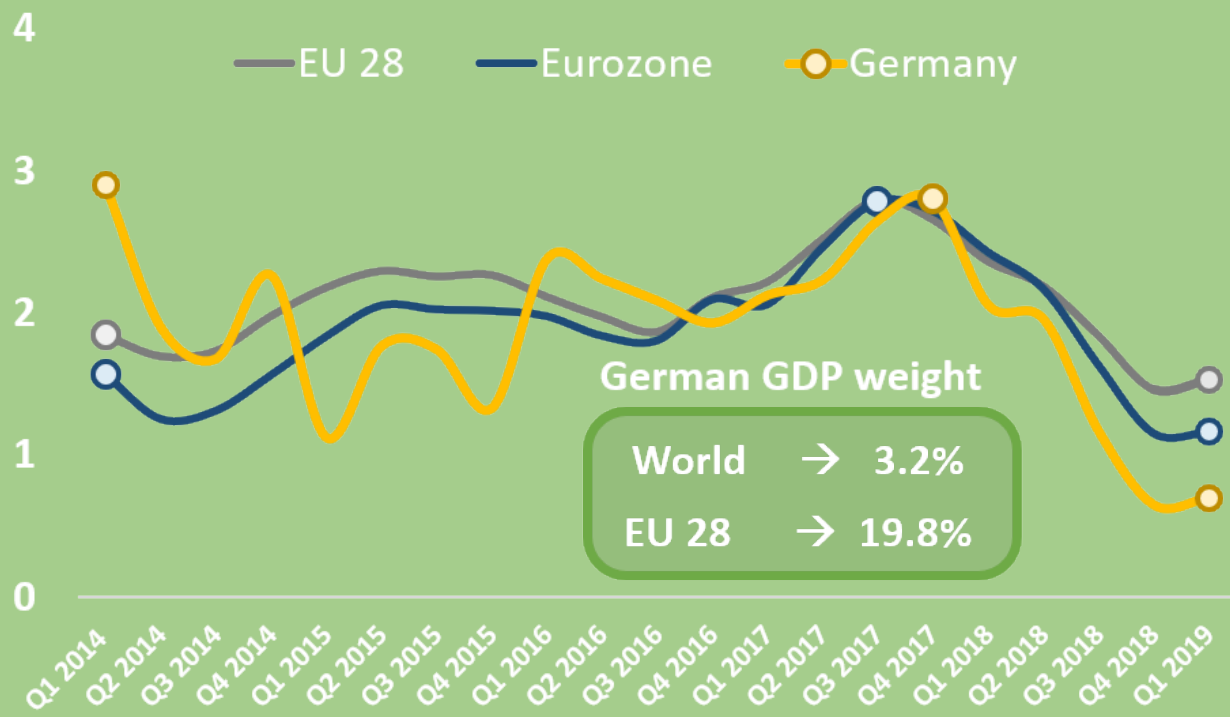


# Germany: Economic situation

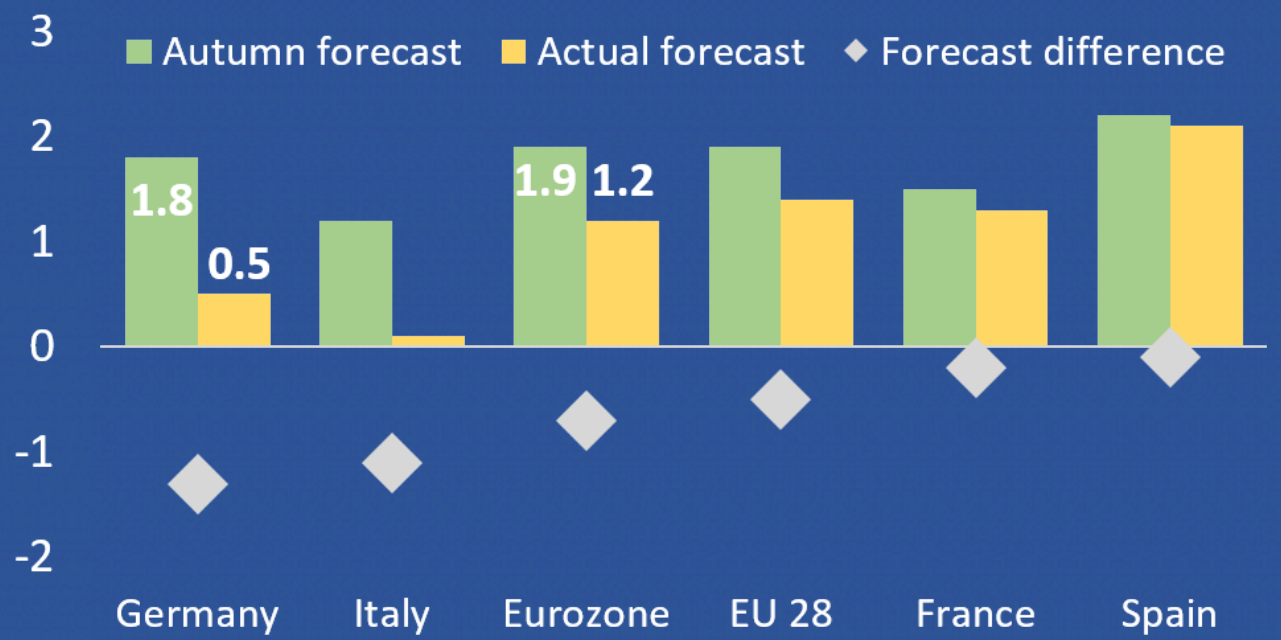
Since Q4 2017, GDP growth has been slowing down ...

