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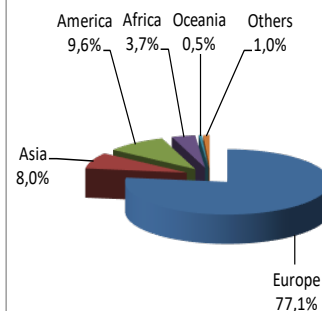
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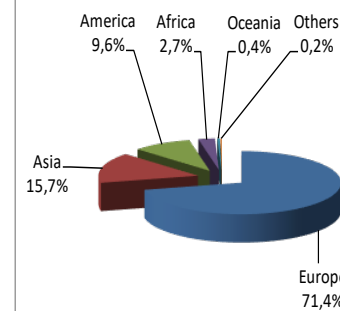
	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	BALANCE	COVER RATIO
X 1.000 EUR				
01-09/2023	398.903.657,0	391.693.995,5	7.209.661,5	101,8
01-09/2024	371.180.755,9	356.608.176,6	14.572.579,4	104,1
% VARIATION				
01-09/2024 - 01-09/2023	-6,9	-9,0		

PER CONTINENT	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		COVER RATIO
	X 1.000 EUR	% Tot.	X 1.000 EUR	% Tot.	
Europe	286.163.670,8	77,1	254.440.866,1	71,4	112,5
Asia	29.709.014,2	8,0	55.967.689,6	15,7	53,1
America	35.690.504,4	9,6	34.327.738,6	9,6	104,0
Africa	13.875.343,6	3,7	9.569.974,4	2,7	145,0
Oceania	1.913.122,4	0,5	1.487.594,9	0,4	128,6
Others	3.829.100,5	1,0	814.312,9	0,2	470,2
TOTAL	371.180.755,9	100,0	356.608.176,6	100,0	104,1

EXPORTS PER CONTINENT



IMPORTS PER CONTINENT



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The following statistical data are based upon the community concept and not upon the national concept that relies on the principle of economic residence. The community concept takes into consideration e.g. the import and export transactions carried out by VAT registered non-residents without the intervention of residents. Returned goods are also taken into account.

Source: EUROSTAT

Belgium's top 20 customers

	X 1.000 EUR	EXPORTS		VAR. %	TOT. %
		01-09/2023	01-09/2024		
	GERMANY	74.998.445,6	66.764.933,5	-11,0	18,0
	FRANCE	54.330.197,6	49.172.570,4	-9,5	13,3
	NETHERLANDS	52.418.836,6	48.404.893,9	-7,7	13,0
	UNITED STATES	25.164.387,1	24.978.843,8	-0,7	6,7
	UNITED KINGDOM	21.975.882,9	21.804.387,0	-0,8	5,9
	ITALY	19.077.240,1	17.867.511,2	-6,3	4,8
	SPAIN	12.194.834,0	12.347.623,1	1,3	3,3
	POLAND	10.237.456,8	10.440.287,9	2,0	2,8
	SWEDEN	7.170.580,3	6.662.543,0	-7,1	1,8
	CHINA	6.349.054,2	5.967.794,0	-6,0	1,6
	LUXEMBOURG	5.883.245,1	5.195.541,6	-11,7	1,4
	TÜRKIYE	5.472.709,3	4.744.531,0	-13,3	1,3
	SWITZERLAND	4.340.636,9	4.329.113,6	-0,3	1,2
	AUSTRIA	4.099.575,1	4.030.550,9	-1,7	1,1
	IRELAND	3.466.975,8	3.876.500,3	11,8	1,0
	CZECH REP.	3.935.251,0	3.865.500,4	-1,8	1,0
	NIGERIA	3.502.110,2	3.402.658,6	-2,8	0,9
	DENMARK	3.097.938,5	3.266.100,1	5,4	0,9
	INDIA	3.813.393,3	3.164.803,0	-17,0	0,9
	NORWAY	3.006.318,0	3.090.340,4	2,8	0,8

