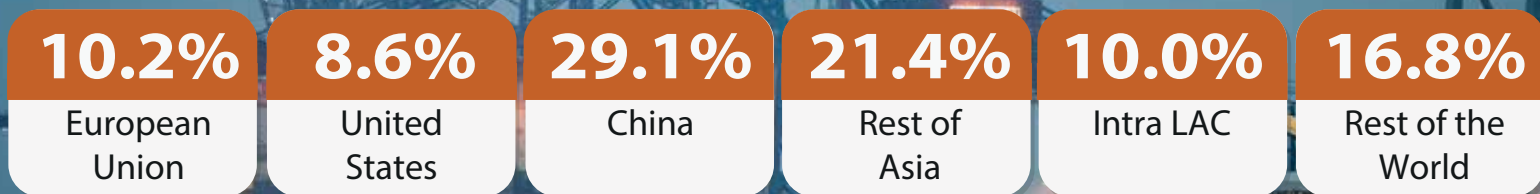


International trade in goods in Latin America and the Caribbean grew in 2017 after four years of contraction

The value of Latin American and Caribbean exports grew 12.8% in 2017 following four years of negative performance. This expansion was driven in large part by the recovery in prices of many of the products that compose the export basket of the region, together with greater demand in external markets. The double-digit growth rates in the prices of many natural resource-based products, including oil, metal and mineral products and other commodities, supported the growth of international trade in Latin America and the Caribbean throughout the year.

In 2017, Latin American and Caribbean exports to its main trade partners grew*



* with respect to 2016

Intra-regional Exports January-December 2017 (percentages by subregions or blocs)

