

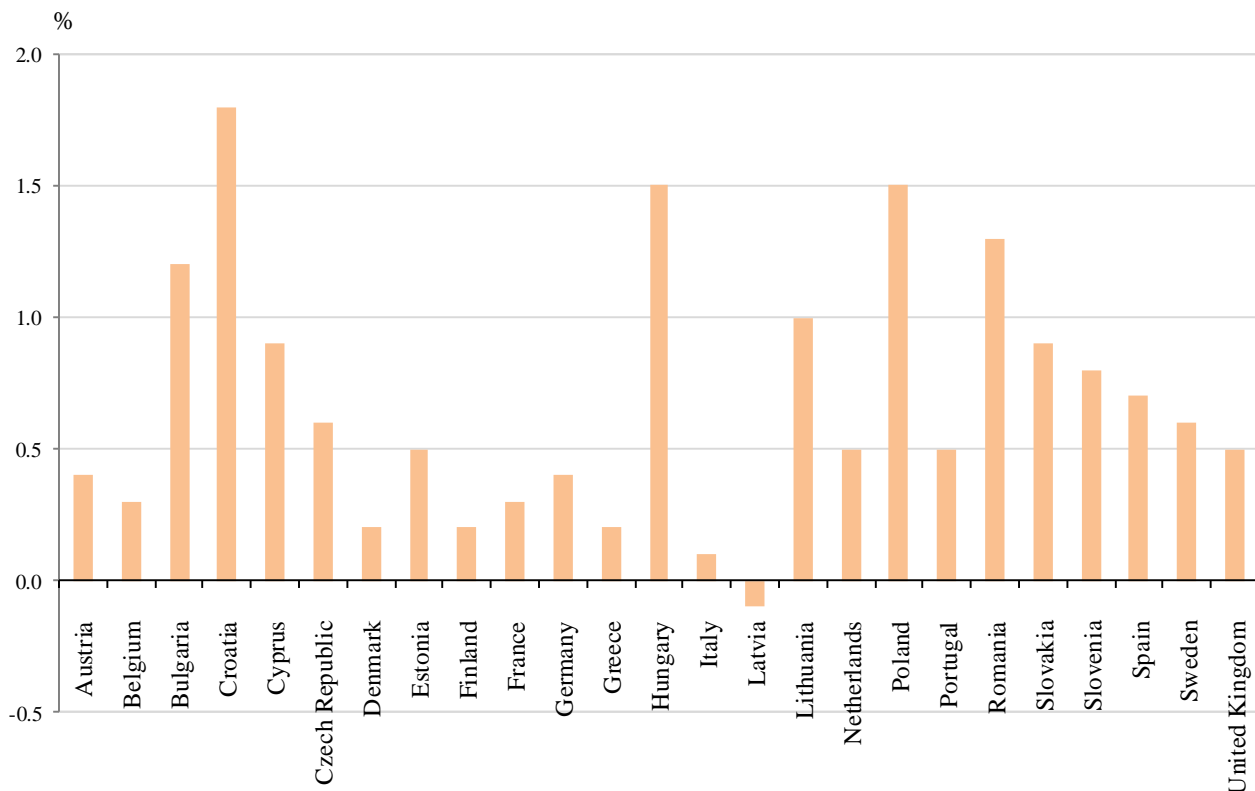


## BULGARIA AND EU: GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, FIRST QUARTER OF 2019 (PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES)

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the first quarter of 2019 increased by 0.5% in the EU-28 compared to the previous quarter by seasonally adjusted data. For the same period, GDP in Bulgaria increased by 1.2% (Table 1 of the Annex).

Compared to the previous quarter, in the first quarter of 2019, Croatia recorded the highest economic growth - 1.8%, Poland and Hungary - 1.5% each, Romania - 1.3% and Bulgaria - 1.2%, while a decrease by 0.1% is observed in Latvia.

**Figure 1. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the first quarter of 2019  
by seasonally adjusted data  
(Compared to the previous quarter)**



