

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

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

↑ 105.6

Index of exports in PLN – previous year = 100

Foreign trade turnover¹ in January – October this year according to exports at current prices amounted to PLN 776.6 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 790.1 bn. The negative balance reached the level of PLN 13.5 bn, while in the same period last year it was positive and amounted to PLN 7.8 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2017, exports increased by 5.6%, and imports by 8.5%.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 218.4 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 222.1 bn (an increase in exports of 14.5% and in imports of 17.7%). The negative balance reached the level of USD 3.7 bn (in the corresponding period of the 2017, the positive balance amounted to USD 2.0 bn).

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 183.0 bn while imports amounted to EUR 186.2 bn (an increase in exports of 6.5% and in imports of 9.5%). The negative balance reached the level of EUR 3.2 bn compared to positive balance EUR 1.8 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 – 87.0% (of which EU 80.2), and imports – 65.8% (of which EU 58.6%), as against 86.7% (of which EU 80.0%) and 67.8% (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

¹ 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 – 9.1%, as against 5.8% and 7.8% in January – October 2017.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 142.5 bn (minus USD 39.9 bn, minus EUR 33.6 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 26.5 bn (minus USD 7.5 bn, minus EUR 6.2 bn). The positive balances were obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 155.5 bn (USD 43.7 bn, EUR 36.6 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 160.2 bn (USD 45.0 bn, EUR 37.7 bn).

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

SPECIFICATION	I – X 2018						2017	2018
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – X 2017 = 100			I – X	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	776.6	218.4	183.0	105.6	114.5	106.5	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	675.2	189.9	159.1	105.9	114.9	106.8	86.7	87.0
of which EU	623.1	175.2	146.8	105.9	114.9	106.8	80.0	80.2
of which euro-zone	447.0	125.7	105.3	106.6	115.6	107.5	57.0	57.6
Developing countries	56.0	15.8	13.2	101.3	109.7	102.1	7.5	7.2
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	45.4	12.7	10.7	106.4	114.7	107.1	5.8	5.8
Imports (country of origin)²	790.1	222.1	186.2	108.5	117.7	109.5	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	519.7	146.2	122.5	105.3	114.3	106.3	67.8	65.8
of which EU	462.9	130.2	109.1	105.4	114.4	106.3	60.3	58.6
of which euro-zone	370.6	104.2	87.3	105.6	114.6	106.5	48.2	46.9
Developing countries	198.5	55.7	46.8	111.4	120.7	112.4	24.4	25.1
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	71.9	20.2	16.9	127.2	137.9	128.3	7.8	9.1
Balance	-13.5	-3.7	-3.2	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	155.5	43.7	36.6	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	160.2	45.0	37.7	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	76.4	21.5	18.0	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-142.5	-39.9	-33.6	X	X	X	X	X
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-26.5	-7.5	-6.2	X	X	X	X	X

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In January – October this year among the main trade partners of Poland there was an increase in exports to the United States, Germany, Russia, Netherlands, Hungary, France, Czech Republic, Sweden and United Kingdom, 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 Italy

² 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 – October 2018 accounted for 66.6% (66.4% in the same period last year), while total imports – 65.0% (against 65.5% after ten 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 22.5%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 39.8 bn (USD 11.2 bn, EUR 9.4 bn) against PLN 33.4 bn (USD 8.6 bn, EUR 7.8 bn) in the same period of 2017.