GDP Evolution (%)

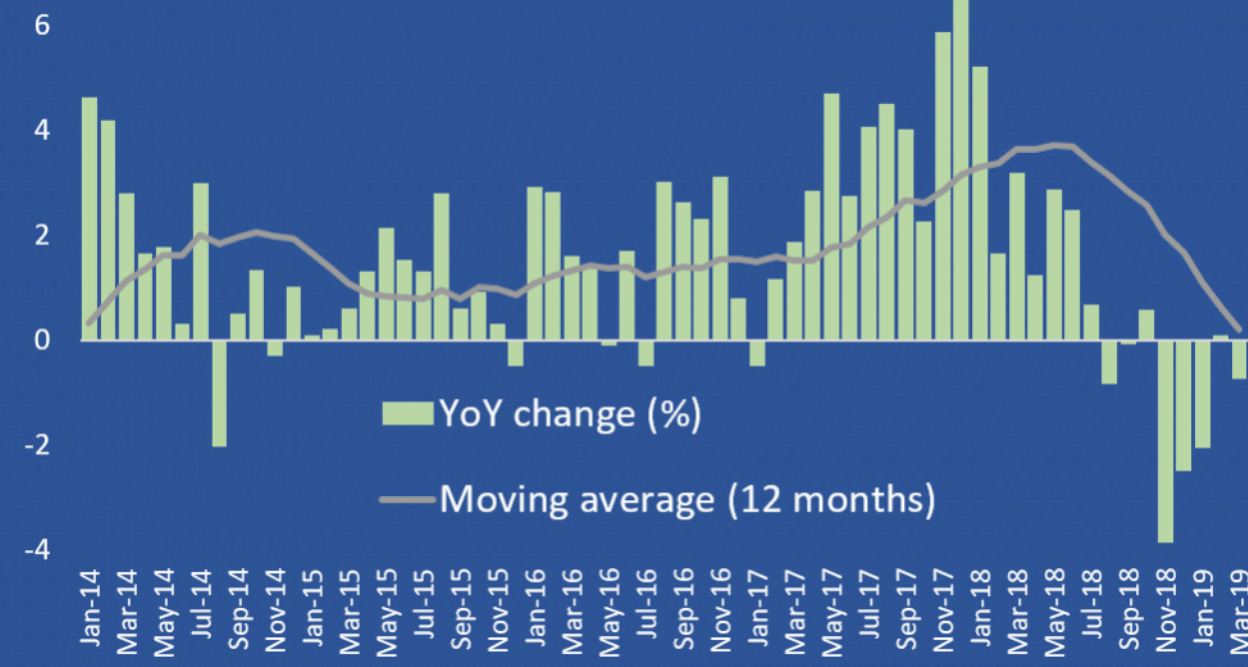


...but the outlook is favourable for 2019. However, it is still 0.7pp less than that forecasted for the Eurozone

