

IV. External sector

1. Current account

a) Current account

€ billion

seasonally adjusted +

Period	Total		of which:							
			Goods ¹		Services		Primary income ²		Secondary income ³	
	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly
2021 Feb.	21.96	71.02	16.98	51.58	1.89	5.36	9.42	28.89	- 6.33	- 14.81
Mar.	24.74		16.02		1.79		10.08		- 3.15	
Apr.	24.74		16.03		3.77		8.73		- 3.79	
May	23.17	70.47	16.61	47.23	1.99	6.56	10.15	29.41	- 5.58	- 12.73
June	22.56		14.59		0.80		10.53		- 3.36	
July	21.31		16.65		0.42		9.59		- 5.35	
Aug.	20.92	61.60	14.37	44.71	0.07	- 0.06	10.99	32.21	- 4.51	- 15.26
Sep.	19.37		13.69		- 0.55		11.63		- 5.40	
Oct.	18.87		15.40		- 2.43		10.90		- 5.00	
Nov.	18.65	53.37	13.72	39.50	- 0.65	- 3.67	10.74	32.00	- 5.16	- 14.46
Dec.	15.85		10.38		- 0.59		10.36		- 4.30	
2022 Jan.	20.77		12.56		0.59		12.46		- 4.84	
Feb.	22.46	55.36	15.32	34.27	0.36	- 0.73	11.97	36.46	- 5.19	- 14.64
Mar.	12.13		6.39		- 1.68		12.03		- 4.61	
Apr.	11.72		7.05		- 2.39		12.36		- 5.30	
May	10.99	38.12	9.14	27.75	- 2.38	- 7.01	9.04	34.07	- 4.81	- 16.69
June	15.41		11.56		- 2.24		12.67		- 6.58	
July	12.24		10.63		- 3.49		11.35		- 6.25	
Aug.	10.74	32.89	8.85	28.15	- 4.61	- 13.49	12.21	34.88	- 5.71	- 16.65
Sep.	9.91		8.67		- 5.39		11.32		- 4.69	
Oct.	10.32		7.69		- 3.33		10.91		- 4.95	
Nov.	13.90	37.76	11.83	32.50	- 3.39	- 10.88	10.93	33.73	- 5.47	- 17.59
Dec.	13.54		12.98		- 4.16		11.89		- 7.17	
2023 Jan.	16.41		14.57		- 3.11		9.27		- 4.32	
Feb.	18.92	51.85	17.96	48.80	- 5.12	- 12.76	11.03	30.83	- 4.95	- 15.02
Mar.	16.52		16.27		- 4.53		10.53		- 5.75	
Apr.	19.03		17.75		- 6.14		12.34		- 4.92	
May	18.81	57.64	16.37	52.86	- 5.61	- 17.87	11.70	36.30	- 3.65	- 13.65
June	19.80		18.74		- 6.12		12.26		- 5.08	
July	19.31		19.37		- 4.87		10.16		- 5.35	
