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# External trade in goods of Montenegro

## January – March 2022

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for January – March 2022 according to preliminary results is 846.6 million EUR, indicating the growth of 58.9% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of exports of goods was 199.0 million EUR, and import was 647.6 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports increased by 110.8%, while imports increased by 47.7%.

The coverage of import by export was 30.7% and it was higher compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 21.5%.

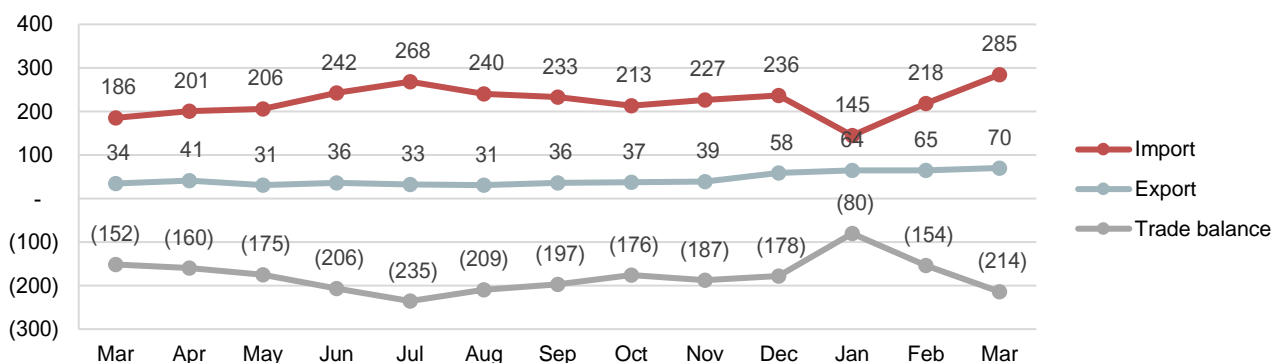
In the structure of exports, in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), the most present products were **Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (Section 3)**, in amount of 69.7 million EUR (consisted of Electric current – 66.2 million EUR and other).

In the structure of imports, in accordance with the SITC, the most present products were **Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (Section 6)** with 132.8 million EUR (consisted of: Non-ferrous metals – 29.6 million EUR, Non-metallic mineral manufactures – 26.0 million EUR and other).

**Main trading partners in exports** on an individual basis were: Switzerland (40.2 million EUR), Serbia (34.4 million EUR) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (28.7 million EUR).

**Main trading partners in imports** on an individual basis were: Serbia (112.5 million EUR), China (65.5 million EUR) and Germany (53.8 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>

PERIOD	thous. EUR			
	IMPORT	EXPORT	EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
<b>2021</b>				
January	103 751	25 318	129 070	-78 433
February	149 184	34 901	184 086	-114 283
March	185 514	34 195	219 708	-151 319
April	200 897	41 380	242 277	-159 516
May	205 981	30 810	236 791	-175 172
June	242 264	35 928	278 192	-206 336
July	268 113	32 620	300 733	-235 494
August	240 368	31 095	271 463	-209 274
September	233 048	35 873	268 921	-197 175
October	213 092	37 317	250 409	-175 775
November	226 545	39 178	265 723	-187 367
December	236 356	58 431	294 786	-177 925
<b>2022</b>				
January	144 673	64 343	209 016	-80 330
February	218 368	64 548	282 916	-153 820
March	284 534	70 138	354 671	-214 396

