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June 2014

Euro area international trade in goods surplus €16.8 bn

€2.9 bn surplus for EU28

The first estimate for the **euro area**¹ (EA18) trade in goods balance with the rest of the world in June 2014 gave a €16.8 billion surplus, compared with +€15.7 bn in June 2013. The May 2014² balance was +€15.4 bn, compared with +€14.6 bn in May 2013. In June 2014 compared with May 2014, seasonally adjusted exports fell by 0.5% while imports rose by 0.5%.

These data³ are released by **Eurostat**, the statistical office of the European Union.

The first estimate for the June 2014 extra-**EU28**¹ trade balance was a €2.9 bn surplus, compared with +€8.6 bn in June 2013. In May 2014² the balance was +€0.5 bn, compared with +€15.0 bn in May 2013. In June 2014 compared with May 2014, seasonally adjusted exports fell by 0.3% and imports by 0.1%.

EU28 detailed results for January to May 2014

The **EU28** deficit for energy decreased (-€145.4 bn in January-May 2014 compared with -€156.6 bn in January-May 2013), as did the surplus for machinery and vehicles (+€101.6 bn compared with +€111.1 bn).

The highest increases in **EU28** exports were registered with **China** (+10% in January-May 2014 compared with January-May 2013) and **South Korea** (+8%), and for **EU28** imports with **South Korea** (+10%), **Switzerland** and **Turkey** (both +6%). The most notable decreases were recorded for exports to **Switzerland** (-22%), **Russia** (-12%) and **India** (-11%), and for imports from **Russia** (-8%), **Brazil** (-7%) and **Japan** (-6%).

The **EU28** trade surplus increased with the **USA** (+€41.8 bn in January-May 2014 compared with +€37.8 bn in January-May 2013), but decreased with **Switzerland** (+€19.2 bn compared with +€38.0 bn) and **Turkey** (+€8.3 bn compared with +€12.0 bn). The **EU28** trade deficit fell with **China** (-€50.9 bn compared with -€53.0 bn) and **Russia** (-€38.6 bn compared with -€39.6 bn) and remained stable with **Norway** (-€16.9 bn).

Concerning the total trade of Member States, the largest surplus was observed in **Germany** (+€84.0 bn in January-May 2014), followed by the **Netherlands** (+€25.2 bn), **Ireland** and **Italy** (both +€14.1 bn). The **United Kingdom** (-€48.1 bn) registered the largest deficit, followed by **France** (-€30.4 bn), **Spain** (-€10.1 bn) and **Greece** (-€8.8 bn).

Flows	Jun 13	Jun 14	Growth	May 13	May 14	Growth	Jan-Jun 13	Jan-Jun 14	Growth
Extra-EA18 exports	157.6	162.2	3%	159.4	160.0 r	0%	940.0	948.4	1%
Extra-EA18 imports	141.9	145.4	2%	144.8	144.6 r	0%	868.8	869.4	0%
Extra-EA18 trade balance	15.7	16.8		14.6	15.4		71.2	79.0	
Intra-EA18 dispatches ⁴	135.5	135.8	0%	133.9	134.1 r	0%	811.9	816.6	1%

EU28 trade - non seasonally adjusted data

bn €

Flows	Jun 13	Jun 14	Growth	May 13	May 14	Growth	Jan-Jun 13	Jan-Jun 14	Growth
Extra-EU28 exports	145.3	141.8	-2%	155.0	141.0 r	-9%	871.7	831.1	-5%
Extra-EU28 imports	136.7	138.8	2%	140.0	140.5 r	0%	840.4	832.0	-1%
Extra-EU28 trade balance	8.6	2.9		15.0	0.5 r		31.3	-0.9	
Intra-EU28 dispatches ⁴	238.1	243.8	2%	236.6	241.8 r	2%	1 422.1	1 462.8	3%

