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# External trade in goods of Montenegro

## January – April 2022

The **total external trade in goods** of Montenegro for January – April 2022 according to preliminary results is 1 216.4 million EUR, indicating the growth of 56.9% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 278.6 million EUR, and **import** was 937.8 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports increased by 105.2%, while imports increased by 46.7%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 29.7% and it was higher compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 21.2%.

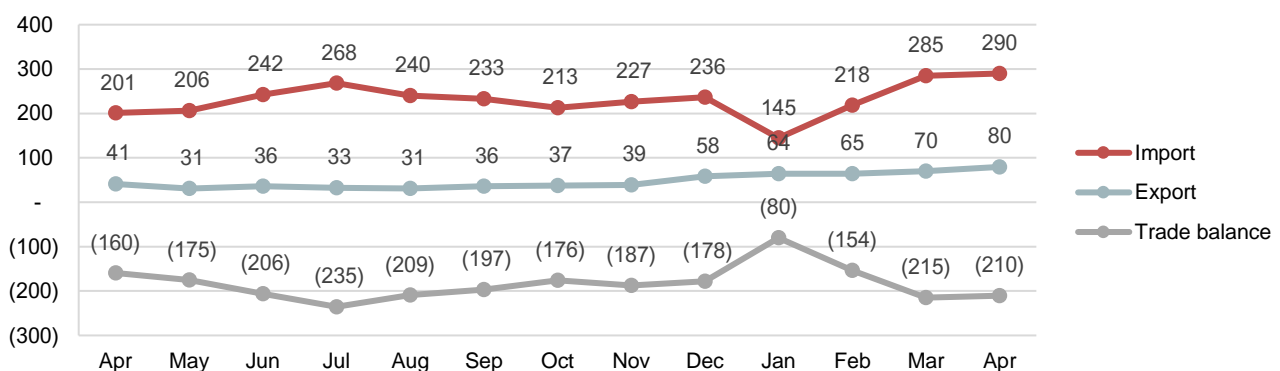
In the **structure of exports**, in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), the most present products were **Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (Section 3)**, in amount of 105.3 million EUR (consisted of Electric current – 100.2 million EUR and other).

In the **structure of imports**, in accordance with the SITC, the most present products were **Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (Section 6)** with 191.6 million EUR (consisted of: Non-ferrous metals – 45.9 million EUR, Non-metallic mineral manufactures – 37.4 million EUR and other).

**Main trading partners in exports** on an individual basis were: Switzerland (63.8 million EUR), Serbia (45.6 million EUR) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (43.5 million EUR).

**Main trading partners in imports** on an individual basis were: Serbia (157.8 million EUR), China (91.0 million EUR) and Germany (75.0 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>

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	144 651	64 343	208 994	-80 308
February	218 400	64 548	282 949	-153 852
March	284 701	70 138	354 838	-214 563
April	289 996	79 595	369 592	-210 401

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Apr 2021		Jan-Apr 2022		Jan-Apr 2021		Jan-Apr 2022		Jan-Apr 2021	Jan-Apr 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>639 346</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>937 749</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>135 794</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>278 624</b>	<b>-503 552</b>	<b>-659 125</b>
<b>Europe</b>	81.3	519 659	79.4	744 412	94.2	127 967	93.3	260 002	-391 692	-484 411
<b>Eu-27</b>	44.7	286 004	42.9	401 932	39.0	53 014	28.9	80 550	-232 990	-321 382
<b>CEFTA2</b>	28.5	181 935	25.5	238 758	44.0	59 684	37.3	103 966	-122 251	-134 792
<b>Africa</b>	0.3	1 699	0.4	3 956	0.9	1 242	0.6	1 723	-457	-2 232
<b>Asia</b>	15.8	100 957	16.0	149 682	3.4	4 559	5.6	15 705	-96 398	-133 977
<b>America</b>	2.6	16 742	4.2	39 476	1.5	1 994	0.4	1 118	-14 748	-38 358
<b>Oceania</b>	0.0	289	0.0	223	0.0	32	0.0	76	-257	-147
<b>USA</b>	1.3	8 168	0.7	6 980	0.8	1 055	0.4	1 042	-7 113	-5 938
<b>China</b>	10.9	69 688	9.7	90 982	0.5	654	3.8	10 551	-69 034	-80 431
<b>Russia</b>	0.4	2 540	0.3	3 229	0.6	819	0.1	174	-1 720	-3 055
<b>Switzerland</b>	1.6	10 121	3.9	36 265	5.4	7 289	22.9	63 847	-2 831	27 583
<b>Japan</b>	0.7	4 708	0.7	6 904	0.1	73	0.0	95	-4 636	-6 809
<b>Turkey</b>	4.8	30 556	5.4	50 980	4.8	6 511	2.3	6 424	-24 045	-44 556
<b>Brazil</b>	0.5	3 083	0.6	6 049	0.0	12	0.0	5	-3 071	-6 044
<b>United Kingdom</b>	0.9	5 501	0.7	6 916	0.4	489	1.0	2 726	-5 012	-4 190

