

## Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in January – May 2018

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Index of exports in PLN – previous year = 100

Foreign trade turnover<sup>1</sup> in January – May this year according to exports at current prices amounted to PLN 372.2 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 373.7 bn. The negative balance reached the level of PLN 1.5 bn, while the same period last year was positive and amounted to PLN 4.6 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2017, exports increased by 2.7%, and imports by 4.5%.

After five months we note increase in exports with the corresponding period of the previous year

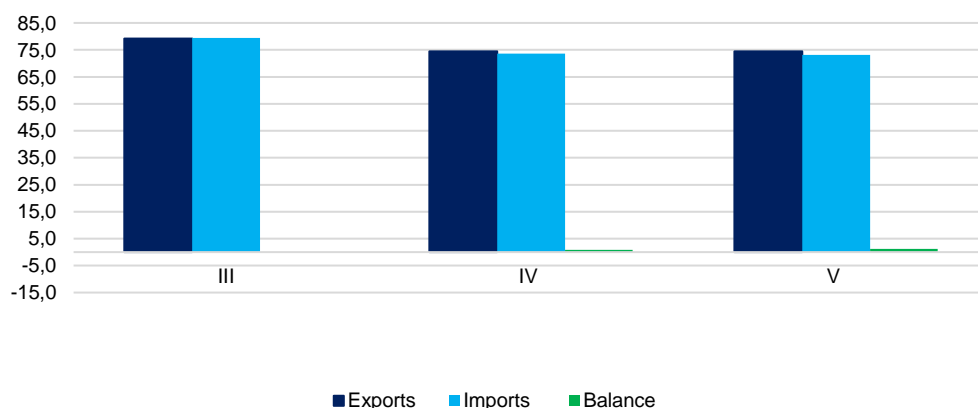
### Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 108.8 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 109.2 bn (an increase in exports of 22.1% and in imports of 24.1%). The negative balance reached the level of USD 0.4 bn (in the corresponding period of the 2017, the positive balance amounted to USD 1.1 bn).

In the period January – May, there was a negative balance in foreign trade, while in April and May the balance was positive

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 88.9 bn while imports amounted to EUR 89.3 bn (an increase in exports of 6.1% and in imports of 7.9%). The negative balance reached the level of EUR 0.4 bn compared to positive balance EUR 1.1 bn in the same period in 2017.

Chart 1. Turnover in the last three months in PLN billion



### Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by groups of countries

Poland has the largest share in total exports with developed countries - 87.3% (of which EU 80.4), and imports – 66.5% (of which EU 59.1%), as against 87.0% (of which EU 80.1%) and 67.5% (of which EU 60.3%) in the corresponding period of the previous year. However, the smallest share was observed in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total

The high share of developed countries in trade in goods is affected by high turnover with the EU

<sup>1</sup> Collection of data on foreign trade turnover is open. Data published formerly is updated according to new customs documentation and INTRA-STAT declarations.

exports amounted to 5.5%, and in imports – 8.8%, as against 5.5% and 8.0% in January – May 2017.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 65.7 bn (minus USD 19.2 bn, minus EUR 15.7 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 12.3 bn (minus USD 3.5 bn, minus EUR 3.0 bn). The positive balances were obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 76.5 bn (USD 22.3 bn, EUR 18.3 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 78.4 bn (USD 22.9 bn, EUR 18.7 bn).

**Table 1. Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by groups of countries**

SPECIFICATION	I – V 2018						2017	2018
	bn	bn	bn	I – V 2017 = 100			I – V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>Exports</b>	<b>372.2</b>	<b>108.8</b>	<b>88.9</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>122.1</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	324.8	94.9	77.6	103.1	122.5	106.5	87.0	87.3
of which EU	299.4	87.5	71.5	103.2	122.6	106.6	80.1	80.4
of which euro-zone	215.2	62.9	51.4	103.8	123.3	107.2	57.2	57.8
Developing countries	26.7	7.8	6.4	98.0	116.4	101.2	7.5	7.2
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	20.7	6.1	4.9	103.2	122.4	106.4	5.5	5.5
<b>Imports (country of origin)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>373.7</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>89.3</b>	<b>104.5</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	248.3	72.6	59.3	102.9	122.2	106.2	67.5	66.5
of which EU	221.0	64.6	52.8	102.5	121.7	105.8	60.3	59.1
of which euro-zone	177.0	51.7	42.3	102.7	122.0	106.1	48.2	47.4
Developing countries	92.4	27.0	22.1	105.5	125.2	108.9	24.5	24.7
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	33.0	9.6	7.9	115.1	136.9	119.0	8.0	8.8
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Developed countries	76.5	22.3	18.3	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	78.4	22.9	18.7	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	38.2	11.2	9.1	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-65.7	-19.2	-15.7	X	X	X	X	X
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-12.3	-3.5	-3.0	X	X	X	X	X

### Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In January – May this year among the main trade partners of Poland there was an increase in exports to Russia, the United States, Sweden, Netherlands, Germany, France, Czech Republic and Spain and imports – from the United States, Russia, Spain, Germany, France, Netherlands, Belgium, Czech Republic and China.