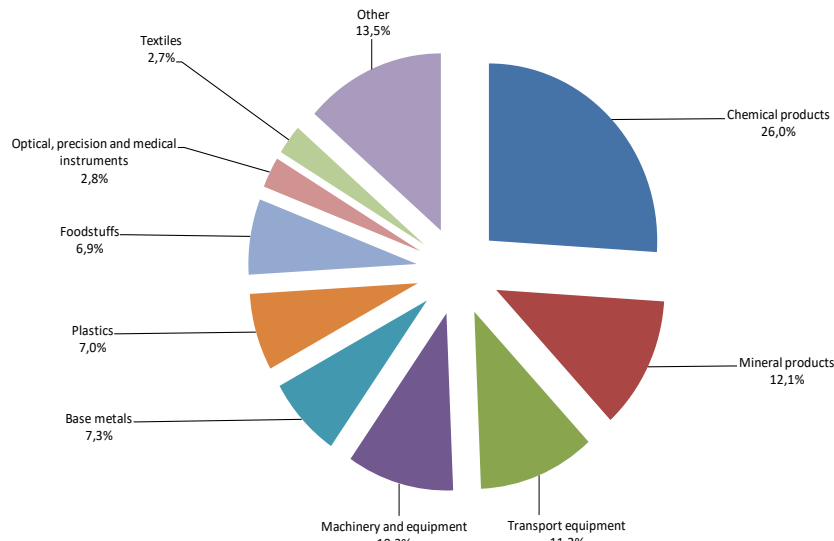
Belgium's top 20 suppliers

	X 1.000 EUR	IMPORTS		VAR. %	TOT. %
		01-09/2023	01-09/2024		
	NETHERLANDS	72.116.354,1	72.979.237,0	1,2	20,5
	GERMANY	46.775.969,8	43.842.830,4	-6,3	12,3
	FRANCE	39.556.223,0	35.556.398,4	-10,1	10,0
	UNITED STATES	27.562.647,1	24.617.611,2	-10,7	6,9
	CHINA	25.708.427,4	23.495.707,3	-8,6	6,6
	IRELAND	16.120.436,6	14.332.782,7	-11,1	4,0
	ITALY	13.389.612,4	13.253.671,4	-1,0	3,7
	UNITED KINGDOM	15.809.446,7	13.228.357,6	-16,3	3,7
	SPAIN	13.001.193,9	9.346.810,8	-28,1	2,6
	SWITZERLAND	8.182.802,7	7.545.811,5	-7,8	2,1
	JAPAN	8.410.243,5	7.526.851,6	-10,5	2,1
	SWEDEN	6.793.200,7	7.239.050,9	6,6	2,0
	NORWAY	7.302.317,0	5.346.515,2	-26,8	1,5
	POLAND	6.598.104,2	5.121.107,6	-22,4	1,4
	INDIA	5.069.749,6	4.622.007,2	-8,8	1,3
	TÜRKIYE	4.042.493,8	3.817.139,1	-5,6	1,1
	CZECH REP.	3.683.801,9	3.500.838,3	-5,0	1,0
	AUSTRIA	4.096.479,0	2.974.907,1	-27,4	0,8
	REP. OF KOREA	3.841.071,7	2.933.357,7	-23,6	0,8
	VIETNAM	2.446.988,4	2.797.934,9	14,3	0,8

