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Current account surplus continues to rapidly increase

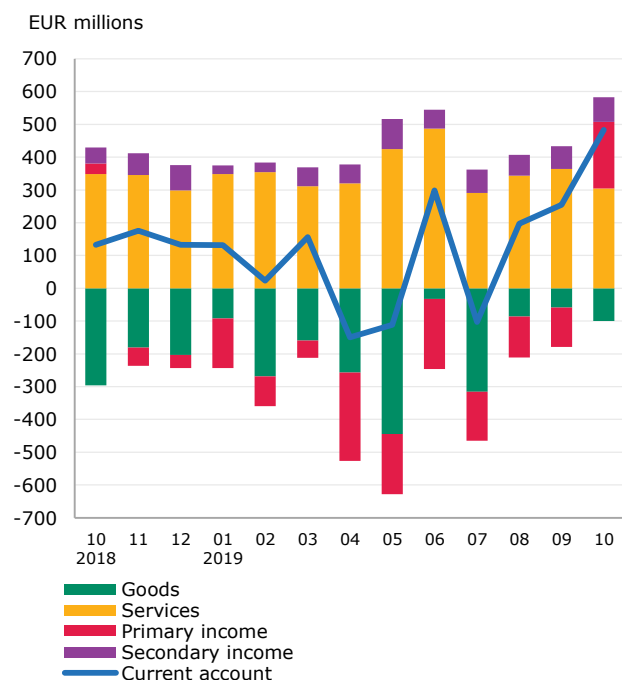
Today, the Bank of Lithuania published the balance of payments for October 2019, which shows that:

the €482.7 million surplus on the **current account balance** (CAB) resulted from the positive balances of services, primary and secondary income, which offset the increase in the negative foreign trade balance (see Chart 1). The surplus on the primary income balance (€202.8 million) was driven by EU subsidies for agriculture. Albeit decreasing (16.3%), the surplus on the balance of services amounted to €304.7 million. With export and import of goods growing by 5.5% and 7.2% respectively, the deficit on the trade balance increased by 69.6%, to stand at €99.8 million;

the surplus on the secondary income balance increased by 8.8% over the month. Transfers from EU support funds increased by 12.6%, to stand at €42.3 million. Compared to September, Lithuania's calculated contributions to the EU budget remained unchanged and amounted to €31.1 million. Private individual remittances from abroad amounted to €93.8 million, a month-on-month increase of 1.1%. Private individual remittances from Lithuania amounted to €35.0 million, a month-on-month increase of 2.3%;

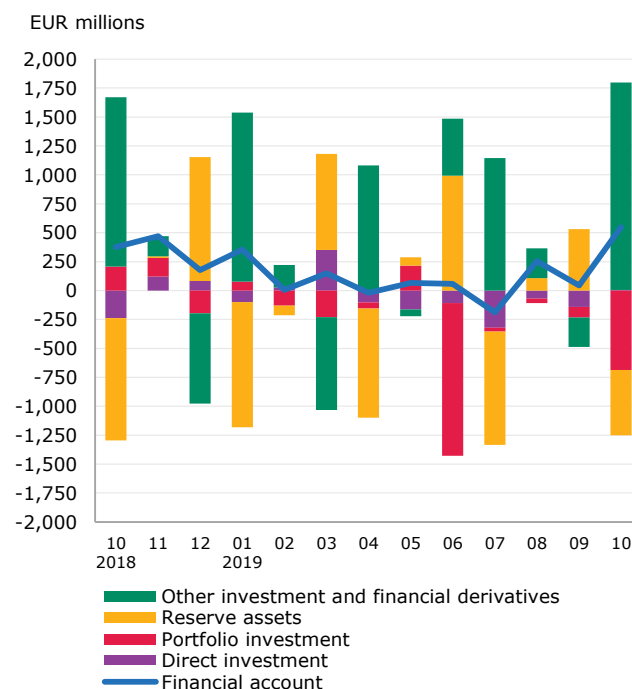
the positive net flow of **financial account** investment (€546.6 million) resulted from the positive net flows of other and direct investments, which offset the negative net flow of portfolio investment and the decrease in official reserve assets (see Chart 2).

Chart 1. CAB and its composite flows



Source: Bank of Lithuania.

Chart 2. Net financial account investment flows



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Detailed data for October 2019 is available on the Bank of Lithuania website ([External statistics](#)).