

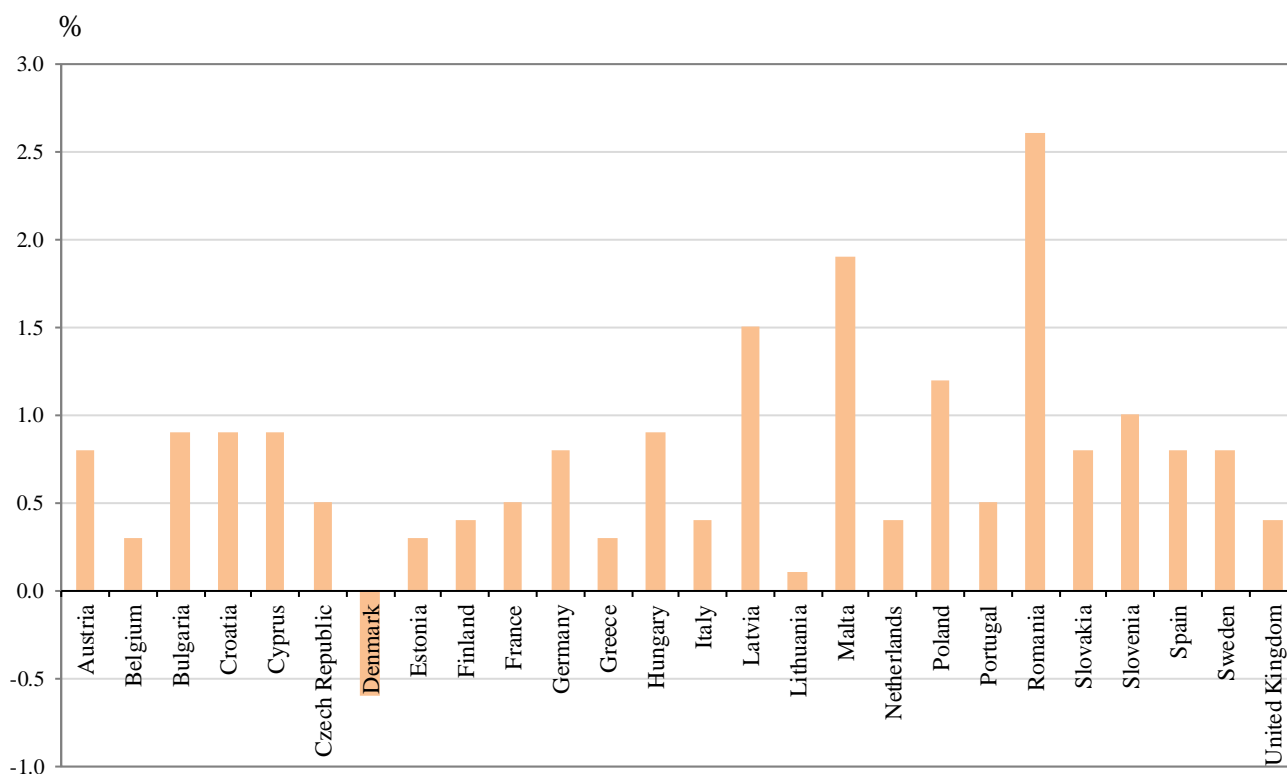


BULGARIA AND EU: GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, THIRD QUARTER OF 2017 (PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES)

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the third 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 0.9% (Table 1 of the Annex).

Compared to the previous quarter, in the third quarter of 2017 Romania recorded the highest economic growth - 2.6%, Malta - 1.9%, Latvia - 1.5%, Poland - 1.2%, Slovenia - 1.0%, while Denmark registered decline by 0.6%.