Belgium's export sections

BELGIAN EXPORTS SECTIONS	x 1.000 EUR	SEPTEMBER		VAR. %	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER		VAR. %	% TOT. 2024
		2023	2024		2023	2024		
Chemical products	14.003.321,6	11.552.474,5	-17,5	103.495.450,5	96.645.739,4	-6,6	26,0	
Mineral products	5.632.409,0	4.443.578,4	-21,1	51.292.201,3	44.875.949,2	-12,5	12,1	
Transport equipment	4.685.183,1	5.174.368,5	10,4	45.373.368,9	41.717.866,6	-8,1	11,2	
Machinery and equipment	4.226.032,7	4.515.372,2	6,8	40.801.061,0	38.197.611,4	-6,4	10,3	
Base metals	2.910.695,7	2.839.632,5	-2,4	29.595.862,6	27.222.378,4	-8,0	7,3	
Plastics	2.810.501,4	2.949.635,3	5,0	28.061.368,2	26.134.376,5	-6,9	7,0	
Foodstuffs	2.787.666,4	2.970.899,2	6,6	24.793.829,8	25.625.292,3	3,4	6,9	
Optical, precision and medical instruments	1.110.112,2	1.209.181,3	8,9	9.864.648,1	10.433.527,0	5,8	2,8	
Textiles	1.169.470,7	1.203.548,2	2,9	11.024.800,5	10.057.958,1	-8,8	2,7	
Precious metals and stones	1.042.861,9	933.857,7	-10,5	11.431.920,2	8.873.949,8	-22,4	2,4	
Live animals	917.714,4	898.428,9	-2,1	8.517.106,5	8.425.106,9	-1,1	2,3	
Vegetable products	812.455,5	881.379,5	8,5	8.461.913,6	8.072.372,2	-4,6	2,2	
Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	604.038,1	601.216,6	-0,5	6.138.409,4	6.316.485,9	2,9	1,7	
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	516.526,8	553.771,1	7,2	4.826.700,9	4.651.276,5	-3,6	1,3	
Paper and paperboard	446.422,4	453.692,1	1,6	4.389.167,2	4.101.944,9	-6,5	1,1	
Stone. Plaster. Cement.	404.828,6	364.596,8	-9,9	3.680.819,6	3.454.901,8	-6,1	0,9	
Wood and articles of wood	244.080,9	243.498,4	-0,2	2.655.740,1	2.298.872,2	-13,4	0,6	
Fats and oils	289.162,4	224.790,7	-22,3	2.373.689,3	2.034.268,2	-14,3	0,5	
Raw hides and skins, leather	110.523,5	123.674,0	11,9	1.113.947,2	1.069.219,5	-4,0	0,3	
Works of art	36.570,3	36.685,3	0,3	413.178,4	384.000,7	-7,1	0,1	
Non-classified articles	53.491,8	30.413,1	-43,1	353.783,7	301.988,6	-14,6	0,1	
Arms and ammunition	27.249,3	23.974,8	-12,0	244.763,2	285.741,0	16,7	0,1	
TOTAL	44.841.311,1	42.228.661,1	-5,8	398.903.657,0	371.180.755,9	-6,9	100,0	

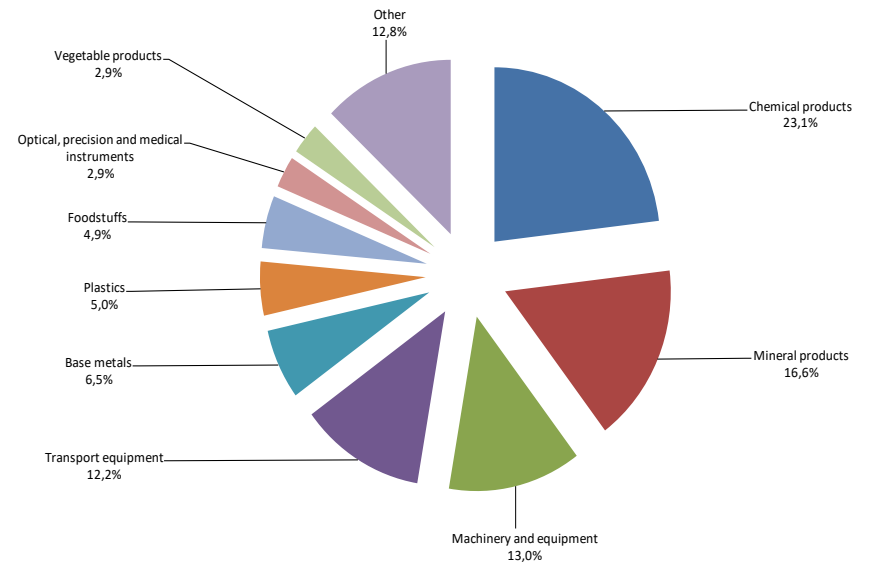
BELGIUM'S TOP EXPORT SECTIONS



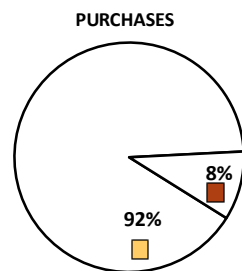
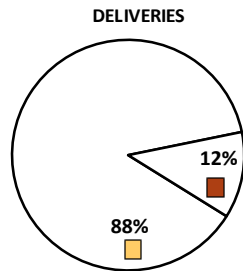
Belgium's import sections

