

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

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After nine months we note increase in both exports and imports with the corresponding period of the previous year

↑ 104.9

Index of exports in PLN – previous year = 100

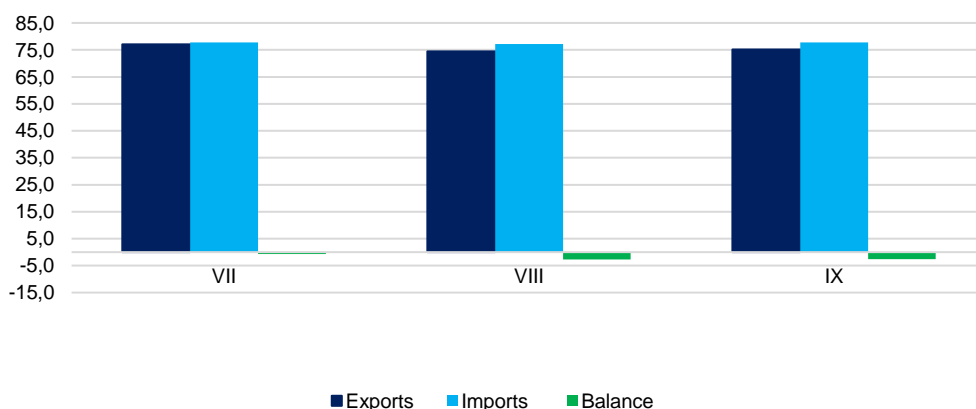
Foreign trade turnover<sup>1</sup> in January – September this year according to exports at current prices amounted to PLN 686.6 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 697.4 bn. The negative balance reached the level of PLN 10.8 bn, while in the same period last year it was positive and amounted to PLN 6.1 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2017, exports increased by 4.9%, and imports by 7.6%.

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

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 193.8 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 196.8 bn (an increase in exports of 15.4% and in imports of 18.3%). The negative balance reached the level of USD 3.0 bn (in the corresponding period of the 2017, the positive balance amounted to USD 1.6 bn).

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 162.0 bn while imports amounted to EUR 164.6 bn (an increase in exports of 6.0% and in imports of 8.6%). The negative balance reached the level of EUR 2.6 bn compared to positive balance EUR 1.4 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 – 86.9% (of which EU 80.2), and imports – 66.1% (of which EU 58.9%), as against 86.7% (of which EU 80.0%) and 67.8% (of which EU 60.4%) 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 5.8%, and in imports – 9.0%, as against 5.8% and 7.8% in January – September 2017.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 123.5 bn (minus USD 34.8 bn, minus EUR 29.1 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 22.9 bn (minus USD 6.5 bn, minus EUR 5.4 bn). The positive balances were obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 135.6 bn (USD 38.3 bn, EUR 31.9 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 139.4 bn (USD 39.4 bn, EUR 32.9 bn).

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

SPECIFICATION	I – IX 2018						2017	2018
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – IX 2017 = 100			I – IX structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
<b>Exports</b>	<b>686.6</b>	<b>193.8</b>	<b>162.0</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>115.4</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	596.8	168.5	140.8	105.1	115.7	106.2	86.7	86.9
of which EU	550.5	155.5	129.9	105.2	115.8	106.3	80.0	80.2
of which euro-zone	395.8	111.8	93.4	106.0	116.7	107.2	57.0	57.6
Developing countries	49.9	14.1	11.8	102.0	112.0	102.9	7.5	7.3
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	39.9	11.2	9.4	105.1	115.0	106.0	5.8	5.8
<b>Imports (country of origin)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>697.4</b>	<b>196.8</b>	<b>164.6</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>118.3</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	461.2	130.2	108.9	104.9	115.5	106.0	67.8	66.1
of which EU	411.1	116.1	97.0	105.0	115.6	106.1	60.4	58.9
of which euro-zone	329.8	93.1	77.8	105.3	115.9	106.4	48.3	47.3
Developing countries	173.4	48.9	40.9	109.6	120.4	110.7	24.4	24.9
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	62.8	17.7	14.8	123.9	136.2	125.2	7.8	9.0
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Developed countries	135.6	38.3	31.9	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	139.4	39.4	32.9	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	66.0	18.7	15.6	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-123.5	-34.8	-29.1	X	X	X	X	X
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-22.9	-6.5	-5.4	X	X	X	X	X

### Foreign trade turnover by major countries

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

Among our main trade partners in exports we recorded a decrease 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 – September 2018 accounted for 66.5% (66.4% in the same period last year), while total imports – 65.3% (against 65.7% after nine months of the 2017).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of last year by 0.6 pp and amounted to 28.0%, and imports has decreased by 0.6 pp and accounted for 22.6%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 34.5 bn (USD 9.7 bn, EUR 8.1 bn) against PLN 29.1 bn (USD 7.4 bn, EUR 6.8 bn) in the same period of 2017.