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Mar 2021		Jan-Mar 2022		Jan-Mar 2021		Jan-Mar 2022		Jan-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2022
	%	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>438 450</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>647 575</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>94 414</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>199 029</b>	<b>-344 036</b>	<b>-448 547</b>
Europe	80.8	354 079	78.8	510 343	95.3	89 982	92.7	184 536	-264 097	-325 807
Eu-27	43.9	192 465	42.6	275 932	39.9	37 635	29.8	59 292	-154 829	-216 641
CEFTA <sup>2</sup>	28.6	125 529	26.0	168 601	45.5	42 912	37.4	74 507	-82 617	-94 094
Africa	0.3	1 189	0.4	2 732	0.4	347	0.6	1 281	-842	-1 451
Asia	16.2	70 993	17.2	111 443	2.9	2 741	6.2	12 304	-68 252	-99 140
America	2.8	12 101	3.5	22 907	1.4	1 314	0.4	847	-10 787	-22 060
Oceania	0.0	87	0.0	150	0.0	29	0.0	61	-58	-89
USA	1.4	5 977	0.7	4 797	0.9	837	0.4	779	-5 140	-4 018
China	10.9	47 997	10.1	65 451	0.5	433	5.0	9 974	-47 563	-55 477
Russia	0.4	1 852	0.4	2 474	0.3	312	0.1	153	-1 539	-2 320
Switzerland	1.7	7 521	3.3	21 355	4.5	4 276	20.2	40 185	-3 245	18 830
Japan	0.8	3 517	0.8	4 908	0.1	47	0.0	77	-3 470	-4 831
Turkey	4.7	20 760	5.3	34 317	4.6	4 380	2.9	5 727	-16 380	-28 590
Brazil	0.5	2 189	0.7	4 385	0.0	11	0.0	3	-2 178	-4 382
United Kingdom	0.9	4 041	0.7	4 761	0.4	371	1.3	2 568	-3 671	-2 192

