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December 2013 compared with November 2013

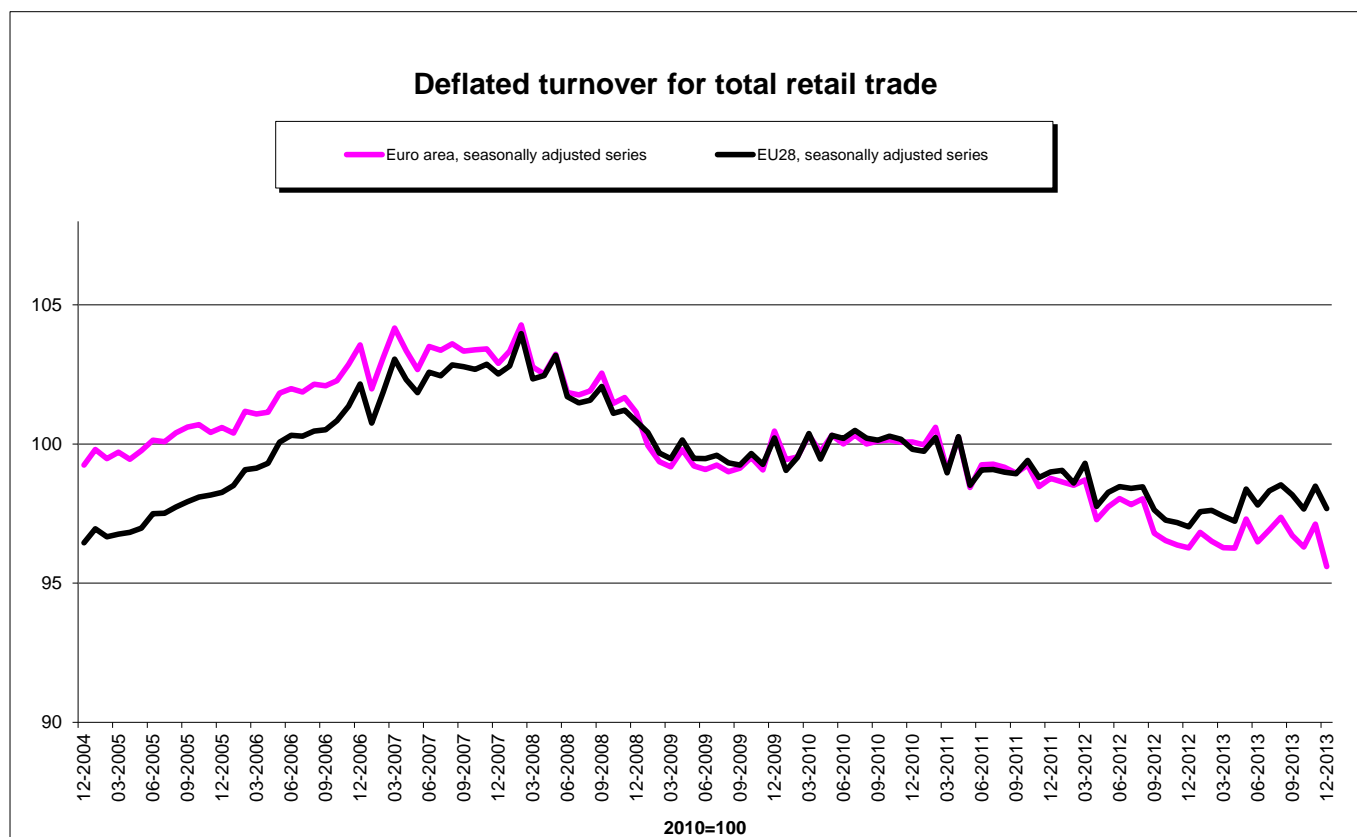
Volume of retail trade down by 1.6% in euro area

Down by 0.8% in EU28

In December 2013 compared with November 2013, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade¹ fell by 1.6% in the **euro area**² (EA17) and by 0.8% in the **EU28**², according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In November³ retail trade increased by 0.9% and 0.8% respectively.

