

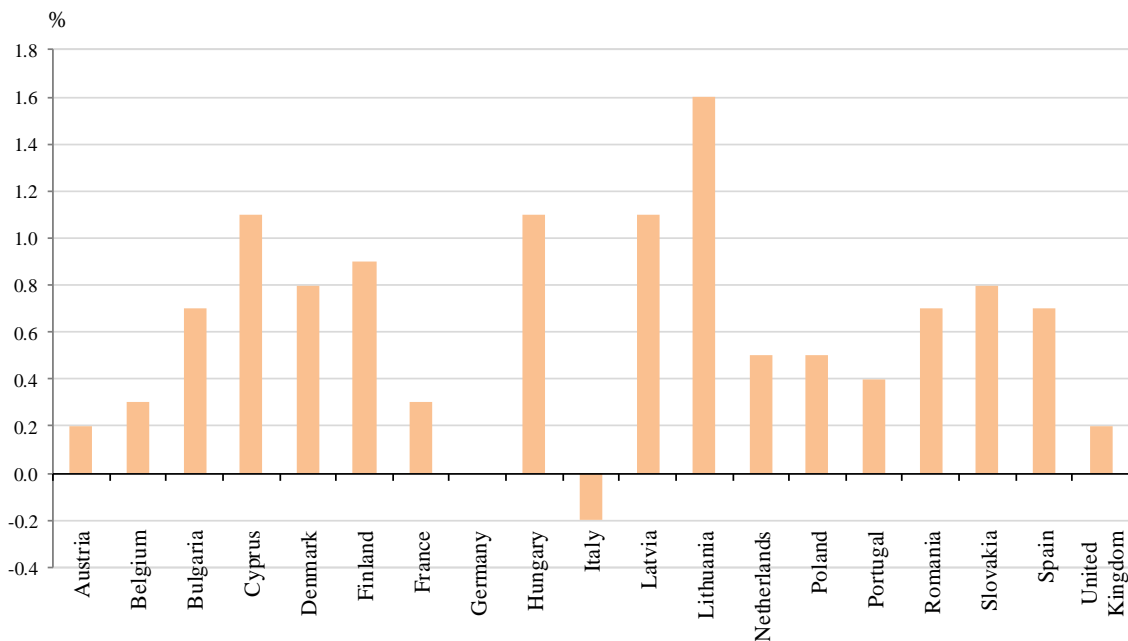


**BULGARIA AND EU: GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT,
 FOURTH QUARTER OF 2018
 (FLASH ESTIMATES)**

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the fourth quarter of 2018 increased by 0.2% in the EU-28 compared to the previous quarter by seasonally adjusted data. For the same period, GDP in Bulgaria increased by 0.7% (Table 1 of the Annex).

Compared to the previous quarter, in the fourth quarter of 2018, Lithuania recorded the highest economic growth - 1.6%, Cyprus, Latvia and Hungary - 1.1% each, Finland - 0.9%, while in Italy is observed a decrease by 0.2%.

**Figure 1. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the fourth quarter of 2018
 by seasonally adjusted data
 (Compared to the previous quarter)**



