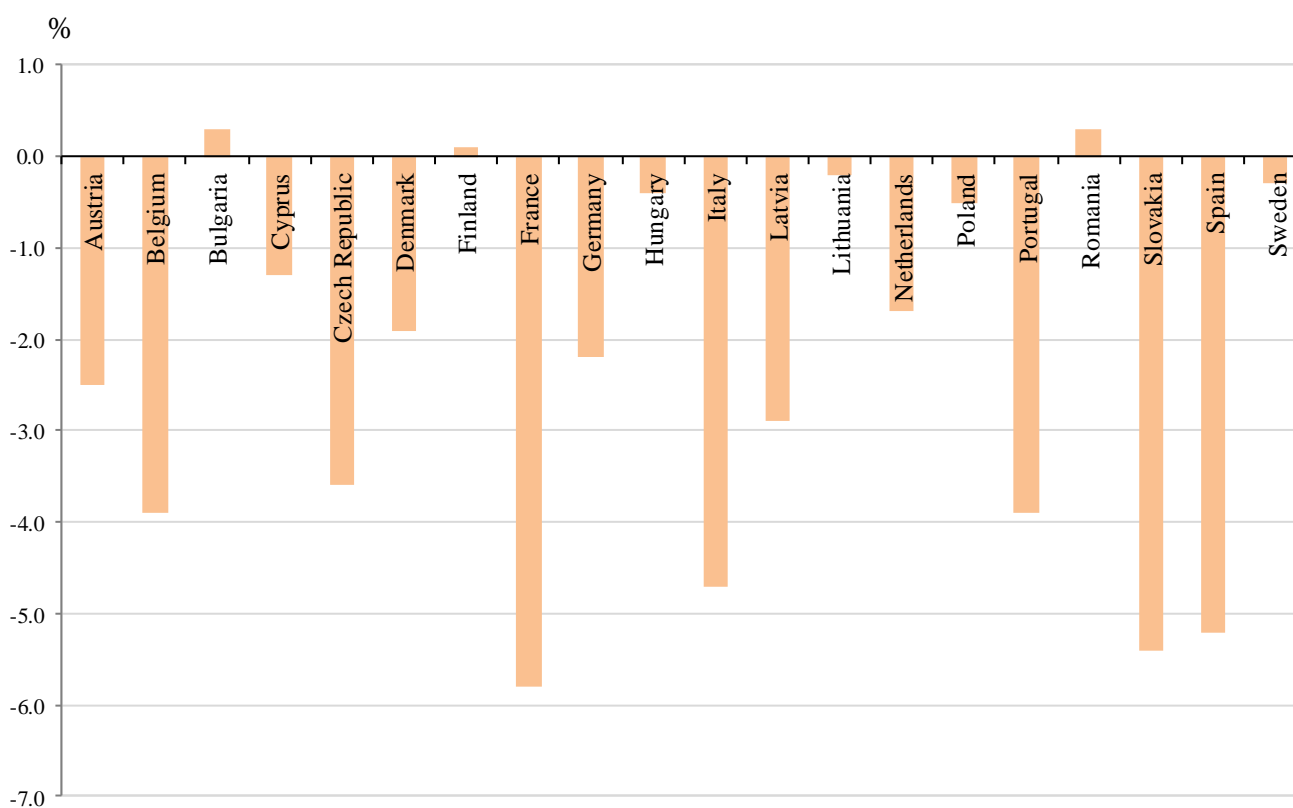


**BULGARIA AND EU: GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT,  
 FIRST QUARTER OF 2020  
 (FLASH ESTIMATES)**

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the first quarter of 2020 decreased by 3.3% in EU-27 compared to the previous quarter by seasonally adjusted data. For the same period, GDP in Bulgaria increased by 0.3% (Table 1 of the Annex).

