

Volume of retail trade down by 0.1% in euro area- Up by 0.1% in EU28

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The 0.1% decrease in the volume of retail trade in the euro area in January 2017, compared with December 2016, is due to falls of 0.2% for non-food products and of 0.1% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”, while automotive fuel rose by 0.8%. In the EU28,

the 0.1% increase in the volume of retail trade is due to a rise of 0.7% for automotive fuel, while “Food, drinks and tobacco” and non-food products both remain stable.

Among Member States for which data are available, decreases in the total retail trade volume were observed in Germany and France (both -0.8%), Belgium (-0.6%) as well as the United Kingdom (-0.4%), while the highest increases were registered in Finland (+4.4%), Poland (+4.1%) and Slovenia (+3.2%)

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