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Macroeconomic outlook

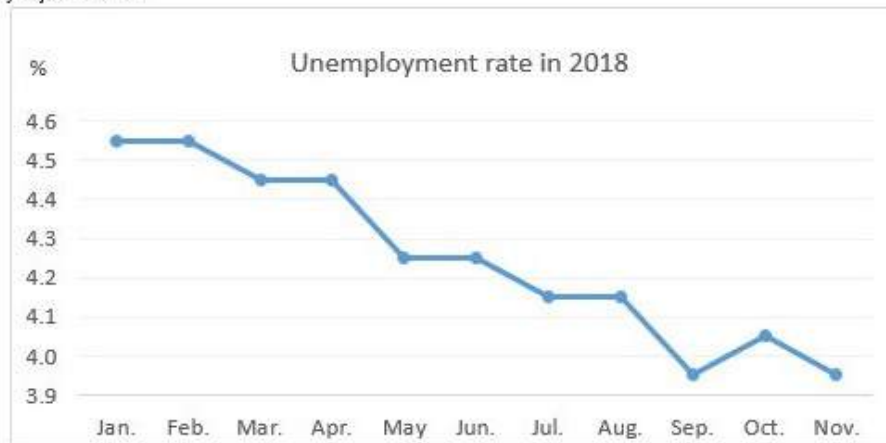
The National Commission for Strategy and Prognosis maintains its forecast regarding the GDP growth rate in 2019

- Romania's economic forecast body estimates 5.5pct GDP growth ([Read more](#))
- JLL: Romania's industrial and logistics market to reach 4 million sqm this year ([Read more](#))
- New VAT rules applied to residential properties: Only 5 percent for multiple transactions ([Read more](#))
- The biggest Romanian M&A transactions in 2018 ([Read more](#))
- Record year for agriculture in 2018: Romania ranks first in EU for maize and sunflower production ([Read more](#))
- Romania's industrial output up 3.9% y/y in January-November ([Read more](#))

Macroeconomic indicators, January 2019

Macroeconomic indicators	Value	Period
GDP growth* (%)	4.2	Q3 2018/ Q3 2017
Annual inflation rate* (%)	3.0	Dec 2018
Exchange rate (RON/EUR)	aver: 4.6530	Dec 2018
Unemployment rates* (%)	3.9	Nov 2018
Average monthly gross earnings	999 EUR (4,658 RON)	Nov 2018
Average monthly net earnings	599 EUR (2,792 RON)	Nov 2018
Industrial production growth (%)	2.8	Nov 2018/ Nov 2017
FDI flows (million EUR)	4,842	Jan-Nov 2018
FDI flows growth (%)	8.57	Jan-Nov 2018/ Jan-Nov 2017

* seasonally adjusted series



Source: NIS, Eurostat, NBR



Foreign Investment News

Daimler to produce next generation gearbox for Mercedes-Benz in Sebes
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Selection

- FDI into Romania rises 8.6% y/y in Jan-Nov ([Read more](#))
- London Stock Exchange Group inaugurates Bucharest office ([Read more](#))
- Amazon to add 5,000 sqm of office space in Iasi ([Read more](#))
- Polish company of marketing automation services for the e-commerce industry enters Romania ([Read more](#))
- Ford to launch production of Puma mini-SUV in Romania ([Read more](#))

Life in Romania. Events & Achievements

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- Laurentiu Popa, the Rembrandt of Romania ([Read more](#))
- Romania in Top 10 most welcoming countries in the world, according to Booking.Com ([Read more](#))
- From Romania with love ([Read more](#))
- Museum dedicated to Illy, the espresso machine inventor to open in Timisoara ([Read more](#))
- Tibi Useriu wins the 6633 Ultra Marathon for the 3rd time! ([Read more](#))



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