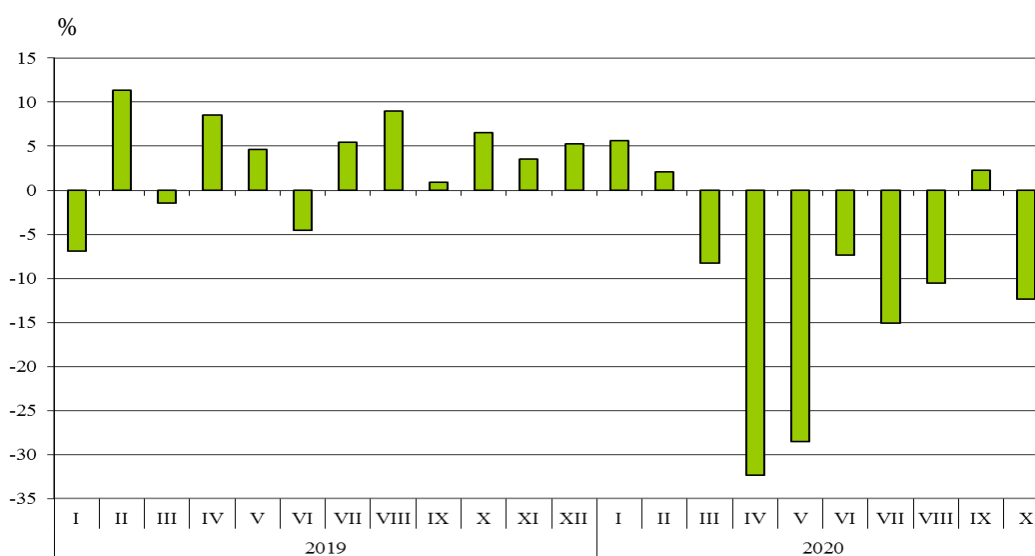
In the period **January - October 2020** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2019 was recorded in sections 'Beverages and tobacco' (37.9%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (28.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (42.1%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period **January - October 2020** decreased by 10.9% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 29 823.2 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **October 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States dropped by 12.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 347.4 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from EU in the period 2019 - 2020 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - October 2020** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the same period of 2019 was recorded in the section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (8.8%). The most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (53.0%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - October 2020** was negative and added up to 61.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

(http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang=_EN).

² Value changes at current prices.

