

Foreign trade – preliminary results in December and detailed data in the first eleven months of 2023

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Last year, the Slovakia's foreign trade returned to the positive values after a year, it recorded a surplus of EUR 4,2 billion for the year

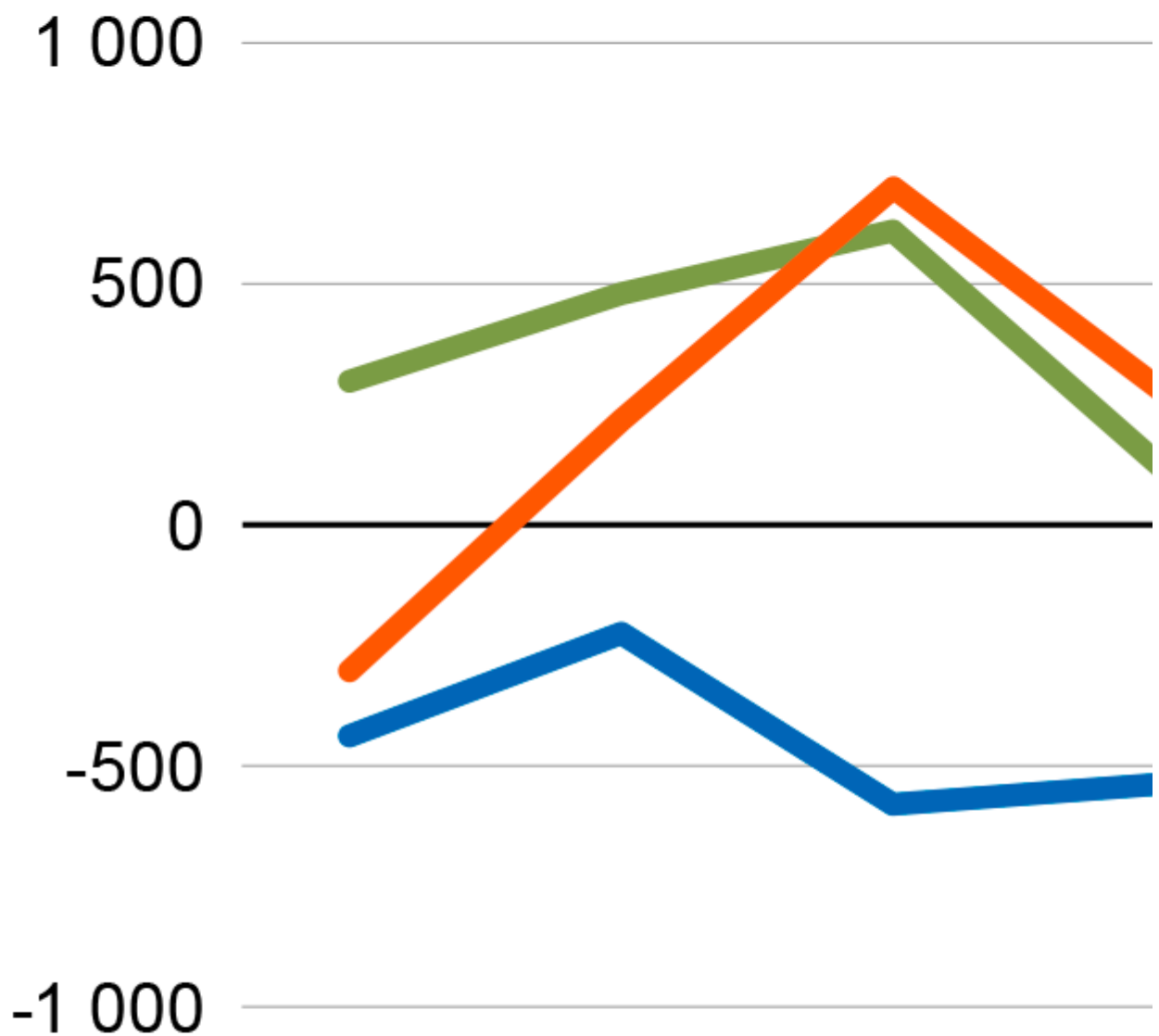
The resulting balance of foreign trade thus reached the highest value since 2014. It was mainly affected by a significantly lower year-on-year deficit in trade with mineral fuels and at the same time a significantly higher surplus in trade with machinery and transport equipment.

In December 2023, the year-on-year decline in Slovak exports and imports continued for the second consecutive month, although its pace was lower than in the previous month. According to preliminary results, goods in the amount of EUR 7.5 billion¹⁾ were exported from Slovakia in the last month of last year, of which the export of cars was represented more significantly.

Exports were lower year-on-year for the third time in 2023, currently by 1.1%. Imports developed worse²⁾, their value decreased by 12.9% to EUR 7.8 billion and was mainly affected by a decrease in the value of imported energy commodities. In December last year, after ten months of surplus, the trade balance dropped in negative values and ended with a deficit of EUR 258 million. Compared to the same period the year before last, it was still a better result by almost EUR 1.1 billion. In the last 10 years, the December balance was positive only three times.



Monthly foreign trade in the years 2021 to 2022 (in mill. eur)





*** data for 2021 and 2022 are defin**
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