

Foreign trade – preliminary results in September and detailed data in the first eight months of 2023

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The volume of Slovak exports decreased year-on-year for the first time this year, mainly due to a drop in the EU supplies

In September, due to the drop in imports the monthly balance remained in positive numbers of almost EUR 334 million. The overall balance of foreign trade was facilitated by the high value of exported motor vehicles since the beginning of this year, as well as the decrease in the value of imports of energy commodities.

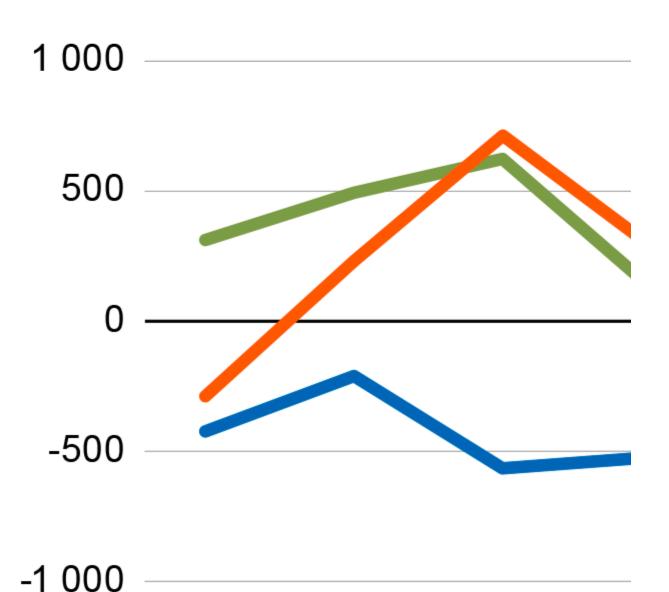
In September 2023, according to preliminary results, goods in the amount of ¹⁾ EUR 9.1 billion were exported from Slovakia, with a year-on-year decrease by 0.6%. Exports thus recorded a slight decline for the first time in eight months. Mainly the export of cars prevented a greater decline. The import of goods was also lower compared to the corresponding period last year, when it reached EUR 8.7 billion. The rate of decline is gradually increasing to the current 8.7%, which mainly affects the decrease in the value of imports of natural gas and electricity to Slovakia.

Despite the year-on-year drop in the value of exports, the balance remained positive, for the eighth time in a row. The balance of foreign trade was in surplus in the amount of EUR 333.7 million, which was a better result by almost 772 million compared to the corresponding period last year.



Monthly foreign trade in the years 2021 to 2

(in mill. eur)





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*data for 2021 and 2022 are definitive, for 2023 preliminary