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## External trade in goods of Montenegro

### January- April 2023

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for January-April 2023 according to preliminary results is 1 385.5 million EUR, indicating the growth of 13.6% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of exports of goods was 271.0 million EUR, and import was 1 114.5 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports decreased by 2.7%, while imports increased by 18.4%.

The coverage of import by export was 24.3% and it was lower compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 29.6%.

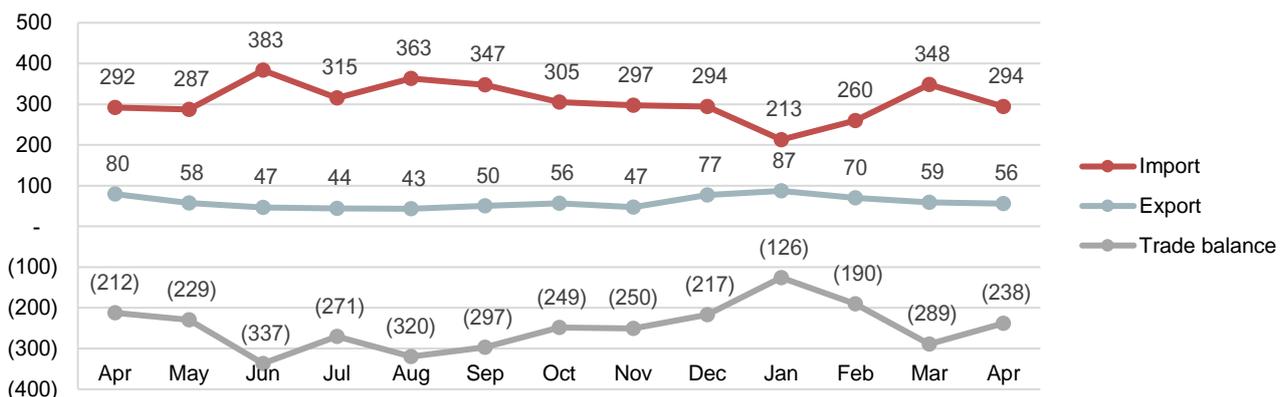
In the structure of exports, in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), the most present products were **Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (Section 3)**, in amount of 161.3 million EUR (consisted of Electric current – 155.3 million EUR and other).

In the structure of imports, in accordance with the SITC, the most present products were **Machinery and transport equipment (Section 7)** with 262.6 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles – 92.4 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (65.4 million EUR), Bosnia and Herzegovina (45.3 million EUR) and Slovenia (44.9 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (187.3 million EUR), China (130.8 million EUR) and Germany (107.0 million EUR). The highest external trade was with CEFTA parties and the EU member states.

Chart 1. Total external trade in goods by months, in millions EUR



**Table 1.** External trade in goods of Montenegro by months <sup>1</sup>

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PERIOD	IMPORT	EXPORT	EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
<b>2022</b>				
January	145 506	64 343	209 849	-81 163
February	218 908	64 548	283 456	-154 360
March	285 317	70 138	355 454	-215 179
April	291 753	79 595	371 348	-212 157
May	287 008	57 558	344 566	-229 450
June	383 275	46 530	429 805	-336 745
July	314 955	44 319	359 274	-270 637
August	363 324	43 163	406 487	-320 161
September	347 389	50 109	397 498	-297 280
October	305 066	56 381	361 447	-248 685
November	297 456	46 839	344 295	-250 617
December	293 881	76 729	370 610	-217 152
<b>2023</b>				
January	212 855	87 008	299 863	-125 847
February	259 850	69 739	329 589	-190 111
March	347 592	58 525	406 117	-289 066
April	294 174	55 791	349 965	-238 383

