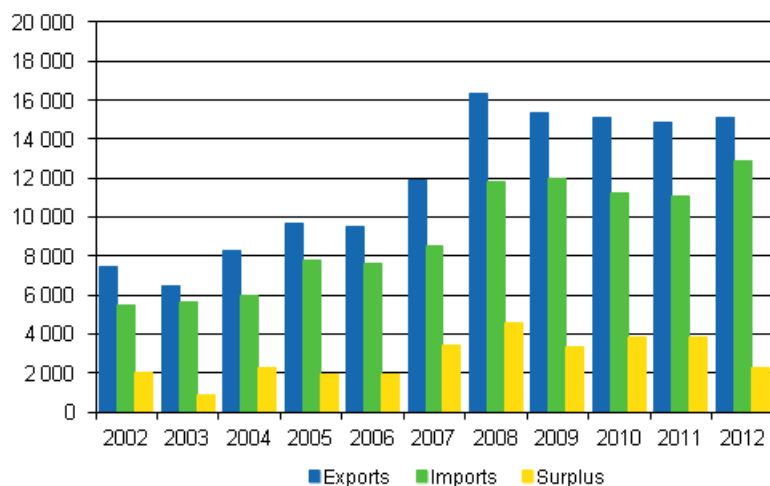


# Foreign trade in services 2012, preliminary results

## Increase in imports of services diminished the surplus from international trade in services in 2012

The over EUR 1.8 billion growth in imports of services to EUR 12.9 billion decreased the surplus from international trade in services in 2012. However, exports of services remained unchanged at EUR 15.1 billion. In 2012, the surplus amounted to EUR 2.2 billion. The surplus diminished now for the first time since 2009 and it went below EUR three billion for the first time since 2006.

### Imports, exports and surplus of foreign trade in services 2002–2012, mill. euro



Services were exported to the tune of EUR 15.1 billion in 2012, which means a growth of EUR 0.2 billion from 2011. Services were imported to the value of EUR 12.9 billion, which is more than ever before. Imports grew considerably for the first time since 2008, which ended the growth in the surplus from international trade in services that had continued from 2009. The surplus from international trade in services went down to EUR 2.2 billion, which is EUR 1.6 billion less than in 2011.

The most significant service items in exports of services are computer services, royalties and licence fees, and unclassified business services, which cover 86 per cent of exports of services. Imports grew in all

other service items but in construction services, where they diminished slightly. Growth was biggest in other business activities, royalties and licence fees.

The main destination countries of service exports in 2012 were Sweden, the United States and Ireland. Exports to Ireland more than tripled compared with the previous year. Exports to India continued to fall strongly and were only one-quarter from the top figures in 2008 to 2010. The most important countries of service imports were still Germany, the United States, Sweden and the United Kingdom, which all increased their share of imports of services. Imports from Ireland also nearly tripled compared with the year before.

Service exports to EU15 countries rose to EUR 6.1 billion, which is 41 per cent of exports of services. The share of EU15 countries increased by six percentage points from 2011. Imports from EU15 countries went up to EUR 7.8 billion in 2012. The share of the EU15 countries of all imports of services rose from 2011, being 60 per cent.

The statistics on international trade in services are based on Statistics Finland's annual and quarterly inquiries on international trade in services. The data include service trade between group enterprises. The statistics do not include data on transport, tourism, insurance and financial services. The data are used in the compilation of national accounts and as part of the balance of payments produced by the Bank of Finland.

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**Appendix table 1. Imports of services by service type, 2002-2012, mill. euro**