<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 2021	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2021	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2021	Jan-Apr 2022
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>639 346</b>	<b>937 749</b>	<b>135 794</b>	<b>278 624</b>	<b>-503 552</b>	<b>-659 125</b>
<b>Eu-27<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>286 004</b>	<b>401 932</b>	<b>53 014</b>	<b>80 550</b>	<b>-232 990</b>	<b>-321 382</b>
Austria	7 826	9 369	509	194	-7 318	-9 175
Belgium	5 425	6 733	217	300	-5 208	-6 433
Bulgaria	3 286	6 331	266	625	-3 020	-5 706
Czech Republic	6 665	9 820	6 750	13 273	85	3 453
Denmark	1 814	5 111	607	5 425	-1 208	314
Estonia	115	211	20	243	-95	33
Finland	1 229	1 535	2	8	-1 228	-1 527
France	12 749	19 156	351	245	-12 399	-18 911
Greece	25 579	63 315	5 136	189	-20 443	-63 126
Netherlands	14 223	17 102	614	594	-13 608	-16 508
Ireland	10 975	2 682	7	1	-10 967	-2 680
Italy	39 302	55 346	7 499	7 438	-31 803	-47 908
Cyprus	46	324	60	7	14	-317
Latvia	211	389	0	0	-211	-389
Lithuania	228	328	0	3	-227	-325
Luxembourg	120	322	54	15 104	-66	14 781
Hungary	5 808	7 573	5 739	5 290	-69	-2 283
Malta	2	5	158	249	156	243
Germany	66 739	74 956	5 706	7 601	-61 033	-67 355
Poland	12 168	15 974	4 476	5 600	-7 693	-10 375
Portugal	815	1 573	3	4	-812	-1 569
Croatia	34 890	48 894	948	1 175	-33 942	-47 719
Romania	7 617	11 051	124	230	-7 494	-10 821
Slovakia	2 074	2 493	463	20	-1 612	-2 473
Slovenia	10 551	18 644	11 246	14 423	694	-4 221
Spain	10 601	15 959	1 246	1 581	-9 355	-14 378
Sweden	4 945	6 734	815	727	-4 130	-6 008
<b>CEFTA</b>	<b>181 935</b>	<b>238 758</b>	<b>59 684</b>	<b>103 966</b>	<b>-122 251</b>	<b>-134 792</b>
Albania	12 127	15 568	3 988	8 818	-8 139	-6 750
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30 631	48 709	11 842	43 546	-18 789	-5 163
Moldova	62	93	0	0	-62	-93
North Macedonia	8 392	10 213	1 197	1 489	-7 196	-8 724
Serbia	129 072	157 839	37 450	45 629	-91 622	-112 211
Kosovo	1 650	6 336	5 207	4 485	3 557	-1 852
<b>Other countries (Outside Eu-27 and CEFTA)</b>	<b>171 408</b>	<b>297 058</b>	<b>23 097</b>	<b>94 107</b>	<b>-148 311</b>	<b>-202 951</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 2021	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2022 Jan-Apr 2021	Jan-Apr 2021	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2022 Jan-Apr 2021
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>0-9 TOTAL</b>	<b>639 346</b>	<b>937 749</b>	<b>146.7</b>	<b>135 794</b>	<b>278 624</b>	<b>205.2</b>
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>127 253</b>	<b>165 196</b>	<b>129.8</b>	<b>6 944</b>	<b>7 876</b>	<b>113.4</b>
00 Live animals	9 034	11 542	127.8	21	126	300 <sup>1</sup>
01 Meat and meat preparations	25 795	34 163	132.4	4 475	5 956	133.1
02 Dairy products and eggs	13 641	18 140	133.0	16	107	300 <sup>1</sup>
03 Fish and preparations	3 726	5 663	152.0	69	0	0.0
04 Cereal and cereal products	18 622	25 018	134.4	119	141	118.4
05 Vegetables and fruit	20 457	25 413	124.2	1 098	461	41.9