Table 2. Foreign trade turnover by major countries

SPECIFICATION	I – X 2018						2017	2018
	bn	bn	bn	I – X 2017 = 100			I – X	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	217.4	61.1	51.2	107.9	117.0	108.8	27.4	28.0
2. Czech Republic	49.6	14.0	11.7	104.7	113.5	105.6	6.4	6.4
3. United Kingdom	47.4	13.3	11.2	100.3	108.8	101.2	6.4	6.1
4. France	43.3	12.2	10.2	105.2	114.5	106.2	5.6	5.6
5. Italy	35.8	10.1	8.4	98.1	106.7	99.1	5.0	4.6
6. Netherlands	34.6	9.7	8.2	106.9	116.2	107.9	4.4	4.5
7. Russia	23.8	6.7	5.6	107.4	115.7	108.1	3.0	3.1
8. United States	21.7	6.1	5.1	110.3	119.4	111.1	2.7	2.8
9. Sweden	21.4	6.0	5.0	103.6	112.5	104.5	2.8	2.8
10. Hungary	20.9	5.9	4.9	106.3	115.2	107.2	2.7	2.7
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	177.6	49.9	41.8	105.7	114.6	106.5	23.1	22.5
2. China	90.6	25.4	21.3	105.3	113.8	106.2	11.8	11.5
3. Russia	58.0	16.3	13.6	128.2	139.0	129.3	6.2	7.3
4. Italy	40.1	11.3	9.4	103.4	112.4	104.3	5.3	5.1
5. France	29.1	8.2	6.9	103.0	112.0	104.0	3.9	3.7
6. Netherlands	28.9	8.1	6.8	103.8	112.8	104.7	3.8	3.7
7. Czech Republic	27.0	7.6	6.4	103.0	112.0	104.0	3.6	3.4
8. United States	22.8	6.4	5.4	110.8	120.5	111.7	2.8	2.9
9. Belgium	20.1	5.6	4.7	106.3	115.4	107.3	2.6	2.5
10. United Kingdom	19.0	5.3	4.5	109.5	118.5	110.4	2.4	2.4

The share of Russia in imports increased by 1.1 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 586.1 bn, of which the EU – PLN 550.1 bn, compared to PLN 557.0 bn, of which the EU - PLN 522.7 bn in the same period of 2017.

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

SPECIFICATION	I – X 2018						2017	2018
	bn	bn	bn	I – X 2017 = 100			I – X	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment)³	790.1	222.1	186.2	108.5	117.7	109.5	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	586.1	164.9	138.2	105.2	114.1	106.1	76.5	74.2
of which EU	550.1	154.7	129.6	105.3	114.2	106.2	71.8	69.6
of which euro-zone	446.3	125.5	105.2	105.2	114.1	106.1	58.3	56.5
Developing countries	127.9	35.9	30.1	113.4	122.8	114.3	15.5	16.2
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	76.1	21.3	17.9	131.0	141.9	132.1	8.0	9.6
Balance	-13.5	-3.7	-3.2	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	89.1	25.0	20.9	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	73.0	20.5	17.2	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	0.7	0.2	0.1	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-71.9	-20.1	-16.9	X	X	X	X	X
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-30.7	-8.6	-7.2	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 4.9 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 0.4 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – by countries

SPECIFICATION	I – X 2018						2017	2018
	bn	bn	bn	I – X 2017 = 100			I – X	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	216.4	60.8	51.0	105.9	114.8	106.8	28.1	27.4
2. Russia	60.8	17.1	14.3	132.4	143.5	133.6	6.3	7.7
3. China	57.2	16.0	13.5	109.8	118.9	110.7	7.2	7.2
4. Netherlands	44.0	12.4	10.4	101.5	110.2	102.4	6.0	5.6
5. Italy	40.2	11.3	9.5	102.5	111.3	103.4	5.4	5.1
6. France	31.5	8.9	7.4	104.1	113.2	105.1	4.2	4.0
7. Czech Republic	31.0	8.7	7.3	105.7	114.8	106.7	4.0	3.9
8. Belgium	30.4	8.5	7.2	110.6	119.9	111.5	3.8	3.8
9. United Kingdom	20.5	5.8	4.8	102.6	111.1	103.5	2.7	2.6
10. Sweden	18.5	5.2	4.4	107.9	117.3	109.0	2.3	2.3

The share of imports from China according by country of consignment to the share of the country of origin was lower by 4.3 pp

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

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