



FINANCING AND DEBT

- ◆ **The Bank of Latvia has so far purchased EUR 7.052 billion worth of Latvian and supranational securities under the European Central Bank's Public Sector Purchase Program**, according to the information published by the bank. In May this year, the Bank of Latvia bought securities for EUR 84.792 million. (RĪGA, Jun 13, [Bank of Latvia](#))

MACROECONOMICS

- ◆ **During the first four months of this year Latvia exported EUR 3.854 billion worth of goods, up 9 % or EUR 317.5 million against the same period last year, while Latvian imports grew 7 % or EUR 296.4 million to EUR 4.557 billion.** In April 2018, Latvian exports rose 2 % from March 2018 and 15.3 % against April 2017 to EUR 985.924 million. Imports were down 6.2 % from March 2018 and rose 11 % against 2017 to EUR 1.145 billion. (RĪGA, Jun 11, [CSB](#))
- ◆ **The registered unemployment level in Latvia fell to 6.4 % this past May, which is 0.3 percentage points less than in April**, according to the State Employment Agency's data. At the end of May, there were 59,548 unemployed persons registered with the Employment Agency, down 2,334 people from a month ago. (RĪGA, Jun 11, BNS/ State Employment Agency)
- ◆ **In April 2018, Latvia showed one of the slowest industrial output growth in the EU as compared to the same month a year ago. In Latvia, industrial output increased by 0.9 % against April 2017.** (RĪGA, Jun 13, [Eurostat](#))
- ◆ **Latvia showed the 7th highest annual inflation among EU member states in May 2018. Latvia reported a 2.4 % annual inflation rate for May.** (RĪGA, Jun 15, [Eurostat](#))

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