³ The section includes the following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.c.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - October 2019 and 2020¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴
I.2019	4694.9	3062.4	1632.5	5065.6	2933.6	2132.0	-370.7	128.8	-499.5
II.2019	4698.3	3050.3	1648.0	5341.8	3164.6	2177.2	-643.5	-114.3	-529.2
III.2019	4809.0	3166.4	1642.6	5379.6	3515.8	1863.8	-570.6	-349.4	-221.2
I - III.2019	14202.2	9279.1	4923.1	15787.0	9614.0	6173.0	-1584.8	-334.9	-1249.9
IV.2019	4675.9	3044.0	1631.9	5578.2	3394.0	2184.2	-902.3	-350.0	-552.3
V.2019	4756.7	3082.0	1674.7	5661.0	3427.8	2233.2	-904.3	-345.8	-558.5
VI.2019	4639.8	2956.4	1683.4	5146.0	3208.2	1937.8	-506.2	-251.8	-254.4
IV - VI.2019	14072.4	9082.4	4990.0	16385.2	10030.0	6355.2	-2312.8	-947.6	-1365.2
I - VI.2019	28274.6	18361.5	9913.1	32172.2	19644.0	12528.2	-3897.6	-1282.5	-2615.1
VII.2019	5358.2	3500.8	1857.4	5968.2	3676.0	2292.2	-610.0	-175.2	-434.8
VIII.2019	4845.2	3061.7	1783.5	5081.0	3158.6	1922.4	-235.8	-96.9	-138.9
IX.2019	4920.0	3108.5	1811.5	5365.8	3184.7	2181.1	-445.8	-76.2	-369.6
VII - IX.2019	15123.4	9671.0	5452.4	16415.0	10019.3	6395.7	-1291.6	-348.3	-943.3
I - IX.2019	43398.0	28032.5	15365.5	48587.2	29663.3	18923.9	-5189.2	-1630.8	-3558.4
X.2019	5502.4	3496.0	2006.4	6195.9	3817.4	2378.5	-693.5	-321.4	-372.1
I - X.2019	48900.4	31528.5	17371.9	54783.1	33480.7	21302.4	-5882.7	-1952.2	-3930.5
I.2020	4989.3	3209.8	1779.5	5282.5	3100.0	2182.5	-293.2	109.8	-403.0
II.2020	4848.4	3177.1	1671.3	5256.9	3229.8	2027.1	-408.5	-52.7	-355.8
III.2020	4505.5	2884.4	1621.1	5036.3	3225.3	1811.0	-530.8	-340.9	-189.9
I - III.2020	14343.2	9271.3	5071.9	15575.7	9555.1	6020.6	-1232.5	-283.8	-948.7
IV.2020	3889.5	2445.2	1444.3	3828.0	2295.9	1532.1	61.5	149.3	-87.8
V.2020	3816.1	2532.9	1283.2	4072.0	2449.0	1623.0	-255.9	83.9	-339.8
VI.2020	4380.8	2932.5	1448.3	4822.6	2972.7	1849.9	-441.8	-40.2	-401.6
IV - VI.2020	12086.4	7910.6	4175.8	12722.6	7717.6	5005.0	-636.2	193.0	-829.2
I - VI.2020	26429.6	17181.9	9247.7	28298.3	17272.7	11025.6	-1868.7	-90.8	-1777.9
VII.2020	4835.1	3277.1	1558.0	5076.2	3121.4	1954.8	-241.1	155.7	-396.8
VIII.2020	4141.6	2796.9	1344.7	4571.7	2825.3	1746.4	-430.1	-28.4	-401.7
IX.2020	4848.5	3184.3	1664.2	5298.7	3256.4	2042.3	-450.2	-72.1	-378.1
VII - IX.2020	13825.2	9258.3	4566.9	14946.6	9203.1	5743.5	-1121.4	55.2	-1176.6
I - IX.2020	40254.8	26440.2	13814.6	43244.9	26475.8	16769.1	-2990.1	-35.6	-2954.5
X.2020	4909.7	3321.9	1587.8	5562.1	3347.4	2214.7	-652.4	-25.5	-626.9
I - X.2020	45164.5	29762.1	15402.4	48807.0	29823.2	18983.8	-3642.5	-61.1	-3581.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13th January 2021.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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³ EU excluding the United Kingdom.

⁴ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - October 2020¹ compared to the same period of the
previous year**

(Percent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³
I	6.3	4.8	9.0	4.3	5.7	2.4
II	3.2	4.2	1.4	-1.6	2.1	-6.9
III	-6.3	-8.9	-1.3	-6.4	-8.3	-2.8
I - III	1.0	-0.1	3.0	-1.3	-0.6	-2.5
IV	-16.8	-19.7	-11.5	-31.4	-32.4	-29.9
V	-19.8	-17.8	-23.4	-28.1	-28.6	-27.3
VI	-5.6	-0.8	-14.0	-6.3	-7.3	-4.5
IV - VI	-14.1	-12.9	-16.3	-22.4	-23.1	-21.2
I - VI	-6.5	-6.4	-6.7	-12.0	-12.1	-12.0
VII	-9.8	-6.4	-16.1	-14.9	-15.1	-14.7
VIII	-14.5	-8.6	-24.6	-10.0	-10.6	-9.2
IX	-1.5	2.4	-8.1	-1.3	2.3	-6.4
VII - IX	-8.6	-4.3	-16.2	-8.9	-8.1	-10.2
I - IX	-7.2	-5.7	-10.1	-11.0	-10.7	-11.4
X	-10.8	-5.0	-20.9	-10.2	-12.3	-6.9
I - X	-7.6	-5.6	-11.3	-10.9	-10.9	-10.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13th January 2021.

² EU excluding the United Kingdom.

³ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - October 2019 and 2020²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	48900.4	45164.5	-7.6	54783.1	48807.0	-10.9	-5882.7	-3642.5
EU³	31528.5	29762.1	-5.6	33480.7	29823.2	-10.9	-1952.2	-61.1
Austria	904.3	890.6	-1.5	1377.8	1324.4	-3.9	-473.5	-433.8
Belgium	1428.1	1505.1	5.4	1053.6	878.6	-16.6	374.5	626.5
Croatia	251.6	262.8	4.5	130.4	240.0	84.0	121.2	22.8
Cyprus	173.8	184.2	6.0	269.5	76.2	-71.7	-95.7	108.0
Czechia	1179.6	1035.6	-12.2	1344.6	1249.5	-7.1	-165.0	-213.9
Denmark	292.5	318.2	8.8	236.5	240.6	1.7	56.0	77.6
Estonia	44.1	34.8	-21.1	50.7	43.1	-15.0	-6.6	-8.3
Finland	106.5	106.3	-0.2	109.8	129.7	18.1	-3.3	-23.4
France	1825.1	1762.5	-3.4	1638.1	1418.2	-13.4	187.0	344.3
Germany	7251.3	7327.6	1.1	6611.2	5932.5	-10.3	640.1	1395.1
Greece	3265.3	3009.8	-7.8	2517.9	2487.4	-1.2	747.4	522.4
Hungary	857.9	778.9	-9.2	1901.4	1878.4	-1.2	-1043.5	-1099.5
Ireland	148.6	117.1	-21.2	282.6	297.3	5.2	-134.0	-180.2
Italy	3581.7	3112.7	-13.1	4067.3	3499.6	-14.0	-485.6	-386.9
Latvia	49.1	69.0	40.5	51.1	38.6	-24.5	-2.0	30.4
Lithuania	115.4	131.0	13.5	124.1	113.3	-8.7	-8.7	17.7
Luxembourg	20.0	24.0	20.0	72.5	62.8	-13.4	-52.5	-38.8
Malta	38.1	40.3	5.8	33.0	55.8	69.1	5.1	-15.5
Netherlands	1249.8	1235.3	-1.2	1967.1	1974.5	0.4	-717.3	-739.2
Poland	1051.0	1116.5	6.2	1853.2	1814.5	-2.1	-802.2	-698.0
Portugal	284.7	170.1	-40.3	145.4	103.3	-29.0	139.3	66.8
Romania	4273.3	4128.4	-3.4	3893.2	3611.0	-7.2	380.1	517.4
Slovakia	500.8	443.8	-11.4	705.1	691.1	-2.0	-204.3	-247.3
Slovenia	413.8	293.6	-29.0	449.6	372.9	-17.1	-35.8	-79.3
Spain	1374.5	1086.6	-20.9	2144.7	936.6	-56.3	-770.2	150.0
Sweden	435.1	404.4	-7.1	331.9	301.2	-9.2	103.2	103.2
Not specified	412.5	172.9	-58.1	118.4	52.1	-56.0	294.1	120.8

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of 13-th January 2021.

³ EU excluding the United Kingdom.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - October 2019 and 2020²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries³	17371.9	15402.4	-11.3	21302.4	18983.8	-10.9	-3930.5	-3581.4
CIS⁴	1205.1	1048.6	-13.0	5628.5	3176.6	-43.6	-4423.4	-2128.0
of which:								
Kazakhstan	48.5	53.5	10.3	3.9	19.0	387.2	44.6	34.5
Russian Federation	858.8	682.4	-20.5	5455.4	3009.8	-44.8	-4596.6	-2327.4
OECD⁵	6829.9	5851.4	-14.3	6053.4	6364.7	5.1	776.5	-513.3
of which:								
Canada	145.9	194.7	33.4	79.9	238.3	198.2	66.0	-43.6
Israel	236.2	170.5	-27.8	79.4	75.8	-4.5	156.8	94.7
Japan	84.0	82.2	-2.1	230.4	222.8	-3.3	-146.4	-140.6
Korea, Republic of	240.4	103.6	-56.9	249.5	213.0	-14.6	-9.1	-109.4
Turkey	3452.1	2826.2	-18.1	3528.3	3456.8	-2.0	-76.2	-630.6
United Kingdom	1151.9	1056.5	-8.3	765.5	600.9	-21.5	386.4	455.6
United States	892.9	866.9	-2.9	532.1	644.4	21.1	360.8	222.5
EFTA⁶	385.9	373.5	-3.2	459.4	440.3	-4.2	-73.5	-66.8
of which:								
Norway	71.2	78.6	10.4	37.2	38.5	3.5	34.0	40.1
Switzerland	312.5	293.1	-6.2	418.7	396.0	-5.4	-106.2	-102.9

¹ Partner country:

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- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

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³ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

