

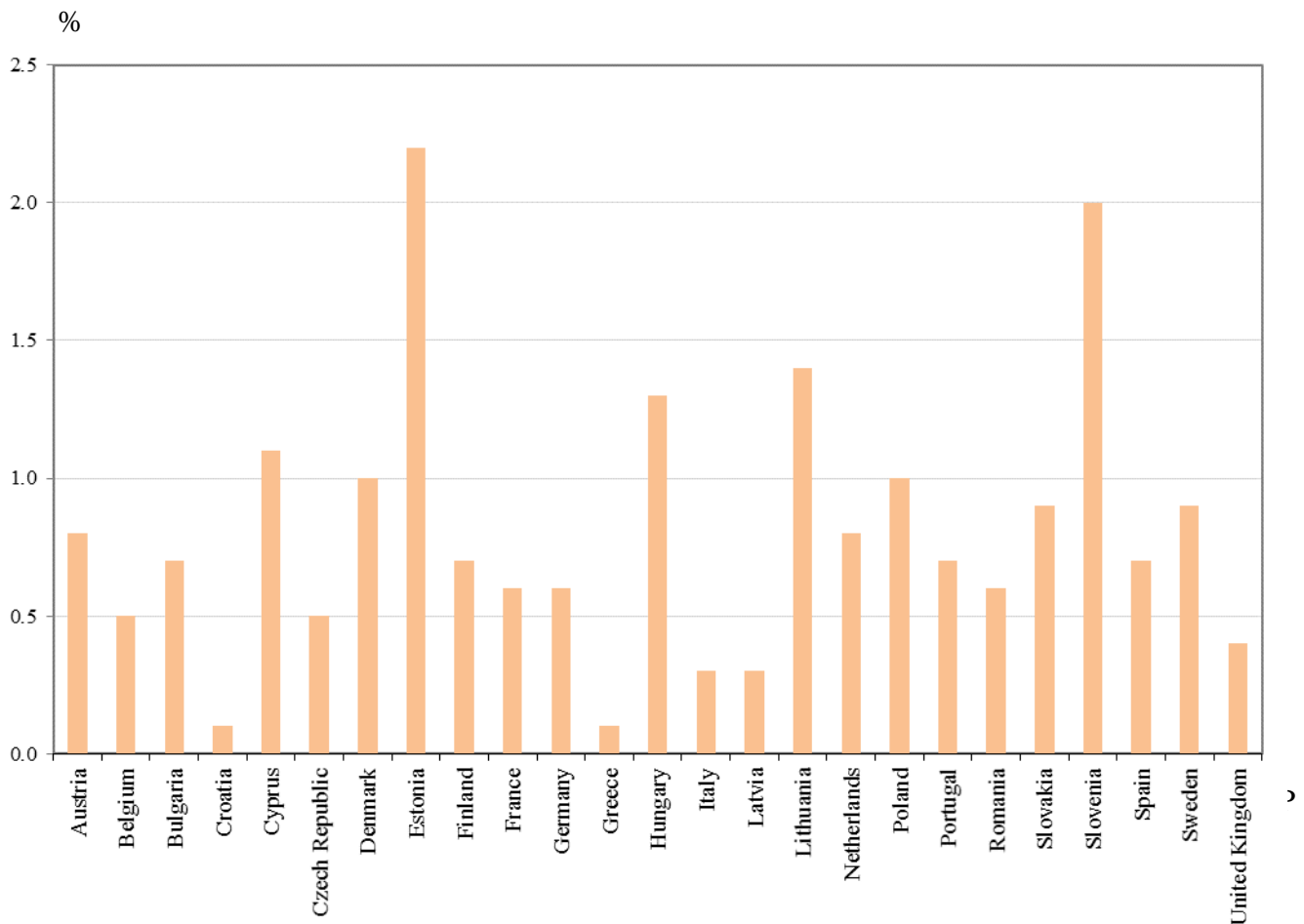


**BULGARIA AND EU: GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2017**  
**(PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES)**

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the fourth quarter of 2017 increased by 0.6% in the EU-28 compared to the previous quarter by seasonally adjusted data. For the same period, GDP in Bulgaria increased by 0.7% (Annex, Table 1).