Aug.	24.02	63.90	21.09	59.09	- 5.09	- 14.72	12.73	34.44	- 4.71	- 14.91
Sep.	20.57		18.63		- 4.76		11.55		- 4.85	
Oct.	17.95		21.33		- 7.30		9.62		- 5.70	
Nov.	22.81	60.27	22.65	64.35	- 4.59	- 15.19	10.28	30.51	- 5.53	- 19.40
Dec.	19.51		20.37		- 3.30		10.61		- 8.17	
2024 Jan.	26.17		25.72		- 6.63		11.16		- 4.08	
Feb.	23.67	72.04	19.92	65.19	- 4.15	- 15.50	13.08	36.31	- 5.18	- 13.96
Mar.	22.20		19.55		- 4.72		12.07		- 4.70	
Apr.	24.50		22.93		- 7.52		12.87		- 3.78	
May	29.61	73.28	24.04	66.96	- 6.69	- 21.28	17.91	42.45	- 5.65	- 14.85
June	19.17		19.99		- 7.07		11.67		- 5.42	
July	21.52		19.50		- 5.60		13.07		- 5.45	
Aug.	21.33	61.31	19.87	56.02	- 6.00	- 17.61	12.43	38.26	- 4.97	- 15.36
Sep.	18.46		16.65		- 6.01		12.76		- 4.94	
Oct.	15.47		14.50		- 5.60		12.32		- 5.75	
Nov.	17.20	47.17	19.38	50.09	- 7.25	- 17.03	12.11	36.01	- 7.04	- 21.90
Dec.	14.50		16.21		- 4.18		11.58		- 9.11	
2025 Jan.	⁴ 16.70		⁴ 16.84		- 7.48		12.51		- 5.17	
Feb.	18.57	54.65	18.74	52.91	- 6.71	- 19.51	12.15	36.88	- 5.61	- 15.63
Mar.	19.38		17.33		- 5.32		12.22		- 4.85	
Apr.	18.16		16.65		- 8.28		14.62		- 4.83	
May	18.20	54.60	16.53	48.92	- 6.03	- 20.45	13.42	42.14	- 5.72	- 16.01
June	18.24		15.74		- 6.14		14.10		- 5.46	
July	19.59		15.56		- 5.90		15.23		- 5.30	
Aug.	18.05	50.42	16.75	45.26	- 5.09	- 16.08	12.26	39.47	- 5.87	- 18.23
Sep.	12.78		12.95		- 5.09		11.98		- 7.06	
Oct.	16.82		15.55		- 5.17		12.61		- 6.17	
Nov.	12.49	41.70	13.53	41.39	- 6.85	- 19.75	13.32	39.06	- 7.51	- 19.00
Dec.	12.39		12.31		- 7.73		13.13		- 5.32	
2026 Jan.	18.05		18.08		- 5.78		12.41		- 6.66	
Feb.	17.76	51.28	17.97	49.91	- 7.34	- 17.96	13.11	38.79	- 5.98	- 19.46
Mar.	15.47		13.86		- 4.84		13.27		- 6.82	
Apr.	16.34		15.39		- 6.93		12.68		- 4.80	
May	22.68	...	19.18	...	^p - 7.17	...	^p 18.37	...	^p - 7.70	...

