

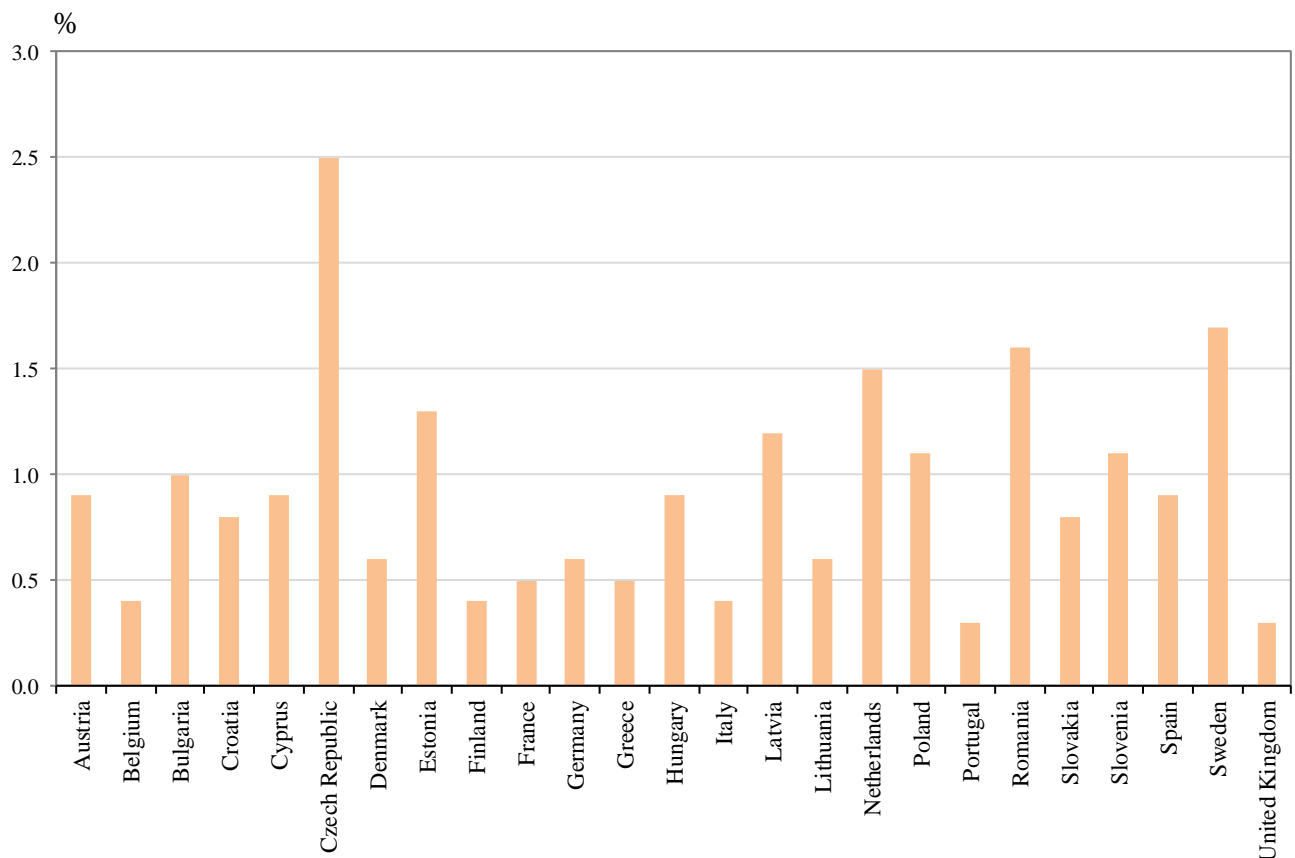


BULGARIA AND EU: GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, SECOND QUARTER OF 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the second quarter of 2017 increased by 0.7% in the EU-28 compared to the previous quarter by seasonally adjusted data. For the same period, GDP in Bulgaria increased by 1.0% (Table 1 of the Annex).

Compared to the previous quarter in the second quarter of 2017 the Czech Republic recorded the highest economic growth - 2.5%, Sweden - 1.7%, Romania - 1.6%, the Netherlands - 1.5%, Estonia - 1.3%, while the lowest growth was registered by the United Kingdom and Portugal - by 0.3%.