In December 2013 compared with December 2012⁴ the retail sales index decreased by 1.0% in the **euro area** and rose by 0.1% in the **EU28**.

The average volume of retail trade for the year 2013, compared with 2012, fell by 0.9% in the **euro area** and by 0.2% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison

In December 2013 compared with November 2013, "Food, drinks and tobacco" fell by 1.4% in the **euro area** and by 0.7% in the **EU28**. The non-food sector decreased by 1.8% and 0.9% respectively.

Among the Member States for which data are available, total retail trade fell in sixteen and rose in six. The largest decreases were registered in **Portugal** (-5.8%), **Spain** (-3.6%) and **Germany** (-2.5%), and the highest increases in the **United Kingdom** (+2.6%), **Malta** (+2.0%) and **Ireland** (+1.4%).

Annual comparison

In December 2013 compared with December 2012, "Food, drinks and tobacco" fell by 1.6% in the **euro area** and by 1.2% in the **EU28**. The non-food sector decreased by 0.4% in the **euro area**, but rose by 1.2% in the **EU28**.

Among the Member States for which data are available, total retail trade fell in eight and rose in fourteen. The largest decreases were observed in **Germany** (-2.4%), **Belgium** (-1.9%) and **Finland** (-1.3%), and the highest increases in **Luxembourg** (+9.4%), **Poland** (+6.7%), **Romania** (+5.9%) and **Bulgaria** (+5.6%).

1. The index of the volume of retail trade measures the evolution of the turnover in retail trade, adjusted for price changes (deflated), i.e. the evolution of the total amount of goods sold, based on data adjusted for working day and seasonal effects. Seasonally adjusted euro area and EU series are calculated by aggregating the seasonally adjusted national data. Eurostat carries out the seasonal adjustment of the data for those countries that do not adjust their data for seasonal effects. Missing observations from Member States for recent months are estimated for the calculation of the euro area and the EU. The weights of the Member States in the EU and euro area aggregates can be found at: <https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/5e6d1e48-056c-4c6a-8278-3ab138bcf575>
See file: EU28_EA17_NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2010
More detailed data can be found in the short-term statistics database on the Eurostat website: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/short_term_business_statistics/data/database
2. Up to 31 December 2013, the euro area (EA17) included Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland. From 1 January 2014 the euro area (EA18) also includes Latvia. The European Union (EU28) includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom. As part of Eurostat's guidelines for the dissemination of data when the euro area is enlarged, the aggregate data series commented on in this News Release refer to the official composition in the most recent month for which data is available. **Thus News Releases with data for months up to December 2013 comment on EA17 series, while Releases with data for January 2014 onwards will comment on EA18 series.** Eurostat's guidelines can be found on the Eurostat website: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/GUIDE_ENLARG_2007/EN/GUIDE_ENLARG_2007-EN.PDF
The tables also include Norway and Switzerland.
3. Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release 3/2014 of 8 January 2014. The monthly growth rates for November 2013 have been revised from +1.4% to +0.9% in the EA17 and from +1.2% to +0.8% in the EU28. The annual growth rates have been revised from +1.6% to +1.3% in the EA17 and from +2.0% to +1.8% in the EU28.
4. Based on data adjusted for working days.
5. Data for Cyprus have been revised by the National Statistical Institute to take into account a new base year, and are confidential until published nationally.

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Volume of retail trade
% change compared with the previous month*

	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13
EA17						
Total retail trade	0.4	0.5	-0.7	-0.4	0.9	-1.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.8	-0.1	-0.7	0.2	0.3	-1.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.8	1.2	-1.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.3	1.1	-1.3	-1.7	3.7	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.4	0.4	0.1	-1.0	0.6	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.1	1.0	-0.4	-0.6	1.1	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.9	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.3	:
Mail orders and internet	-4.0	0.9	1.8	-1.3	1.2	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	0.5	-1.2
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.5	0.2	-0.4	-0.5	0.8	-0.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.0	-0.5	-0.8	0.2	0.3	-0.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.2	0.5	0.3	-0.9	1.3	-0.9
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.4	0.9	-0.3	-2.1	3.6	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.1	0.1	0.5	-1.0	0.8	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.2	0.5	0.6	-0.9	0.9	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.7	0.2	0.4	-0.2	0.3	:
Mail orders and internet	-1.4	1.4	1.2	-0.4	1.2	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.1	-0.5	-0.2	-0.5	0.3	-1.0

