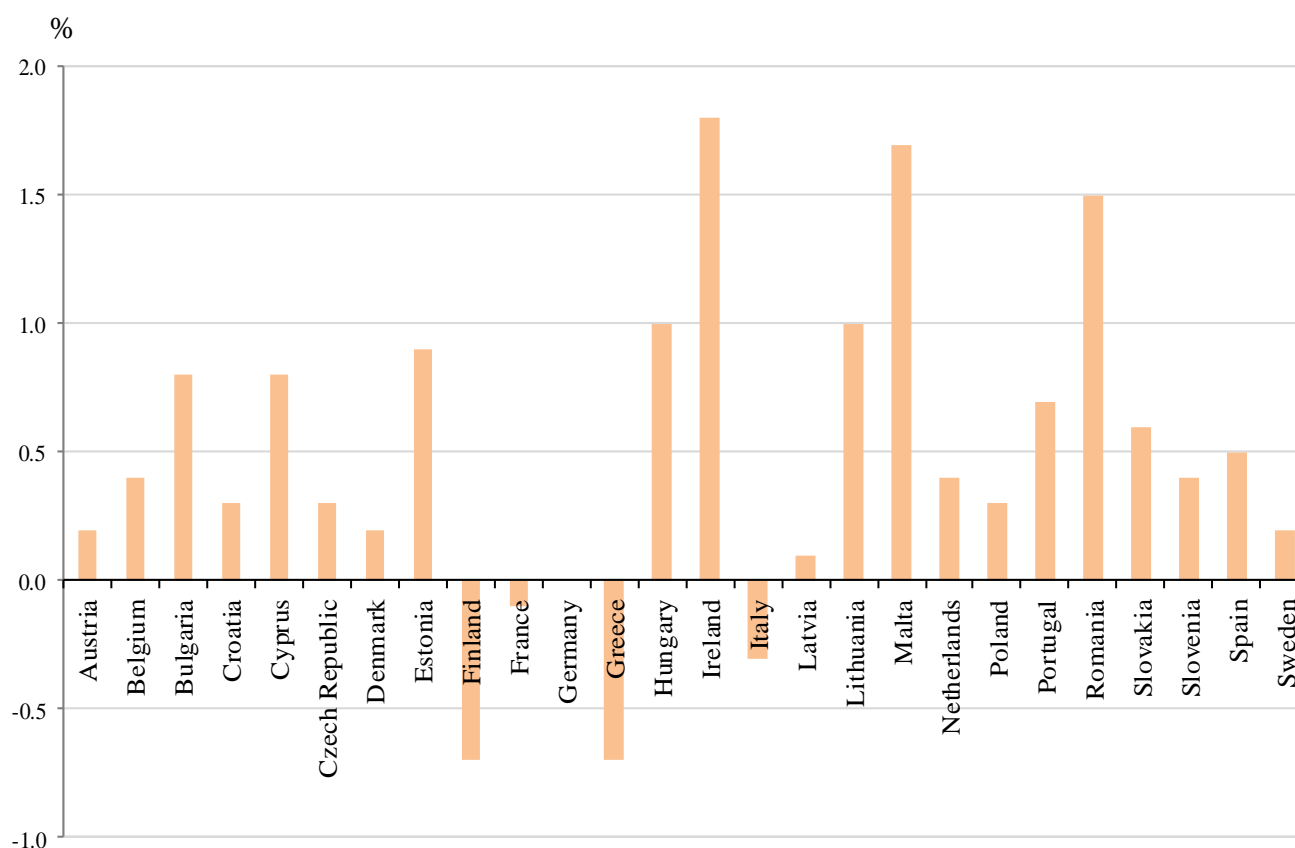


BULGARIA AND EU: GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2019 (PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES)

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the fourth quarter of 2019 increased by 0.2% in the EU-27 compared to the previous quarter by seasonally adjusted data. For the same period, GDP in Bulgaria increased by 0.8% (Table 1 of the Annex).

Compared to the previous quarter, in the fourth quarter of 2019, Ireland recorded the highest economic growth - 1.8%, Malta - 1.7%, Romania - 1.5%, Lithuania and Hungary - by 1.0% each. According to the seasonally adjusted figures, negative growth is observed in Finland and Greece - by 0.7% each, Italy - 0.3 and France - 0.1%.