+ The seasonally adjusted series of balances are subject to much greater uncertainty than the basic series from which they are derived. ¹ Foreign trade on f.o.b./c.i.f. basis including supplementary trade items and merchanting trade (see Table V.1.b). ² Investment income, compensation of employees and other primary income (includes

rent, taxes on production and imports transferred to the EU as well as subsidies received from the EU). ³ Previously known as current transfers. ⁴ Figures as of January 2025 provisional and partially revised.

IV. External sector

1. Current account

b) Exports and imports of goods and its components *

€ billion

seasonally adjusted

Period	Goods (f.o.b.) 1			of which:								
	Exports	Imports	Balance 2	Foreign trade						Supplementary trade items		Balance of net exports of goods under merchandising
				Exports (f.o.b.)		Imports (c.i.f.)		Balance 2		To exports	To imports	
				Value	Volume 3	Value	Volume 3	Value	Volume 3			
2022 Q3	359.39	331.24	28.15	408.63	352.77	394.76	310.07	13.88	42.70	− 60.98	− 67.55	9.53
Q4	356.65	324.15	32.50	404.19	353.83	374.54	305.65	29.67	48.18	− 57.44	− 54.68	7.30
2023 Q1	354.14	305.34	48.80	402.70	353.98	353.20	301.62	49.51	52.36	− 59.45	− 50.03	8.49
Q2	350.69	297.83	52.86	394.14	349.22	344.08	303.91	50.06	45.31	− 54.07	− 48.44	8.24
Q3	346.45	287.36	59.09	389.45	345.98	331.53	294.63	57.92	51.35	− 54.82	− 46.03	9.65
Q4	348.08	283.73	64.35	388.69	344.69	328.56	291.19	60.13	53.50	− 54.58	− 46.64	9.62
2024 Q1	343.73	278.54	65.19	391.14	348.20	324.10	290.86	67.04	57.34	− 59.23	− 47.53	8.01
Q2	348.13	281.17	66.96	390.78	345.74	325.47	288.90	65.31	56.84	− 56.59	− 46.50	9.52
Q3	337.89	281.87	56.02	387.26	341.90	328.58	292.17	58.69	49.73	− 58.25	− 49.00	5.86
Q4	335.11	285.02	50.09	384.32	336.72	330.53	291.32	53.79	45.40	− 60.72	− 48.83	6.72
2025 Q1 4	345.58	292.67	52.91	394.67	343.40	340.81	297.05	53.87	46.35	− 61.70	− 52.83	8.51
Q2	341.07	292.15	48.92	392.56	344.36	340.49	305.09	52.07	39.27	− 65.45	− 53.58	8.70
Q3	334.74	289.48	45.26	390.53	342.97	340.80	306.94	49.72	36.03	− 64.50	− 55.28	4.55
Q4	340.02	298.63	41.39	393.03	343.56	344.12	309.09	48.89	34.47	− 65.03	− 54.75	6.36
2026 Q1	349.07	299.16	49.91	401.65	347.84	347.00	304.94	54.65	42.90	− 68.20	− 57.50	3.37
2022 Sep.	120.28	111.61	8.67	139.05	119.87	133.65	104.74	5.40	15.13	− 21.99	− 23.49	2.39
Oct.	118.19	110.50	7.69	136.46	119.39	127.67	101.65	8.79	17.74	− 21.06	− 18.87	1.98
Nov.	121.82	109.99	11.83	137.35	120.27	126.48	103.93	10.88	16.34	− 19.19	− 17.90	2.68
Dec.	116.64	103.66	12.98	130.38	114.17	120.39	100.07	10.00	14.10	− 17.19	− 17.91	2.64
2023 Jan.	117.56	102.99	14.57	134.18	117.81	119.46	100.64	14.72	17.17	− 19.83	− 17.30	2.51
Feb.	118.83	100.87	17.96	135.63	119.29	117.33	100.37	18.31	18.92	− 20.23	− 17.07	2.79
Mar.	117.75	101.48	16.27	132.89	116.88	116.41	100.61	16.48	16.27	− 19.39	− 15.66	3.19
Apr.	115.06	97.31	17.75	128.77	113.85	111.78	97.80	16.99	16.05	− 17.29	− 15.10	2.99
May	117.44	101.07	16.37	132.31	117.30	118.40	104.78	13.91	12.52	− 18.35	− 18.19	2.52