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



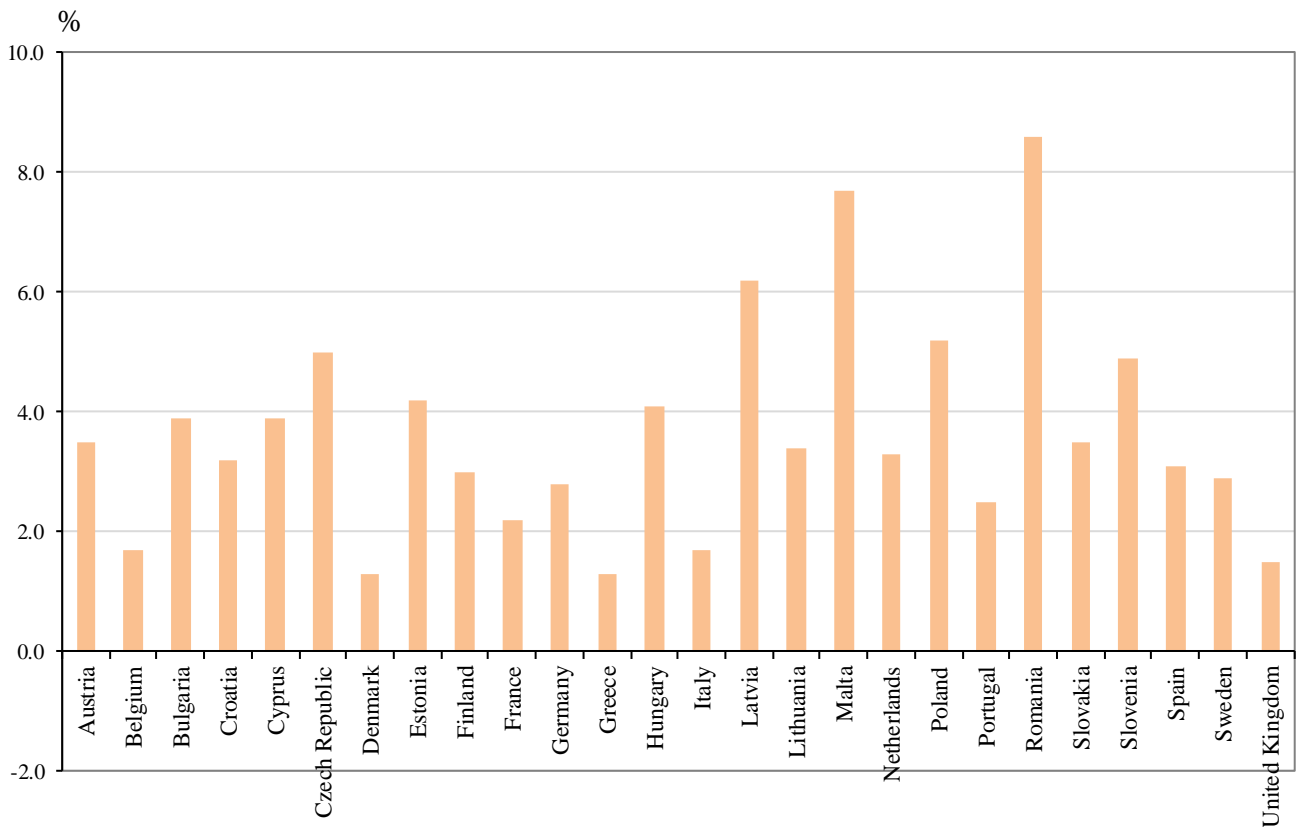
Source: Eurostat.



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 3.9%.

In the third quarter of 2017, compared to the same quarter of the previous year, the highest economic growth was seen in Romania - 8.6%, Malta - 7.7%, Latvia - 6.2%, Poland - 5.2%, Czech Republic - 5.0%, while lowest economic growth is observed in Denmark and Greece - by 1.3%.

Figure 2. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the third 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			
	IV 2016	I 2017	II 2017	III 2017	IV 2016	I 2017	II 2017	III 2017
EU-28	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6
Member States								
Austria	0.6	1.3	0.8	0.8	1.5	2.6	3.0	3.5
Belgium	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.7
Bulgaria	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.9
Germany	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.8	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.8
Greece	-0.5	0.7	0.8	0.3	-0.9	0.4	1.6	1.3
Denmark	0.7	0.7	0.6	-0.6	2.9	2.4	2.5	1.3
Estonia	1.5	1.0	1.3	0.3	3.3	4.1	5.0	4.2
Ireland	5.8	-3.5	1.4	.	8.9	5.6	5.8	.
Spain	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1
Italy	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.7
Cyprus	1.3	0.7	1.0	0.9	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9
Latvia	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.5	2.5	4.2	4.8	6.2
Lithuania	1.6	1.1	0.6	0.1	3.3	4.2	4.1	3.4
Luxembourg	1.2	-0.4	0.6	.	4.1	4.0	2.2	.
Malta	2.5	1.0	2.1	1.9	5.7	6.1	7.7	7.7
Netherlands	0.7	0.6	1.5	0.4	2.6	2.7	3.8	3.3
United Kingdom	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.5
Poland	1.8	1.1	0.9	1.2	3.2	4.4	4.3	5.2
Portugal	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.5	2.2	2.8	3.0	2.5
Romania	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.6	5.0	5.8	6.1	8.6
Slovakia	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.5
Slovenia	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.0	4.6	5.0	5.4	4.9
Hungary	0.8	1.3	0.9	0.9	2.1	3.9	3.7	4.1
Finland	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.4	2.4	2.8	3.6	3.0
France	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.2	1.1	1.8	2.2
Croatia	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.9	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.2
Czech Republic	0.4	1.5	2.5	0.5	1.8	3.0	4.7	5.0
Sweden	0.5	0.5	1.2	0.8	1.8	2.0	2.7	2.9
Other countries								
Iceland	2.5	-0.7	-1.1	.	10.2	8.6	2.7	.
Norway	1.4	0.1	1.1	0.7	1.8	0.7	2.0	3.5
Switzerland	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.7	1.1
United States	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.8	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.3

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