## Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in January - December 2018 (temporary data)

Import dynamics exceeded the rate of growth of the export

Foreign trade turnover[[1]](#footnote-1) after twelve months of 2018 according to temporary data[[2]](#footnote-2), exports at current prices amounted to PLN 940.4 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 961.8 bn. The negative balance reached the level of PLN 21.4 bn, while in the same period 2017 it was positive and amounted to PLN 2.5 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2017, exports incteased by 6.5%, and imports by 9.3%.

106.5



Indices of exports in PLN – previous year = 100

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

In the whole 2018 we have the negative balance in foreign trade

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 261.8 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 267.7 bn (an increase in exports of 13.1% and in imports of 15.9%). The negative balance reached the level of USD 5.9 bn (in the corresponding period of the 2017, the positive balance amounted to USD 0.6 bn).

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 221.0 bn while imports amounted to EUR 226.1 bn (an increase in exports of 7.0% and in imports of 9.7%). The negative balance reached the level of EUR 5.1 bn compared to positive balance EUR 0.5 bn in the same period in 2017.

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

# Chart 2. Indices of value exports in PLN – previous year = 100

# Chart 3. Indices of value imports in PLN – previous year = 100

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

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

Poland has the largest share in total exports with developed countries – 87.0% (of which EU 80.4%), and imports – 65.5% (of which EU 58.3%), as against 86.6% (of which EU 80.0%) and 67.7% (of which EU 60.4%) in the corresponding period of the 2017. However, the smallest share was observed in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total exports amounted to 5.8%, and in imports – 9.1%, as against 5.8% and 7.9% after twelve months of the 2017.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 176.6 bn (minus USD 49.1 bn, minus EUR 41.5 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 32.7 bn (minus USD 9.1 bn, minus EUR 7.7 bn). The positive balances were obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 187.9 bn (USD 52.3 bn, EUR 44.1 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 194.7 bn (USD 54.1 bn, EUR 45.7 bn).

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

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| SPECIFICATION | I – XII 2018 | | | | | | 2017 | 2018 |
| bn  PLN | bn  USD | bn  EUR | I – XII 2017 = 100 | | | I – XII | |
| PLN | USD | EUR | structure in % | |
| **Exports** | **940.4** | **261.8** | **221.0** | **106.5** | **113.1** | **107.0** | **100.0** | **100.0** |
| Developed countries | 818.0 | 227.8 | 192.3 | 107.0 | 113.6 | 107.4 | 86.6 | 87.0 |
| of which EU | 755.7 | 210.4 | 177.6 | 107.0 | 113.5 | 107.4 | 80.0 | 80.4 |
| of which euro-zone | 542.3 | 151.0 | 127.5 | 107.6 | 114.3 | 108.1 | 57.1 | 57.7 |
| Developing countries | 67.4 | 18.7 | 15.8 | 100.7 | 106.7 | 101.0 | 7.6 | 7.2 |
| Count. of Cent. and East. Europe | 55.0 | 15.3 | 12.9 | 107.6 | 113.6 | 107.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| **Imports** (country of origin)[[3]](#footnote-3) | **961.8** | **267.7** | **226.1** | **109.3** | **115.9** | **109.7** | **100.0** | **100.0** |
| Developed countries | 630.1 | 175.5 | 148.2 | 105.7 | 112.2 | 106.2 | 67.7 | 65.5 |
| of which EU | 561.0 | 156.3 | 131.9 | 105.6 | 112.1 | 106.0 | 60.4 | 58.3 |
| of which euro-zone | 447.8 | 124.8 | 105.3 | 105.4 | 111.9 | 105.9 | 48.3 | 46.6 |
| Developing countries | 244.0 | 67.8 | 57.3 | 113.8 | 120.4 | 114.2 | 24.4 | 25.4 |
| Count. of Cent. and East. Europe | 87.7 | 24.4 | 20.6 | 125.9 | 133.1 | 126.3 | 7.9 | 9.1 |
| **Balance** | **-21.4** | **-5.9** | **-5.1** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| Developed countries | 187.9 | 52.3 | 44.1 | X | X | X | X | X |
| of which EU | 194.7 | 54.1 | 45.7 | X | X | X | X | X |
| of which euro-zone | 94.5 | 26.2 | 22.2 | X | X | X | X | X |
| Developing countries | -176.6 | -49.1 | -41.5 | X | X | X | X | X |
| Count. of Cent. and East. Europe | -32.7 | -9.1 | -7.7 | X | X | X | X | X |

# Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In the period January – December 2018 among the main trade partners of Poland there was an increase in exports and imports to all countries from the top ten of our partners, with the exception of Italy in exports.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports in January – December 2018 accounted for 66.8% (66.2% in the same period 2017), while total imports – 64.7% (against 65.7% after twelve months of the 2017).

Since Poland’s accession to the EU, Germany has been our the largest trading partner both in exports and imports

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of 2017 by 0.7 pp and amounted to 28.2%, and imports has decreased by 0.7 pp and accounted for 22.4%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 49.5 bn (USD 13.7 bn, EUR 11.6 bn) against PLN 39.0 bn (USD 10.2 bn, EUR 9.1 bn) in the same period of 2017.

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

The share of Russia in imports increased by 1.0 pp compared to the same period of 2017 and it was 7.4%

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| SPECIFICATION | I – XII 2018 | | | | | | 2017 | 2018 |
| bn  PLN | bn  USD | bn  EUR | I – XII 2017 = 100 | | | I – XII | |
| PLN | USD | EUR | structure in % | |
| **EXPORTS** | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Germany | 264.8 | 73.7 | 62.2 | 109.1 | 115.7 | 109.6 | 27.5 | 28.2 |
| 2. Czech Republic | 59.8 | 16.7 | 14.1 | 105.3 | 111.7 | 105.7 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| 3. United Kingdom | 58.2 | 16.2 | 13.7 | 102.5 | 108.7 | 102.9 | 6.4 | 6.2 |
| 4. France | 52.1 | 14.5 | 12.2 | 104.8 | 111.5 | 105.3 | 5.6 | 5.5 |
| 5. Italy | 43.2 | 12.0 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 106.4 | 100.4 | 4.9 | 4.6 |
| 6. Netherlands | 42.5 | 11.8 | 10.0 | 109.4 | 116.3 | 109.9 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 7. Russia | 28.8 | 8.0 | 6.8 | 109.4 | 115.4 | 109.6 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| 8. United States | 26.2 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 112.0 | 118.8 | 112.4 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| 9. Sweden | 26.0 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 104.8 | 111.3 | 105.3 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| 10. Hungary | 25.1 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 107.6 | 114.2 | 108.0 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| **IMPORTS (country of origin)** | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Germany | 215.3 | 60.0 | 50.6 | 105.7 | 112.1 | 106.1 | 23.1 | 22.4 |
| 2. China | 111.6 | 31.0 | 26.2 | 107.6 | 113.7 | 108.0 | 11.8 | 11.6 |
| 3. Russia | 70.8 | 19.6 | 16.6 | 126.5 | 133.9 | 126.9 | 6.4 | 7.4 |
| 4. Italy | 48.2 | 13.4 | 11.3 | 102.8 | 109.3 | 103.2 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| 5. France | 35.0 | 9.8 | 8.2 | 102.6 | 109.0 | 103.0 | 3.9 | 3.6 |
| 6. Netherlands | 34.6 | 9.7 | 8.1 | 102.9 | 109.5 | 103.4 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| 7. Czech Republic | 32.8 | 9.2 | 7.7 | 103.4 | 109.9 | 103.9 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| 8. United States | 27.3 | 7.6 | 6.4 | 109.0 | 115.9 | 109.4 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| 9. Belgium | 23.8 | 6.6 | 5.6 | 105.8 | 112.5 | 106.3 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| 10. United Kingdom | 23.3 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 110.2 | 116.6 | 110.6 | 2.4 | 2.4 |

**Chart 4. The balance of Poland with Russia (in PLN billion)**

# 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 711.5 bn, of which the EU – PLN 667.7 bn, compared to PLN 672.6 bn, of which the EU - PLN 631.8 bn in the same period of 2017.