BELGIAN IMPORTS SECTIONS	x 1.000 EUR	SEPTEMBER		VAR. %	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER		VAR. %	% TOT. 2024
		2023	2024		2023	2024		
Chemical products	9.556.670,5	10.175.221,8	6,5	92.934.568,9	82.331.181,2	-11,4	23,1	
Mineral products	7.149.233,1	6.024.596,6	-15,7	67.266.165,7	59.219.358,2	-12,0	16,6	
Machinery and equipment	5.323.579,6	5.383.175,9	1,1	51.332.847,5	46.371.449,3	-9,7	13,0	
Transport equipment	5.279.444,1	4.828.231,6	-8,5	50.205.535,5	43.663.680,3	-13,0	12,2	
Base metals	2.312.914,6	2.251.971,7	-2,6	24.732.748,8	23.239.002,8	-6,0	6,5	
Plastics	1.854.060,8	1.967.131,5	6,1	18.821.519,4	17.772.551,0	-5,6	5,0	
Foodstuffs	1.711.334,3	1.989.315,4	16,2	15.400.289,6	17.413.561,1	13,1	4,9	
Optical, precision and medical instruments	1.122.208,3	1.240.352,8	10,5	10.175.660,1	10.437.730,7	2,6	2,9	
Vegetable products	978.918,1	1.048.332,6	7,1	10.928.404,4	10.398.876,3	-4,8	2,9	
Textiles	993.686,6	923.544,4	-7,1	9.130.291,6	8.316.119,4	-8,9	2,3	
Precious metals and stones	803.181,0	645.777,1	-19,6	9.921.424,4	7.360.821,0	-25,8	2,1	
Live animals	732.104,6	741.513,4	1,3	7.210.622,9	7.056.418,5	-2,1	2,0	
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	600.792,3	670.547,7	11,6	5.464.919,3	5.295.789,1	-3,1	1,5	
Paper and paperboard	449.408,7	514.314,8	14,4	4.718.009,4	4.607.541,7	-2,3	1,3	
Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	422.780,6	401.345,6	-5,1	3.576.730,8	3.716.391,8	3,9	1,0	
Stone. Plaster. Cement.	340.155,8	338.353,5	-0,5	3.286.568,9	3.117.950,8	-5,1	0,9	
Fats and oils	288.362,8	290.312,2	0,7	2.590.221,8	2.630.207,7	1,5	0,7	
Wood and articles of wood	226.116,0	225.753,4	-0,2	2.412.223,9	2.126.550,0	-11,8	0,6	
Raw hides and skins, leather	100.034,0	104.523,2	4,5	948.662,4	923.201,1	-2,7	0,3	
Works of art	26.383,0	43.936,0	66,5	430.853,7	433.944,4	0,7	0,1	
Arms and ammunition	11.722,5	13.834,9	18,0	166.371,8	129.579,0	-22,1	0,0	
Non-classified articles	4.463,8	12.985,5	191,1	39.373,6	46.288,9	17,6	0,0	
TOTAL	40.287.553,1	39.835.079,7	-1,1	391.693.995,5	356.608.176,6	-9,0	100,0	

