

Preliminary flash estimate for the first quarter of 2018 – GDP up by 0.4% in both the euro area and the EU28 – +2.5% and +2.4% respectively compared with the first quarter of 2017

Seasonally adjusted GDP rose by 0.4% in both the **euro area** (EA19) and in the **EU28** during the first quarter of 2018, compared with the previous quarter, according to a preliminary flash estimate published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In the fourth quarter of 2017, GDP had grown by 0.7% in the **euro area** and by 0.6% in the **EU28**.

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