**Table 2.** External trade in goods of Montenegro by the continents and selected countries

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Apr 2022		Jan-Apr 2023		Jan-Apr 2022		Jan-Apr 2023		Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2023
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>941 483</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1 114 470</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>278 624</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>271 063</b>	<b>-662 859</b>	<b>-843 407</b>
Europe	79.4	747 342	79.6	886 661	93.3	260 002	94.4	255 882	-487 340	-630 780
Eu-27	43.0	404 600	45.1	502 237	28.9	80 550	43.0	116 440	-324 050	-385 797
CEFTA <sup>2</sup>	25.4	238 909	25.4	282 839	37.3	103 966	45.5	123 337	-134 942	-159 502
Africa	0.4	3 956	0.3	3 503	0.6	1 723	0.7	1 899	-2 232	-1 604
Asia	15.9	149 710	17.7	197 023	5.6	15 705	4.4	11 946	-134 005	-185 078
America	4.3	40 253	2.4	26 689	0.4	1 118	0.5	1 294	-39 135	-25 395
Oceania	0.0	223	0.1	593	0.0	76	0.0	42	-147	-551
USA	0.7	6 980	0.8	9 212	0.4	1 042	0.5	1 238	-5 938	-7 974
China	9.7	91 005	11.7	130 855	3.8	10 551	0.5	1 366	-80 454	-129 489
Russia	0.3	3 230	0.4	4 440	0.1	174	0.0	118	-3 056	-4 322
Switzerland	3.9	36 259	1.6	18 127	22.9	63 847	5.0	13 685	27 588	-4 441
Japan	0.7	6 904	0.7	7 646	0.0	95	0.0	59	-6 809	-7 587
Turkey	5.4	51 095	5.7	63 735	2.3	6 424	0.4	1 135	-44 672	-62 600
Brazil	0.6	6 049	0.4	4 814	0.0	5	0.0	0	-6 044	-4 814
United Kingdom	0.7	6 916	0.9	9 912	1.0	2 726	0.1	272	-4 190	-9 640

<sup>1</sup> Data on more detail level are available in External trade in goods database, link: [Data](#)<sup>2</sup> Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, North Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia and Kosovo

**Table 3.** External trade in goods by EU member states and CEFTA parties <sup>3</sup>

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TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT		EXPORT		TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2023	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2023	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2023
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>941 483</b>	<b>1 114 470</b>	<b>278 624</b>	<b>271 063</b>	<b>-662 859</b>	<b>-843 407</b>
<b>Eu-27<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>404 600</b>	<b>502 237</b>	<b>80 550</b>	<b>116 440</b>	<b>-324 050</b>	<b>-385 797</b>
Austria	9 369	12 109	194	604	-9 175	-11 504
Belgium	6 733	5 563	300	199	-6 433	-5 364
Bulgaria	6 331	6 692	625	320	-5 706	-6 372
Czech Republic	9 822	10 766	13 273	26 796	3 451	16 031
Denmark	5 111	3 243	5 425	4 188	314	945
Estonia	211	1 056	243	3	33	-1 053
Finland	1 535	3 686	8	0	-1 527	-3 686
France	19 166	25 338	245	400	-18 921	-24 938
Greece	65 859	66 932	189	213	-65 669	-66 719
Netherlands	17 104	20 868	594	1 017	-16 510	-19 852
Ireland	2 682	2 651	1	1	-2 680	-2 650
Italy	55 319	73 917	7 438	9 613	-47 881	-64 304
Cyprus	324	135	7	6	-317	-129
Latvia	389	624	0	2	-389	-621
Lithuania	328	1 384	3	555	-325	-829
Luxembourg	322	323	15 104	11 599	14 781	11 277
Hungary	7 573	9 023	5 290	3 205	-2 283	-5 819
Malta	5	27	249	98	243	71
Germany	75 081	107 041	7 601	3 504	-67 480	-103 536
Poland	15 975	23 637	5 600	4 944	-10 376	-18 693
Portugal	1 573	2 202	4	37	-1 569	-2 165
Croatia	48 894	62 722	1 175	1 816	-47 719	-60 906
Romania	11 051	12 368	230	141	-10 821	-12 227
Slovakia	2 493	3 832	20	41	-2 473	-3 791
Slovenia	18 652	15 112	14 423	44 878	-4 229	29 767
Spain	15 962	21 784	1 581	1 482	-14 381	-20 302
Sweden	6 735	9 204	727	777	-6 008	-8 428
<b>CEFTA</b>	<b>238 909</b>	<b>282 839</b>	<b>103 966</b>	<b>123 337</b>	<b>-134 942</b>	<b>-159 502</b>
Albania	15 572	21 381	8 818	5 318	-6 755	-16 063
Bosnia and Herzegovina	48 710	55 385	43 546	45 354	-5 164	-10 032
Moldova	93	188	0	0	-93	-188
North Macedonia	10 213	9 920	1 489	2 286	-8 724	-7 634
Serbia	157 983	187 332	45 629	65 435	-112 355	-121 897
Kosovo	6 337	8 632	4 485	4 944	-1 852	-3 688
<b>Other countries (Outside Eu-27 and CEFTA)</b>	<b>297 974</b>	<b>329 394</b>	<b>94 107</b>	<b>31 286</b>	<b>-203 867</b>	<b>-298 108</b>