Service type -- Import	Year										
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Postal- and telecommunications services, total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>394</b>
- Postal services and courier services	34	43	28	71	57	62	71	76	92	92	92
- Telecommunications services	259	206	200	403	373	255	300	316	299	217	302
<b>Imports of construction services</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Computer and information services, total</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>1 094</b>	<b>1 311</b>	<b>2 421</b>	<b>1 610</b>	<b>1 609</b>	<b>1 862</b>
- Computer services	363	407	561	904	879	1 077	1 293	2 366	1 576	1 577	1 822
- Information services	32	19	31	25	12	17	18	55	34	32	41
<b>Royalties and licence fees</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>1 031</b>	<b>1 051</b>	<b>1 380</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1 278</b>
<b>Other business services, total</b>	<b>3 703</b>	<b>4 038</b>	<b>3 900</b>	<b>4 830</b>	<b>4 944</b>	<b>5 791</b>	<b>8 266</b>	<b>7 864</b>	<b>7 909</b>	<b>7 828</b>	<b>8 949</b>
- Legal, accounting, bookkeeping, business and management consultancy and public relations services	216	207	230	288	220	400	364	283	317	616	677
- Advertising, market research and public opinion polling	701	759	736	1 076	1 069	1 359	1 804	1 762	1 806	1 383	1 584
- Research and development services	1 500	1 686	1 573	1 775	1 879	1 872	3 550	3 126	3 220	3 052	3 343
- Architectural, engineering and other technical services	69	77	92	135	158	144	164	111	126	297	333
- Agriculture, mining and on-site processing services	2	1	8	9	13	13	11	16	12	16	22
- Unclassified business services, incl. Commission trade, operational leasing and services within an enterprise group not classified elsewhere	1 216	1 310	1 261	1 548	1 605	2 004	2 373	2 566	2 428	2 464	2 991
<b>Audiovisual, other personal, cultural and recreational services, total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>139</b>
- Audiovisual and related services	58	6	6	10	8	21	14	30	18	57	106
- Other personal, cultural and recreational services	6	16	17	9	14	12	19	12	14	25	33
<b>Other unspecified services</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Import total</b>	<b>5 448</b>	<b>5 620</b>	<b>6 007</b>	<b>7 738</b>	<b>7 578</b>	<b>8 535</b>	<b>11 771</b>	<b>12 001</b>	<b>11 262</b>	<b>11 032</b>	<b>12 857</b>

**Appendix table 2. Exports of services by service type, 2002-2012, mill. euro**

Service type -- Export	Year										
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Postal- and telecommunications services, total</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>315</b>
- Postal services and courier services	40	49	68	145	143	161	210	114	111	116	114
- Telecommunications services	212	153	183	171	199	154	127	123	122	152	201
<b>Exports of construction services</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>476</b>
<b>Computer and information services, total</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>1 213</b>	<b>1 177</b>	<b>1 338</b>	<b>5 657</b>	<b>5 075</b>	<b>4 884</b>	<b>4 894</b>	<b>4 541</b>
- Computer services	518	492	576	1 194	1 136	1 335	5 650	5 067	4 873	4 882	4 502
- Information services	16	9	31	19	41	3	7	9	12	12	39
<b>Royalties and licence fees</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>1 007</b>	<b>1 252</b>	<b>1 755</b>	<b>2 316</b>	<b>2 577</b>
<b>Other business services, total</b>	<b>5 489</b>	<b>4 843</b>	<b>6 032</b>	<b>6 367</b>	<b>6 874</b>	<b>9 008</b>	<b>8 404</b>	<b>7 858</b>	<b>7 396</b>	<b>6 921</b>	<b>7 137</b>

Service type -- Export	Year										
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
- Legal, accounting, bookkeeping, business and management consultancy and public relations services	96	161	138	178	138	155	171	133	150	225	264
- Advertising, market research and public opinion polling	77	113	136	130	83	117	116	165	133	116	166
- Research and development services	200	283	235	274	260	248	281	259	277	344	422
- Architectural, engineering and other technical services	251	272	280	327	285	310	341	270	247	224	323
- Agriculture, mining and on-site processing services	92	89	1	4	50	60	43	25	7	22	65
- Unclassified business services, incl. Commission trade, operational leasing and services within an enterprise group not classified elsewhere	4 774	3 925	5 241	5 453	6 060	8 117	7 452	7 006	6 583	5 990	5 896
<b>Audiovisual, other personal, cultural and recreational services, total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>41</b>
- Audiovisual and related services	6	23	4	6	3	9	3	3	3	54	24
- Other personal, cultural and recreational services	6	3	9	4	16	5	31	2	4	13	17
<b>Other unspecified services</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Export total</b>	<b>7 424</b>	<b>6 499</b>	<b>8 303</b>	<b>9 642</b>	<b>9 540</b>	<b>11 914</b>	<b>16 338</b>	<b>15 361</b>	<b>15 101</b>	<b>14 888</b>	<b>15 086</b>