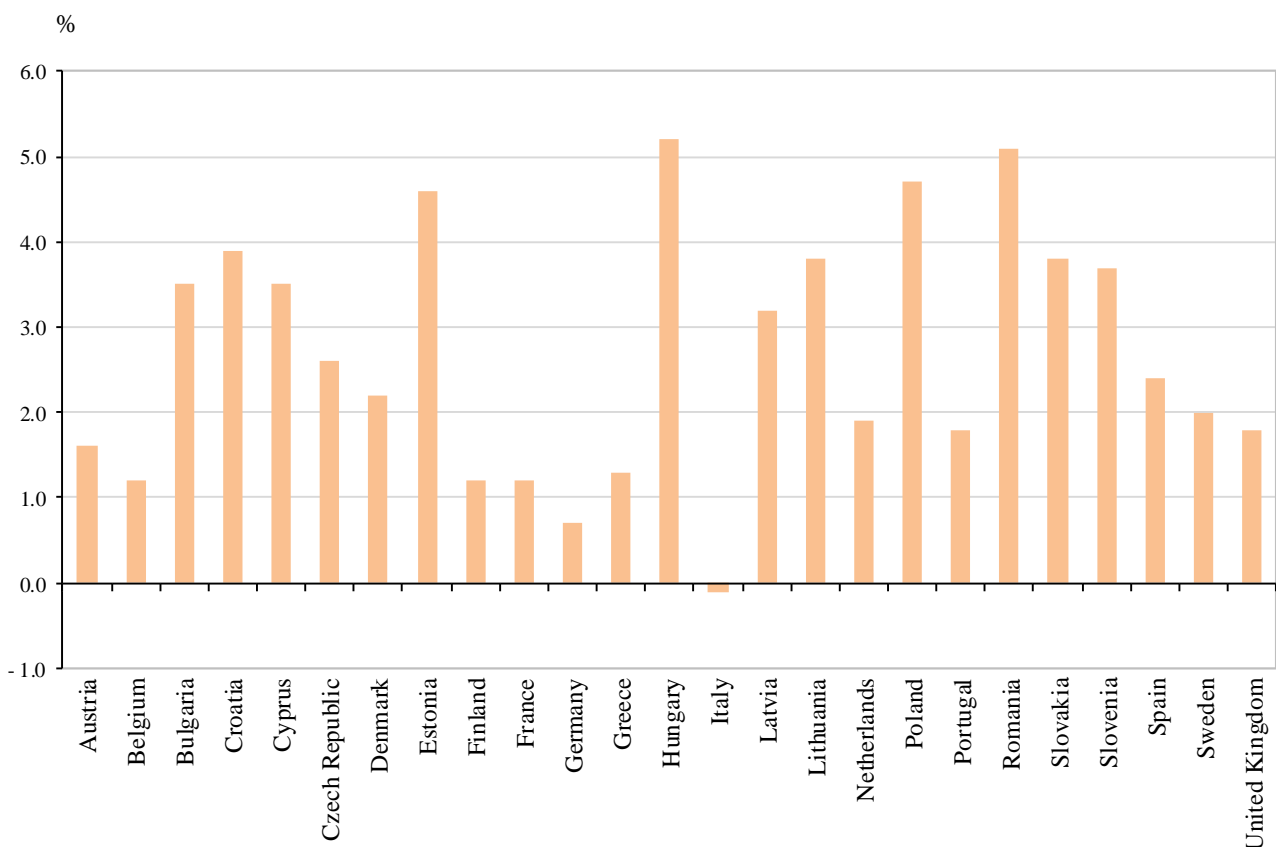
Source: Eurostat.



Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, seasonally adjusted data showed an increase of GDP in the EU-28 by 1.5% and in Bulgaria - by 3.5%.

In the first quarter of 2019, compared to the same quarter of the previous year, the highest economic growth is observed in Hungary - 5.2%, Romania - 5.1%, Poland - 4.7%, Estonia - 4.6% and Croatia - 3.9%, while Italy recorded a decrease by 0.1%.

**Figure 2. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the first quarter of 2019  
by seasonally adjusted data  
(Compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year)**



Source: Eurostat.



## ANNEX

**Table 1**

### Growth rates of GDP in EU-28 (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			
	II 2018	III 2018	IV 2018	I 2019	II 2018	III 2018	IV 2018	I 2019
<b>EU-28</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Member States</b>								
Austria	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	3.0	2.6	2.0	1.6
Belgium	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.2
Bulgaria	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.2	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.5
Germany	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.4	2.0	1.2	0.6	0.7
Greece	0.2	0.9	-0.1	0.2	1.6	2.1	1.5	1.3
Denmark	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.2	1.2	2.6	2.6	2.2
Estonia	1.7	0.2	2.1	0.5	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.6
Ireland	2.1	0.9	0.1	.	9.4	5.4	2.6	.
Spain	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.4
Italy	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	1.0	0.5	0.0	-0.1
Cyprus	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.5
Latvia	1.0	1.4	0.9	-0.1	4.6	5.1	5.3	3.2
Lithuania	0.9	0.4	1.4	1.0	3.7	3.1	3.7	3.8
Luxembourg	0.2	0.5	0.3	.	3.0	2.8	1.7	.
Malta	2.7	2.9	0.5	.	6.5	7.5	7.4	.
Netherlands	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.5	3.0	2.4	2.0	1.9
United Kingdom	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.5	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.8
Poland	1.2	1.5	0.5	1.5	5.3	5.6	4.6	4.7
Portugal	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	2.5	2.1	1.7	1.8
Romania	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.3	4.3	3.9	4.0	5.1
Slovakia	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.9	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.8
Slovenia	0.8	1.3	0.7	0.8	4.6	5.0	3.5	3.7
Hungary	1.1	1.5	1.1	1.5	4.8	5.3	5.0	5.2
Finland	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.2	2.5	2.6	2.2	1.2
France	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.2
Croatia	1.2	0.6	0.2	1.8	2.9	2.7	2.5	3.9
Czech Republic	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.6	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.6
Sweden	0.3	-0.1	1.2	0.6	2.4	1.6	2.4	2.0
<b>Other countries</b>								
Iceland	1.6	0.0	1.7	0.6	7.5	2.8	3.6	3.8
Norway	0.4	0.5	0.6	-0.1	1.6	1.6	2.0	1.4
Switzerland	0.7	-0.2	0.3	0.6	3.1	2.1	1.7	1.4
United States	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.8	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.2

Source: Eurostat.