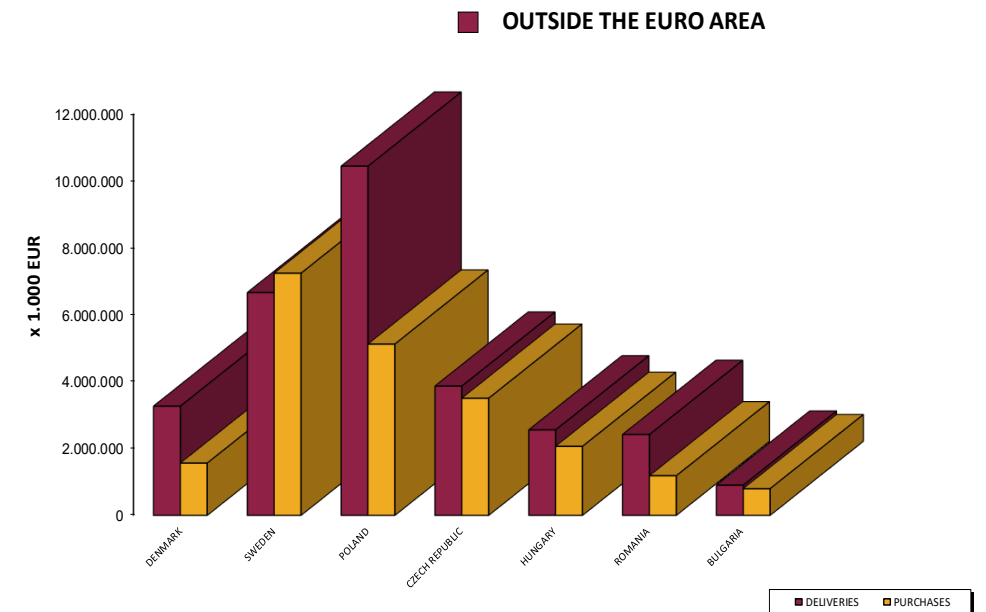
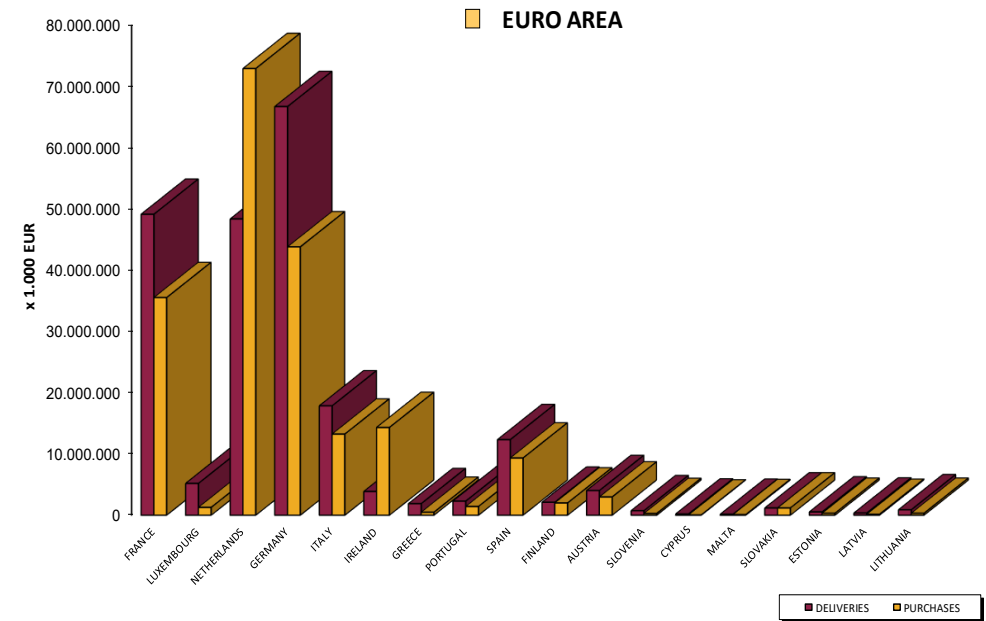
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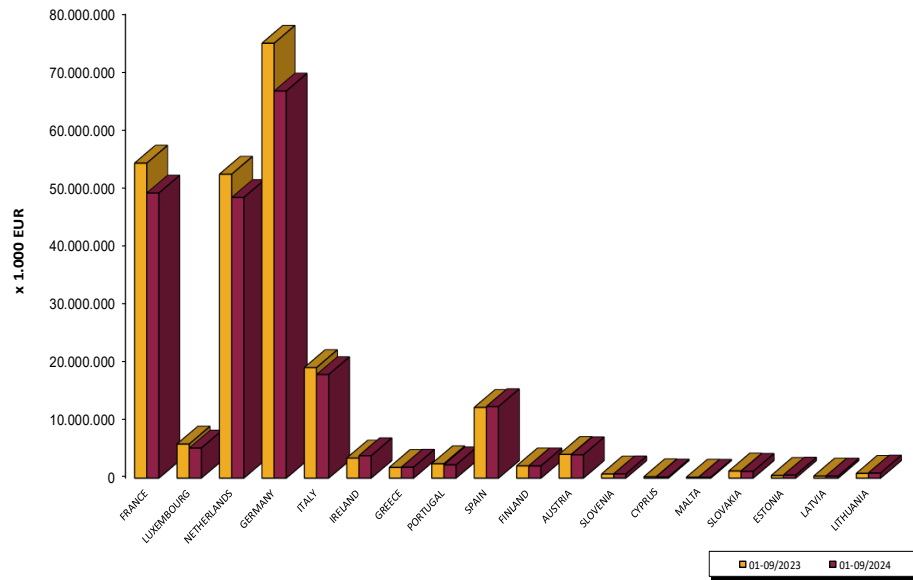
Movement of goods within the EU after the first nine months of 2024