Total retail trade	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13
EA17	0.4	0.5	-0.7	-0.4	0.9	-1.6
EA18	0.5	0.5	-0.7	-0.4	0.9	-1.6
EU28	0.5	0.2	-0.4	-0.5	0.8	-0.8
Belgium	1.1	-1.9	-1.4	-0.8	1.3	-0.3
Bulgaria	1.2	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.4
Czech Republic	0.7	0.9	0.1	-1.0	3.2	c
Denmark	-1.3	0.0	0.2	-1.2	1.7	-0.5
Germany	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.7	0.9	-2.5
Estonia	0.6	1.1	-1.0	2.4	0.4	-0.4
Ireland	1.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	1.3	1.4
Greece	-3.0	2.9	-0.3	-0.3	1.8	c
Spain	0.2	3.4	-2.5	-1.7	1.8	-3.6
France	1.9	0.1	-0.8	0.0	0.6	-1.0
Croatia	-1.9	1.1	-1.7	-1.7	0.6	c
Italy	-0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	c
Cyprus⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c
Latvia	1.9	-0.3	0.1	0.0	1.8	-0.5
Lithuania	-0.1	0.4	-0.5	0.2	0.9	-0.6
Luxembourg	-0.1	1.6	0.3	1.1	1.7	0.1
Hungary	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.3	0.4	-1.1
Malta	2.5	-1.7	-0.2	-0.8	-1.8	2.0
Netherlands	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	c
Austria	1.3	0.1	-0.6	-0.7	1.8	-1.8
Poland	1.0	0.0	0.2	-1.3	1.9	-0.4
Portugal	0.8	2.3	-3.2	-0.7	3.6	-5.8
Romania	2.3	0.2	-0.2	0.4	1.1	0.6
Slovenia	-2.8	2.7	-3.1	1.6	0.4	-0.6
Slovakia	0.2	-0.6	-0.4	0.1	0.7	-0.5
Finland	0.0	0.0	0.8	-0.4	0.2	-0.5
Sweden	-1.4	0.7	0.4	-0.4	1.5	-1.4
United Kingdom	1.2	-1.0	0.7	-0.8	0.1	2.6
Norway	-1.4	0.3	0.7	-1.0	0.4	0.1
Switzerland	-1.1	1.5	-0.5	0.1	1.9	:

* Working day and seasonally adjusted

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Volume of retail trade

% change compared with the same month of the previous year*

	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13
EA17						
Total retail trade	-0.9	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	1.3	-1.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.1	-0.6	-1.3	-0.2	0.7	-1.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-1.4	-0.1	0.7	-0.5	2.4	-0.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.2	1.4	-1.1	-1.7	4.7	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-3.7	-2.8	-1.2	-1.7	-0.2	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-1.8	-0.1	0.8	-0.5	1.9	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.6	0.8	2.7	1.1	2.3	:
Mail orders and internet	2.1	3.7	4.5	2.4	5.5	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.3	-0.3	1.5	0.7	0.7	-2.1
EU28						
Total retail trade	-0.1	0.4	0.5	0.3	1.8	0.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.5	-0.4	-1.3	-0.1	0.7	-1.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.1	1.2	2.0	0.7	3.4	1.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.6	1.5	0.0	-1.1	5.1	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-2.8	-2.1	-0.5	-1.0	0.4	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.8	0.1	2.0	0.7	2.6	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.6	1.7	4.0	2.5	3.9	:
Mail orders and internet	6.9	12.0	9.8	7.8	10.4	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.4	-0.8	0.7	0.1	0.4	-2.2