r: revised

- The euro area (EA18) includes Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Latvia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.
 The European Union (EU28) includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
- 2. Compared with News Release 111/2014 of 16 July 2014, the trade balance for May 2014 has been confirmed at +€15.4 bn for the EA18 and revised from +€0.6 bn to +€0.5 bn for the EU28.
- 3. This News Release is based on data available on 12 August 2014. These are provisional figures based on information provided by Member States. They are subject to frequent revision for up to two years after the month in question. Furthermore, national concepts may differ from the harmonised methodology used by Eurostat, leading to differences between figures in this release and those published nationally, both for raw data and for seasonally adjusted series.
- 4. Since the introduction of Intrastat for intra-EU trade on 1 January 1993, the value of dispatches has been consistently higher than that of arrivals. In theory, as dispatches are declared FOB and arrivals CIF, the value of arrivals should be slightly higher than that of dispatches. Eurostat uses dispatches as the more reliable measure of total intra-EU trade as, at aggregated levels, total dispatches has better coverage than total arrivals. Due to this divergence in intra-EU trade, and to the difficulties of interpreting figures in absolute terms at the level of individual Member States, trade balances for individual Member States must be interpreted with caution. The same caution applies to the trade balance of the euro area, which includes some intra-EU trade.

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EA18 trade - previous 6 months - non seasonally adjusted data

bn €

Flows	Nov 13	Dec 13		Jan 14		Feb 14	Mar 14		Apr 14	
Extra-EA18 exports	161.8	149.6	r	148.5		154.1	164.2	r	159.4	
Extra-EA18 imports	144.8	135.6	r	147.7	r	139.6	147.9	r	144.2	r
Extra-EA18 trade balance	17.0	14.0	r	0.8	r	14.5	16.3	r	15.2	r
Intra-EA18 dispatches	136.5	122.5		136.3		133.3	140.7	r	136.3	r

EU28 trade - previous 6 months - non seasonally adjusted data

bn €

Flows	Nov 13	Dec 13		Jan 14	Feb 14		Mar 14		Apr 14	
Extra-EU28 exports	142.7	138.4		130.4	136.2		142.7		138.9	
Extra-EU28 imports	139.8	129.8		144.1	131.3	r	139.2		138.0	r
Extra-EU28 trade balance	2.9	8.6		-13.6	4.9		3.5		0.9	r
Intra-EU28 dispatches	246.0 r	215.2	r	241.9	238.0	r	253.5	r	243.9	r

r: revised

Main products - EA18 - non seasonally adjusted data

bn €

	I	EA18 exports	3	F	EA18 imports	5	Trade balance		
	Jan-May 13	Jan-May 14	Growth	Jan-May 13	Jan-May 14	Growth	Jan-May 13	Jan-May 14	
Primary goods:	127.4	122.9	-4%	264.8	248.3	-6%	-137.4	-125.4	
Food & drink	56.2	57.8	3%	46.0	46.9	2%	10.2	10.9	
Raw materials	19.9	19.1	-4%	34.9	33.0	-6%	-15.0	-13.9	
Energy	51.3	46.0	-10%	183.9	168.4	-8%	-132.6	-122.4	
Manufactured goods:	631.0	643.2	2%	448.1	462.6	3%	182.9	180.5	
Chemicals	130.6	135.5	4%	78.7	82.1	4%	51.9	53.5	
Machinery & vehicles	316.5	319.4	1%	202.4	207.0	2%	114.2	112.4	
Other manuf'd goods	183.8	188.3	2%	167.0	173.6	4%	16.8	14.7	
Other	24.0	20.1	-16%	13.9	13.1	-6%	10.1	7.0	
Total	782.4	786.2	0%	726.8	724.0	0%	55.5	62.2	

