

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

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Import dynamics exceeded the rate of growth of the export

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

**↑ 106.5**  
Indices of exports in PLN – previous year = 100

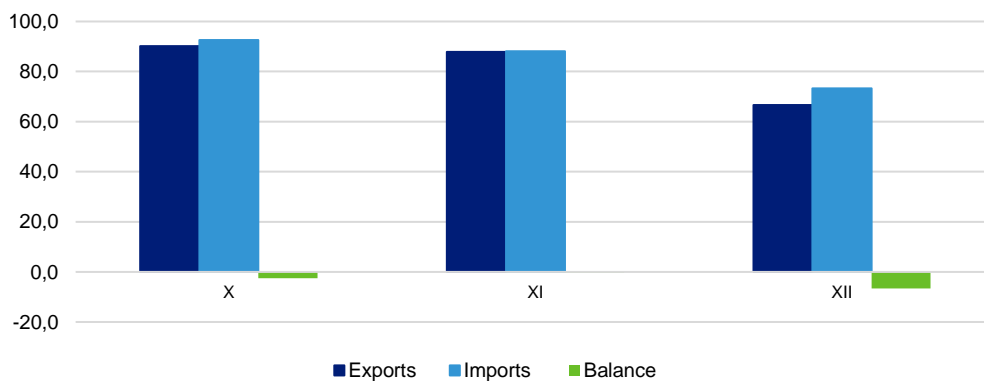
**Foreign trade turnover<sup>1</sup> after twelve months of 2018 according to temporary data<sup>2</sup>, exports at current prices amounted to PLN 940.4 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 961.8 bn. The negative balance reached the level of PLN 21.4 bn, while in the same period 2017 it was positive and amounted to PLN 2.5 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2017, exports increased by 6.5%, and imports by 9.3%.**

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

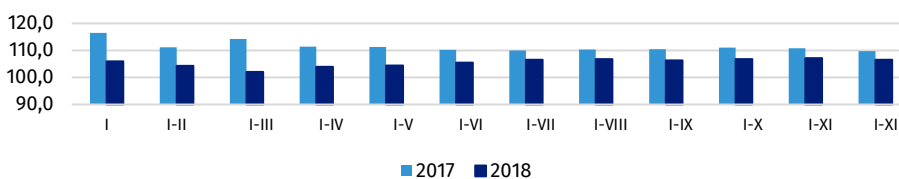
Exports expressed in USD amounted to 261.8 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 267.7 bn (an increase in exports of 13.1% and in imports of 15.9%). The negative balance reached the level of USD 5.9 bn (in the corresponding period of the 2017, the positive balance amounted to USD 0.6 bn).

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**



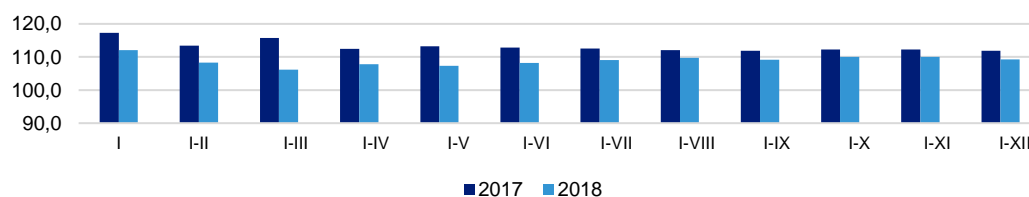
**Chart 2. Indices of value exports in PLN – previous year = 100**



<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.

<sup>2</sup> Final data will be available at the end of July this year.

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



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

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

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**

SPECIFICATION	I – XII 2018						2017	2018
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – XII 2017 = 100			I – XII structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
<b>Exports</b>	<b>940.4</b>	<b>261.8</b>	<b>221.0</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>113.1</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Imports (country of origin)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>961.8</b>	<b>267.7</b>	<b>226.1</b>	<b>109.3</b>	<b>115.9</b>	<b>109.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
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

<sup>3</sup> Country of origin is the country where the commodity was produced or processed and in this form entered the Polish customs zone.

## 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).

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.

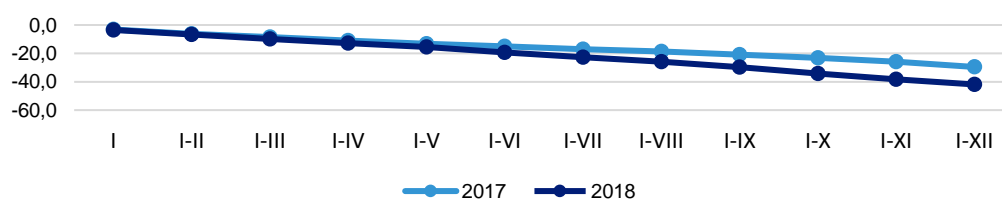
Since Poland's accession to the EU, Germany has been our the largest trading partner both in exports and imports

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

SPECIFICATION	I – XII 2018						2017	2018
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – XII 2017 = 100			I – XII	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>EXPORTS</b>								
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
<b>IMPORTS (country of origin)</b>								
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

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

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



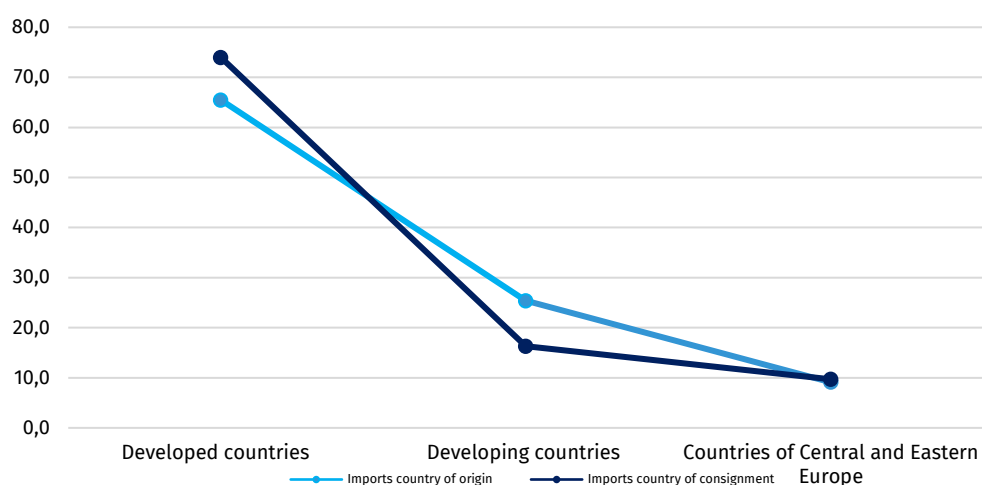
## Imports by country of consignment in total and by groups of counties

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**

SPECIFICATION	I – XII 2018						2017	2018
	bn	bn	bn	I – XII 2017 = 100			I – XII	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>Imports</b> (country of consignment) <sup>4</sup>	<b>961.8</b>	<b>267.7</b>	<b>226.1</b>	<b>109.3</b>	<b>115.9</b>	<b>109.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
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**



<sup>4</sup> Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

## 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**

SPECIFICATION	I – XII 2018						2017	2018
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – XII 2017 = 100			I – XII	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>IMPORTS (country of consignment)</b>								
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 from China according by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was lower about 4.4 pp

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