Compared to the previous quarter, in the first quarter of 2020 economic growth were recorded in Romania and Bulgaria - by 0.3% each and Finland - 0.1%. According to the seasonally adjusted figures, negative growth is observed in France - 5.8%, Slovakia - 5.4%, Spain - 5.2% and Italy - 4.7%.

**Figure 1. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the first quarter of 2020  
 by seasonally adjusted data  
 (Compared to the previous quarter)**

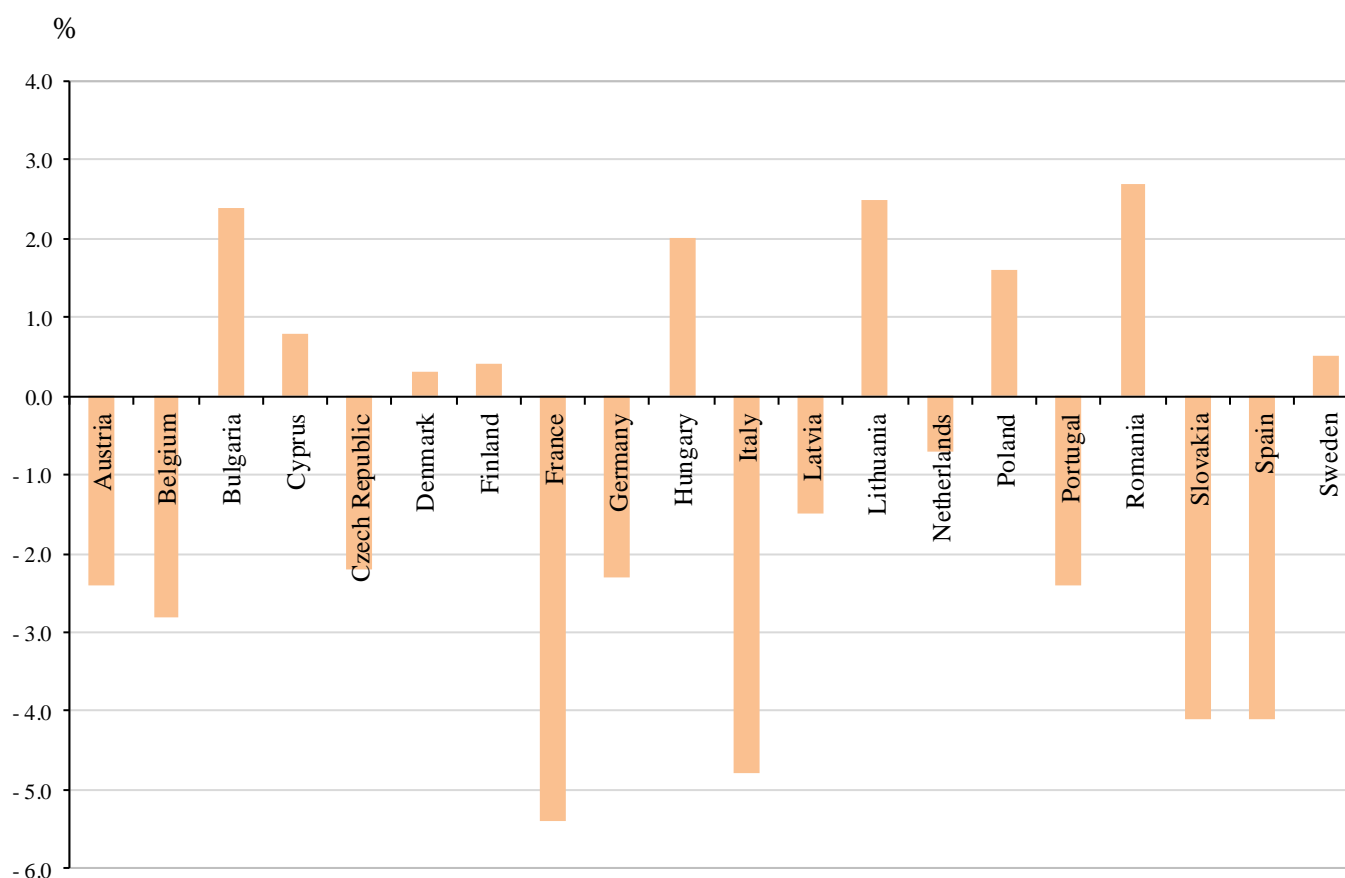


Source: Eurostat.

Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, seasonally adjusted data show a decrease of GDP in the EU-27 by 2.6%. For the same period, GDP in Bulgaria increased by 2.4% (Table 1 of the Annex).

In the first quarter of 2020, compared to the same quarter of the previous year, the highest economic growth is observed in Romania - 2.7%, Lithuania - 2.5%, Bulgaria - 2.4%, Hungary - 2.0% and Poland - 1.6%.

**Figure 2. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the first quarter of 2020**  
**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			
	II 2019	III 2019	IV 2019	I 2020	II 2019	III 2019	IV 2019	I 2020
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
<b>Member States</b>								
Austria	0.0	0.1	0.0	-2.5	1.8	1.5	0.7	-2.4
Belgium	0.3	0.4	0.5	-3.9	1.4	1.6	1.3	-2.8
Bulgaria	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.3	3.5	3.2	3.1	2.4
Germany	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	-2.2	0.3	0.7	0.4	-2.3
Greece	1.0	0.4	-0.7	.	2.8	2.3	1.0	.
Denmark	1.2	0.5	0.6	-1.9	2.7	2.6	2.3	0.3
Estonia	0.9	1.2	0.9	.	4.4	4.5	4.0	.
Ireland	-0.4	2.1	1.8	.	4.2	4.5	6.3	.
Spain	0.4	0.4	0.4	-5.2	2.0	1.9	1.8	-4.1
Italy	0.1	0.1	-0.3	-4.7	0.4	0.5	0.1	-4.8
Cyprus	1.1	0.0	1.0	-1.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.8
Latvia	0.7	0.6	0.1	-2.9	2.7	1.8	1.0	-1.5
Lithuania	0.9	0.8	1.1	-0.2	3.9	3.8	3.9	2.5
Luxembourg	1.9	0.3	0.4	.	2.9	2.8	3.1	.
Malta	1.5	1.2	1.7	.	4.5	3.3	4.3	.
Netherlands	0.3	0.4	0.4	-1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	-0.7
Poland	0.7	1.2	0.2	-0.5	4.2	4.1	3.5	1.6
Portugal	0.5	0.3	0.7	-3.9	2.1	1.9	2.2	-2.4
Romania	0.6	0.5	1.2	0.3	4.3	3.3	3.9	2.7
Slovakia	0.4	0.4	0.6	-5.4	2.5	1.9	2.0	-4.1
Slovenia	0.0	0.8	0.4	.	2.3	2.1	1.7	.
Hungary	0.8	0.9	0.7	-0.4	5.2	4.7	4.4	2.0
Finland	0.5	0.4	-0.6	0.1	1.1	1.7	0.6	0.4
France	0.3	0.3	-0.1	-5.8	1.5	1.5	0.9	-5.4
Croatia	0.6	0.6	0.3	.	2.4	2.8	2.7	.
Czech Republic	0.5	0.4	0.5	-3.6	2.7	2.5	2.0	-2.2
Sweden	0.2	0.4	0.2	-0.3	1.0	1.9	0.8	0.5
<b>Other countries</b>								
Iceland	3.2	-1.0	4.8	.	2.1	1.0	4.1	.
Norway	0.2	0.0	1.5	-1.5	1.2	0.5	1.8	0.2
United Kingdom	-0.2	0.5	0.0	-2.0	1.3	1.3	1.1	-1.6
Switzerland	0.4	0.4	0.3	.	0.3	1.1	1.5	.
United States	0.5	0.5	0.5	-1.2	2.3	2.1	2.3	0.3

Source: Eurostat.