Main products - EU28 - non seasonally adjusted data

bn €

	ı	EU28 exports	3	ı	EU28 imports	3	Trade balance			
	Jan-May 13	Jan-May 14	Growth	Jan-May 13	Jan-May 14	Growth	Jan-May 13	Jan-May 14		
Primary goods:	114.3	108.3	-5%	282.6	264.0	-7%	-168.4	-155.7		
Food & drink	41.7	43.1	3%	39.8	40.5	2%	1.8	2.7		
Raw materials	19.8	18.4	-7%	33.5	31.3	-6%	-13.6	-12.9		
Energy	52.7	46.8	-11%	209.3	192.2	-8%	-156.6	-145.4		
Manufactured goods:	562.3	553.7	-2%	402.6	412.6	2%	159.7	141.1		
Chemicals	114.9	113.9	-1%	66.9	69.3	4%	48.0	44.6		
Machinery & vehicles	289.9	283.4	-2%	178.8	181.8	2%	111.1	101.6		
Other manuf'd goods	157.5	156.5	-1%	156.9	161.6	3%	0.6	-5.1		
Other	50.0	27.3	-45%	18.5	16.5	-11%	31.4	10.8		
Total	726.5	689.3	-5%	703.7	693.1	-2%	22.7	-3.8		

	E	A18 exports t	:o	EA	18 imports fr	om	Trade balance			
	Jan-May 13	Jan-May 14	Growth	Jan-May 13	Jan-May 14	Growth	Jan-May 13	Jan-May 14		
United Kingdom	96.8	104.7	8%	69.0	67.6	-2%	27.8	37.2		
USA	91.8	96.4	5%	62.1	63.0	1%	29.7	33.4		
China	48.8	52.4	8%	82.4	84.1	2%	-33.6	-31.7		
Russia	37.1	32.1	-14%	63.7	59.0	-7%	-26.6	-26.9		
Switzerland	46.8	44.9	-4%	33.5	35.5	6%	13.3	9.4		
Poland	37.8	40.8	8%	30.8	34.0	10%	6.9	6.8		
Czech Republic	26.4	28.5	8%	30.6	32.7	7%	-4.2	-4.3		
Sweden	25.0	25.3	1%	22.6	22.4	-1%	2.4	2.9		
Turkey	25.9	23.9	-8%	15.3	15.8	3%	10.6	8.1		
Hungary	16.6	17.9	8%	17.0	18.4	8%	-0.5	-0.5		

Main trading partners - EU28 - non seasonally adjusted data

bn €

	E	U28 exports t	:0	EU	28 imports fr	om	Trade balance			
	Jan-May 13	Jan-May 14	Growth	Jan-May 13	Jan-May 14	Growth	Jan-May 13	Jan-May 14		
USA	120.0	124.2	3%	82.2	82.5	0%	37.8	41.8		
China	59.3	64.9	10%	112.2	115.8	3%	-53.0	-50.9		
Russia	49.6	43.6	-12%	89.3	82.2	-8%	-39.6	-38.6		
Switzerland	76.3	59.8	-22%	38.4	40.6	6%	38.0	19.2		
Norway	21.4	20.5	-4%	38.2	37.4	-2%	-16.9	-16.9		
Turkey	33.0	30.6	-7%	21.0	22.3	6%	12.0	8.3		
Japan	22.0	21.7	-1%	24.3	22.8	-6%	-2.3	-1.1		
South Korea	15.5	16.7	8%	14.9	16.4	10%	0.6	0.3		
India	15.6	13.9	-11%	16.3	15.6	-5%	-0.7	-1.7		
Brazil	16.6	15.5	-7%	13.8	12.8	-7%	2.9	2.7		