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

SPECIFICATION	I – IX 2018						2017	2018
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – IX 2017 = 100			I – IX	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>EXPORTS</b>								
1. Germany	192.1	54.2	45.3	107.0	117.7	108.1	27.4	28.0
2. Czech Republic	43.8	12.4	10.3	104.2	114.7	105.3	6.4	6.4
3. United Kingdom	41.6	11.8	9.8	99.0	109.1	100.1	6.4	6.1
4. France	38.6	10.9	9.1	105.4	116.3	106.6	5.6	5.6
5. Italy	31.7	9.0	7.5	97.4	107.4	98.4	5.0	4.6
6. Netherlands	30.8	8.7	7.3	106.4	117.2	107.5	4.4	4.5
7. Russia	21.0	5.9	4.9	106.4	116.2	107.2	3.0	3.1
8. United States	19.1	5.4	4.5	109.0	119.7	110.0	2.7	2.8
9. Sweden	18.8	5.3	4.4	102.4	112.9	103.6	2.8	2.7
10. Hungary	18.4	5.2	4.4	105.6	116.1	106.7	2.7	2.7
<b>IMPORTS (country of origin)</b>								
1. Germany	157.6	44.5	37.2	104.8	115.2	105.8	23.2	22.6
2. China	79.3	22.3	18.7	104.4	114.5	105.4	11.7	11.4
3. Russia	50.6	14.2	11.9	124.4	136.7	125.6	6.3	7.3
4. Italy	35.4	10.0	8.3	102.0	112.4	103.1	5.3	5.1
5. Netherlands	26.2	7.4	6.2	105.8	116.5	106.9	3.8	3.8
6. France	26.0	7.3	6.1	103.6	114.2	104.7	3.9	3.7
7. Czech Republic	23.8	6.7	5.6	102.7	113.4	103.9	3.6	3.4
8. United States	20.7	5.8	4.9	110.8	122.0	111.9	2.9	3.0
9. Belgium	17.9	5.0	4.2	105.7	116.3	106.8	2.6	2.6
10. United Kingdom	16.8	4.7	4.0	109.6	120.4	110.7	2.4	2.4

The share of Russia in imports increased by 1.0 pp compared to the same period of 2017 and it was 7.3%

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

The highest turnover in imports by country of consignment Poland recorded with the developed countries - PLN 518.5 bn, of which the EU – PLN 486.4 bn, compared to PLN 495.8 bn, of which the EU - PLN 464.7 bn in the same period of 2017.

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

SPECIFICATION	I – IX 2018						2017	2018
	bn	bn	bn	I – IX 2017 = 100			I – IX	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>Imports (country of consignment)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>697.4</b>	<b>196.8</b>	<b>164.6</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>118.3</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	518.5	146.4	122.4	104.6	115.1	105.6	76.5	74.3
of which EU	486.4	137.3	114.8	104.7	115.2	105.7	71.7	69.7
of which euro-zone	395.2	111.6	93.3	104.6	115.1	105.7	58.3	56.7
Developing countries	112.1	31.6	26.4	111.4	122.4	112.5	15.5	16.1
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	66.8	18.8	15.8	128.6	141.3	129.9	8.0	9.6
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Developed countries	78.3	22.1	18.4	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	64.1	18.2	15.1	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	0.6	0.2	0.1	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-62.2	-17.5	-14.6	X	X	X	X	X
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-26.9	-7.6	-6.4	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 4.7 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 1.9 pp, Belgium by 1.3 pp, Czech Republic by 0.5 pp and Russia by 0.3 pp.

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

SPECIFICATION	I – IX 2018						2017	2018
	bn	bn	bn	I – IX 2017 = 100			I – IX	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>IMPORTS (country of consignment)</b>								
1. Germany	190.4	53.7	44.9	104.5	114.8	105.5	28.1	27.3
2. Russia	53.3	15.0	12.6	129.5	142.3	130.9	6.3	7.6
3. China	50.1	14.1	11.8	108.1	118.7	109.2	7.2	7.2
4. Netherlands	39.5	11.2	9.3	102.4	112.8	103.5	5.9	5.7
5. Italy	35.4	10.0	8.4	100.8	111.1	101.9	5.4	5.1
6. France	28.2	8.0	6.7	104.4	115.2	105.6	4.2	4.0
7. Belgium	27.2	7.7	6.4	110.8	121.7	111.9	3.8	3.9
8. Czech Republic	27.2	7.7	6.4	105.5	116.4	106.7	4.0	3.9
9. United Kingdom	17.9	5.1	4.2	101.8	111.9	102.8	2.7	2.6
10. Spain	16.4	4.6	3.9	106.3	117.2	107.4	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 4.2 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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