Total retail trade	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13
EA17	-0.9	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	1.3	-1.0
EA18	-0.9	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	1.3	-1.0
EU28	-0.1	0.4	0.5	0.3	1.8	0.1
Belgium	3.0	1.8	-3.6	-4.3	-1.0	-1.9
Bulgaria	4.4	4.9	6.2	6.9	6.2	5.6
Czech Republic	-0.8	-1.1	0.0	-0.8	4.4	c
Denmark	-1.8	-0.7	-1.6	-2.4	0.2	-1.0
Germany	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.3	1.1	-2.4
Estonia	1.2	2.8	-0.7	5.5	5.7	2.4
Ireland	1.6	1.3	0.2	-1.9	2.1	3.7
Greece	-13.9	-7.7	-5.2	-1.2	2.9	c
Spain	-5.2	-6.3	2.1	-0.3	2.1	-1.2
France	1.4	2.4	1.5	0.7	2.4	0.4
Croatia	0.3	3.1	0.8	-1.5	-0.2	c
Italy	-2.7	-1.1	-2.1	-1.7	-0.4	c
Cyprus⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c
Latvia	3.4	2.1	2.2	2.6	5.3	4.2
Lithuania	6.1	6.2	4.3	3.1	4.4	3.2
Luxembourg	8.6	10.7	8.7	9.3	12.6	9.4
Hungary	1.3	1.4	0.4	2.4	4.8	1.8
Malta	6.0	-0.4	-0.8	-1.9	-4.3	1.4
Netherlands	-4.0	-3.6	-4.9	-3.0	-1.7	c
Austria	0.6	0.6	0.8	-1.0	1.9	-0.7
Poland	5.4	6.6	7.0	5.0	7.2	6.7
Portugal	-1.0	0.1	-1.6	0.0	4.0	-1.0
Romania	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	1.9	2.1	5.9
Slovenia	-6.1	-3.5	-4.7	-1.5	-0.6	-1.2
Slovakia	1.7	-0.2	-1.0	-0.7	1.3	0.7
Finland	-1.7	-1.7	-0.7	0.3	-0.4	-1.3
Sweden	1.2	2.3	1.4	3.1	3.9	1.0
United Kingdom	2.5	1.5	2.0	1.7	2.3	3.0
Norway	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.0	1.2	0.7
Switzerland	0.6	2.4	1.1	1.6	4.2	:

* Working day adjusted

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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, working day and seasonally adjusted
(base year 2010)