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

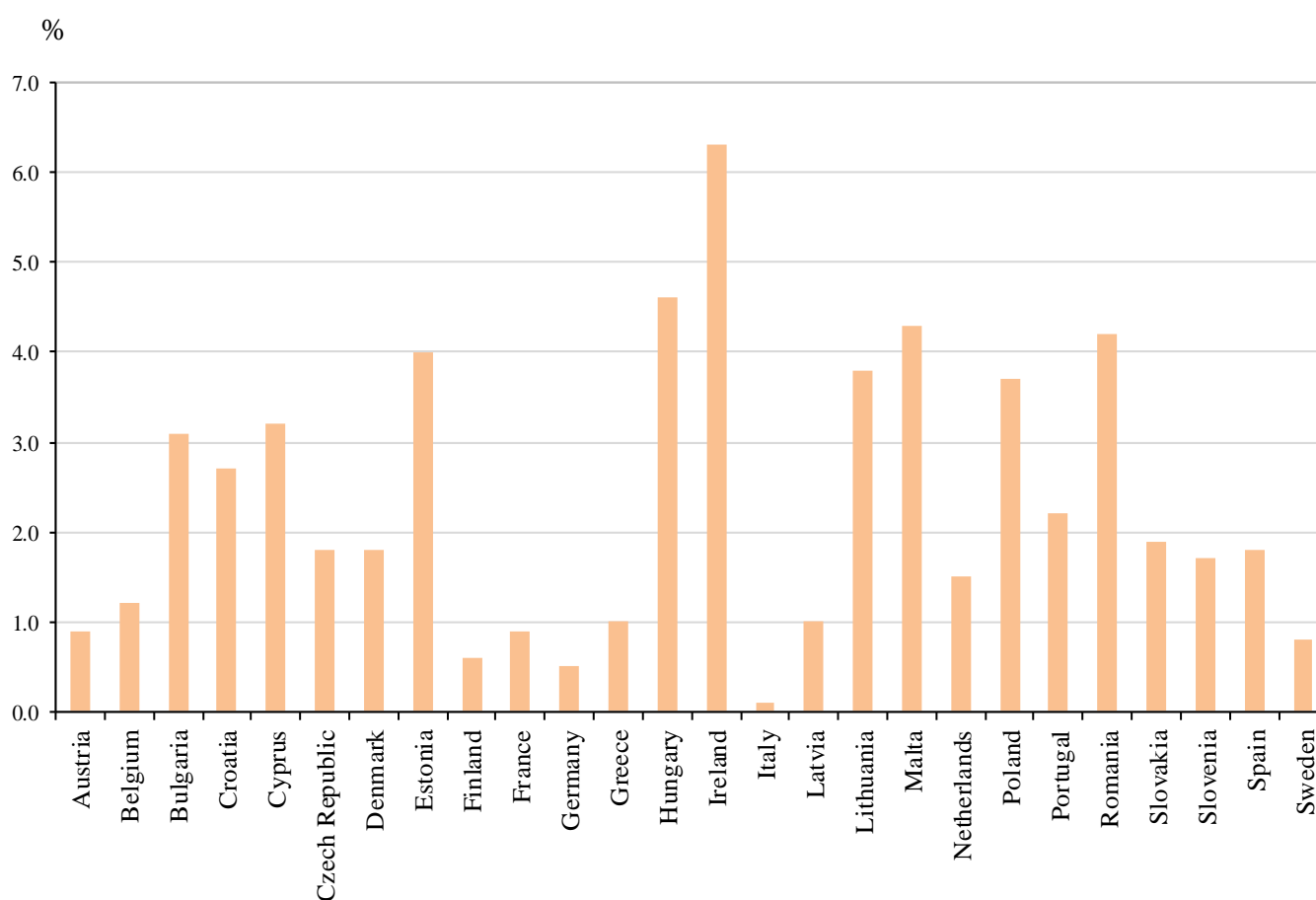


Source: Eurostat.

Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, seasonally adjusted data showed an increase of GDP in the EU-27 by 1.2% and in Bulgaria - by 3.1%.

In the fourth quarter of 2019, compared to the same quarter of the previous year, the highest economic growth is observed in Ireland - 6.3%, Hungary - 4.6%, Malta - 4.3%, Romania - 4.2% and Estonia - 4.0%.

Figure 2. GDP growth rate of EU Member States in the fourth 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 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 2019	II 2019	III 2019	IV 2019	I 2019	II 2019	III 2019	IV 2019
EU-27	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.2
Member States								
Austria	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.9	1.7	1.5	0.9
Belgium	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.2
Bulgaria	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.8	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.1
Germany	0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.5
Greece	0.2	1.0	0.4	-0.7	1.6	2.8	2.3	1.0
Denmark	-0.1	1.1	0.5	0.2	2.0	2.6	2.6	1.8
Estonia	1.0	0.9	1.2	0.9	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.0
Ireland	2.7	-0.4	2.1	1.8	7.3	4.2	4.5	6.3
Spain	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.8
Italy	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.1
Cyprus	1.4	0.4	0.5	0.8	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.2
Latvia	-0.5	0.7	0.6	0.1	3.3	2.7	1.8	1.0
Lithuania	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.0	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.8
Luxembourg	0.7	2.1	0.2	.	0.3	3.2	3.0	.
Malta	0.0	1.5	1.2	1.7	5.6	4.5	3.3	4.3
Netherlands	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.5
Poland	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.3	4.7	4.1	4.0	3.7
Portugal	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.7	2.4	2.1	1.9	2.2
Romania	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.5	5.0	4.4	3.2	4.2
Slovakia	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.6	3.3	2.3	1.7	1.9
Slovenia	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.4	3.5	2.3	2.1	1.7
Hungary	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.0	5.3	5.1	4.8	4.6
Finland	0.1	0.8	0.4	-0.7	0.3	1.2	1.8	0.6
France	0.3	0.4	0.3	-0.1	1.3	1.5	1.5	0.9
Croatia	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.3	4.0	2.4	2.8	2.7
Czech Republic	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	2.7	2.6	2.4	1.8
Sweden	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2	1.4	1.0	1.9	0.8
Other countries								
Iceland	-2.8	3.2	-1.0	4.8	0.4	2.1	1.0	4.1
Norway	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.6	1.2	1.1	0.5	1.8
United Kingdom	0.6	-0.1	0.5	0.0	2.0	1.3	1.2	1.1
Switzerland	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.3	1.1	1.5
United States	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.3

Source: Eurostat.