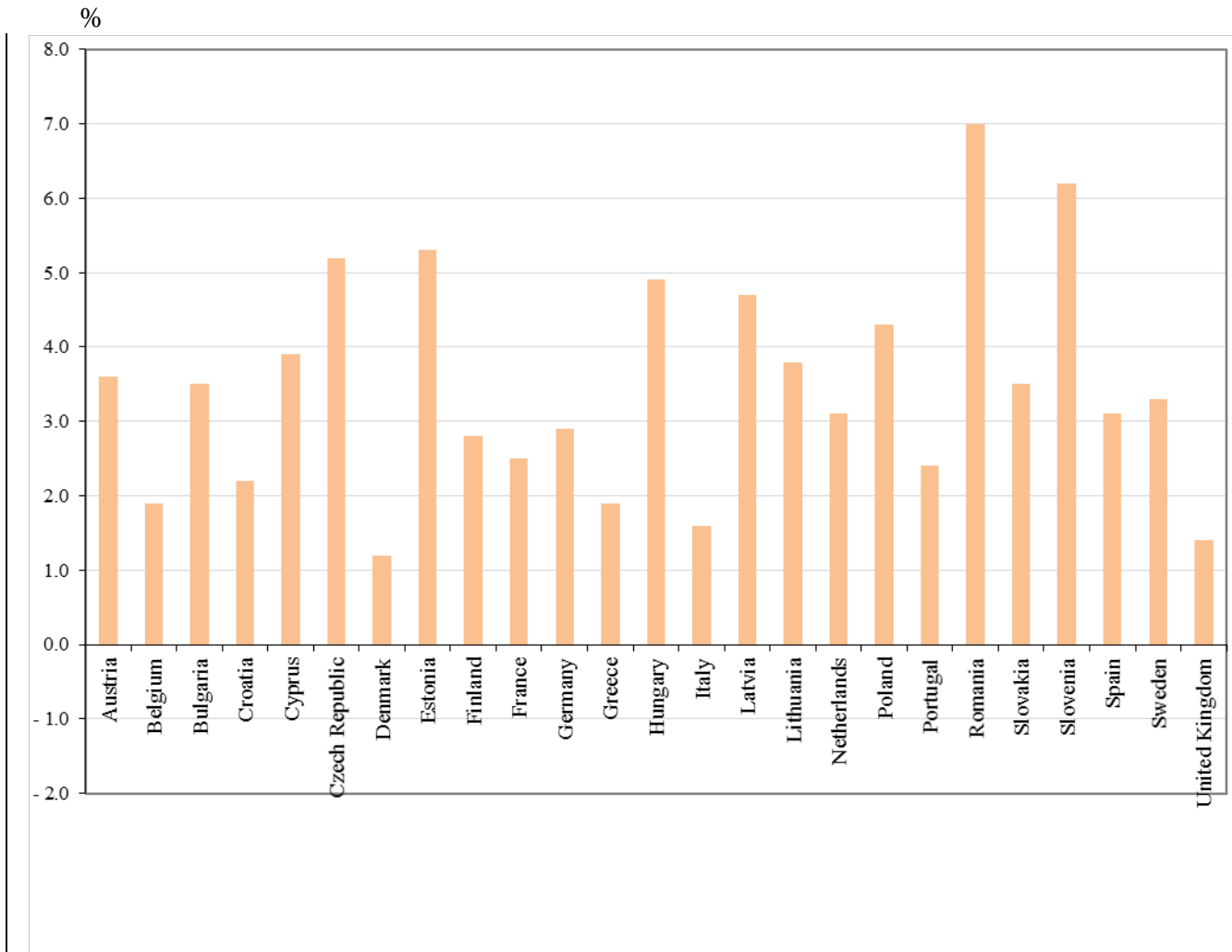
Compared to the previous quarter, in the fourth quarter of 2017 Estonia recorded the highest economic growth - 2.2%, Slovenia - 2.0%, Lithuania - 1.4% and Hungary - 1.3%, while Croatia and Greece registered lowest economic growth - by 0.1% each.

**Figure 1. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the fourth quarter of 2017 by seasonally adjusted data**  
**(Compared to the previous quarter)**





**Figure 2. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the fourth quarter of 2017 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 2017	II 2017	III 2017	IV 2017	I 2017	II 2017	III 2017	IV 2017
<b>EU28</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Member States</b>								
Austria	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	2.6	2.9	3.5	3.6
Belgium	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.5	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.9
Bulgaria	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.5
Germany	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.6	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.9
Greece	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.4	1.5	1.4	1.9
Denmark	2.3	-1.2	-0.8	1.0	4.0	2.2	1.0	1.2
Estonia	1.0	1.7	0.4	2.2	3.9	5.3	4.5	5.3
Ireland	-3.4	2.7	4.2	:	5.6	6.6	10.4	:
Spain	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1
Italy	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.6
Cyprus	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.9
Latvia	1.7	1.3	1.5	0.3	4.2	4.9	6.2	4.7
Lithuania	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.4	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.8
Luxembourg	-0.5	0.7	1.7	:	3.8	1.9	3.2	:
Malta	1.0	2.1	1.9	:	6.1	7.7	7.7	:
Netherlands	0.6	1.5	0.4	0.8	2.7	3.8	3.2	3.1
United Kingdom	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.4
Poland	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	4.4	4.3	5.2	4.3
Portugal	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.7	2.9	3.0	2.4	2.4
Romania	2.0	1.7	2.4	0.6	5.8	6.1	8.5	7.0
Slovakia	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.9	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.5
Slovenia	1.4	1.4	1.2	2.0	4.9	5.4	5.1	6.2
Hungary	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.3	4.0	3.8	4.3	4.9
Finland	1.3	0.6	0.2	0.7	3.1	3.5	2.6	2.8
France	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.2	1.9	2.3	2.5
Croatia	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.1	3.5	3.6	3.1	2.2
Czech Republic	1.5	2.4	0.6	0.5	3.0	4.6	5.1	5.2
Sweden	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.9	1.9	2.6	2.9	3.3
<b>Other countries</b>								
Iceland	-1.4	-1.7	2.2	:	7.8	1.3	1.5	:
Norway	-0.2	1.1	0.8	-0.3	0.7	2.0	3.6	1.4
Switzerland	0.1	0.4	0.6	:	0.5	0.7	1.1	:
United States	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.6	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.5

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