GDP forecasts, 2019 (%)

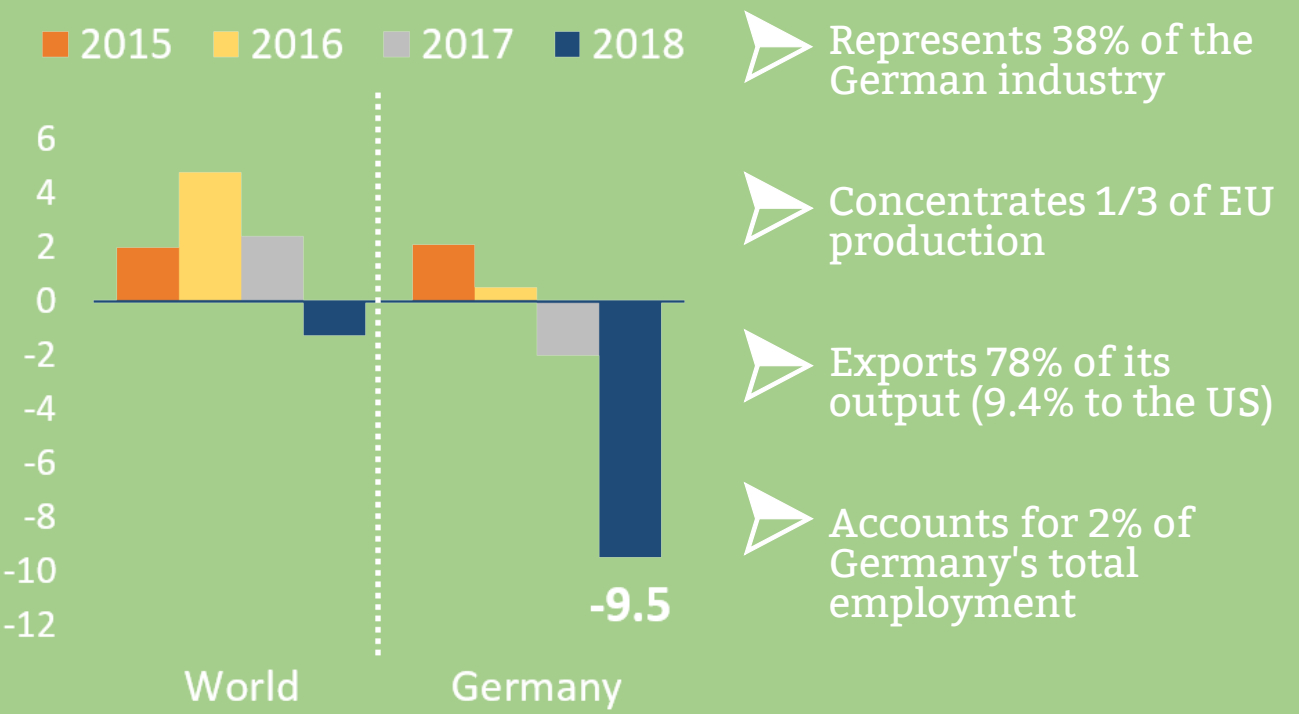


The average annual growth of the industry has stagnated at 0.2%, compared with the 1% on average reported in the last decade ...