Among our main trade partners in exports we recorded a decreased in turnover for United Kingdom and Italy

<sup>2</sup> Country of origin is the country where the commodity was produced or processed and in this form entered the Polish customs zone.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports in January – May 2018 accounted for 66.8% (66.7% in the same period last year), while total imports – 65.1% (against 65.5% after five months 2017).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of last year by 0.4 pp and amounted to 27.8%, and imports has decreased by 0.3 pp and accounted for 22.6%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 19.0 bn (USD 5.6 bn, EUR 4.6 bn) against PLN 17.4 bn (USD 4.3 bn, EUR 4.0 bn) in the same period of 2017.

**Table 2. Foreign trade turnover by major countries**

SPECIFICATION	I – V 2018						2017	2018
	bn	bn	bn	I – V 2017 = 100			I – V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>EXPORTS</b>								
1. Germany	103.3	30.2	24.7	104.2	123.8	107.6	27.4	27.8
2. Czech Republic	23.8	7.0	5.7	102.5	121.8	105.9	6.4	6.4
3. United Kingdom	22.6	6.6	5.4	96.7	114.9	99.9	6.5	6.1
4. France	21.6	6.3	5.2	103.6	123.1	107.0	5.7	5.8
5. Italy	17.4	5.1	4.1	94.5	112.3	97.6	5.1	4.7
6. Netherlands	17.2	5.0	4.1	105.2	125.0	108.6	4.5	4.6
7. Russia	10.8	3.2	2.6	108.1	128.3	111.5	2.8	2.9
8. Sweden	10.7	3.1	2.6	106.4	126.4	109.9	2.8	2.9
9. United States	10.3	3.0	2.5	107.5	127.6	110.9	2.7	2.8
10. Spain	10.3	3.0	2.5	102.4	121.8	105.8	2.8	2.8
<b>IMPORTS (country of origin)</b>								
1. Germany	84.3	24.6	20.1	103.0	122.3	106.3	22.9	22.6
2. China	41.5	12.1	9.9	100.2	119.0	103.5	11.6	11.1
3. Russia	26.4	7.7	6.3	113.4	134.8	117.2	6.5	7.1
4. Italy	18.7	5.5	4.5	97.7	116.1	100.9	5.4	5.0
5. France	14.4	4.2	3.4	102.5	121.9	105.9	3.9	3.8
6. Netherlands	14.1	4.1	3.4	101.8	121.0	105.1	3.9	3.8
7. Czech Republic	13.3	3.9	3.2	100.8	119.7	104.1	3.7	3.6
8. United States	11.6	3.4	2.8	120.2	142.9	124.1	2.7	3.1
9. Belgium	9.5	2.8	2.3	100.9	119.8	104.2	2.6	2.6
10. Spain	9.0	2.6	2.1	109.0	129.5	112.5	2.3	2.4

The share of Russia in imports increased by 0.6 pp compared to the same period of 2017 and it was 7.1%

#### Imports by country of consignment in total and by groups of counties

The highest turnover in imports by country of consignment Poland recorded with the developed countries - PLN 278.1 bn, of which the EU – PLN 260.5 bn, compared to PLN 272.0 bn, of which the EU - PLN 255.6 bn in the same period of 2017.

**Table 3. Imports by country of consignment in total and by groups of countries**

SPECIFICATION	I – V 2018						2017	2018
	bn	bn	bn	I – V 2017 = 100			I – V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>Imports (country of consignment)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>373.7</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>89.3</b>	<b>104.5</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	278.1	81.3	66.4	102.2	121.5	105.6	76.0	74.4
of which EU	260.5	76.1	62.3	101.9	121.1	105.2	71.5	69.7
of which euro-zone	211.0	61.6	50.4	101.8	120.9	105.1	57.9	56.5
Developing countries	60.2	17.6	14.4	106.6	126.6	110.0	15.8	16.1
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	35.4	10.3	8.5	121.3	144.1	125.3	8.2	9.5
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Developed countries	46.7	13.6	11.2	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	38.9	11.4	9.2	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	4.2	1.3	1.0	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-33.5	-9.8	-8.0	X	X	X	X	X
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-14.7	-4.2	-3.6	X	X	X	X	X

**Imports by country of consignment – by countries**

The share of Germany in imports by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was higher by 4.3 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 1.9 pp, Belgium by 1.2 pp, Russia, France and Czech Republic by 0.4 pp.

**Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – by countries**

SPECIFICATION	I – V 2018						2017	2018
	bn	bn	bn	I – V 2017 = 100			I – V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>IMPORTS (country of consignment)</b>								
1. Germany	100.5	29.4	24.0	101.6	120.6	104.9	27.7	26.9
2. Russia	28.1	8.2	6.7	120.8	143.6	124.9	6.5	7.5
3. China	26.8	7.8	6.4	104.2	123.8	107.7	7.2	7.2
4. Netherlands	21.2	6.2	5.1	98.5	117.0	101.7	6.0	5.7
5. Italy	18.8	5.5	4.5	97.0	115.2	100.1	5.4	5.0
6. France	15.6	4.6	3.7	103.3	122.8	106.7	4.2	4.2
7. Czech Republic	15.1	4.4	3.6	103.0	122.4	106.4	4.1	4.0
8. Belgium	14.3	4.2	3.4	107.1	127.2	110.6	3.7	3.8
9. United Kingdom	9.4	2.8	2.2	97.7	116.1	100.9	2.7	2.5
10. Spain	8.9	2.6	2.1	103.0	122.3	106.3	2.4	2.4

The share of imports from China according by country of consignment to the share of the country of origin was lower by 3.9 pp

<sup>3</sup> Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

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