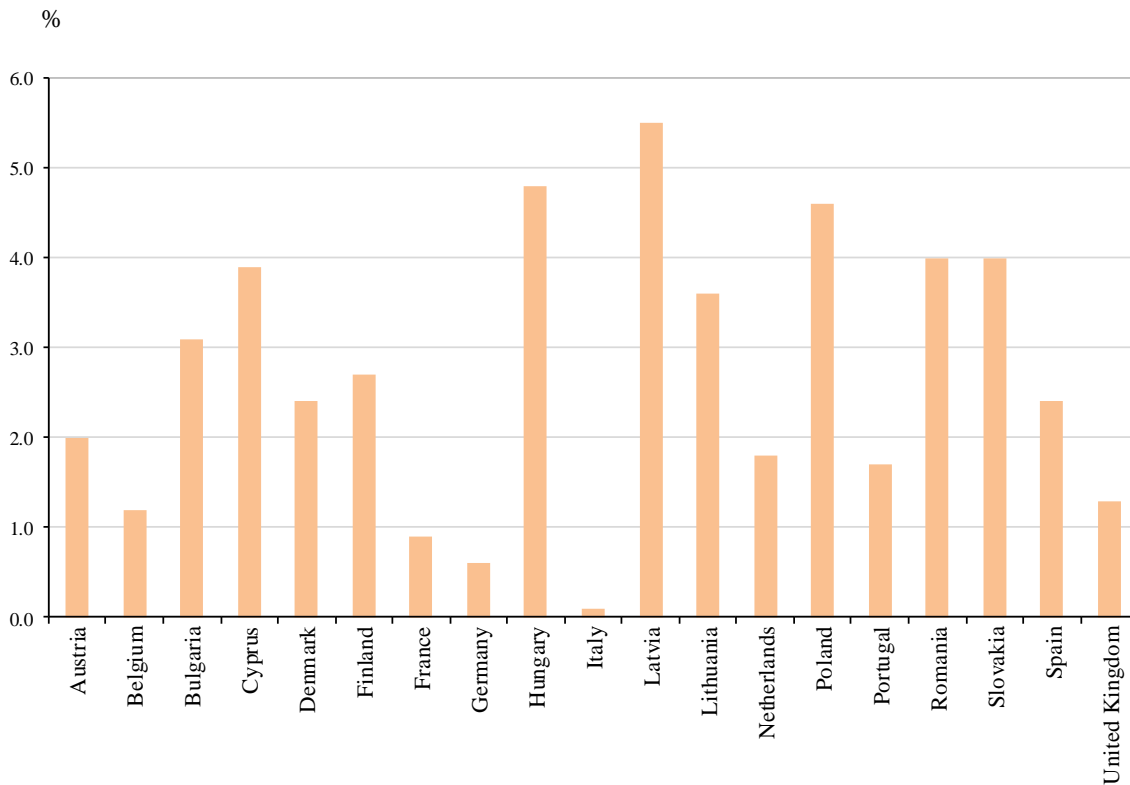
Source: Eurostat.



Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, seasonally adjusted data showed an increase of GDP in the EU-28 by 1.4% and in Bulgaria by 3.1%.

In the fourth quarter of 2018, compared to the same quarter of the previous year, the highest economic growth was observed in Latvia - 5.5%, Hungary - 4.8%, Poland - 4.6%, Romania and Slovakia - 4.0% each.

Figure 2. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the fourth quarter of 2018 by seasonally adjusted data (Compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year)



Source: Eurostat.



ANNEX

Table 1

Growth rates of GDP in volume (based on seasonally adjusted data)

(Per cent)

	Percentage change compared with the previous quarter				Percentage change compared with the same quarter of the previous year			
	I 2018	II 2018	III 2018	IV 2018	I 2018	II 2018	III 2018	IV 2018
EU28	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2	2.3	2.2	1.8	1.4
Member States								
Austria	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.2	3.2	3.0	2.6	2.0
Belgium	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.2
Bulgaria	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.1
Germany	0.4	0.5	-0.2	0.0	2.1	2.0	1.2	0.6
Greece	0.5	0.4	1.0	.	2.5	1.7	2.2	.
Denmark	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.8	-0.7	0.6	2.4	2.4
Estonia	0.1	1.4	0.4	.	3.5	3.8	3.9	.
Ireland	-0.5	2.1	0.9	.	10.0	8.7	5.0	.
Spain	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.4
Italy	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	1.4	1.2	0.6	0.1
Cyprus	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.1	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.9
Latvia	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.1	4.8	4.6	5.3	5.5
Lithuania	1.0	0.9	0.1	1.6	3.7	3.8	3.3	3.6
Luxembourg	1.0	0.1	0.6	.	3.4	3.3	3.1	.
Malta	0.9	2.5	3.6	.	4.6	6.2	7.9	.
Netherlands	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.5	3.0	2.9	2.4	1.8
United Kingdom	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.2	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.3
Poland	1.5	1.0	1.6	0.5	5.0	5.1	5.6	4.6
Portugal	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	2.2	2.4	2.1	1.7
Romania	0.2	1.4	1.7	0.7	4.4	4.3	3.9	4.0
Slovakia	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.8	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.0
Slovenia	0.6	0.9	1.3	.	5.1	4.6	5.0	.
Hungary	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.1	4.8	4.8	5.1	4.8
Finland	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.9	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.7
France	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	2.2	1.7	1.3	0.9
Croatia	0.8	1.0	0.6	.	2.6	2.8	2.7	.
Czech Republic	0.5	0.6	0.6	.	4.1	2.4	2.4	.
Sweden	0.8	0.5	-0.2	.	3.3	2.6	1.7	.
Other countries								
Iceland	0.9	1.4	0.0	.	4.5	6.6	2.6	.
Norway	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.8
Switzerland	0.9	0.7	-0.2	.	3.2	3.2	2.2	.
United States	0.5	1.0	0.8	.	2.6	2.9	3.0	.

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