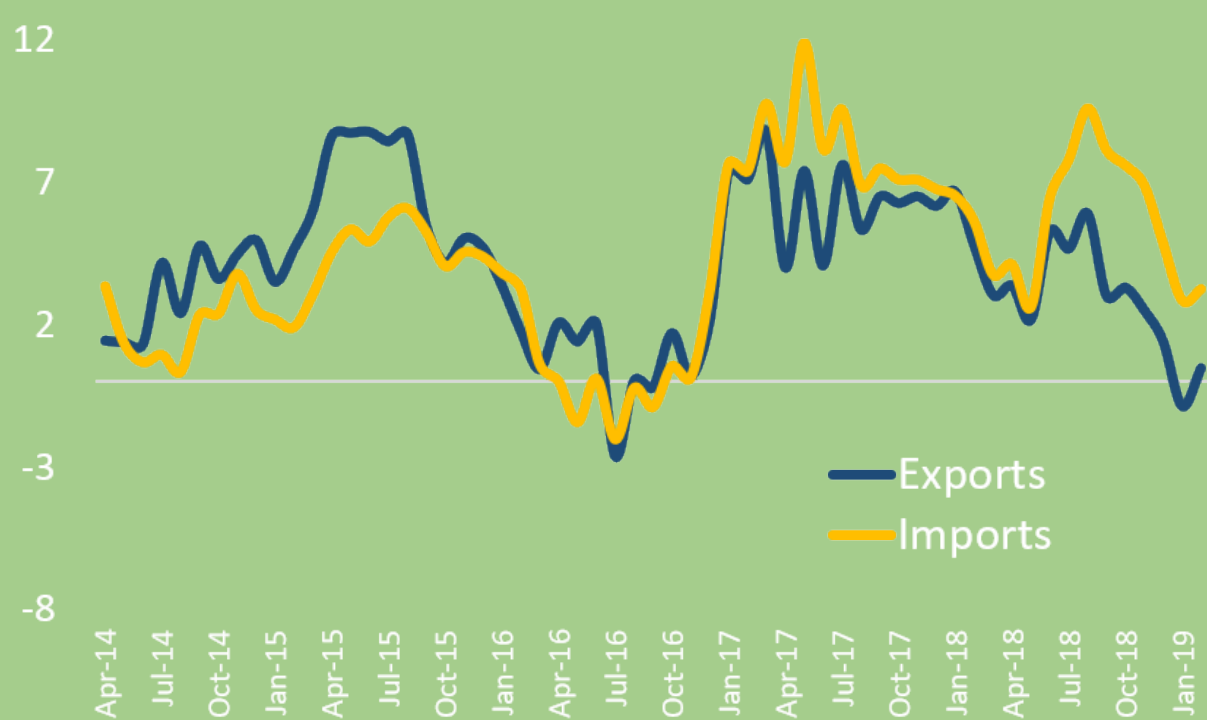
...predominantly due to the contraction of the automobile industry

Automobile production YoY change (%)



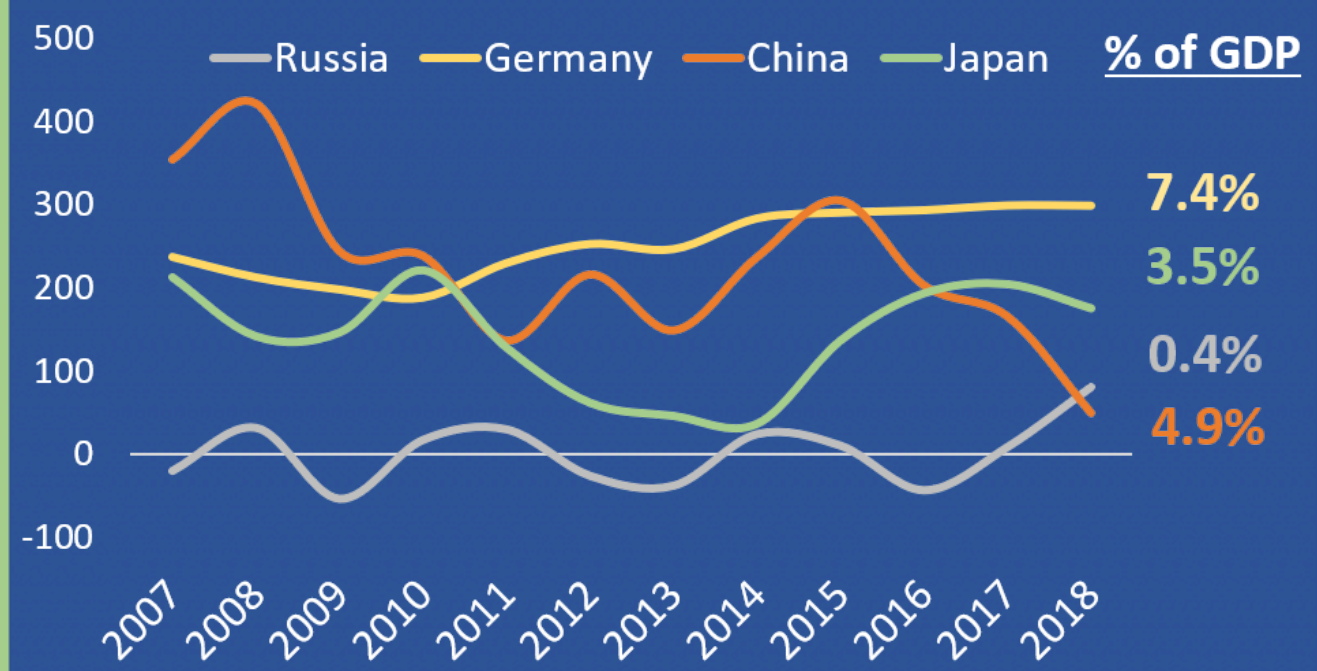
The shrinking German exports are explained by the new automobile regulations (WLTP) and trade tensions