June	118.19	99.45	18.74	133.06	118.07	113.90	101.33	19.16	16.74	− 18.43	− 15.15	2.73
July	116.69	97.32	19.37	131.17	116.80	112.62	100.73	18.56	16.07	− 18.73	− 15.85	3.39
Aug.	115.96	94.87	21.09	130.61	116.10	109.38	97.40	21.23	18.70	− 18.15	− 15.23	2.87
Sep.	113.80	95.17	18.63	127.67	113.08	109.53	96.50	18.13	16.58	− 17.94	− 14.95	3.39
Oct.	116.15	94.82	21.33	129.38	114.60	109.45	96.35	19.93	18.25	− 18.01	− 15.28	4.07
Nov.	118.15	95.50	22.65	132.14	117.15	110.54	97.82	21.60	19.33	− 19.25	− 15.66	3.24
Dec.	113.78	93.41	20.37	127.17	112.94	108.57	97.02	18.60	15.92	− 17.32	− 15.70	2.31
2024 Jan.	114.86	89.14	25.72	130.12	115.87	104.60	93.73	25.52	22.14	− 19.33	− 16.08	2.63
Feb.	114.56	94.64	19.92	131.15	116.68	109.26	98.26	21.89	18.42	− 19.76	− 15.30	2.10
Mar.	114.31	94.76	19.55	129.87	115.65	110.24	98.87	19.63	16.78	− 20.14	− 16.15	3.28
Apr.	119.45	96.52	22.93	134.33	119.09	112.13	99.76	22.20	19.33	− 19.65	− 16.31	2.86
May	116.48	92.44	24.04	129.28	114.41	107.14	95.24	22.14	19.17	− 18.07	− 15.43	3.90
June	112.20	92.21	19.99	127.17	112.24	106.20	93.90	20.97	18.34	− 18.87	− 14.76	2.76
July	111.94	92.44	19.50	128.48	113.40	109.34	96.85	19.15	16.55	− 19.49	− 17.79	1.81
Aug.	113.77	93.90	19.87	130.68	115.44	108.66	96.59	22.02	18.85	− 19.80	− 15.39	1.99
Sep.	112.18	95.53	16.65	128.10	113.06	110.58	98.73	17.52	14.33	− 18.96	− 15.82	2.06
Oct.	109.82	95.32	14.50	125.74	110.69	111.39	98.84	14.35	11.85	− 18.96	− 17.24	1.64
Nov.	113.03	93.65	19.38	129.54	113.43	109.13	95.98	20.41	17.45	− 21.24	− 16.70	2.53
Dec.	112.26	96.05	16.21	129.04	112.60	110.01	96.50	19.03	16.10	− 20.52	− 14.89	2.55
2025 Jan. 4	114.27	97.43	16.84	130.12	113.25	113.81	98.88	16.32	14.37	− 19.94	− 17.95	2.89
Feb.	116.13	97.39	18.74	131.35	114.02	113.70	98.70	17.65	15.32	− 19.81	− 17.82	3.27
Mar.	115.18	97.85	17.33	133.20	116.13	113.30	99.47	19.90	16.66	− 21.95	− 17.06	2.35
Apr.	115.18	98.53	16.65	131.85	115.66	114.99	102.67	16.87	12.99	− 21.61	− 18.55	3.27
May	112.07	95.54	16.53	129.99	114.03	111.18	99.89	18.81	14.14	− 22.26	− 17.35	2.33
June	113.82	98.08	15.74	130.72	114.67	114.32	102.53	16.39	12.14	− 21.58	− 17.68	3.10
July	113.01	97.45	15.56	130.31	114.41	113.50	101.98	16.81	12.43	− 20.91	− 17.61	2.12
Aug.	111.25	94.50	16.75	129.52	113.81	111.90	100.90	17.62	12.91	− 21.28	− 18.42	1.81
Sep.	110.48	97.53	12.95	130.70	114.75	115.40	104.06	15.29	10.69	− 22.31	− 19.25	0.62
Oct.	113.60	98.05	15.55	131.13	114.82	113.64	102.38	17.49	12.44	− 21.82	− 17.82	2.30
Nov.	111.35	97.82	13.53	129.36	112.98	114.46	102.56	14.89	10.42	− 21.47	− 18.48	1.63
Dec.	115.07	102.76	12.31	132.54	115.76	116.02	104.15	16.51	11.61	− 21.74	− 18.45	2.43
2026 Jan.	113.43	95.35	18.08	131.10	113.90	110.93	98.69	20.17	15.21	− 22.24	− 18.24	1.31
Feb.	119.02	101.05	17.97	135.05	117.43	115.46	102.72	19.59	14.71	− 22.99	− 18.47	2.22
Mar.	116.62	102.76	13.86	135.50	116.51	120.61	103.53	14.89	12.98	− 22.97	− 20.79	− 0.16
Apr.	122.61	107.22	15.39	136.64	116.49	121.94	103.34	14.70	13.15	− 21.98	− 18.94	3.98
May	120.63	101.45	19.18	137.91	116.97	118.85	99.96	19.06	17.01	− 22.58	− 19.94	2.49

