Regional foreign trade first half of 2019: Vienna and Styria with strongest increases in exports

Vienna, 2020-01-02 – In the first half year of 2019, seven out of nine Austrian federal states registered increases on the export side, according to preliminary results by Statistics Austria. The federal states Vienna (+7.8%) and Styria (+7.6%) realised the highest relative increases. In absolute terms, Styria (+€0.94 bn), Vienna (+€0.75 bn) and Upper Austria (+€0.74 bn) showed the strongest gains. Carinthia (-4.3% or -€0.17 bn) and Lower Austria (-1.8% or -€0.21 bn) registered a decline compared to the previous period. On the import side, Styria (+6.4% or +€0.61 bn), Lower Austria (+5.7% or +€0.74 bn) and Vorarlberg (+4.2% or +€0.16 bn) recorded the strongest relative increases compared to the previous half year. Salzburg (-0.7% or -€0.05 bn) and Carinthia (-0.2% or -€0.01 bn) had a slightly negative development on the import side. The highest external trade values in terms of trade intensity (sum of imports and exports) were observed in Upper Austria, Vienna and Lower Austria – in the order indicated.

Among the Austrian federal states, the largest share of imports was registered in Vienna (€19.12 bn, 24.0% of the overall Austrian imports). Upper Austria (€15.20 bn, 19.1%) and Lower Austria (€13.80 bn, 17.3%) recorded the second and third highest import shares. With more than one quarter, Upper Austria had the largest share in the overall Austrian exports (€19.97 bn, 25.7%), followed by Styria (€13.38 bn, 17.2%) and Lower Austria (€11.64 bn, 15.0%).

Five of the nine federal states showed a foreign trade surplus for the reference period. Upper Austria had the largest surplus (€4.77 bn), followed by Styria (€3.28 bn) and Vorarlberg (€1.27 bn). Vienna displayed the highest trade deficit (-€8.76 bn).

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