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	3 275	4 000	122.1	27	34	127.0
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	10 522	14 460	137.4	689	623	90.5
08 Feeding stuff for animals(not including unmilled cereals)	7 782	9 700	124.6	362	244	67.5
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	14 399	17 096	118.7	67	184	274.6
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>18 093</b>	<b>25 453</b>	<b>140.7</b>	<b>5 637</b>	<b>3 108</b>	<b>55.1</b>
11 Beverages	12 869	17 709	137.6	2 705	2 939	108.6
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	5 224	7 745	148.2	2 932	169	5.8
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>7 317</b>	<b>8 487</b>	<b>116.0</b>	<b>26 060</b>	<b>32 570</b>	<b>125.0</b>
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	651	809	124.2
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	767	565	73.6	14	3	22.6
23 Crude rubber	22	108	300 <sup>1</sup>	0	3	0.0
24 Cork and wood	1 155	1 481	128.2	7 191	8 881	123.5
25 Pulp and waste paper	12	0	0.0	332	482	145.2
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	94	184	196.1	9	10	116.1
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	1 196	1 068	89.3	387	939	242.4
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	423	835	197.4	17 210	21 353	124.1
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	3 648	4 247	116.4	266	89	33.5
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>47 641</b>	<b>123 690</b>	<b>259.6</b>	<b>42 493</b>	<b>105 260</b>	<b>247.7</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	1 656	356	21.5	1 981	3 359	169.5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	37 317	81 047	217.2	519	1 723	300 <sup>1</sup>
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	2 829	5 216	184.4	0	0	0.0
35 Electric current	5 840	37 070	300 <sup>1</sup>	39 993	100 178	250.5
<b>4 Animal oils and fats</b>	<b>4 729</b>	<b>5 776</b>	<b>122.1</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>223.3</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	252	403	160.2	134	341	254.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	4 446	5 361	120.6	32	40	125.3
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	31	12	38.4	25	46	180.3
<b>5 Chemicals</b>	<b>91 142</b>	<b>109 061</b>	<b>119.7</b>	<b>9 627</b>	<b>12 033</b>	<b>125.0</b>
51 Organic chemicals	732	725	98.9	12	90	300 <sup>1</sup>
52 Inorganic chemicals	1 440	935	65.0	776	281	36.2
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	8 312	9 860	118.6	7	19	281.8
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	41 648	52 608	126.3	7 554	10 247	135.6
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	14 605	17 938	122.8	563	405	71.9
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	1 643	1 930	117.5	0	0	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	1 453	1 945	133.8	48	159	300 <sup>1</sup>
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	9 651	12 513	129.7	438	147	33.5
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	11 659	10 605	91.0	228	685	299.9