YoY change (%), Monthly average (3 moths)

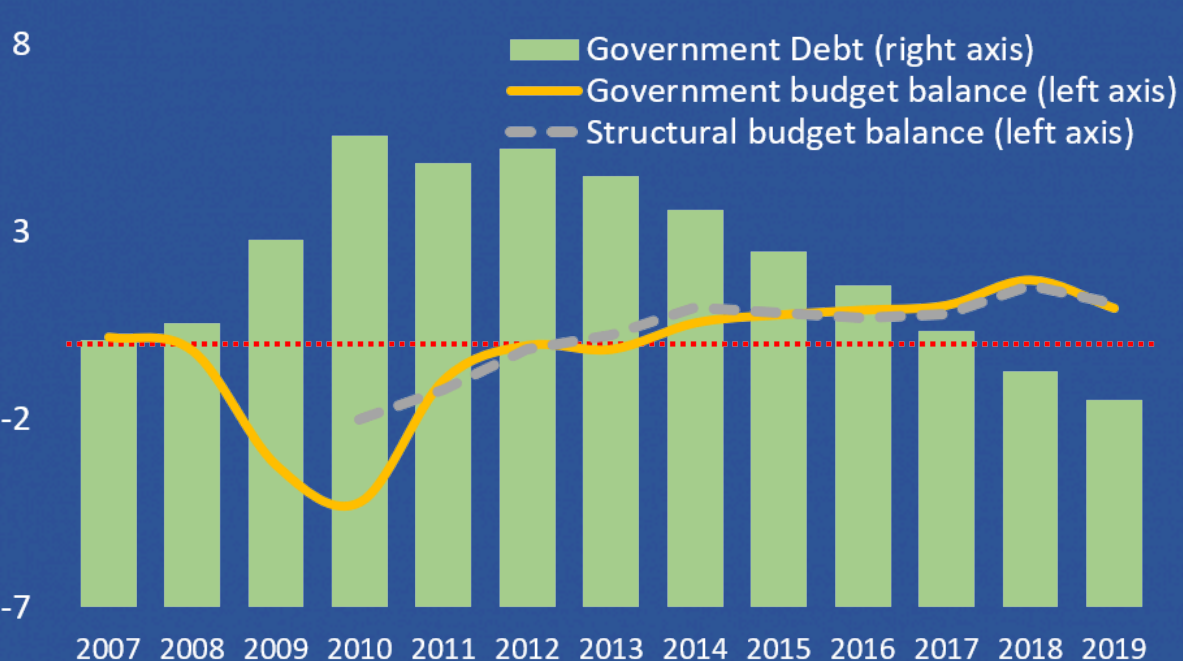


Despite this evolution, since 2016 the German economy has the world's largest trade surplus

\$ billions



Germany's public finances have been in surplus since 2014 with public debt expected to fall below 60% of GDP by 2019



The unemployment rate is at its lowest level since German reunification in 1990 (5.5%)

