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## Balance of payments of the Republic of Lithuania for Q4 2023

Today, the Bank of Lithuania released the balance of payments data for Q4 2023, which shows that:

Current account balance	International investment position	Gross external debt
€788.7 million	€913.8 million	€49.2 billion
Q4 2022	Q4 2022	Q4 2022
-€802.1 million	-€4.7 billion	€45.6 billion

the growth in the surplus on the **current account balance** (CAB) was about fourfold, compared to the third quarter of 2023, and amounted to €788.7 million, or 4.2% of gross domestic product (GDP). This development was mainly underpinned by the primary income balance (€142.5 million) which turned from deficit to surplus, as well as the balance of services (€1.8 billion) and the secondary income balance (€125.0 million) which remained in surplus, despite recording a decline. The rise in the foreign trade deficit (8.4%) was affected by imports of goods, which increased more than exports (by 1.9% and 1.1% respectively). The former amounted to €1.2 billion;

compared to the previous quarter, as imports of services (17.7%) grew faster than exports (4.2%), the surplus on the balance of services decreased by 15.7% and stood at €1.8 billion; the surplus primary income balance was mainly affected by a rise in the surplus balance of other primary income (€519.2 million), and a fall by a factor of 2.5 in the deficit on the investment income balance (€359.4 million);

the secondary income balance decreased by 25.8% but remained in surplus at €125.0 million. It was influenced by an increase in foreign support received by general government and other sectors.

For comparison: a year ago, the CAB was in deficit and stood at €802.1 million, or 4.6% of GDP at current prices (see Chart 1);

the surplus on the **capital account balance** increased by a factor of 2.1 quarter on quarter and amounted to €639.0 million. This development was mainly a result of increased transfers from EU structural support funds dedicated to financing investment projects. In the fourth quarter of 2022, the surplus on the capital account balance equalled €492.4 million;

over the reporting period, the net flow of **financial account** investment was positive and stood at €1.3 billion, or 7.2% of GDP. It was determined by the positive net flows of other investment (€2.4 billion) and a rise of €49.4 million in official reserve assets. These positive flows were not offset by negative net flows of direct and portfolio investment (€675.4 million and €400.1 million respectively).

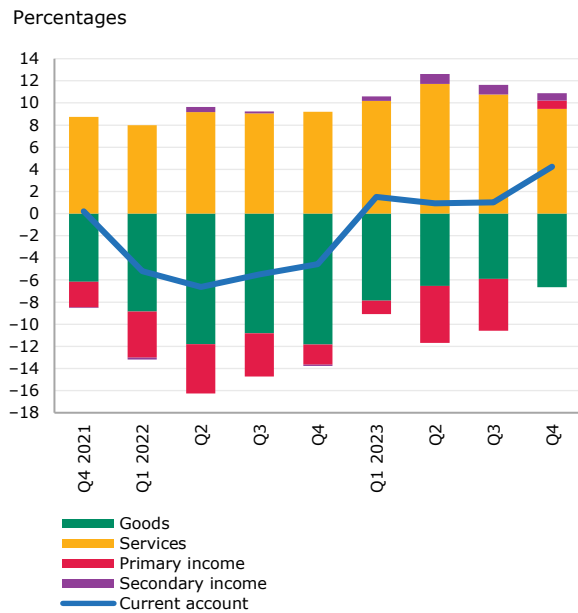
For comparison: in the fourth quarter of 2022, the net flow of financial account investment was positive and amounted to €252.2 million, or 1.4% of GDP at current prices (see Chart 2);

the net **international investment position** was positive and amounted to €913.8 million, or 1.3% of GDP, at the end of the fourth quarter. It was negative a year ago, amounting to €4.7 billion, or 7.0% of GDP at current prices;

at the end of the reporting period, Lithuania's **gross external debt** stood at €49.2 billion, or 68.3% of GDP, while the **net external debt** amounted to -€9.1 billion, or 12.7% of GDP, i.e. Lithuania's assets abroad exceeded foreign liabilities.

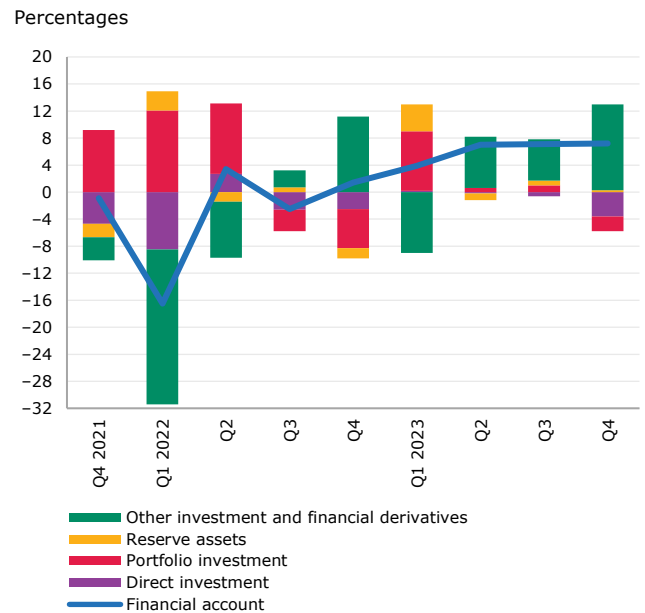
For comparison: a year ago, Lithuania’s gross external debt stood at €45.6 billion, or 67.6% of GDP, while the net external debt amounted to -€3.8 billion, or 5.7% of GDP.

Chart 1. CAB and its composite flows as a percentage of GDP



Source: Bank of Lithuania.  
Note: GDP at current prices, not adjusted for seasonal and workday effects.

Chart 2. Net financial account investment flows as a percentage of GDP



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It should be noted that, when calculating the balance of payments data for Q4 2023, the balance of payments data as well as international investment position data for Q1-Q3 and January-December 2023 were revised.

Detailed data on the country’s balance of payments and international investment position as well as external debt is available on the Bank of Lithuania website (under [External statistics](#)).

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