

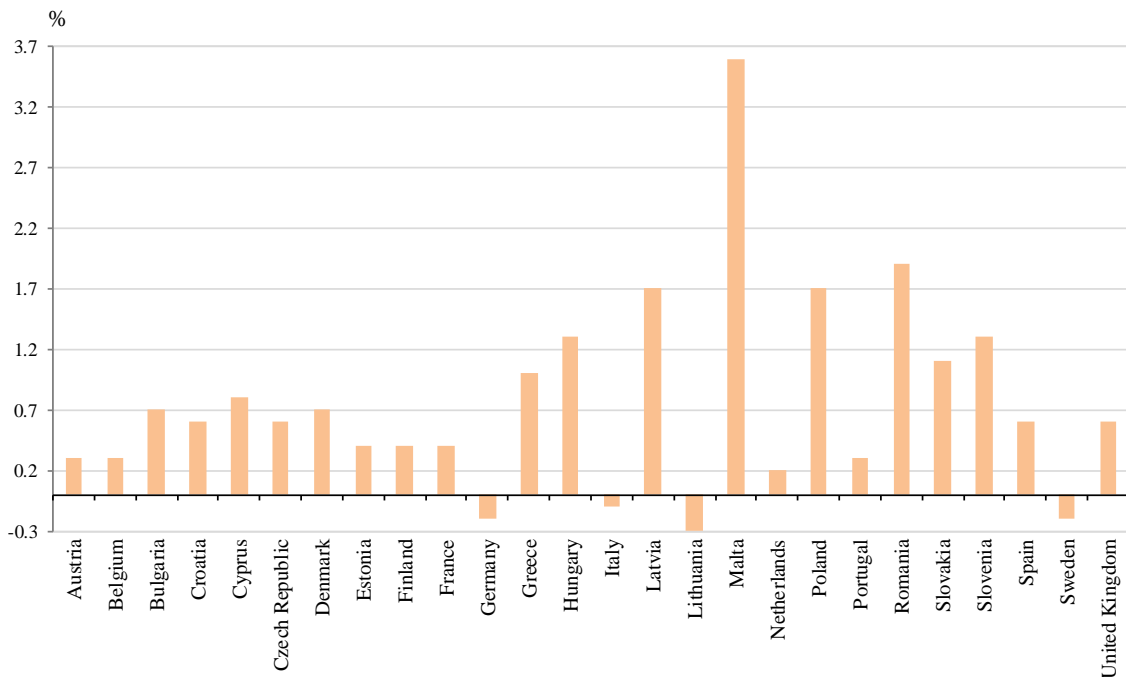


**BULGARIA AND EU: GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT,
 THIRD QUARTER OF 2018
 (PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES)**

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the third quarter of 2018 increased by 0.3% 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 third quarter of 2018, Malta recorded the highest economic growth - 3.6%, Romania - 1.9%, Latvia and Poland - 1.7% each, Slovenia and Hungary - 1.3% each, Slovakia - 1.1%, while a decrease is observed in Lithuania - 0.3%, Germany and Sweden - 0.2% each and Italy - 0.1%.

