

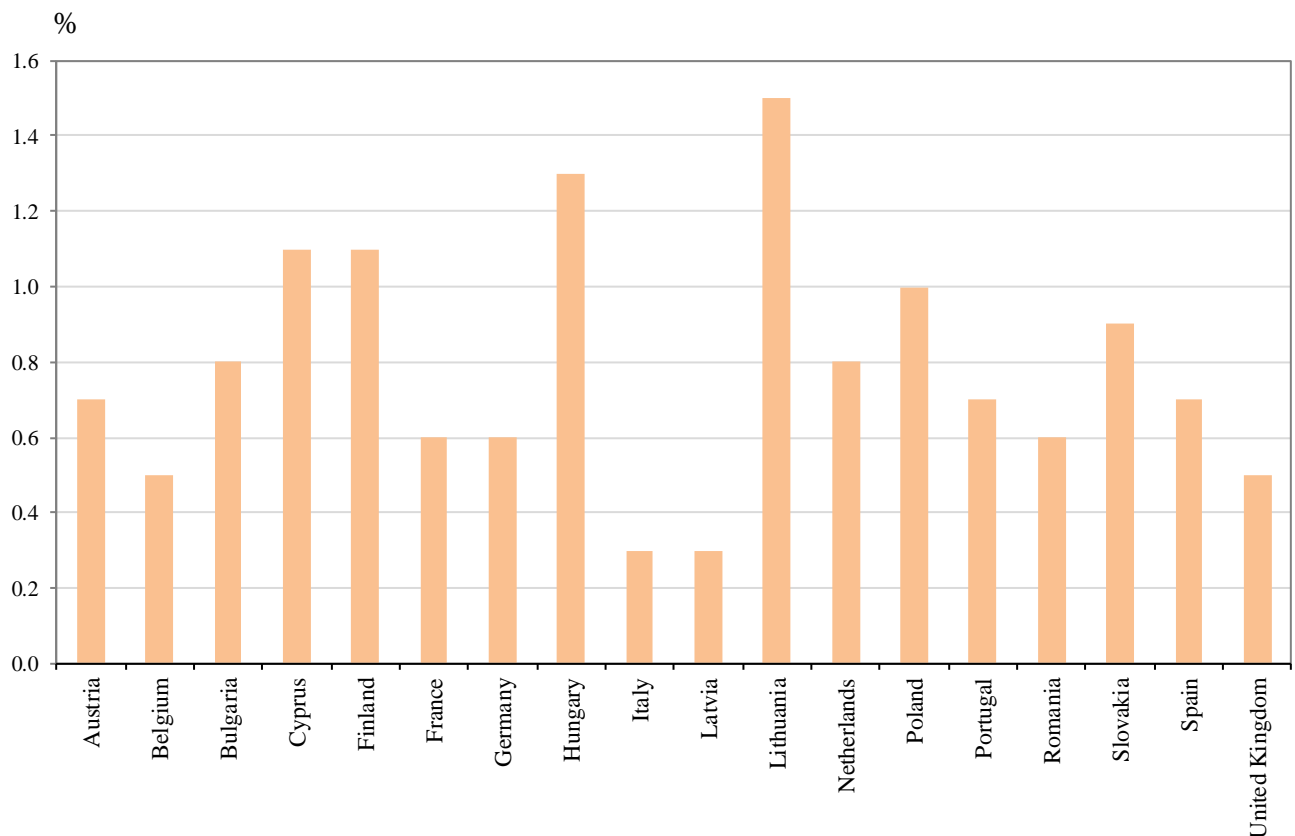


BULGARIA AND EU: GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2017
(FLASH ESTIMATES)

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the fourth quarter of 2017 increased by 0.6% in the EU-28 compared to the previous quarter by seasonally adjusted data. For the same period, GDP in Bulgaria increased by 0.8% (Table 1 of the Annex).

Compared to the previous quarter, in the fourth quarter of 2017 Lithuania recorded the highest economic growth - 1.5%, Hungary - 1.3%, Cyprus and Finland - by 1.1% each and Poland - 1.0%, while Italy and Latvia registered lowest economic growth - by 0.3% each.

Figure 1. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the fourth quarter of 2017 by seasonally adjusted data
(Compared to the previous quarter)