	12/12	01/13	02/13	03/13	04/13	05/13	06/13	07/13	08/13	09/13	10/13	11/13	12/13
EA17	96.3	96.8	96.5	96.3	96.3	97.3	96.5	96.9	97.4	96.7	96.3	97.1	95.6
EA18	96.3	96.9	96.5	96.3	96.3	97.3	96.5	97.0	97.4	96.8	96.3	97.2	95.7
EU28	97.0	97.6	97.6	97.4	97.2	98.4	97.8	98.3	98.5	98.2	97.7	98.5	97.7
Belgium	102.7	103.0	101.2	101.8	100.4	102.6	102.9	104.0	102.0	100.6	99.9	101.2	100.8
Bulgaria	96.1	94.8	96.5	98.3	98.5	97.9	99.2	100.4	101.1	102.0	102.5	102.7	103.1
Czech Republic	99.9	100.3	99.1	100.8	98.0	100.2	97.8	98.6	99.4	99.5	98.5	101.6	c
Denmark	94.9	93.2	94.5	93.7	93.0	93.5	94.7	93.5	93.5	93.7	92.6	94.2	93.7
Germany	100.4	102.5	101.8	101.2	101.5	102.3	101.3	101.2	101.4	101.3	100.6	101.5	99.0
Estonia	111.6	111.8	109.8	112.8	111.6	114.4	110.6	111.3	112.6	111.5	114.1	114.6	114.2
Ireland	98.1	97.8	98.0	97.3	96.8	98.2	98.1	99.2	99.0	98.6	98.8	100.1	101.5
Greece	76.0	72.1	72.6	74.0	71.8	75.8	73.0	70.8	72.9	72.7	72.5	73.8	c
Spain	80.5	81.1	81.8	81.2	81.4	82.3	81.7	81.9	84.7	82.6	81.2	82.7	79.7
France	102.3	102.6	102.1	102.3	102.5	104.1	102.6	104.6	104.7	103.9	103.9	104.5	103.5
Croatia	95.6	96.2	95.9	96.3	96.8	97.9	98.4	96.5	97.6	95.9	94.3	94.9	c
Italy	93.6	93.0	93.1	92.9	92.8	92.9	92.7	92.5	92.6	92.3	92.2	92.3	c
Cyprus⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Latvia	111.9	112.4	111.6	113.1	110.4	113.8	112.8	114.9	114.6	114.7	114.7	116.7	116.2
Lithuania	112.1	112.5	112.6	113.8	113.6	116.2	116.4	116.3	116.8	116.3	116.6	117.6	116.9
Luxembourg	148.2	146.3	148.0	148.5	151.1	151.3	153.3	153.2	155.6	156.1	157.9	160.6	160.8
Hungary	97.2	96.8	96.9	96.2	101.2	100.7	99.8	100.0	99.8	99.2	99.5	99.9	98.8
Malta	94.8	95.9	100.0	99.4	94.8	96.6	96.5	99.0	97.3	97.1	96.4	94.6	96.5
Netherlands	93.3	93.1	92.8	91.9	91.5	91.7	91.9	91.9	91.6	91.5	91.3	91.3	c
Austria	97.8	97.7	97.9	96.9	98.1	99.5	97.4	98.7	98.8	98.2	97.5	99.3	97.5
Poland	97.6	102.5	101.9	101.7	101.8	103.2	103.0	104.0	104.0	104.2	102.8	104.8	104.4
Portugal	83.0	86.1	85.4	84.0	84.3	84.8	85.1	85.8	87.8	85.0	84.4	87.4	82.3
Romania	101.4	105.7	103.1	102.6	104.0	100.7	101.8	104.1	104.3	104.1	104.5	105.6	106.2
Slovenia	96.3	98.0	96.3	95.2	95.4	96.4	96.9	94.2	96.7	93.7	95.2	95.6	95.0
Slovakia	95.2	96.9	96.6	96.7	97.1	97.5	97.0	97.2	96.7	96.3	96.4	97.1	96.6
Finland	104.0	104.5	103.0	104.6	101.7	104.0	102.5	102.5	102.5	103.3	102.9	103.1	102.6
Sweden	104.2	104.2	105.0	104.9	103.0	104.9	105.9	104.4	105.1	105.5	105.1	106.7	105.2
United Kingdom	98.7	98.3	100.4	100.1	99.1	101.0	101.1	102.3	101.3	102.0	101.2	101.4	104.0
Norway	106.3	107.2	107.7	107.7	106.7	109.0	108.4	106.9	107.2	107.9	106.8	107.2	107.3
Switzerland	106.0	105.6	105.3	105.2	106.6	106.3	106.9	105.7	107.3	106.7	106.9	108.9	:

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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, working days adjusted
(base year 2010)