Member States' total trade (intra-EU + extra-EU) - non seasonally adjusted data

bn €

	T .	Total exports			Total imports	1	Trade balance			
		Jan-May 14	Growth	Jan-May 13	Jan-May 14	Growth		Jan-May 14		
Belgium	148.5	148.2	0%	146.5	142.1	-3%	2.1	6.1		
Bulgaria	8.9	8.4	-5%	10.3	10.3	0%	-1.4	-1.9		
Czech Republic	49.6	53.7	8%	43.4	46.3	7%	6.2	7.3		
Denmark	34.1	34.4	1%	30.0	30.6	2%	4.0			
Germany	452.7	465.2	3%	371.6	381.2	3%	81.1	84.0		
Estonia	5.3	4.9	-8%	5.8	5.5	-4%	-0.5	-0.6		
Ireland	35.7	36.0	1%	20.5	22.0	7%	15.2	14.1		
Greece	11.6	10.7	-8%	19.6	19.5	-1%	-8.0	-8.8		
Spain	101.2	100.6	-1%	106.8	110.7	4%	-5.6	-10.1		
France	183.7	180.9	-2%	216.6	211.3	-2%	-32.9	-30.4		
Croatia	3.6	3.9	10%	6.6	6.8	3%	-3.0	-2.9		
Italy	161.1	163.3	1%	152.9	149.2	-2%	8.2	14.1		
Cyprus	0.6	0.6	-8%	1.9	1.9	4%	-1.2	-1.4		
Latvia	4.3	4.3	0%	5.4	5.3	-3%	-1.1	-0.9		
Lithuania	9.9	9.4	-5%	10.5	10.3	-2%	-0.6	-0.9		
Luxembourg	5.5	5.9	7%	8.5	7.9	-7%	-2.9	-2.0		
Hungary	33.7	34.5	3%	31.0	32.2	4%	2.6	2.3		
Malta	1.2	0.9	-27%	1.9	1.6	-17%	-0.7	-0.7		
Netherlands	212.3	209.1	-2%	185.0	183.9	-1%	27.3	25.2		
Austria	54.4	55.4	2%	56.3	57.1	1%	-1.9	-1.8		
Poland	62.0	67.0	8%	63.2	67.4	7%	-1.2	-0.3		
Portugal	19.9	19.7	-1%	23.2	23.7	2%	-3.4	-4.1		
Romania	19.7	21.3	8%	21.9	23.6	8%	-2.2	-2.3		
Slovenia	10.6	11.1	5%	10.6	10.5	0%	0.1	0.6		
Slovakia	26.5		2%	24.6	25.7	4%	1.9	1.5		
Finland	23.5	23.1	-2%	24.3	23.9	-2%	-0.9			
Sweden	54.2	52.3	-3%	50.9	50.3	-1%	3.3			
United Kingdom	176.0	156.4	-11%	202.4	204.6	1%	-26.4	-48.1		

Annex - Seasonally adjusted data

Seasonally adjusted series have been calculated using a harmonised methodology. The seasonally adjusted series give a complementary view of the monthly developments in trade. Seasonally adjusted figures may not match those published by Member States due to differences in the raw data³, in the choice of seasonal adjustment model and to the use of series in national currency or in euro.

EA18 trade - seasonally adjusted data

bn €

Flows	lon 14	Ech 14	Mor 14	Apr 14	May 14	lun 14	Growth:							
FIOWS	Jaii 14	1 60 14	IVIAI 14		IVIAY 14	Juli 14	Feb/Jan	Mar/Feb	Apr/Mar	May/Apr	Jun/May			
Extra-EA18 exports	158.7	160.7	160.0	159.5	160.6	159.9	1.2%	-0.4%	-0.3%	0.7%	-0.5%			
Extra-EA18 imports	145.3	145.8	145.0	144.6	145.4	146.1	0.3%	-0.5%	-0.3%	0.5%	0.5%			
Extra-EA18 trade balance	13.4	14.9	14.9	14.8	15.2	13.8								
Intra-EA18 dispatches	135.0	134.4	131.6	135.6	134.7	132.8	-0.4%	-2.1%	3.0%	-0.6%	-1.4%			