<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>

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT		EXPORT		TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2022	Jan-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2022	Jan-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2022
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>438 450</b>	<b>647 575</b>	<b>94 414</b>	<b>199 029</b>	<b>-344 036</b>	<b>-448 547</b>
<b>Eu-27<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>192 465</b>	<b>275 932</b>	<b>37 635</b>	<b>59 292</b>	<b>-154 829</b>	<b>-216 641</b>
Austria	5 497	6 662	289	125	-5 208	-6 537
Belgium	3 519	4 370	192	246	-3 327	-4 124
Bulgaria	2 207	4 443	195	97	-2 011	-4 346
Czech Republic	4 825	6 695	5 103	10 285	278	3 591
Denmark	1 335	2 971	606	3 950	-729	979
Estonia	73	153	19	224	-54	71
Finland	355	1 285	0	0	-355	-1 285
France	9 079	13 175	188	218	-8 891	-12 957
Greece	16 555	38 084	2 791	159	-13 764	-37 926
Netherlands	11 118	13 318	403	402	-10 715	-12 916
Ireland	1 139	2 231	7	1	-1 132	-2 230
Italy	25 701	36 376	3 602	6 453	-22 100	-29 923
Cyprus	41	322	43	0	2	-321
Latvia	155	292	0	0	-155	-292
Lithuania	181	258	0	3	-181	-255
Luxembourg	69	249	45	9 027	-24	8 777
Hungary	4 158	4 976	5 680	3 390	1 522	-1 586
Malta	2	5	117	198	115	193
Germany	47 989	53 815	4 268	6 132	-43 721	-47 683
Poland	8 684	11 324	3 030	3 923	-5 654	-7 402
Portugal	547	846	3	1	-544	-845
Croatia	24 839	35 625	614	1 033	-24 226	-34 593
Romania	4 635	7 354	52	209	-4 582	-7 145
Slovakia	1 452	1 756	212	15	-1 240	-1 740
Slovenia	7 393	12 430	8 657	11 296	1 264	-1 134
Spain	7 540	11 690	1 018	1 336	-6 522	-10 354
Sweden	3 373	5 228	501	571	-2 873	-4 657
<b>CEFTA</b>	<b>125 529</b>	<b>168 601</b>	<b>42 912</b>	<b>74 507</b>	<b>-82 617</b>	<b>-94 094</b>
Albania	8 014	10 955	2 883	6 995	-5 131	-3 960
Bosnia and Herzegovina	21 706	34 169	8 207	28 691	-13 500	-5 477
Moldova	47	68	0	0	-47	-68
North Macedonia	5 823	7 266	846	1 071	-4 977	-6 195
Serbia	88 872	112 490	27 811	34 374	-61 062	-78 116
Kosovo	1 065	3 653	3 166	3 375	2 101	-278
<b>Other countries (Outside Eu-27 and CEFTA)</b>	<b>120 457</b>	<b>203 042</b>	<b>13 867</b>	<b>65 230</b>	<b>-106 590</b>	<b>-137 812</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-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2022	Jan-Mar 2022 Jan-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2022	Jan-Mar 2022 Jan-Mar 2021
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>0-9 TOTAL</b>	<b>438 450</b>	<b>647 575</b>	<b>147.7</b>	<b>94 414</b>	<b>199 029</b>	<b>210.8</b>
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>91 255</b>	<b>117 600</b>	<b>128.9</b>	<b>5 053</b>	<b>5 487</b>	<b>108.6</b>
00 Live animals	6 608	8 301	125.6	21	118	300 <sup>1</sup>
01 Meat and meat preparations	19 675	24 216	123.1	3 126	4 071	130.2
02 Dairy products and eggs	9 302	12 334	132.6	16	84	300 <sup>1</sup>
03 Fish and preparations	2 593	3 603	139.0	49	0	0.0
04 Cereal and cereal products	13 465	19 010	141.2	96	140	145.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	14 527	17 777	122.4	892	390	43.7
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	2 308	2 934	127.1	20	16	78.6
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	7 390	10 763	145.6	492	362	73.6
08 Feeding stuff for animals(not including unmilled cereals)	5 527	6 815	123.3	296	163	55.2
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	9 860	11 848	120.2	44	143	300 <sup>1</sup>
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>12 093</b>	<b>16 578</b>	<b>137.1</b>	<b>3 247</b>	<b>2 349</b>	<b>72.3</b>
11 Beverages	8 598	11 304	131.5	1 730	2 179	126.0
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	3 495	5 274	150.9	1 517	169	11.2
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>4 963</b>	<b>5 891</b>	<b>118.7</b>	<b>17 600</b>	<b>26 496</b>	<b>150.5</b>
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	445	605	136.1
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	589	349	59.4	11	2	19.5
23 Crude rubber	10	66	300 <sup>1</sup>	0	2	0.0
24 Cork and wood	810	1 040	128.4	4 531	6 464	142.7
25 Pulp and waste paper	12	0	0.0	238	363	152.4
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	71	168	238.5	8	9	108.9
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	753	737	97.8	276	840	300 <sup>1</sup>
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	302	687	227.4	11 885	18 121	152.5
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2 417	2 844	117.7	206	89	43.3
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>31 613</b>	<b>73 552</b>	<b>232.7</b>	<b>31 863</b>	<b>69 655</b>	<b>218.6</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	308	203	65.9	1 499	2 407	160.6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	24 365	51 639	211.9	380	1 049	276.4
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	2 094	3 701	176.7	0	0	0.0
35 Electric current	4 845	18 009	300 <sup>1</sup>	29 985	66 199	220.8
<b>4 Animal oils and fats</b>	<b>3 241</b>	<b>5 079</b>	<b>156.7</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>165.5</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	183	282	154.1	104	255	244.2
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	3 049	4 786	157.0	32	5	17.1
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	9	11	123.2	24	5	21.2
<b>5 Chemicals</b>	<b>64 642</b>	<b>79 405</b>	<b>122.8</b>	<b>6 932</b>	<b>9 308</b>	<b>134.3</b>
51 Organic chemicals	338	474	140.1	12	90	300 <sup>1</sup>
52 Inorganic chemicals	1 051	651	62.0	515	242	47.0
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	5 377	6 659	123.8	3	19	300 <sup>1</sup>
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	30 862	40 330	130.7	5 373	7 684	143.0
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	10 546	13 170	124.9	494	336	68.1
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	1 240	1 587	128.0	0	0	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	782	1 212	155.0	31	149	300 <sup>1</sup>
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	6 416	8 485	132.2	304	116	38.2
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	8 029	6 835	85.1	201	672	300 <sup>1</sup>

