

**External Sector: Balance of Payments**

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€ million

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Item	2026 <sup>3)</sup>	2026 <sup>3)</sup>	Period-to-period percentage change <sup>4)</sup>	Year-on-year percentage change <sup>4)</sup>
	March	Feb.		
<b>I Current account</b>	<b>+ 23,635</b>	<b>+ 20,487</b>	.	.
Goods	+ 18,466	+ 19,523	.	.
Credit	129,756	117,011	+ 10.9	+ 6.1
Debit	111,290	97,488	+ 14.2	+ 10.3
Services	- 3,785	- 4,778	.	.
Credit	39,199	34,491	+ 13.7	+ 1.5
Debit	42,984	39,270	+ 9.5	+ 2.2
Primary income	+ 15,640	+ 11,381	.	.
Credit	35,673	33,505	+ 6.5	+ 4.0
Debit	20,032	22,125	- 9.5	+ 2.9
Secondary income	- 6,686	- 5,638	.	.
Credit	10,338	11,103	- 6.9	+ 4.2
Debit	17,023	16,741	+ 1.7	+ 11.4
<b>II Capital account<sup>1)</sup></b>	<b>+ 2,628</b>	<b>- 1,857</b>	.	.
Credit	10,598	8,818	+ 20.2	+ 10.7
Debit	7,970	10,675	- 25.3	- 36.6
<b>III Financial account</b>	<b>+ 17,634</b>	<b>+ 22,765</b>	.	.
Direct investment	+ 23,030	+ 11,919	.	.
Domestic direct investment abroad	+ 44,498	+ 13,323	.	.
Foreign direct investment in the reporting country	+ 21,468	+ 1,404	.	.
Portfolio investment	- 1,102	+ 1,803	.	.
Domestic investment in foreign securities (assets)	+ 1,852	+ 29,214	.	.
Foreign investment in domestic securities (liabilities)	+ 2,954	+ 27,411	.	.
Net Financial derivatives and employee stock options	+ 10,034	+ 3,572	.	.
Other investment (net)	- 14,866	+ 5,498	.	.
Other domestic investment abroad (assets)	- 20,212	+ 67,944	.	.
Other foreign investment in the reporting country (liabilities)	- 5,346	+ 62,446	.	.
Reserve assets (net)	+ 537	- 28	.	.
<b>IV Errors and omissions<sup>2)</sup></b>	<b>- 8,629</b>	<b>+ 4,135</b>	.	.

**1** Including net acquisition/disposal of non-produced non-financial assets. **2** Statistical errors and omissions, resulting from the difference between the balance on the financial account and the balances on the current account and the capital account. **3** Whilst the latest data are deemed provisional, data for previous periods are final unless substantial revisions occur. Furthermore, the data referring to the latest four years are revised every year in March. **4** Quoting percentage changes in net flows is not meaningful.

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