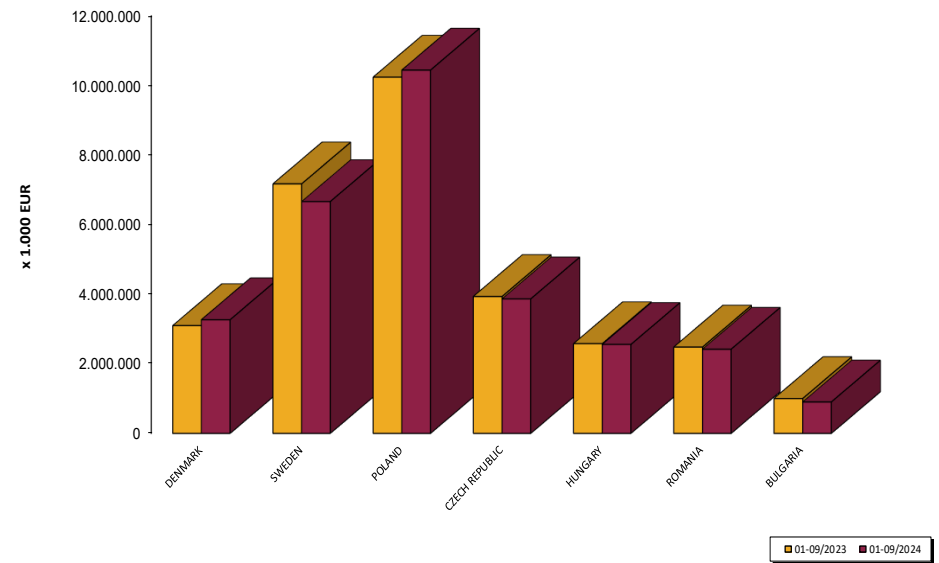
Comparison deliveries-purchases after the first nine months of 2024



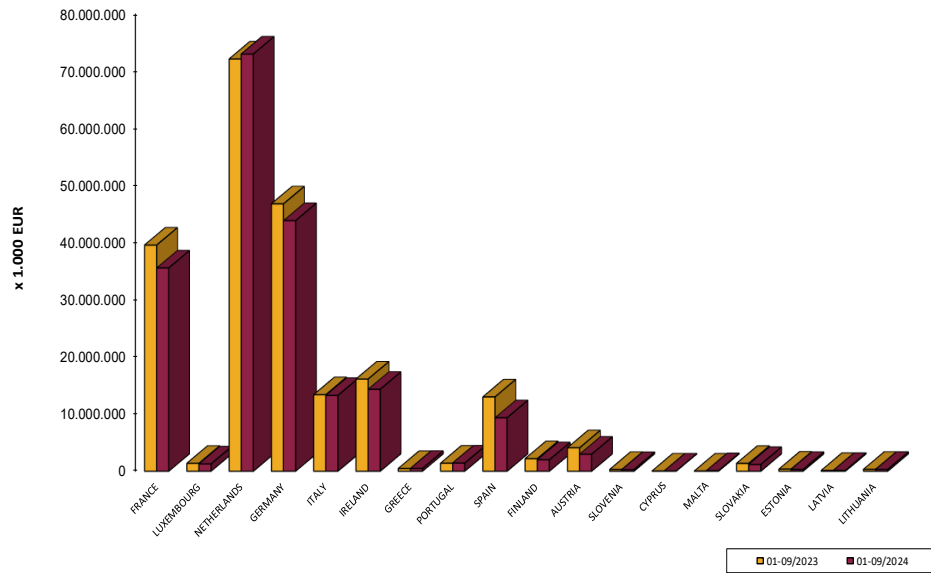
EVOLUTION OF THE DELIVERIES IN THE EURO AREA