<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 2021	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2022 Jan-Apr 2021	Jan-Apr 2021	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2022 Jan-Apr 2021
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>106 848</b>	<b>191 580</b>	<b>179.3</b>	<b>27 413</b>	<b>83 585</b>	<b>300<sup>1</sup></b>
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	109	79	71.9	20	61	300 <sup>1</sup>
62 Rubber manufactures	5 779	8 395	145.3	23	159	300 <sup>1</sup>
63 Cork and wood manufactures	7 267	11 350	156.2	510	1 104	216.5
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	9 922	13 761	138.7	145	912	300 <sup>1</sup>
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7 551	7 745	102.6	107	879	300 <sup>1</sup>
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	25 226	37 399	148.3	1 031	780	75.6
67 Iron and steel	20 225	31 003	153.3	3 881	1 074	27.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	4 830	45 896	300 <sup>1</sup>	20 683	75 454	300 <sup>1</sup>
69 Manufactures of metals	25 939	35 952	138.6	1 012	3 163	300 <sup>1</sup>
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>148 480</b>	<b>183 900</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>12 351</b>	<b>24 906</b>	<b>201.7</b>
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	1 888	2 789	147.8	127	207	163.1
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	14 887	17 419	117.0	3 476	5 765	165.8
73 Metalworking machinery	1 074	1 138	105.9	155	41	26.4
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	21 263	31 486	148.1	3 844	9 301	242.0
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	7 678	10 964	142.8	149	268	179.4
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	18 776	28 504	151.8	1 317	1 575	119.6
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	32 117	36 179	112.6	1 333	1 444	108.3
78 Road vehicles	40 172	54 127	134.7	1 468	5 408	300 <sup>1</sup>
79 Other transport equipment	10 625	1 293	12.2	483	898	186.0
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>87 791</b>	<b>124 597</b>	<b>141.9</b>	<b>5 079</b>	<b>8 860</b>	<b>174.5</b>
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	4 413	7 093	160.7	133	107	80.4
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	12 675	21 996	173.5	585	992	169.6
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	2 015	2 792	138.6	50	28	55.5
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	21 995	29 018	131.9	720	1 030	143.1
85 Footwear	11 719	11 790	100.6	181	128	70.6
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	6 581	9 292	141.2	558	1 758	300 <sup>1</sup>
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	1 932	3 738	193.5	45	46	100.6
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	26 460	38 878	146.9	2 806	4 771	170.1
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16.2</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 2021	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2022 Jan-Apr 2021	Jan-Apr 2021	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr 2022 Jan-Apr 2021
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>I - XXI TOTAL</b>	<b>639 346</b>	<b>937 749</b>	<b>146.7</b>	<b>135 794</b>	<b>278 624</b>	<b>205.2</b>
<b>I</b> Live animals, animal products	43 431	59 364	136.7	3 083	5 282	171.4
<b>II</b> Vegetable products	30 948	39 626	128.0	1 263	538	42.6
<b>III</b> Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	5 368	6 607	123.1	57	95	165.9
<b>IV</b> Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	74 850	95 795	128.0	8 649	5 587	64.6
<b>V</b> Mineral products	57 478	135 223	235.3	50 013	117 706	235.4
<b>VI</b> Products of the chemical or allied industries	80 991	96 436	119.1	9 146	11 734	128.3
<b>VII</b> Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	28 613	36 936	129.1	1 175	1 976	168.2
<b>VIII</b> Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	2 356	3 324	141.1	738	1 296	175.7
<b>IX</b> Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	8 530	12 907	151.3	7 701	9 985	129.7
<b>X</b> Materials and products of paper industry	10 407	14 457	138.9	1 290	2 525	195.8
<b>XI</b> Textiles and textile articles	28 211	34 814	123.4	812	1 505	185.4
<b>XII</b> Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	12 593	13 235	105.1	191	140	73.2
<b>XIII</b> Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	17 380	27 671	159.2	1 041	829	79.6
<b>XIV</b> Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewelries; coins	1 205	4 909	300 <sup>1</sup>	53	39	72.9
<b>XV</b> Base metals and articles of base metal	51 723	113 446	219.3	35 624	89 505	251.3
<b>XVI</b> Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	95 517	124 867	130.7	10 237	18 334	179.1
<b>XVII</b> Vehicles and associated transport equipment	51 667	58 360	113.0	2 129	6 736	300 <sup>1</sup>
<b>XVIII</b> Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	11 354	15 866	139.7	755	1 898	251.5
<b>XIX</b> Arms and ammunition	1 042	5 380	300 <sup>1</sup>	852	1 337	156.8
<b>XX</b> Miscellaneous manufactured articles	25 634	38 506	150.2	979	1 571	160.4
<b>XXI</b> Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	46	19	42.1	8	6	78.2

<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](#)*