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

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| SPECIFICATION | I – XII 2018 | | | | | | 2017 | 2018 |
| bn  PLN | bn  USD | bn  EUR | I – XII 2017 = 100 | | | I – XII | |
| PLN | USD | EUR | structure in % | |
| **Imports** (country of consignment)[[4]](#footnote-4) | **961.8** | **267.7** | **226.1** | **109.3** | **115.9** | **109.7** | **100.0** | **100.0** |
| Developed countries | 711.5 | 198.2 | 167.3 | 105.8 | 112.2 | 106.2 | 76.4 | 74.0 |
| of which EU | 667.7 | 186.0 | 157.0 | 105.7 | 112.1 | 106.1 | 71.8 | 69.4 |
| of which euro-zone | 540.8 | 150.6 | 127.1 | 105.5 | 112.0 | 105.9 | 58.2 | 56.2 |
| Developing countries | 156.6 | 43.5 | 36.8 | 115.1 | 121.9 | 115.5 | 15.5 | 16.3 |
| Countries of Cent. and East. Europe | 93.7 | 26.0 | 22.0 | 131.1 | 138.6 | 131.5 | 8.1 | 9.7 |
| **Balance** | **-21.4** | **-5.9** | **-5.1** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| Developed countries | 106.5 | 29.6 | 25.0 | X | X | X | X | X |
| of which EU | 88.0 | 24.4 | 20.6 | X | X | X | X | X |
| of which euro-zone | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | X | X | X | X | X |
| Developing countries | -89.2 | -24.8 | -21.0 | X | X | X | X | X |
| Countries of Cent. and East. Europe | -38.7 | -10.7 | -9.1 | X | X | X | X | X |

**Chart 5. Share of imports groups of countries by country of origin, and consignment for I-XII 2018**

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| SPECIFICATION | I – XII 2018 | | | | | | 2017 | 2018 |
| bn  PLN | bn  USD | bn  EUR | I – XII 2017 = 100 | | | I – XII | |
| PLN | USD | EUR | structure in % | |
| **IMPORTS (country of consignment)** | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Germany | 262.6 | 73.1 | 61.7 | 106.5 | 112.9 | 106.9 | 28.0 | 27.3 |
| 2. Russia | 75.0 | 20.8 | 17.6 | 132.4 | 140.0 | 132.9 | 6.4 | 7.8 |
| 3. China | 69.6 | 19.3 | 16.4 | 111.8 | 118.4 | 112.2 | 7.1 | 7.2 |
| 4. Netherlands | 52.9 | 14.8 | 12.4 | 100.9 | 107.2 | 101.4 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| 5. Italy | 48.4 | 13.5 | 11.4 | 101.9 | 108.3 | 102.4 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
| 6. Czech Republic | 38.2 | 10.6 | 9.0 | 107.2 | 113.8 | 107.7 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| 7. France | 37.8 | 10.5 | 8.9 | 103.6 | 110.1 | 104.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| 8. Belgium | 36.4 | 10.1 | 8.5 | 111.2 | 118.1 | 111.6 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| 9. United Kingdom | 24.8 | 6.9 | 5.8 | 102.4 | 108.4 | 102.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| 10. Sweden | 23.0 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 110.4 | 117.3 | 110.9 | 2.4 | 2.4 |

# 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 4.9 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 1.9 pp and Belgium by 1.3 pp.,Czech Republic by 0.6 pp and Russia by 0.4 pp.

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

Imports from China according by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was lower about 4.4 pp

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1. Collection of data on foreign trade turnover is open. Data published formerly is updated according to new customs documentation and INTRASTAT declarations. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Final data will be available at the end of July this year. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Country of origin is the country where the commodity was produced or processed and in this form entered the Polish customs zone. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)