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



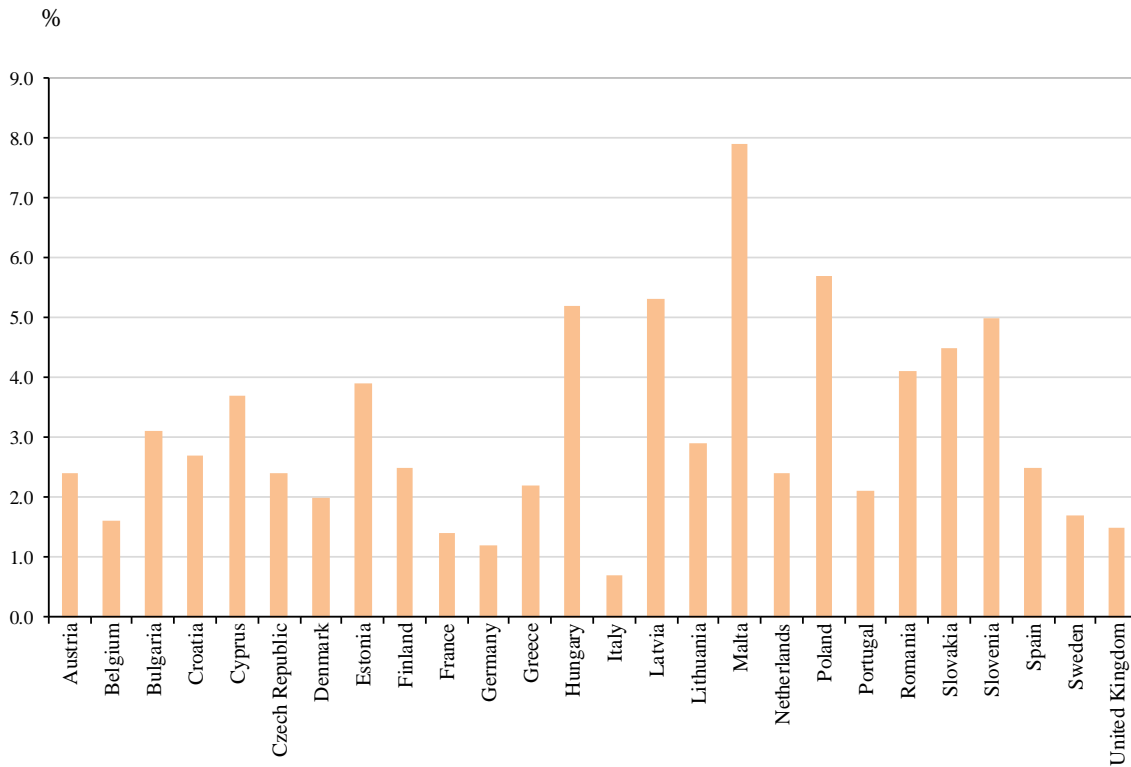
Source: Eurostat.



Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, seasonally adjusted data showed an increase of GDP in the EU-28 by 1.8% and in Bulgaria by 3.1%.

In the third quarter of 2018, compared to the same quarter of the previous year, the highest economic growth was observed in Malta - 7.9%, Poland - 5.7%, Latvia - 5.3%, Hungary - 5.2%, Slovenia - 5.0%.

Figure 2. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the third 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			
	IV 2017	I 2018	II 2018	III 2018	IV 2017	I 2018	II 2018	III 2018
EU-28	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	2.6	2.3	2.1	1.8
Member States								
Austria	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.3	2.8	3.2	2.8	2.4
Belgium	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.6
Bulgaria	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.1
Germany	0.5	0.4	0.5	-0.2	2.8	2.0	1.9	1.2
Greece	0.2	0.5	0.4	1.0	2.1	2.5	1.7	2.2
Denmark	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.9	-1.1	0.2	2.0
Estonia	1.9	0.1	1.4	0.4	4.9	3.5	3.8	3.9
Ireland	2.6	-0.4	2.5	.	5.4	10.2	9.1	.
Spain	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.5
Italy	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.1	1.6	1.4	1.2	0.7
Cyprus	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.8	3.5	4.1	4.0	3.7
Latvia	0.8	1.5	1.2	1.7	4.8	4.8	4.6	5.3
Lithuania	1.3	1.0	0.9	-0.3	3.8	3.7	3.8	2.9
Luxembourg	1.4	0.9	0.0	.	2.8	3.2	3.1	.
Malta	0.6	0.9	2.5	3.6	5.0	4.6	6.2	7.9
Netherlands	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.2	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.4
United Kingdom	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.6	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.5
Poland	1.2	1.6	1.1	1.7	4.6	5.0	5.2	5.7
Portugal	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.3	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.1
Romania	0.4	0.3	1.5	1.9	6.6	4.3	4.3	4.1
Slovakia	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.5
Slovenia	2.0	0.6	0.9	1.3	6.3	5.1	4.6	5.0
Hungary	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.3	5.0	4.8	4.8	5.2
Finland	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.4	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.5
France	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	2.8	2.2	1.6	1.4
Croatia	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.6	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.7
Czech Republic	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.6	5.0	4.1	2.4	2.4
Sweden	0.6	0.8	0.5	-0.2	2.7	3.3	2.6	1.7
Other countries								
Iceland	0.0	1.0	1.8	.	1.3	4.1	6.9	.
Norway	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.6
Switzerland	0.7	0.9	0.7	-0.2	2.6	3.2	3.2	2.2
United States	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.9	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.0

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