

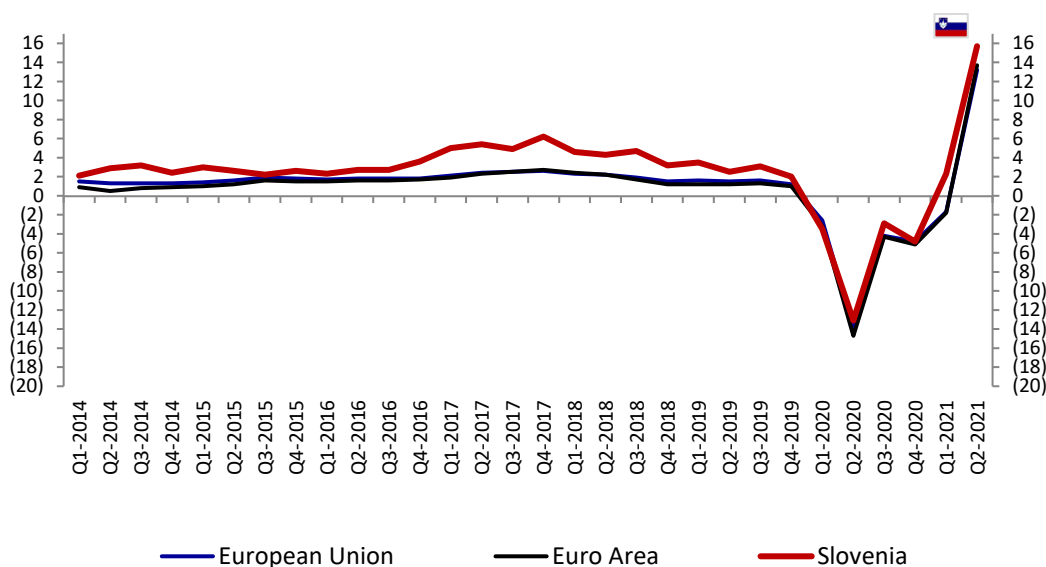


SLOVENIA'S STRONG ECONOMIC REBOUND IN 2021

Based on original data the GDP in Slovenia increased by 16.3% in the second quarter of the 2021 in comparison to the same quarter of the previous year (YoY). Seasonally adjusted GDP in Slovenia increased by 15.7% in the second quarter of 2021 (YoY).

Based on seasonally and calendar adjusted GDP data Slovenia exhibited in the second quarter strong positive growth rebound of +15.7% in comparison to EA-19 average of +13.7% (YoY) and EU average of +13.2% (YoY).

Figure 1: Real Quarterly GDP Growth Rate (SA % change Q/Q-4)



Source: Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia (SORS), Eurostat, (SA) Seasonally Adjusted data, 1.9.2021

Total Employment

Total employment in the second quarter of 2021 stood at 1,044.000 workers and increased by 1.4% or 14,000 persons YoY, i.e. mostly in manufacturing, construction, human health and social work activities, administrative and support services. The unemployment rate end of June 2021 stood at 4.8% which is 0.6 p.p lower in comparison to december 2020 (5.4%). Unemployment rate in Slovenia is significantly lower compared to EA-19 (7.7%) and EA-27 (7.1%).

Investments Growth

Gross fixed capital formation in the second quarter of 2021 increased by 19.2%. The highest growth was observed in gross fixed capital formation in other machinery and equipment (43.2%).

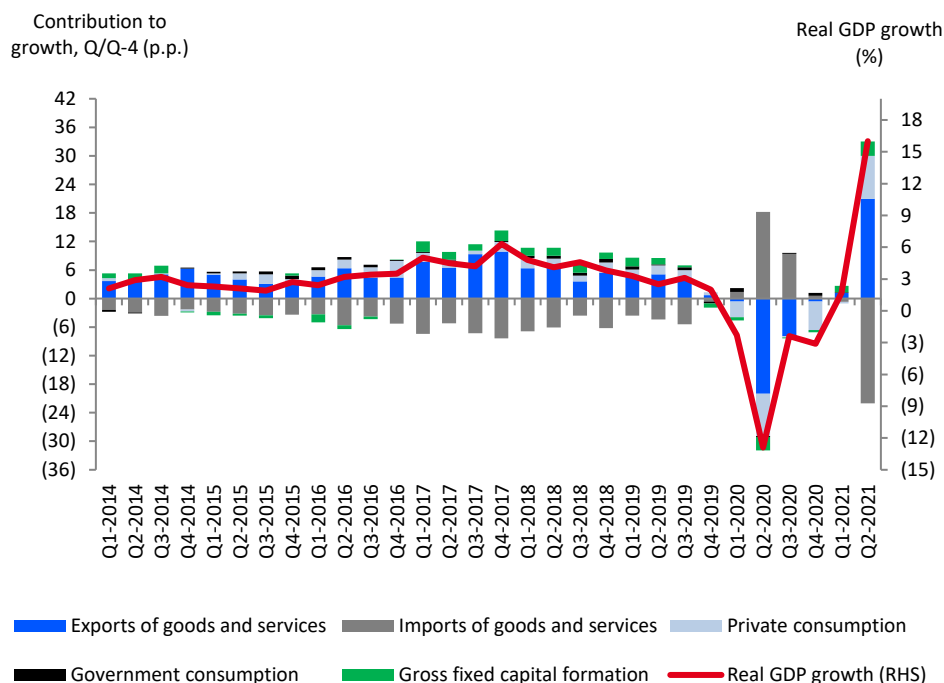
External Demand and Competitiveness

Exports of goods and services in second quarter of 2021 increased by 30.2% and imports by 34.9% compared to the same quarter of the previous year (YoY). Exports and imports of goods increased more than exports and imports of services.

Domestic Consumption

In the second quarter of 2021 the household final consumption expenditure increased by 18.8% compared to the same period of the previous year. The increase was even higher compared to the same quarter in the year 2019. Strong increase in household expenditure was observed in all types of household consumption.

Figure 2: Contributions to Real GDP Growth (% chg. Q/Q-4)



Source: Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia (SORS), Original data, 1.9.2021

Notes

Unless otherwise specified, all comparisons in this text refer to original data, to volume or real changes and to changes compared with the same quarter of the previous year.

Budget Account

In the first seven months of the year 2021, the state budget revenues increased for 21.8% to EUR 6.2bn and the expenditure for 15.7% to EUR 8.4bn compared to the same period of the previous year. The bulk of the deficit derived from an increase in expenditure, mostly due to the anti-Covid19 packages of measures to mitigate the consequences of the epidemic. More information available in the report published on the Ministry of finance website:

<https://www.gov.si/assets/ministrstva/MF/ekonomska-in-fiskalna-politika/Blagajne-JF/Pregled-javnofinancnih-gibanj-avgust-2021.pdf>

Annual Estimates Revision

After a routine revision of annual estimates, Slovenia's gross domestic product for 2020 was estimated at EUR 46,918 million (before at EUR 46,297 million). In 2020 general government balance amounted -8.3% GDP (before GDP revision at -8.4% GDP) and general government debt stood at 79.8% GDP (before GDP revision at 80.8% GDP). General government debt in 2020 well below EA-19 (97.8% GDP) and EU-27 (90.5% GDP) average.

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