	12/10	12/11	12/12	01/13	02/13	03/13	04/13	05/13	06/13	07/13	08/13	09/13	10/13	11/13	12/13
EA17	123.0	120.6	117.4	92.9	84.6	94.5	93.7	95.9	94.8	100.3	95.5	95.1	98.6	97.5	116.1
EA18	122.9	120.6	117.4	93.0	84.6	94.6	93.7	96.0	94.8	100.4	95.6	95.2	98.7	97.5	116.2
EU28	122.5	121.3	118.9	92.1	85.8	95.2	94.4	97.2	96.6	101.3	97.3	96.6	99.7	100.0	118.9
Belgium	123.7	123.4	122.5	103.2	89.0	103.4	99.0	102.5	103.1	106.9	96.0	99.4	101.8	98.9	120.1
Bulgaria	112.9	113.0	106.9	82.8	79.9	92.2	98.8	99.5	102.2	111.4	111.5	107.8	107.9	102.7	113.0
Czech Republic	122.6	124.5	124.8	86.9	83.7	98.8	95.5	102.4	97.3	97.9	99.1	99.3	101.0	107.1	c
Denmark	122.9	120.7	119.4	86.7	80.6	91.5	92.4	96.7	95.8	92.9	93.9	89.6	91.2	94.8	118.2
Germany	119.5	120.5	116.8	94.4	89.6	102.9	101.8	102.3	99.3	101.5	98.9	99.9	104.1	106.0	114.0
Estonia	113.2	121.2	126.0	100.0	94.0	109.0	108.0	119.0	116.0	119.0	119.0	110.0	116.0	111.0	129.0
Ireland	133.4	134.8	136.4	91.7	91.8	90.5	90.9	94.6	93.9	101.1	96.6	93.4	96.3	104.2	141.5
Greece	110.6	96.7	88.7	70.4	72.5	69.9	69.1	73.1	71.1	72.5	75.3	71.9	69.8	71.4	c
Spain	116.0	109.6	95.3	83.6	72.9	79.0	77.9	80.6	82.2	89.7	81.8	80.0	81.1	79.2	94.2
France	126.7	125.8	127.5	100.4	89.4	98.3	99.0	99.7	100.6	109.5	104.5	102.0	106.5	102.8	128.0
Croatia	108.4	105.6	102.5	78.7	77.1	90.2	92.8	99.2	104.9	117.7	118.8	101.3	95.5	86.3	c
Italy	129.0	121.6	118.6	90.4	79.3	90.1	88.5	92.7	88.9	97.2	88.9	92.0	96.6	91.2	c
Cyprus⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Latvia	114.1	118.6	128.4	101.9	96.4	106.9	103.8	113.3	115.0	122.6	124.9	118.0	117.9	112.5	133.8
Lithuania	116.2	127.2	129.7	101.8	95.1	108.9	107.5	118.8	118.5	123.8	126.3	116.4	119.7	115.0	133.9
Luxembourg	170.5	221.8	249.4	146.0	124.2	142.2	133.5	134.8	133.9	141.5	139.6	142.9	158.2	201.0	272.9
Hungary	124.0	126.0	122.8	79.1	77.7	91.4	97.1	97.8	98.7	105.6	106.4	102.1	105.6	103.2	125.0
Malta	110.5	108.7	102.5	87.6	89.9	96.2	93.0	98.2	98.3	104.0	100.7	98.3	99.6	92.3	104.0
Netherlands	114.8	112.8	109.4	87.6	80.1	89.9	89.3	93.9	94.1	94.3	90.6	91.0	92.7	91.3	c
Austria	123.0	119.2	118.7	92.0	86.7	98.0	97.9	98.2	93.9	100.2	96.2	95.2	100.9	100.5	117.9
Poland	121.2	118.9	115.4	91.8	88.2	102.4	100.9	103.3	103.0	106.6	108.0	106.9	107.4	101.0	123.1
Portugal	130.1	117.2	108.4	78.3	72.7	79.6	79.5	82.6	82.7	91.5	94.4	83.9	84.1	85.5	107.3
Romania	108.0	117.9	114.3	85.9	83.7	96.8	102.6	100.8	101.9	109.2	113.6	110.6	111.2	110.5	121.0
Slovenia	112.4	112.7	107.7	89.8	83.4	94.9	94.7	94.9	99.0	96.8	98.5	95.7	100.8	93.0	106.4
Slovakia	119.5	115.7	111.0	88.2	87.9	93.3	92.9	97.2	98.2	98.7	98.9	97.3	98.1	99.3	111.8
Finland	126.4	128.4	129.8	95.5	86.4	98.7	98.4	108.6	109.7	109.2	105.8	100.5	102.2	101.5	128.1
Sweden	121.8	123.1	125.8	93.1	88.1	100.4	99.8	108.2	112.2	110.0	108.2	102.6	105.5	104.7	127.0
United Kingdom	122.1	125.4	125.6	90.0	92.4	95.4	94.4	98.3	99.8	102.3	98.0	98.4	101.1	110.1	129.4
Norway	129.0	131.2	134.7	100.0	90.7	99.4	97.1	112.9	114.3	108.7	110.5	104.8	105.8	108.6	135.7
Switzerland	129.1	129.0	135.1	102.1	90.3	107.1	103.0	104.9	107.1	107.9	102.1	100.5	107.7	109.2	:

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