<sup>3</sup> Data on more detail level are available in External trade in goods database, link: [Data](#)<sup>4</sup> From January 2021, data on foreign trade with United Kingdom are excluded from the data of the European Union. Data on foreign trade with the United Kingdom are shown in Table 2.

Table 4. External trade in goods of Montenegro by SITC sections<sup>4</sup>

BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2023	Jan-Apr 2023 Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2023	Jan-Apr 2023 Jan-Apr 2022
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>0-9 TOTAL</b>	<b>941 483</b>	<b>1 114 470</b>	<b>118.4</b>	<b>278 624</b>	<b>271 063</b>	<b>97.3</b>
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>165 370</b>	<b>211 102</b>	<b>127.7</b>	<b>7 876</b>	<b>11 549</b>	<b>146.6</b>
00 Live animals	11 573	14 583	126.0	126	59	46.9
01 Meat and meat preparations	34 163	46 457	136.0	5 956	7 300	122.6
02 Dairy products and eggs	18 140	23 128	127.5	107	116	108.6
03 Fish and preparations	5 663	8 638	152.5	0	10	0.0
04 Cereal and cereal products	25 068	29 942	119.4	141	363	257.5
05 Vegetables and fruit	25 443	32 518	127.8	461	2 015	300 <sup>1</sup>
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	4 003	5 384	134.5	34	358	300 <sup>1</sup>
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	14 517	17 351	119.5	623	773	124.1
08 Feeding stuff for animals(not including unmilled cereals)	9 700	10 514	108.4	244	414	169.3
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	17 099	22 586	132.1	184	142	77.0
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>25 527</b>	<b>38 075</b>	<b>149.2</b>	<b>3 108</b>	<b>3 363</b>	<b>108.2</b>
11 Beverages	17 783	28 171	158.4	2 939	3 363	114.4
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	7 745	9 903	127.9	169	0	0.0
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>8 487</b>	<b>11 707</b>	<b>137.9</b>	<b>32 570</b>	<b>22 012</b>	<b>67.6</b>
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	809	663	81.9
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	565	653	115.6	3	15	300 <sup>1</sup>
23 Crude rubber	108	67	62.3	3	0	0.0
24 Cork and wood	1 481	2 500	168.8	8 881	9 869	111.1
25 Pulp and waste paper	0	0	203.7	482	363	75.3
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	184	155	84.6	10	8	80.6
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	1 068	2 476	231.8	939	901	96.0
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	835	991	118.7	21 353	10 142	47.5
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	4 247	4 863	114.5	89	50	56.0
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>126 234</b>	<b>97 620</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>105 260</b>	<b>161 296</b>	<b>153.2</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	356	363	101.8	3 359	2 696	80.3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	83 591	85 390	102.2	1 723	3 267	189.6
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	5 216	3 491	66.9	0	0	0.0
35 Electric current	37 070	8 377	22.6	100 178	155 333	155.1
<b>4 Animal oils and fats</b>	<b>5 776</b>	<b>5 786</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>69.2</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	403	490	121.5	341	150	44.1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	5 361	5 266	98.2	40	9	23.1
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	12	31	257.8	46	135	297.3
<b>5 Chemicals</b>	<b>109 068</b>	<b>133 803</b>	<b>122.7</b>	<b>12 033</b>	<b>15 303</b>	<b>127.2</b>
51 Organic chemicals	725	1 719	237.3	90	36	39.3
52 Inorganic chemicals	935	1 847	197.4	281	1 160	300 <sup>1</sup>
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	9 859	11 492	116.6	19	28	145.4
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	52 608	61 193	116.3	10 247	12 968	126.6
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	17 950	25 832	143.9	405	367	90.8
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	1 930	2 601	134.8	0	5	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	1 945	1 850	95.1	159	59	37.3
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	12 513	13 035	104.2	147	199	135.3
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	10 603	14 234	134.2	685	481	70.3