EU28 trade - seasonally adjusted data

bn €

Flows	Jan 14 Feb 14		Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	lun 14	Growth:							
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Extra-EU28 exports	140.9	142.3	140.9	139.5	140.5	140.0	1.0%	-1.0%	-0.9%	0.7%	-0.3%			
Extra-EU28 imports	140.0	139.2	139.2	138.2	140.3	140.1	-0.6%	0.0%	-0.7%	1.5%	-0.1%			
Extra-EU28 trade balance	0.9	3.1	1.7	1.3	0.2	0.0								
Intra-EU28 dispatches	241.8	241.7	238.7	243.8	242.5	239.4	0.0%	-1.3%	2.1%	-0.5%	-1.3%			

Contribution of EU28 Member States to extra-EU28 trade - seasonally adjusted data

bn €

	Т	otal exports		1	otal imports		Trade balance			
	May 14	Jun 14	Growth	May 14	Jun 14	Growth	May 14	Jun 14		
EU28	140.5	140.0	-0.3%	140.3	140.1	-0.1%	0.2	0.0		
Belgium	9.0	8.6	-4.4%	9.2	10.1	9.9%	-0.2	-1.5		
Bulgaria	0.7	0.7	-2.6%	0.9	0.8	-9.4%	-0.1	-0.1		
Czech Republic	1.9	1.9	0.6%	2.2	2.2	1.4%	-0.3	-0.4		
Denmark	2.6	2.4	-7.2%	1.9	2.2	15.3%	0.8	0.3		
Germany	39.9	39.1	-2.0%	26.2	26.4	0.7%	13.7	12.7		
Estonia	0.3	0.3	-1.5%	0.2	0.2	6.7%	0.1	0.1		
Ireland	3.7	4.0	7.8%	1.3	1.3	-0.2%	2.4	2.7		
Greece	1.1	1.3	12.9%	2.1	2.0	-4.8%	-1.0	-0.7		
Spain	7.4	7.5	2.2%	9.7	9.6	-1.1%	-2.4	-2.1		
France	14.2	14.1	-0.1%	13.5	13.3	-1.2%	0.7	0.8		
Croatia	0.3	0.3	3.6%	0.3	0.4	15.1%	0.0	-0.1		
Italy	15.2	14.8	-3.0%	13.3	13.1	-2.2%	1.9	1.7		
Cyprus	0.1	0.1	-11.1%	0.1	0.1	-10.1%	-0.1	-0.1		
Latvia	0.3	0.3	4.2%	0.2	0.2	4.5%	0.1	0.1		
Lithuania	0.9	0.9	4.8%	0.8	0.7	-15.0%	0.1	0.2		
Luxembourg	0.2	0.2	3.2%	0.2	0.3	45.2%	0.0	-0.1		
Hungary	1.4	1.4	-0.2%	1.8	1.7	-1.3%	-0.4	-0.4		
Malta	0.1	0.1	19.0%	0.1	0.2	46.1%	-0.1	-0.1		
Netherlands	10.0	10.2	2.8%	20.2	20.0	-1.2%	-10.3	-9.7		
Austria	3.3	3.3	1.2%	2.8	2.7	-3.8%	0.5	0.7		
Poland	3.2	3.3	1.0%	4.5	4.4	-2.3%	-1.2	-1.1		
Portugal	1.1	1.2	8.3%	1.2	1.4	19.8%	0.0	-0.2		
Romania	1.2	1.1	-8.9%	1.2	1.1	-6.5%	0.0	0.0		
Slovenia	0.5	0.6	6.6%	0.7	0.7	-4.7%	-0.2	-0.1		
Slovakia	0.9	0.9	-2.8%	1.3	1.2	-6.0%	-0.4	-0.3		
Finland	2.0	2.0	-2.1%	1.6	1.6	-1.4%	0.4	0.4		
Sweden	4.3	4.3	-0.4%	3.3	3.0	-8.0%	1.0	1.3		
United Kingdom	14.7	15.1	3.2%	19.4	19.2	-1.1%	-4.8	-4.1		

Seasonally adjusted data