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



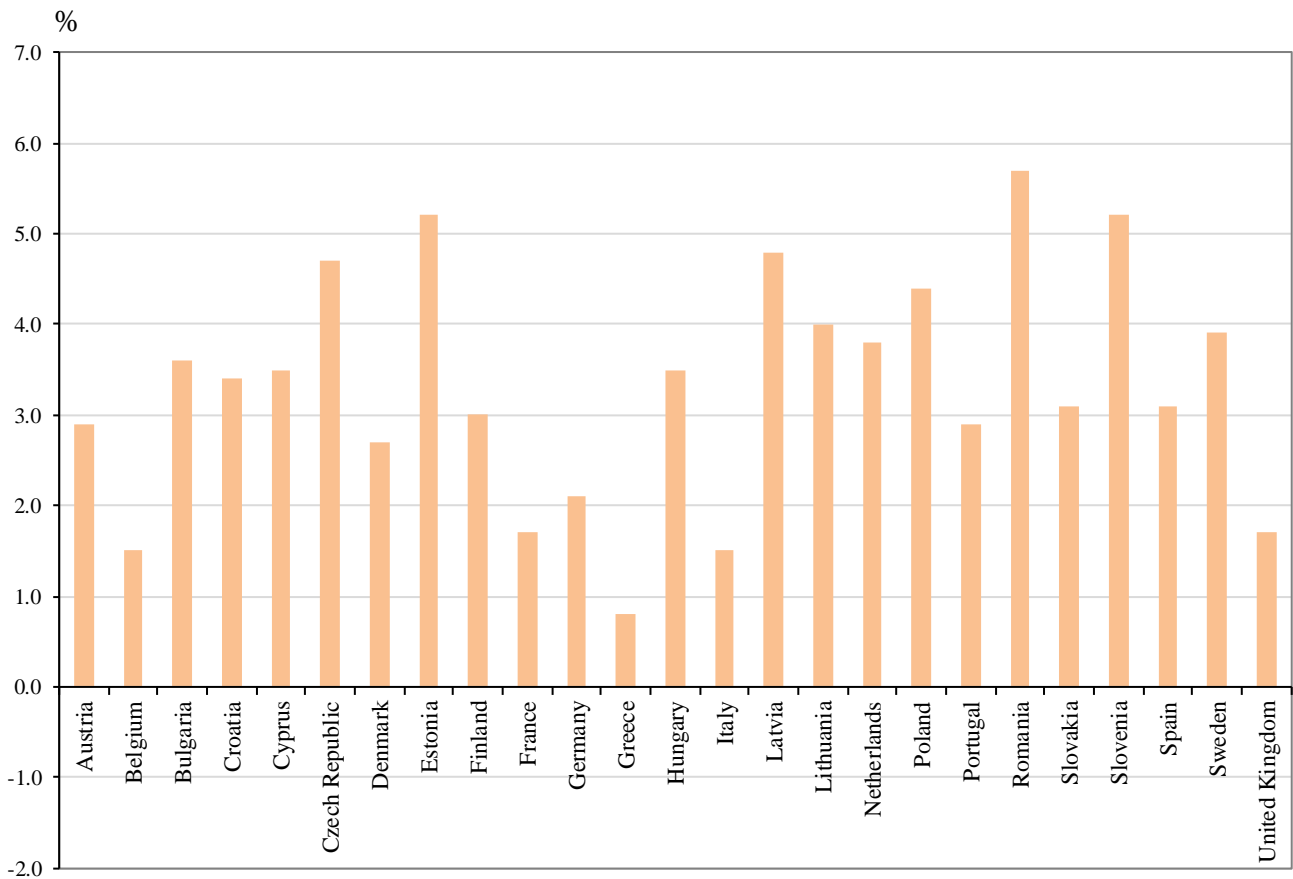
Source: Eurostat.



Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, seasonally adjusted data showed an increase in GDP in the EU-28 by 2.4% and in Bulgaria by 3.6%.

In the second quarter of 2017, compared to the same quarter of the previous year, the highest economic growth was seen in Romania - 5.7%, Estonia and Slovenia - 5.2%, Latvia - 4.8%, Czech Republic - 4.7%, while lowest economic growth is observed in Greece - 0.8%.

Figure 2. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the second 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			
	III 2016	IV 2016	I 2017	II 2017	III 2016	IV 2016	I 2017	II 2017
EU-28	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.7	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.4
Member States								
Austria	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.9
Belgium	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.5
Bulgaria	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.6
Germany	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.1
Greece	0.8	-1.0	0.5	0.5	2.0	-1.0	0.4	0.8
Denmark	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	2.0	2.9	2.6	2.7
Estonia	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.3	2.4	3.2	4.3	5.2
Ireland	3.0	5.8	-2.6	.	3.2	8.9	6.6	.
Spain	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.1
Italy	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.5
Cyprus	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9	2.9	3.0	3.7	3.5
Latvia	0.5	1.3	1.7	1.2	0.6	2.3	4.1	4.8
Lithuania	0.5	1.5	1.3	0.6	1.8	3.1	4.0	4.0
Luxembourg	1.0	1.2	0.1	.	5.2	3.9	3.3	.
Malta	1.3	1.8	0.2	.	4.8	4.9	4.0	.
Netherlands	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.5	2.4	2.6	2.7	3.8
United Kingdom	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.3	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.7
Poland	0.4	1.7	1.1	1.1	2.2	3.0	4.2	4.4
Portugal	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.3	1.7	2.0	2.8	2.9
Romania	0.7	1.6	1.8	1.6	4.4	5.0	5.7	5.7
Slovakia	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.1
Slovenia	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	3.8	4.6	5.0	5.2
Hungary	0.5	0.8	1.4	0.9	2.1	1.9	3.8	3.5
Finland	0.9	0.6	1.2	0.4	2.3	2.4	2.8	3.0
France	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.7
Croatia	1.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.4
Czech Republic	0.2	0.4	1.5	2.5	1.8	1.8	3.0	4.7
Sweden	0.7	0.9	0.6	1.7	2.6	2.1	2.4	3.9
Other countries								
Iceland	4.5	2.6	-1.9	.	8.1	11.7	7.6	.
Norway	-0.5	1.3	0.2	1.1	-0.8	1.8	0.8	2.1
Switzerland	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.3	1.6	0.9	0.4	0.4
United States	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2

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