Source of the unadjusted figures for foreign trade: Federal Statistical Office. * Figures at current prices, foreign trade also in volumes. ¹ Including non-monetary gold. ² The seasonally adjusted series of balances are subject to much greater uncertainty than the

basic series from which they are derived. ³ Calculated using price indices on the basis of 2021 = 100. ⁴ Figures as of January 2025 provisional and partially revised.

IV. External sector

1. Current account

c) Services and primary income

€ billion

seasonally adjusted

Period	Services (f.o.b.)								Primary income ¹							
	Total				of which:				Total				of which:			
	Receipts		Expenditure ²		Travel				Receipts		Expenditure		Investment income			
					Receipts	Expenditure							Receipts		Expenditure	
	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly
2020 Dec.	24.29		22.63		0.94		1.03		16.54		8.01		14.24		6.53	
2021 Jan.	25.41		23.73		0.99		1.06		18.34		8.95		17.08		7.46	
Feb.	25.34	76.48	23.45	71.12	0.99	3.06	1.06	3.36	19.17	57.14	9.75	28.25	17.66	52.79	8.32	23.69
Mar.	25.73		23.94		1.08		1.24		19.63		9.55		18.05		7.91	
Apr.	27.77		24.00		0.92		1.08		19.67		10.94		18.06		9.33	
May	27.02	83.02	25.03	76.46	1.04	3.31	1.26	5.41	20.19	60.32	10.04	30.91	18.50	55.26	8.48	26.10
June	28.23		27.43		1.35		3.07		20.46		9.93		18.70		8.29	
July	29.81		29.39		1.72		4.22		21.07		11.48		19.25		9.88	
Aug.	30.35	91.16	30.28	91.22	1.98	5.74	4.94	14.74	21.53	64.57	10.54	32.36	19.62	58.97	8.93	27.53
Sep.	31.00		31.55		2.04		5.58		21.97		10.34		20.10		8.72	
Oct.	32.19		34.62		2.20		6.06		21.94		11.04		19.78		9.33	
Nov.	31.63	95.46	32.28	99.13	2.26	6.26	4.68	15.51	21.04	66.37	11.04	34.37	19.43	59.67	9.33	29.08
Dec.	31.64		32.23		1.80		4.77		22.65		12.29		20.46		10.42	
2022 Jan.	34.09		33.50		1.76		4.64		23.25		10.79		21.85		8.88	
Feb.	33.87	100.79	33.51	101.52	1.89	5.76	4.97	14.68	23.47	70.49	11.50	34.03	21.77	65.63	9.62	28.32
Mar.	32.83		34.51		2.11		5.07		23.77		11.74		22.01		9.82	
Apr.	33.61		36.00		2.25		6.70		24.02		11.66		22.23		9.75	
May	34.30	103.01	36.68	110.02	2.40	7.20	7.05	20.92	25.00	74.43	15.96	40.36	23.13	68.83	14.09	34.59
June	35.10		37.34		2.55		7.17		25.41		12.74		23.47		10.75	
July	35.70		39.19		2.68		7.41		25.73		14.38		23.68		12.49	
Aug.	35.85	107.80	40.46	121.29	2.70	8.11	7.71	23.72	27.21	81.21	15.00	46.33	25.02	74.85	13.17	40.76
Sep.	36.25		41.64		2.73		8.60		28.27		16.95		26.15		15.10	
Oct.	36.10		39.43		2.84		7.50		28.33		17.42		26.27		15.51	
Nov.	35.64	106.68	39.03	117.56	2.67	8.25	7.61	24.34	29.45	88.73	18.52	55.00	27.25	82.38	16.47	49.03
Dec.	34.94		39.10		2.74		9.23		30.95		19.06		28.86		17.05	
2023 Jan.	34.95		38.06		2.68		7.79		31.15		21.88		29.70		19.96	
Feb.	35.25	105.14	40.37	117.90	2.90	8.37	8.54	24.66	32.19	96.15	21.16	65.32	30.33	90.90	19.26	59.64
Mar.	34.94		39.47		2.79		8.33		32.81		22.28		30.87		20.42	
Apr.	34.46		40.60		3.01		8.88		33.94		21.60		31.96		19.75	
May	34.61	104.04	40.22	121.91	2.94	8.84	8.62	27.12	34.25	103.41	22.55	67.11	32.18	97.19	20.73	61.59