<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-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2022	Jan-Mar 2022 Jan-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2022	Jan-Mar 2022 Jan-Mar 2021
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>70 874</b>	<b>132 750</b>	<b>187.3</b>	<b>17 894</b>	<b>61 212</b>	<b>300<sup>1</sup></b>
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	73	46	63.2	0	61	0.0
62 Rubber manufactures	3 912	6 209	158.7	20	151	300 <sup>1</sup>
63 Cork and wood manufactures	4 889	7 895	161.5	331	857	258.9
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	6 998	9 821	140.3	142	865	300 <sup>1</sup>
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4 427	4 976	112.4	61	872	300 <sup>1</sup>
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	17 540	25 992	148.2	571	542	95.0
67 Iron and steel	12 144	23 891	196.7	2 994	679	22.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	3 498	29 578	300 <sup>1</sup>	13 089	55 018	300 <sup>1</sup>
69 Manufactures of metals	17 392	24 342	140.0	688	2 166	300 <sup>1</sup>
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>98 841</b>	<b>128 823</b>	<b>130.3</b>	<b>7 975</b>	<b>17 642</b>	<b>221.2</b>
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	1 409	1 906	135.3	100	194	194.4
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	9 782	13 410	137.1	1 676	4 033	240.6
73 Metalworking machinery	962	818	85.1	146	41	28.2
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	14 625	20 494	140.1	2 699	5 801	214.9
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	5 469	7 112	130.1	115	185	161.4
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	14 153	20 952	148.0	804	1 091	135.8
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	23 716	26 276	110.8	969	987	101.9
78 Road vehicles	28 070	37 185	132.5	1 050	4 509	300 <sup>1</sup>
79 Other transport equipment	654	671	102.5	418	803	192.3
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>60 876</b>	<b>87 890</b>	<b>144.4</b>	<b>3 689</b>	<b>6 614</b>	<b>179.3</b>
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	3 018	4 704	155.9	120	102	84.7
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	8 673	14 065	162.2	389	718	184.4
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1 427	1 958	137.3	40	24	60.3
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	15 600	20 966	134.4	548	804	146.7
85 Footwear	8 808	8 536	96.9	90	59	65.1
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	4 543	6 872	151.3	212	1 713	300 <sup>1</sup>
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	1 159	2 685	231.8	39	42	108.6
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	17 649	28 104	159.2	2 250	3 153	140.1
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14.9</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-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2022	Jan-Mar 2022 Jan-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2022	Jan-Mar 2022 Jan-Mar 2021
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>I - XXI TOTAL</b>	<b>438 450</b>	<b>647 575</b>	<b>147.7</b>	<b>94 414</b>	<b>199 029</b>	<b>210.8</b>
<b>I</b> Live animals, animal products	32 218	41 636	129.2	2 126	3 621	170.3
<b>II</b> Vegetable products	22 073	29 371	133.1	1 018	465	45.7
<b>III</b> Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	3 606	5 523	153.2	56	19	34.2
<b>IV</b> Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	51 763	66 038	127.6	5 478	4 088	74.6
<b>V</b> Mineral products	38 114	81 597	214.1	36 144	80 131	221.7
<b>VI</b> Products of the chemical or allied industries	58 175	71 048	122.1	6 600	9 049	137.1
<b>VII</b> Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	19 359	25 720	132.9	782	1 527	195.3
<b>VIII</b> Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	1 688	2 272	134.6	498	1 083	217.3
<b>IX</b> Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	5 776	8 988	155.6	4 862	7 321	150.6
<b>X</b> Materials and products of paper industry	7 399	9 979	134.9	942	2 040	216.5
<b>XI</b> Textiles and textile articles	19 094	24 604	128.9	598	1 279	213.7
<b>XII</b> Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	9 301	9 215	99.1	98	68	69.1
<b>XIII</b> Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	12 374	19 236	155.5	572	591	103.3
<b>XIV</b> Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewelries; coins	473	4 271	300 <sup>1</sup>	39	27	68.9
<b>XV</b> Base metals and articles of base metal	33 536	78 299	233.5	24 633	66 331	269.3
<b>XVI</b> Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	68 782	88 042	128.0	6 389	12 402	194.1
<b>XVII</b> Vehicles and associated transport equipment	29 281	40 266	137.5	1 637	5 333	300 <sup>1</sup>
<b>XVIII</b> Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	7 604	11 246	147.9	341	1 847	300 <sup>1</sup>
<b>XIX</b> Arms and ammunition	297	5 192	300 <sup>1</sup>	850	921	108.3
<b>XX</b> Miscellaneous manufactured articles	17 501	25 026	143.0	743	883	118.8
<b>XXI</b> Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	38	8	20	8	6	79.1

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

<sup>6</sup> Data on more detail level are available in External trade in goods database, link: [Data](#)

## 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](#)*