⁴ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

⁵ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁶ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - October 2019 and 2020²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	141.1	142.8	1.2	40.9	55.4	35.5	100.2	87.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	100.6	132.1	31.3	43.6	35.1	-19.5	57.0	97.0
Brazil	54.2	72.5	33.8	44.1	119.8	171.7	10.1	-47.3
China	1234.8	1468.5	18.9	2507.6	2444.8	-2.5	-1272.8	-976.3
Egypt	563.8	259.8	-53.9	1089.5	617.6	-43.3	-525.7	-357.8
Georgia	243.0	217.3	-10.6	527.4	740.2	40.3	-284.4	-522.9
India	183.0	180.8	-1.2	287.8	237.0	-17.7	-104.8	-56.2
Indonesia	96.1	61.6	-35.9	255.7	180.4	-29.4	-159.6	-118.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	96.3	167.0	73.4	56.2	32.3	-42.5	40.1	134.7
Peru	18.6	11.6	-37.6	31.2	476.1	1426.0	-12.6	-464.5
Republic of North Macedonia	685.2	727.7	6.2	541.6	474.5	-12.4	143.6	253.2
Serbia	977.5	794.1	-18.8	1016.7	1007.0	-1.0	-39.2	-212.9
Singapore	167.8	33.7	-79.9	64.1	53.1	-17.2	103.7	-19.4
South Africa	178.9	193.0	7.9	85.5	48.2	-43.6	93.4	144.8
Syrian Arab Republic	48.4	4.8	-90.1	0.3	0.5	66.7	48.1	4.3
Taiwan	46.9	67.9	44.8	171.1	154.2	-9.9	-124.2	-86.3
Tunisia	459.8	218.2	-52.5	35.9	26.0	-27.6	423.9	192.2
Ukraine	596.8	358.3	-40.0	896.6	884.6	-1.3	-299.8	-526.3
United Arab Emirates	165.8	111.5	-32.8	55.1	44.3	-19.6	110.7	67.2
Viet Nam	61.0	59.5	-2.5	112.5	105.3	-6.4	-51.5	-45.8

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of 13-th January 2021.

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - October 2019 and 2020¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	48900.4	45164.5	-7.6	54783.1	48807.0	-10.9	-5882.7	-3642.5
of which: EU²	31528.5	29762.1	-5.6	33480.7	29823.2	-10.9	-1952.2	-61.1
Food and live animals	5638.7	5286.5	-6.2	4132.9	4223.5	2.2	1505.8	1063.0
of which: EU	3746.0	3348.5	-10.6	3224.0	3280.0	1.7	522.0	68.5
Beverages and tobacco	563.6	618.5	9.7	959.8	975.0	1.6	-396.2	-356.5
of which: EU	316.3	436.2	37.9	709.4	768.6	8.3	-393.1	-332.4
Crude materials. inedible (except fuel)	3329.1	3278.2	-1.5	4297.2	5058.8	17.7	-968.1	-1780.6
of which: EU	2117.4	2006.3	-5.2	2175.3	1022.3	-53.0	-57.9	984.0
Mineral fuel. lubricants and related materials	4676.6	2194.6	-53.1	7642.3	4217.0	-44.8	-2965.7	-2022.4
of which: EU	1464.3	848.4	-42.1	1525.3	1231.0	-19.3	-61.0	-382.6
Animals and vegetable oils. fats and waxes	512.5	689.6	34.6	182.8	243.8	33.4	329.7	445.8
of which: EU	273.5	351.1	28.4	100.2	109.0	8.8	173.3	242.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	5355.5	5265.3	-1.7	7876.5	7582.2	-3.7	-2521.0	-2316.9
of which: EU	3130.4	3203.1	2.3	5837.9	5734.0	-1.8	-2707.5	-2530.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	9898.0	10255.0	3.6	9248.1	8510.6	-8.0	649.9	1744.4
of which: EU	6600.5	6664.4	1.0	5061.1	4669.3	-7.7	1539.4	1995.1
Machinery and transport equipment	11444.6	10691.1	-6.6	15372.4	13377.1	-13.0	-3927.8	-2686.0
of which: EU	8540.5	8050.0	-5.7	11404.1	9836.3	-13.7	-2863.6	-1786.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	7321.5	6709.1	-8.4	4748.3	4240.6	-10.7	2573.2	2468.5
of which: EU	5222.2	4730.0	-9.4	3161.2	2834.3	-10.3	2061.0	1895.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	160.3	176.6	10.2	322.8	378.4	17.2	-162.5	-201.8
of which: EU	117.4	124.1	5.7	282.2	338.4	19.9	-164.8	-214.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th January 2021.

² EU excluding the United Kingdom.