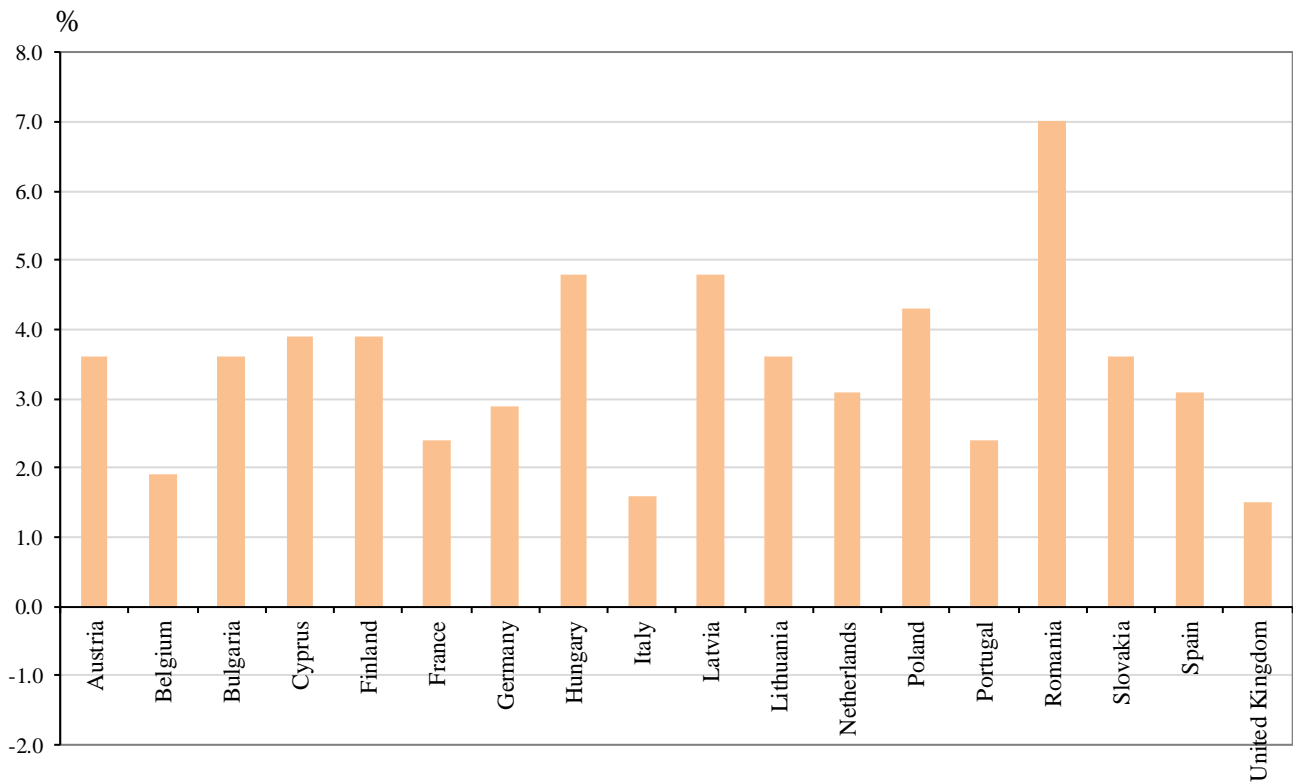
Source: Eurostat.



Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, seasonally adjusted data showed an increase in GDP in the EU-28 by 2.6% and in Bulgaria by 3.6%.

In the fourth quarter of 2017, compared to the same quarter of the previous year, the highest economic growth was observed in Romania - 7.0%, Latvia and Hungary - by 4.8% each, Poland - by 4.3%, Cyprus and Finland - by 3.9% each, while lowest economic growth was seen in United Kingdom - 1.5%.

**Figure 2. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the fourth quarter of 2017 by seasonally adjusted data
(Compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year)**



Source: Eurostat.

ANNEX

Table 1

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

(Per cent)

	Percentage change compared with the previous quarter				Percentage change compared with the same quarter of the previous year			
	I 2017	II 2017	III 2017	IV 2017	I 2017	II 2017	III 2017	IV 2017
EU-28	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.6
Member States								
Austria	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.7	2.5	2.9	3.5	3.6
Belgium	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.5	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.9
Bulgaria	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.8	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.6
Germany	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.6	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.9
Greece	0.7	0.8	0.3	.	0.4	1.6	1.3	.
Denmark	0.7	0.6	-0.5	.	2.5	2.5	1.5	.
Estonia	1.0	1.3	0.3	.	4.1	5.0	4.2	.
Ireland	-3.4	2.7	4.2	.	5.6	6.6	10.4	.
Spain	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1
Italy	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.6
Cyprus	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.9
Latvia	1.6	1.3	1.5	0.3	4.1	4.9	6.2	4.8
Lithuania	1.1	0.6	0.4	1.5	4.2	4.1	3.7	3.6
Luxembourg	-0.5	0.7	1.7	.	3.8	1.9	3.2	.
Malta	1.0	2.1	1.9	.	6.1	7.7	7.7	.
Netherlands	0.6	1.5	0.4	0.8	2.7	3.8	3.2	3.1
United Kingdom	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.5
Poland	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	4.4	4.3	5.2	4.3
Portugal	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.7	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.4
Romania	2.0	1.7	2.4	0.6	5.8	6.1	8.5	7.0
Slovakia	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.9	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.6
Slovenia	1.2	1.2	1.0	.	5.0	5.4	4.9	.
Hungary	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.3	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.8
Finland	1.3	0.9	0.5	1.1	2.8	3.6	3.1	3.9
France	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.2	1.9	2.3	2.4
Croatia	0.8	0.9	0.9	.	3.5	3.6	3.2	.
Czech Republic	1.5	2.5	0.5	.	3.0	4.7	5.0	.
Sweden	0.5	1.2	0.8	.	2.0	2.7	2.9	.
Other countries								
Iceland	-1.4	-1.7	2.2	.	7.8	1.3	1.5	.
Norway	-0.2	1.1	0.8	-0.3	0.7	2.0	3.6	1.4
Switzerland	0.1	0.4	0.6	.	0.5	0.7	1.1	.
United States	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.6	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.5

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