

## Foreign Trade

January 2013

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2010=100) referring to January 2013. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for January 2013 has been disseminated on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

- In January 2013 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to December 2012, showed an increase of 1.4% for export and a of 0.4% for imports. The increase, for exports, was synthesis of a growth for non EU (+3.9%) and a drop for EU (-0.7%) countries. As regards imports the rise was recorded for non EU countries only (+3,0%) compared to the fall of EU markets (-1.8%). Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous three months, showed a decrease for both: -0.2% for outgoing flows and -2.5% for incoming flows.
- In January 2013, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade rose by 8.7% for exports (+2.6% for EU area and +17.6% for non EU countries) and dropped by 1.8% for imports (+2.4% for EU and -5.6% for non EU countries). The trade balance amounted to -1.6 billion Euro (table 1) compared with -4.6 billion Euro registered in the same month of 2012.

Table 1 – Exports, imports and trade balance. January 2013

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro	Percentage changes	Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Jan. 2013	Jan.13 Jan.12	Jan. 2013	Jan.13 Dec.12	Nov.12-Jan.13 Aug.-Oct. 12
<b>TOTAL</b>					
Exports	29,822	8.7	33,240	1.4	-0.2
Imports	31,441	-1.8	31,215	0.4	-2.5
Trade balance	-1,619		2,025		
<b>EU COUNTRIES</b>					
Exports	16,593	2.6	17,215	-0.7	-2.0
Imports	15,930	2.4	16,747	-1.8	0.0
Trade balance	663		468		
<b>NON-EU COUNTRIES</b>					
Exports	13,229	17.6	16,025	3.9	1.9
Imports	15,511	-5.6	14,468	3.0	-5.2
Trade balance	-2,281		1,557		

Table 2 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings. January 2013

MIGS	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
	Share (a)	Percentage	Share (a)	Percentage	Millions of euro Jan.2013
		Jan.13 Jan.12		Jan.13 Jan.12	
Consumer goods	29.3	15.2	25.6	5.2	996
- consumer durables	5.8	14.5	2.9	-14.4	802
- consumer non durables	23.5	15.3	22.7	7.7	194
Capital goods	31.6	11.7	19.5	-5.0	3,065
Intermediate goods	33.6	6.9	32.6	5.5	-217
Energy	5.5	-23.8	22.3	-14.9	-5,463
Total (except energy)	94.5	11.0	77.7	2.7	3,844
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-1,619</b>

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by countries. January 2013

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
	Share (a)	Percentage changes	Share (a)	Percentage changes	Millions of euro Jan.2013
		Jan.13 Jan.12		Jan.13 Jan.12	
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>663</b>
EMU17:	40.5	1.7	42.7	3.3	-296
<i>Austria</i>	2.2	5.0	2.3	9.1	-49
<i>Belgium</i>	2.6	27.0	3.8	36.1	-362
<i>France</i>	11.1	4.0	8.3	0.0	1,002
<i>Germany</i>	12.5	0.3	14.6	-4.4	-246
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.4	10.9	5.4	4.2	-917
<i>Spain</i>	4.7	-8.6	4.4	2.3	156
Poland	2.4	2.6	1.9	-10.4	206
United Kingdom	4.9	8.1	2.5	5.9	702
Czech Republic	1.1	1.1	1.2	-14.9	-14
Romania	1.5	1.2	1.3	-5.2	41
<b>Non-EU countries</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>-2,281</b>
European non-EU countries	13.9	10.7	11.3	19.9	-193
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.6	15.5	4.8	23.6	-1,240
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.9	18.7	2.9	23.5	913
<i>Turkey</i>	2.7	2.9	1.4	25.9	136
North Africa	3.5	42.6	7.1	3.0	-1,395
Other African countries	1.4	16.3	2.2	-32.9	-333
North America	7.6	21.7	3.8	-14.3	838
<i>United States</i>	6.8	19.7	3.3	-16.9	762
Central and South America	3.9	10.3	2.6	-10.0	178
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	15.8	6.6	-32.3	110
Other Asian countries	9.2	16.8	13.0	-7.6	-1,858
<i>China</i>	2.3	24.6	6.5	-2.8	-1,619
<i>Japan</i>	1.4	25.6	0.8	-32.1	223
<i>India</i>	0.9	7.2	1.0	-2.5	-161
Oceania and other territories	1.9	44.8	0.5	12.6	371
OPEC	5.7	26.1	10.8	-19.6	-1,435
MERCOSUR	1.6	24.7	1.2	-9.0	105
DAE	3.4	22.9	1.8	-8.8	373
ASEAN	1.7	32.2	1.7	16.8	-159
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-1,619</b>

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume – January 2013

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES	
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes
	January 2013	January 2013	<u>Jan.13</u> <u>Jan.12</u>	<u>Jan.13</u> <u>Jan.12</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>				
Exports	112.8	94.0	1.3	7.3
Imports	114.6	89.6	0.2	-2.0
<b>EU COUNTRIES</b>				
Exports	112.3	91.7	2.0	0.5
Imports	109.0	87.1	2.7	-0.3
<b>NON-EU COUNTRIES</b>				
Exports	113.6	97.1	0.3	17.3
Imports	121.0	92.7	-2.0	-3.6

**For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version**

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