June	34.97		41.09		2.89		9.62		35.22		22.96		33.05		21.11	
July	34.98		39.85		2.95		8.64		35.06		24.90		32.82		23.04	
Aug.	34.62	105.88	39.71	120.60	2.89	8.80	8.46	26.44	38.01	109.66	25.28	75.22	35.56	102.70	23.41	69.81
Sep.	36.28		41.04		2.96		9.34		36.59		25.04		34.32		23.36	
Oct.	35.97		43.27		2.89		9.79		35.67		26.05		34.04		24.19	
Nov.	36.51	109.12	41.10	124.31	2.97	8.89	9.35	27.48	35.95	108.49	25.67	77.98	34.11	103.19	23.84	72.44
Dec.	36.64		39.94		3.03		8.34		36.87		26.26		35.04		24.41	
2024 Jan.	35.17		41.80		3.03		10.64		36.69		25.53		35.02		23.74	
Feb.	35.97	107.87	40.12	123.37	3.07	9.16	8.10	27.19	37.28	111.06	24.20	74.75	35.19	105.12	22.32	69.33
Mar.	36.73		41.45		3.06		8.45		37.09		25.02		34.91		23.27	
Apr.	36.85		44.37		3.06		11.63		37.57		24.70		35.45		22.85	
May	36.73	110.29	43.42	131.57	3.06	9.48	9.52	31.26	38.00	112.51	20.09	70.06	35.78	105.90	18.20	65.02
June	36.71		43.78		3.36		10.11		36.94		25.27		34.67		23.97	
July	37.49		43.09		3.20		9.43		36.96		23.89		34.68		22.07	
Aug.	37.37	112.70	43.37	130.31	3.28	9.68	9.61	28.73	36.85	110.08	24.42	71.82	34.40	103.08	22.53	66.19
Sep.	37.84		43.85		3.20		9.69		36.27		23.51		34.00		21.59	
Oct.	37.91		43.51		3.12		9.24		36.09		23.77		34.20		21.82	
Nov.	38.55	117.20	45.80	134.23	3.21	9.56	10.13	28.08	35.72	106.70	23.61	70.69	33.62	100.66	21.70	64.90
Dec.	40.74		44.92		3.23		8.71		34.89		23.31		32.84		21.38	
2025 Jan.	38.63		46.11		3.09		10.32		34.78		22.27		33.10		20.36	
Feb.	38.52	116.48	45.23	135.99	3.10	9.32	10.09	30.51	34.22	103.24	22.07	66.36	32.21	97.48	20.14	60.52
Mar.	39.33		44.65		3.13		10.10		34.24		22.02		32.17		20.02	
Apr.	38.63		46.91		3.15		12.15		34.53		19.91		32.42		17.94	
May	38.44	115.92	44.47	136.37	3.17	9.53	9.98	31.39	33.99	102.69	20.57	60.55	31.83	96.19	18.60	55.25
June	38.85		44.99		3.21		9.26		34.17		20.07		31.94		18.71	
July	38.00		43.90		3.09		9.01		35.98		20.75		33.68		18.76	
Aug.	38.15	114.18	43.24	130.26	3.13	9.34	8.99	26.61	33.88	103.63	21.62	64.16	31.48	96.67	19.65	58.20
Sep.	38.03		43.12		3.12		8.61		33.77		21.79		31.51		19.79	
Oct.	37.88		43.05		3.15		8.95		34.14		21.53		32.07		19.66	
Nov.	38.27	113.01	45.12	132.76	3.17	9.61	10.55	29.59	35.07	103.57	21.75	64.51	32.95	97.33	19.73	58.65
Dec.	36.86		44.59		3.29		10.09		34.36		21.23		32.31		19.26	
2026 Jan.	40.30		46.08		3.33		10.49		34.75		22.34		32.97		20.30	
Feb.	38.15	119.29	45.49	137.25	3.37	10.13	10.30	31.11	35.33	106.32	22.22	67.53	33.31	100.47	20.30	61.62
Mar.	40.84		45.68		3.43		10.32		36.24		22.97		34.19		21.02	
Apr.	41.49		48.42		3.22		11.29		36.99		24.31		34.86		22.43	
May ^p	39.60	...	46.77	...	3.26	...	10.88	...	36.54	...	18.17	...	34.33	...	16.10	...

¹ Investment income, compensation of employees and other primary income (including rent, taxes on production and imports transferred to the EU as well as subsidies

received from the EU). ² Including costs for freight and insurance which are included in the c.i.f. value of imports.