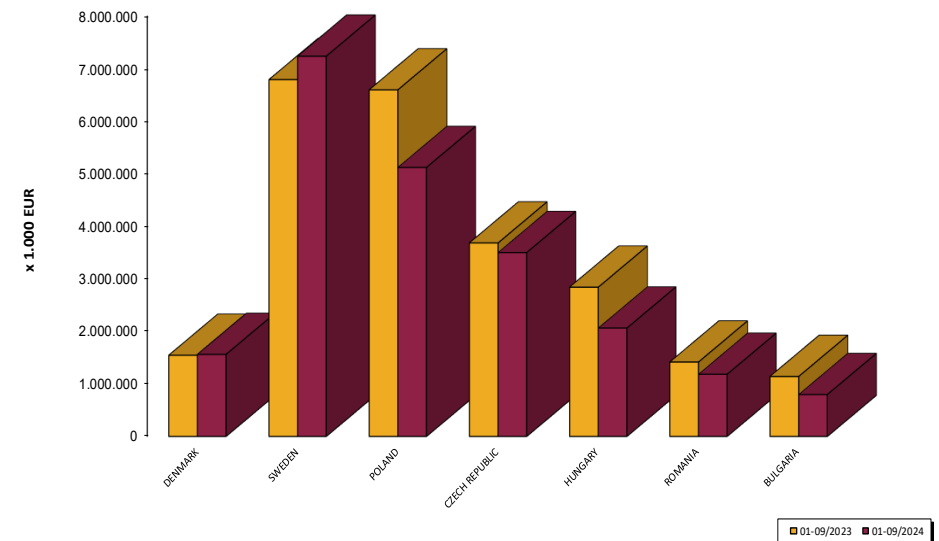
EVOLUTION OF THE DELIVERIES OUTSIDE THE EURO AREA



EVOLUTION OF THE PURCHASES IN THE EURO AREA



EVOLUTION OF THE PURCHASES OUTSIDE THE EURO AREA



Monthly evolution of Belgium's trade

	01-09/2023	01-09/2024	9/2024 - 01-09/2024	01-09/2023	01-09/2024	9/2024 - 01-09/2024	01-09/2023	01-09/2024
MONTHS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			BALANCE	
QUARTERS	X 1.000 EUR %			X 1.000 EUR %			X 1.000 EUR	
JANUARY	46.750.714,0	41.334.989,1	-11,6	47.501.917,0	39.822.097,2	-16,2	-751.203,0	1.512.891,9
FEBRUARY	45.135.661,5	40.801.306,2	-9,6	44.617.479,2	38.468.145,0	-13,8	518.182,3	2.333.161,2
MARCH	49.397.113,8	42.886.252,3	-13,2	48.942.573,9	40.804.811,3	-16,6	454.539,9	2.081.441,0
1st QUARTER	141.283.489,3	125.022.547,6	-11,5	141.061.970,1	119.095.053,5	-15,6	221.519,2	5.927.494,1
APRIL	42.069.313,9	42.483.230,6	1,0	43.783.947,1	43.177.236,1	-1,4	-1.714.633,2	-694.005,5
MAY	43.910.474,4	41.952.890,1	-4,5	42.819.599,3	39.430.291,1	-7,9	1.090.875,0	2.522.599,0
JUNE	45.322.426,6	39.770.085,4	-12,3	44.851.864,9	39.053.316,8	-12,9	470.561,8	716.768,5
2nd QUARTER	131.302.214,9	124.206.206,1	-5,4	131.455.411,3	121.660.844,0	-7,5	-153.196,4	2.545.362,1
6 MONTHS	272.585.704,2	249.228.753,7	-8,6	272.517.381,4	240.755.897,6	-11,7	68.322,8	8.472.856,2
JULY	41.761.783,2	43.270.858,0	3,6	39.468.984,8	40.129.156,2	1,7	2.292.798,5	3.141.701,8
AUGUST	39.714.858,4	36.452.483,1	-8,2	39.420.076,2	35.888.043,2	-9,0	294.782,2	564.440,0
SEPTEMBER	44.841.311,1	42.228.661,1	-5,8	40.287.553,1	39.835.079,7	-1,1	4.553.758,0	2.393.581,4
3rd QUARTER	126.317.952,8	121.952.002,2	-3,5	119.176.614,0	115.852.279,0	-2,8	7.141.338,7	6.099.723,2
9 MONTHS	398.903.657,0	371.180.755,9	-6,9	391.693.995,5	356.608.176,6	-9,0	7.209.661,5	14.572.579,4
OCTOBER								
NOVEMBER								
DECEMBER								
4th QUARTER								
12 MONTHS								