

External Sector: Balance of Payments

Special Data Dissemination Standard Plus (SDDS Plus)

€ million

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Item	2026 ³⁾	2026 ³⁾	Period-to-period		Year-on-year	
	Aug.	July	percentage change ⁴⁾		percentage change ⁴⁾	
I Current account	+ 10,320	+ 21,794		.		.
Goods	+ 13,063	+ 20,599		.		.
Credit	106,238	125,425	-	15.3	+	7.1
Debit	93,175	104,826	-	11.1	+	7.4
Services	- 11,512	- 8,400		.		.
Credit	37,094	41,959	-	11.6	+	6.1
Debit	48,606	50,360	-	3.5	+	8.3
Primary income	+ 15,593	+ 16,184		.		.
Credit	36,250	36,903	-	1.8	+	10.0
Debit	20,658	20,719	-	0.3	+	11.3
Secondary income	- 6,823	- 6,588		.		.
Credit	9,096	9,835	-	7.5	+	1.7
Debit	15,919	16,423	-	3.1	+	6.5
II Capital account¹⁾	- 1,423	+ 2,209		.		.
Credit	7,196	10,932	-	34.2	+	50.8
Debit	8,619	8,723	-	1.2	+	15.6
III Financial account	+ 16,129	- 6,389		.		.
Direct investment	- 2,965	- 8,620		.		.
Domestic direct investment abroad	- 389	+ 4,937		.		.
Foreign direct investment in the reporting country	+ 2,576	+ 13,557		.		.
Portfolio investment	+ 18,976	- 34,445		.		.
Domestic investment in foreign securities (assets)	+ 47,487	+ 9,060		.		.
Foreign investment in domestic securities (liabilities)	+ 28,512	+ 43,506		.		.
Net Financial derivatives and employee stock options	+ 5,740	- 2,877		.		.
Other investment (net)	- 5,384	+ 38,273		.		.
Other domestic investment abroad (assets)	+ 36,276	- 1,822		.		.
Other foreign investment in the reporting country (liabilities)	+ 41,660	- 40,095		.		.
Reserve assets (net)	- 237	+ 1,280		.		.
IV Errors and omissions²⁾	+ 7,232	- 30,392		.		.

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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