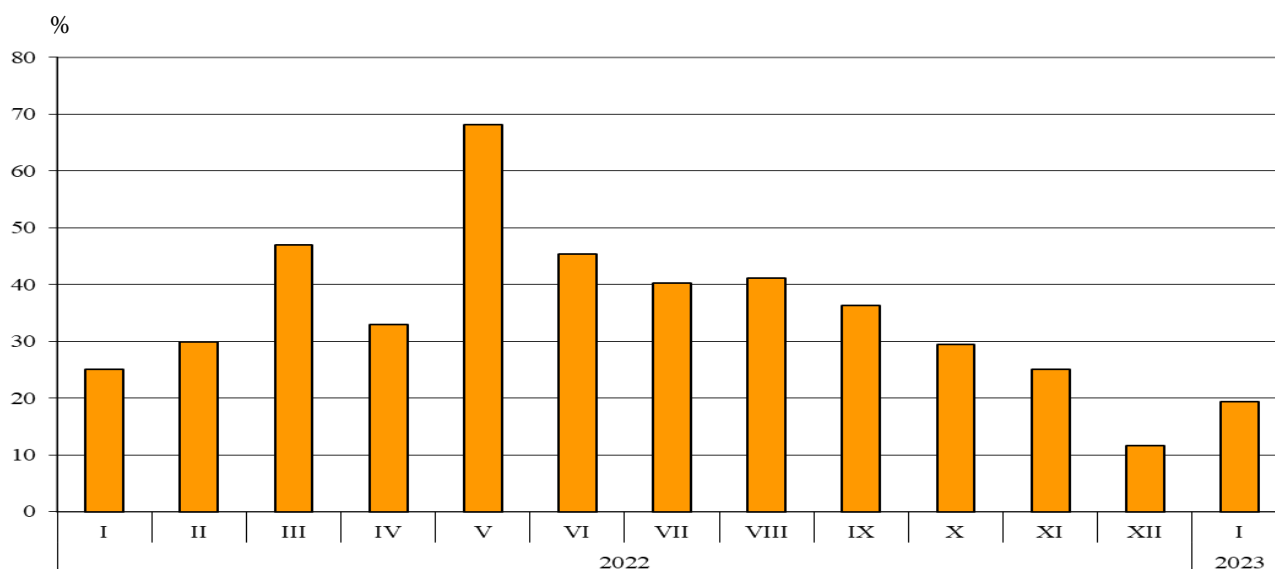


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN JANUARY 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In January **2023**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 19.3% in comparison with the same month of 2022 and added up to 4 941.8 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium, which accounted for 66.4% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU
in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

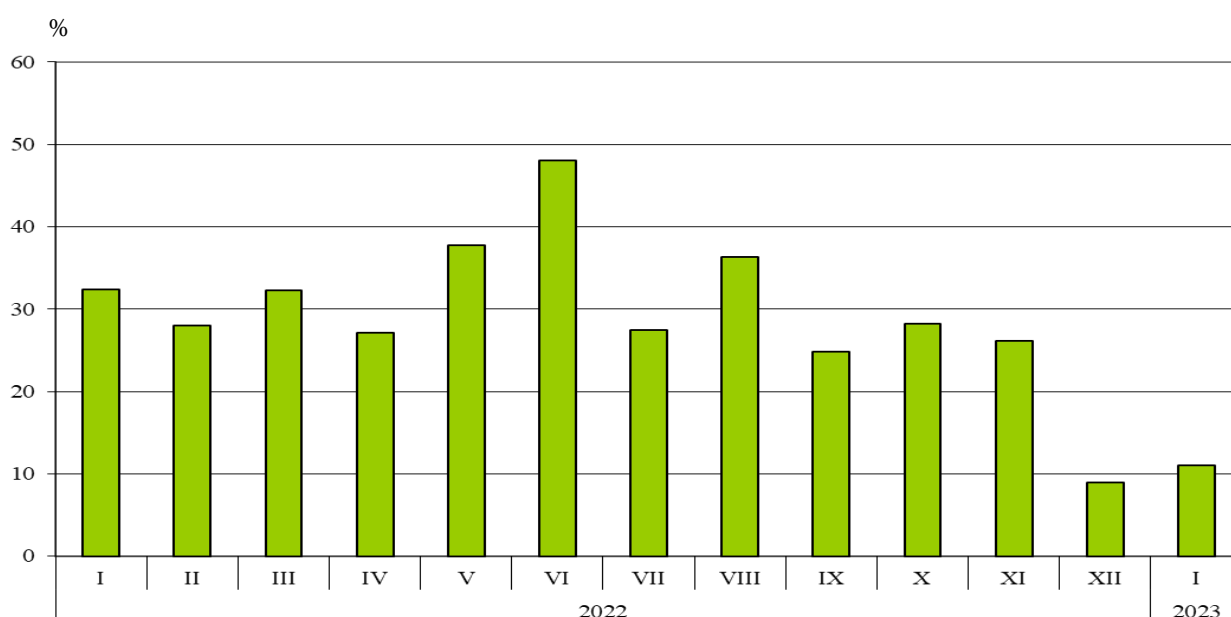


In January **2023**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same month of 2022 was recorded in sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (71.6%) and ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’ (53.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (15.6%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in January **2023** increased by 11.1% in comparison with the same month of 2022 and added up to 4 600.9 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and Poland (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU
in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In **January 2023**, in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the same month of 2022 was recorded in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (70.7%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in **January 2023** was positive and added up to 340.9 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

² Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in
January 2022¹ and 2023¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I.2022	6259.9	4141.7	2118.2	7653.2	4142.7	3510.5	-1393.3	-1.0	-1392.3
I.2023	7576.1	4941.8	2634.3	8139.8	4600.9	3538.9	-563.7	340.9	-904.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2023.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN&toLang= EN>).

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January
2023¹ compared to the same month of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I	21.0	19.3	24.4	6.4	11.1	0.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2023.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in January 2022² and 2023²**

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	6259.9	7576.1	21.0	7653.2	8139.8	6.4	-1393.3	-563.7
EU	4141.7	4941.8	19.3	4142.7	4600.9	11.1	-1.0	340.9
Austria	111.7	162.4	45.4	159.0	180.3	13.4	-47.3	-17.9
Belgium	175.7	230.6	31.2	121.4	251.9	107.5	54.3	-21.3
Croatia	48.2	99.7	106.8	16.4	19.0	15.9	31.8	80.7
Cyprus	27.8	27.5	-1.1	7.4	27.8	275.7	20.4	-0.3
Czechia	110.7	133.8	20.9	162.9	224.8	38.0	-52.2	-91.0
Denmark	39.4	37.7	-4.3	29.7	31.4	5.7	9.7	6.3
Estonia	6.4	15.6	143.8	7.0	45.7	552.9	-0.6	-30.1
Finland	18.5	16.2	-12.4	16.7	28.4	70.1	1.8	-12.2
France	215.1	285.9	32.9	155.8	212.4	36.3	59.3	73.5
Germany	969.1	1092.9	12.8	747.8	952.9	27.4	221.3	140.0
Greece	384.6	425.4	10.6	402.0	356.0	-11.4	-17.4	69.4
Hungary	109.1	105.6	-3.2	267.8	266.0	-0.7	-158.7	-160.4
Ireland	12.3	20.2	64.2	42.8	29.8	-30.4	-30.5	-9.6
Italy	533.1	593.8	11.4	374.4	484.1	29.3	158.7	109.7
Latvia	3.7	11.4	208.1	5.6	7.0	25.0	-1.9	4.4
Lithuania	16.2	20.9	29.0	17.1	16.8	-1.8	-0.9	4.1
Luxembourg	3.3	2.1	-36.4	7.7	7.1	-7.8	-4.4	-5.0
Malta	2.2	4.1	86.4	2.4	4.1	70.8	-0.2	0.0
Netherlands	212.1	117.5	-44.6	390.2	277.8	-28.8	-178.1	-160.3
Poland	154.5	179.7	16.3	248.6	283.9	14.2	-94.1	-104.2
Portugal	14.2	17.5	23.2	15.1	14.5	-4.0	-0.9	3.0
Romania	607.3	653.5	7.6	617.1	509.3	-17.5	-9.8	144.2
Slovakia	67.8	87.8	29.5	85.0	87.3	2.7	-17.2	0.5
Slovenia	42.9	85.7	99.8	55.3	67.2	21.5	-12.4	18.5
Spain	188.5	183.3	-2.8	137.0	151.0	10.2	51.5	32.3
Sweden	46.7	73.9	58.2	38.1	56.1	47.2	8.6	17.8
Not specified	20.6	257.1	1148.1	12.4	8.3	-33.1	8.2	248.8

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2023.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in January 2022² and 2023²**

(Continued)

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non-EU countries	2118.2	2634.3	24.4	3510.5	3538.9	0.8	-1392.3	-904.6
CIS ³	93.8	156.7	67.1	1022.8	776.6	-24.1	-929.0	-619.9
of which:								
Kazakhstan	1.5	12.8	753.3	0.1	1.9	1800.0	1.4	10.9
Russian Federation	68.4	82.0	19.9	969.6	701.3	-27.7	-901.2	-619.3
OECD ⁴	844.2	1082.7	28.3	988.7	1114.7	12.7	-144.5	-32.0
of which:								
Canada	15.3	11.3	-26.1	53.7	8.5	-84.2	-38.4	2.8
Chile	1.5	2.8	86.7	34.1	49.9	46.3	-32.6	-47.1
Israel	20.3	69.4	241.9	5.7	13.3	133.3	14.6	56.1
Japan	10.3	11.4	10.7	40.8	40.9	0.2	-30.5	-29.5
Korea, Republic of	33.8	9.3	-72.5	29.7	35.7	20.2	4.1	-26.4
Türkiye	437.1	383.3	-12.3	655.4	644.0	-1.7	-218.3	-260.7
United Kingdom ⁵	103.0	240.1	133.1	42.1	55.0	30.6	60.9	185.1
United States	147.8	172.1	16.4	56.8	173.5	205.5	91.0	-1.4
EFTA ⁶	49.7	157.5	216.9	46.8	62.2	32.9	2.9	95.3
of which:								
Norway	9.4	10.6	12.8	3.4	3.5	2.9	6.0	7.1
Switzerland	39.9	146.3	266.7	43.3	58.3	34.6	-3.4	88.0

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² Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2023.