**Appendix table 3. Exports of services by country, 2002-2012, mill. euro**

Country	Year										
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>EU15-countries</b>	<b>3 198</b>	<b>2 622</b>	<b>3 272</b>	<b>3 045</b>	<b>2 927</b>	<b>3 006</b>	<b>5 431</b>	<b>4 284</b>	<b>4 370</b>	<b>5 206</b>	<b>6 133</b>
Netherlands	261	242	471	303	278	251	338	411	296	337	410
Belgium	105	112	96	119	126	95	117	122	136	138	150
United Kingdom	854	506	586	401	386	351	552	655	716	698	819
Spain	77	84	110	55	55	86	214	252	210	318	299
Ireland	58	101	141	83	45	38	68	106	104	276	943
Italy	201	145	173	180	205	266	603	365	287	243	245
Austria	66	64	99	134	149	120	153	128	149	123	90
Greece	65	47	49	71	75	69	105	105	95	41	29
Luxembourg	12	8	25	36	25	14	9	60	172	142	111
Portugal	52	38	46	47	52	55	63	81	31	60	31
France	310	171	228	167	178	155	327	259	272	295	343
Sweden	589	572	654	841	760	738	976	851	1 032	1 465	1 549
Germany	432	444	491	432	449	641	1 718	720	714	856	869
Denmark	116	88	103	176	144	127	188	168	157	214	243
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>4 224</b>	<b>3 878</b>	<b>5 131</b>	<b>6 597</b>	<b>6 613</b>	<b>8 908</b>	<b>10 907</b>	<b>11 078</b>	<b>10 731</b>	<b>9 681</b>	<b>8 953</b>
Norway	132	121	153	153	162	207	249	280	242	224	234
Estonia	98	73	63	79	87	96	122	94	80	147	160
Russia	429	579	1 111	734	605	996	935	827	628	569	607
Switzerland	362	360	188	225	242	246	281	259	296	242	406
Canada	23	20	25	45	77	95	194	130	116	131	145
United States	445	411	440	473	461	348	513	535	607	1 092	1 133
Japan	177	87	36	38	32	35	120	137	275	510	642
China	...	327	692	587	446	563	725	1 174	943	705	535
India	...	18	45	373	418	830	1 137	1 151	1 148	740	264
Other	2 558	1 882	2 378	3 890	4 083	5 490	6 631	6 489	6 396	5 321	4 826
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 422</b>	<b>6 500</b>	<b>8 403</b>	<b>9 642</b>	<b>9 540</b>	<b>11 914</b>	<b>16 338</b>	<b>15 361</b>	<b>15 101</b>	<b>14 888</b>	<b>15 086</b>

**Appendix table 4. Imports of services by country, 2002-2012, mill. euro**

Country	Year										
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>EU15-countries</b>	<b>3 200</b>	<b>3 304</b>	<b>3 347</b>	<b>4 361</b>	<b>3 915</b>	<b>4 551</b>	<b>6 800</b>	<b>7 019</b>	<b>6 358</b>	<b>6 492</b>	<b>7 765</b>
Netherlands	342	326	360	427	317	304	357	290	322	342	492
Belgium	152	162	150	144	125	135	145	132	198	175	163
United Kingdom	965	934	859	1 173	1 101	1 240	1 459	1 241	1 320	1 257	1 286
Spain	37	38	49	71	60	59	81	89	129	116	123
Ireland	80	146	177	202	125	137	196	241	287	297	822
Italy	75	90	67	74	66	68	244	205	229	194	157
Austria	52	48	64	57	74	72	95	100	104	101	102
Greece	14	38	19	29	19	14	42	45	50	43	44
Luxembourg	9	12	10	24	14	10	13	8	20	24	37
Portugal	7	7	5	9	7	6	58	70	74	61	72
France	182	181	213	246	177	182	224	278	249	281	295
Sweden	668	606	620	953	724	876	870	1 265	896	1 325	1 602
Germany	448	497	561	665	694	984	2 505	2 577	1 842	1 690	1 885
Denmark	169	219	193	287	412	464	511	479	640	586	686
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>2 331</b>	<b>2 413</b>	<b>2 660</b>	<b>3 379</b>	<b>3 662</b>	<b>3 984</b>	<b>4 971</b>	<b>4 982</b>	<b>4 903</b>	<b>4 540</b>	<b>5 091</b>
Norway	144	140	128	179	151	195	202	194	198	182	218
Estonia	57	58	56	98	92	111	177	120	115	175	201
Russia	194	234	334	387	267	327	268	108	71	73	68
Switzerland	103	133	154	251	157	212	289	221	356	232	243
Canada	44	30	45	57	110	100	133	207	110	89	90
United States	1 044	825	924	986	1 520	1 320	1 504	1 323	1 466	1 440	1 689
Japan	41	34	80	55	96	77	118	108	117	84	65
China	...	19	77	54	162	222	363	636	515	556	693
India	...	101	238	374	137	182	324	457	539	527	449
Other	704	839	624	938	970	1 238	1 593	1 608	1 416	1 182	1 374
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 531</b>	<b>5 717</b>	<b>6 007</b>	<b>7 740</b>	<b>7 577</b>	<b>8 535</b>	<b>11 771</b>	<b>12 001</b>	<b>11 262</b>	<b>11 032</b>	<b>12 857</b>

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