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CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS HAS INCREASED

Today, the Bank of Lithuania published the balance of payments data for July 2018, which shows that:

the surplus on the **current account** balance (CAB) amounted to €112.3 million and, compared to June, increased by 29.8%. The surplus was driven by the higher services balance and the still positive secondary income balance, which were not offset by the negative foreign trade and primary income balances (see Chart 1). The balance of services increased by 8.0%, to stand at €290.5 million. Due to deceleration in exports and imports (respectively 2.5% and 3.3%), the deficit on the trade balance decreased, to amount to €110.7 million. Month on month, the deficit on the primary income balance remained basically unchanged;

the surplus on the secondary income balance reduced over the month (24.2 %). In July, transfers from EU funds amounted to €27.3 million, while Lithuania's calculated contributions to the EU budget – €26.2 million. Private individual remittances from abroad amounted to €97.4 million, decreasing by 0.3% on a month-on-month basis. Private individual remittances from Lithuania amounted to €37.7 million, increasing by 2.0%;

the positive net **financial account** investment flow (€288.6 million) was driven by the positive net flows of other investment and portfolio investment, which were not offset by the negative net flows of official reserve assets and direct investment (see Chart 2).

Chart 1. CAB and its composite flows

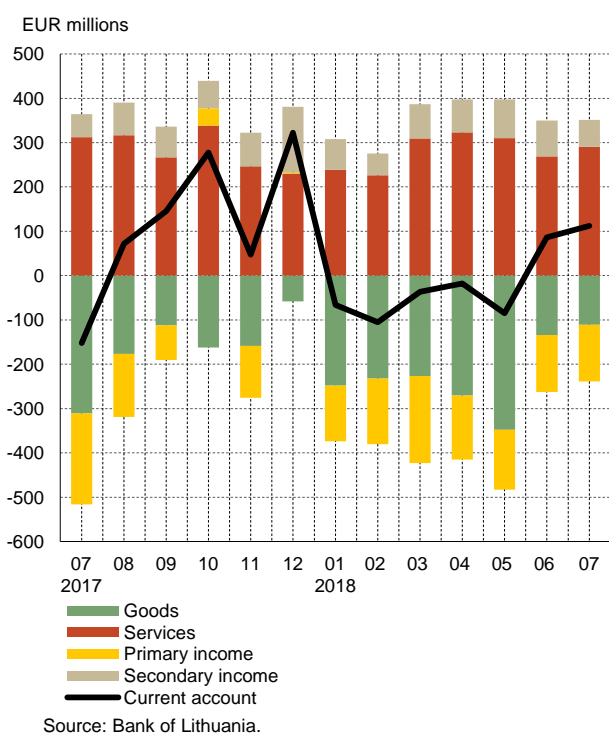
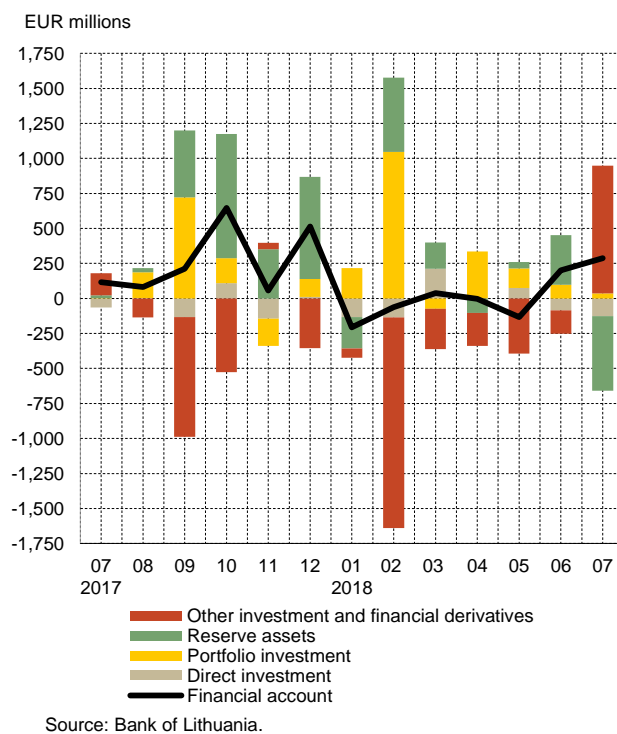


Chart 2. Net financial account investment flows



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