<sup>5</sup> Data on more detail level are available in External trade in goods database, link: [Data](#)

Table 4. External trade in goods of Montenegro by SITC sections

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BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2023	Jan-Apr 2023 Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2023	Jan-Apr 2023 Jan-Apr 2022
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>192 367</b>	<b>195 526</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>83 585</b>	<b>38 720</b>	<b>46.3</b>
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	79	130	165.0	61	59	96.3
62 Rubber manufactures	8 395	11 300	134.6	159	35	22.0
63 Cork and wood manufactures	11 351	14 260	125.6	1 104	2 086	189.0
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	13 762	16 609	120.7	912	142	15.6
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7 759	8 963	115.5	879	184	20.9
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	37 400	48 943	130.9	780	1 250	160.4
67 Iron and steel	31 003	23 195	74.8	1 074	1 650	153.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	46 660	27 524	59.0	75 454	30 876	40.9
69 Manufactures of metals	35 957	44 602	124.0	3 163	2 437	77.1
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>184 008</b>	<b>262 558</b>	<b>142.7</b>	<b>24 906</b>	<b>11 313</b>	<b>45.4</b>
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	2 789	3 704	132.8	207	140	67.8
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	17 420	18 953	108.8	5 765	2 126	36.9
73 Metalworking machinery	1 138	1 157	101.7	41	130	300 <sup>1</sup>
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	31 493	47 850	151.9	9 301	2 953	31.7
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	10 964	13 707	125.0	268	85	31.9
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	28 504	33 744	118.4	1 575	1 289	81.9
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	36 196	45 654	126.1	1 444	1 014	70.2
78 Road vehicles	54 211	92 374	170.4	5 408	3 062	56.6
79 Other transport equipment	1 293	5 416	300 <sup>1</sup>	898	514	57.2
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>124 646</b>	<b>158 135</b>	<b>126.9</b>	<b>8 860</b>	<b>7 212</b>	<b>81.4</b>
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	7 098	8 165	115.0	107	10	9.3
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	21 998	27 436	124.7	992	655	66.0
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	2 785	4 030	144.7	28	40	142.9
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	29 059	38 350	132.0	1 030	1 446	140.4
85 Footwear	11 773	18 868	160.3	128	231	180.2
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	9 301	9 215	99.1	1 758	1 719	97.8
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	3 733	4 546	121.8	46	41	91.0
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	38 898	47 526	122.2	4 771	3 069	64.3
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>300<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated index is higher than 300.0