³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Chile; Costa Rica; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Türkiye; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan; Israel.

⁵ The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

⁶ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in January 2022² and 2023²**

(Continued and end)

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Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	16.8	19.1	13.7	5.3	7.0	32.1	11.5	12.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	21.5	13.5	-37.2	4.8	4.7	-2.1	16.7	8.8
Brazil	43.9	5.4	-87.7	68.8	125.2	82.0	-24.9	-119.8
China	90.6	100.4	10.8	493.4	494.4	0.2	-402.8	-394.0
Egypt	30.1	37.2	23.6	10.0	43.4	334.0	20.1	-6.2
Georgia	34.3	21.4	-37.6	114.3	20.2	-82.3	-80.0	1.2
India	36.2	89.5	147.2	49.5	72.0	45.5	-13.3	17.5
Indonesia	4.7	3.3	-29.8	4.8	62.0	1191.7	-0.1	-58.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	14.2	19.3	35.9	11.3	8.7	-23.0	2.9	10.6
Peru	1.3	2.2	69.2	0.2	59.2	29500.0	1.1	-57.0
Republic of North Macedonia	110.8	100.3	-9.5	54.1	73.3	35.5	56.7	27.0
Serbia	169.7	122.0	-28.1	128.6	156.4	21.6	41.1	-34.4
Singapore	3.4	3.3	-2.9	9.5	9.1	-4.2	-6.1	-5.8
South Africa	63.2	9.2	-85.4	15.9	19.8	24.5	47.3	-10.6
Syrian Arab Republic	0.3	1.2	300.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	1.1
Taiwan	7.4	6.0	-18.9	32.2	37.9	17.7	-24.8	-31.9
Tunisia	19.0	39.7	108.9	36.3	7.3	-79.9	-17.3	32.4
Ukraine	75.1	208.7	177.9	239.5	185.5	-22.5	-164.4	23.2
United Arab Emirates	13.0	89.4	587.7	8.8	6.0	-31.8	4.2	83.4
Viet Nam	10.2	3.7	-63.7	19.2	23.2	20.8	-9.0	-19.5

¹ Partner country:

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in January 2022¹ and 2023¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	6259.9	7576.1	21.0	7653.2	8139.8	6.4	-1393.3	-563.7
of which: EU	4141.7	4941.8	19.3	4142.7	4600.9	11.1	-1.0	340.9
Food and live animals	571.4	782.0	36.9	521.1	650.1	24.8	50.3	131.9
of which: EU	373.6	437.5	17.1	391.3	480.9	22.9	-17.7	-43.4
Beverages and tobacco	56.6	66.6	17.7	78.9	128.2	62.5	-22.3	-61.6
of which: EU	30.3	30.2	-0.3	61.4	104.8	70.7	-31.1	-74.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	417.4	445.4	6.7	677.7	755.9	11.5	-260.3	-310.5
of which: EU	244.1	324.5	32.9	170.9	190.4	11.4	73.2	134.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	565.0	796.6	41.0	1324.2	1083.2	-18.2	-759.2	-286.6
of which: EU	198.2	340.2	71.6	347.1	136.8	-60.6	-148.9	203.4
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	156.5	194.4	24.2	49.8	80.9	62.4	106.7	113.5
of which: EU	98.8	83.4	-15.6	38.7	26.5	-31.5	60.1	56.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	849.5	821.2	-3.3	1171.4	1182.5	0.9	-321.9	-361.3
of which: EU	510.7	561.8	10.0	881.7	913.9	3.7	-371.0	-352.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1533.5	1457.5	-5.0	1398.8	1280.7	-8.4	134.7	176.8
of which: EU	1155.7	1113.1	-3.7	621.0	652.9	5.1	534.7	460.2
Machinery and transport equipment	1319.2	1892.8	43.5	1871.0	2333.1	24.7	-551.8	-440.3
of which: EU	966.2	1188.7	23.0	1269.5	1651.5	30.1	-303.3	-462.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	786.0	1074.6	36.7	553.9	638.3	15.2	232.1	436.3
of which: EU	560.7	859.2	53.2	355.6	438.3	23.3	205.1	420.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	4.8	45.0	837.5	6.4	6.9	7.8	-1.6	38.1
of which: EU	3.4	3.2	-5.9	5.5	4.9	-10.9	-2.1	-1.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2023.