**Table 5.** External trade in goods of Montenegro by CN sections<sup>6</sup>

BREAKDOWN BY CN SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2023	Jan-Apr 2023 Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2023	Jan-Apr 2023 Jan-Apr 2022
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>I - XXI TOTAL</b>	<b>941 483</b>	<b>1 114 470</b>	<b>118.4</b>	<b>278 624</b>	<b>271 063</b>	<b>97.3</b>
<b>I</b> Live animals, animal products	59 395	80 212	135.0	5 282	6 026	114.1
<b>II</b> Vegetable products	39 702	46 390	116.8	538	1 813	300 <sup>1</sup>
<b>III</b> Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	6 607	6 611	100.1	95	145	152.6
<b>IV</b> Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	95 936	128 833	134.3	5 587	7 289	130.5
<b>V</b> Mineral products	137 767	114 646	83.2	117 706	169 399	143.9
<b>VI</b> Products of the chemical or allied industries	96 443	119 567	124.0	11 734	15 051	128.3
<b>VII</b> Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	36 952	42 414	114.8	1 976	1 083	54.8
<b>VIII</b> Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	3 317	5 658	170.6	1 296	791	61.0
<b>IX</b> Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	12 908	16 913	131.0	9 985	11 955	119.7
<b>X</b> Materials and products of paper industry	14 458	18 622	128.8	2 525	1 966	77.9
<b>XI</b> Textiles and textile articles	34 869	44 249	126.9	1 505	1 594	105.9
<b>XII</b> Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	13 219	20 598	155.8	140	246	175.8
<b>XIII</b> Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	27 672	35 543	128.4	829	1 253	151.2
<b>XIV</b> Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewelries; coins	4 909	6 946	141.5	39	26	67.1
<b>XV</b> Base metals and articles of base metal	114 216	95 744	83.8	89 505	37 887	42.3
<b>XVI</b> Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	124 892	162 878	130.4	18 334	7 715	42.1
<b>XVII</b> Vehicles and associated transport equipment	58 444	99 947	171.0	6 736	3 669	54.5
<b>XVIII</b> Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	15 861	16 691	105.2	1 898	1 810	95.4
<b>XIX</b> Arms and ammunition	5 380	601	11.2	1 337	447	33.5
<b>XX</b> Miscellaneous manufactured articles	38 517	51 366	133.4	1 571	831	52.9
<b>XXI</b> Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	19	42	216.5	6	66	300 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated index is higher than 300.0

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## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

External trade statistics represents an important source which is needed for economic policy makers, as well as for decision makers. It serves as the basic source of information for compilation balance of payments, national accounts statistics, for preparation multilateral and bilateral negotiations, as well as for enterprises for market research and business analysis.

Data collection on external trade is based on recommendations UN and EU statistics contained in the following publications:

- International merchandise Trade Statistics, Concept and Definitions, UN
- Statistics on the Trade of Goods, User Guide, EUROSTAT

It is harmonized with regulations of COMMUNITY LEGISLATION applicable to the STATISTICS RELATING TO THE TRADE OF GOODS, related to EXTRASTAT

- Regulation (EC) No. 471/2009 of the European Parliament and Council
- Commission Regulation (EC) No. 92/2010
- Commission Regulation (EC) No. 113/2010

The names of the countries are in accordance with the Geonomenclature used in the European statistics on foreign trade in goods.

### Data source

Data source for external trade of Montenegro is customs declarations on export and import of goods. Customs declaration is a document applied in customs procedure. It contains data important for the very customs procedure, but also for needs of statistics and other users. MONSTAT takes over the data in electronic form from Customs Administration of Montenegro with monthly periodicity, and further processes and publishes the results.

Since 2002 under customs procedure when using tariffs of products, Combined Nomenclature harmonized with EU Combined Nomenclature is used. It is published in the Official Gazette of Montenegro for the current year.

### External trade coverage

Export covers the goods leaving the statistical territory of Montenegro in accordance with the following customs procedures:

- Export
- Outward processing
- Re-export that was in the procedure of inward processing and manufacture of goods under customs control.

Import covers all goods entering the statistical territory of Montenegro in accordance with the following customs procedures:

- Import for free trade
- Inward processing
- Manufacture of goods under customs control.

Classification of export-import is performed in accordance with Nomenclature for External Trade Statistics which is based on Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), rev. 4. The code of every product classified by SITC has the following structure: one digit means sector, two digit – section, three digit – group, four digit – subgroup, and five digit – position, i.e. product.

When using the data, state:

"Data source: Statistical Office - MONSTAT"

*More data, as well as detailed methodological notes can be found in the section: [Foreign trade](#)*