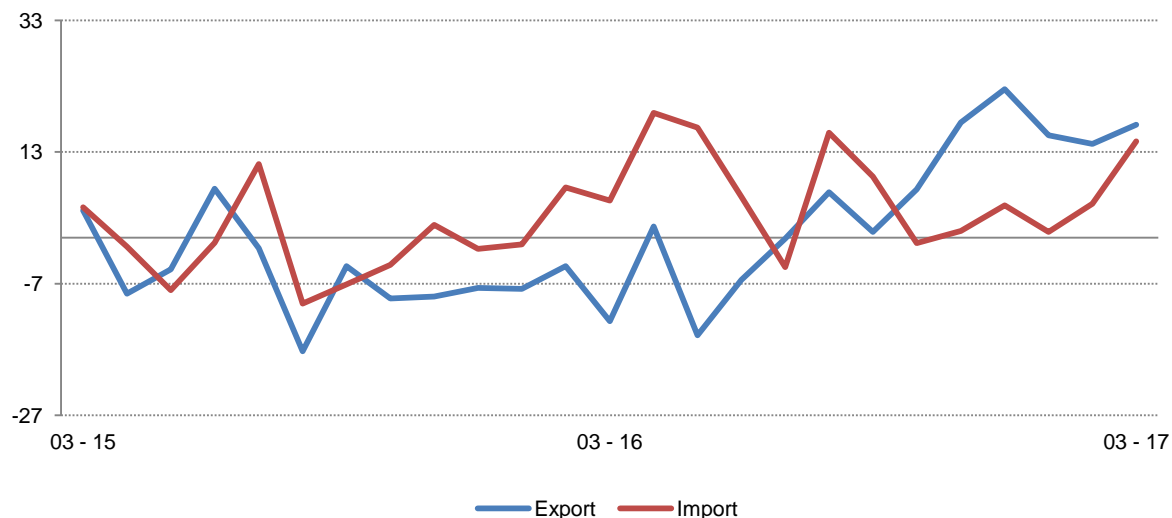


Foreign Trade in Goods

March, 2017

Tirana, April 18, 2017: On March 2017 the value of exports was 23 billion lekë, increasing by 17.2 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 12.9 % compared with February 2017. The value of imports in March 2017, was 54 billion lekë, increasing by 14.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 22.3 % compared with February 2017. This month the trade deficit is 31 billion lekë signing an increase by 12.8 % compared with March 2016 and by 30.2 % compared with February 2017.

Fig.1 Flow of goods, March 2015 – March 2017 (billionALL)

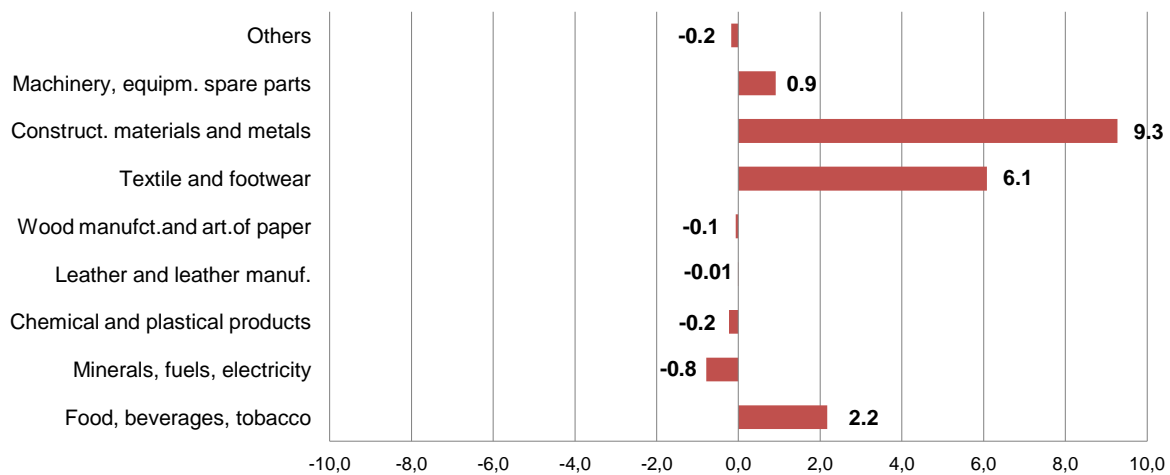


In the first three months of 2017, the value of exports was 62 billion lekë, increasing by 15.7 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 133 billion lekë, increasing by 7.5 %. Trade deficit was 71 billion lekë, increasing by 1.3 % compared with the same period of 2016.

The influence of the main groups in the annual change in exports:

In annual increase of exports by 17.2 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +9.3 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +6.1 percentage point, "Food, beverage, tobacco" with +2.2 percentage points". While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -0.8 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with -0.2 percentage point, "Wood manufactured and article of paper" with -0.1 percentage point.

Fig.2 Annual impact of groups in exports

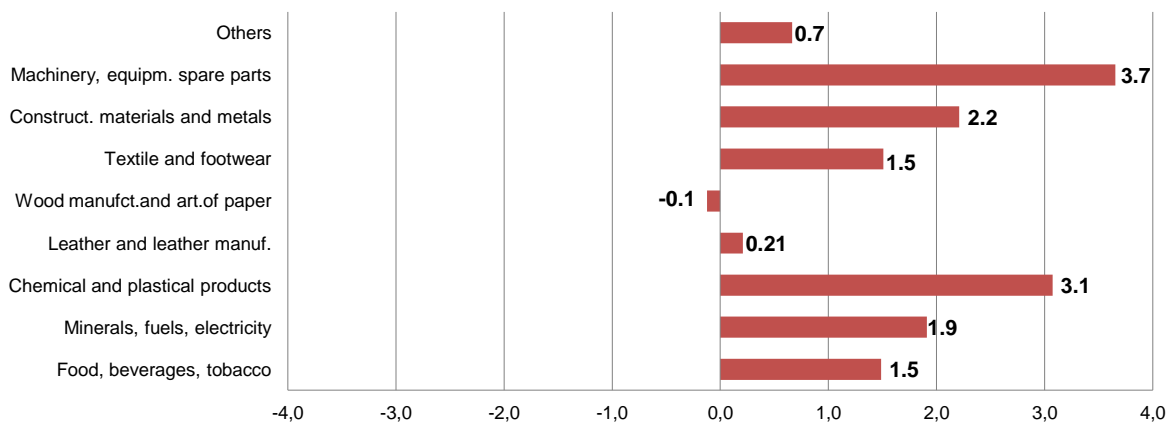


In the first three months of 2017, exports are increased by 15.7 % compared with previous year. A positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +6.0 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +5.7 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +3.7 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Leather and leather manufactories" with -0.3 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with -0.1 percentage point, "Wood manufacture and article of paper" with -0.1 percentage point,

The influence of the main groups in the annual change in imports:

In annual increase of imports by 14.6 % in March 2017 a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Machinery, equipment and spare parts" with +3.7 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +3.1 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +2.2 percentage points. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Wood manufacture and article of paper" with -0.1 percentage point.

Fig.3 Annual impact of groups in imports



In the first three months of 2017, imports are increased by 7.5 % compared with previous year. A positive contribution was given by the groups: "Chemical and plastical products" with +2.5 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +1.4 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment and spare parts" with +1.3 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Wood manufacture and article of paper" with -0.2 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

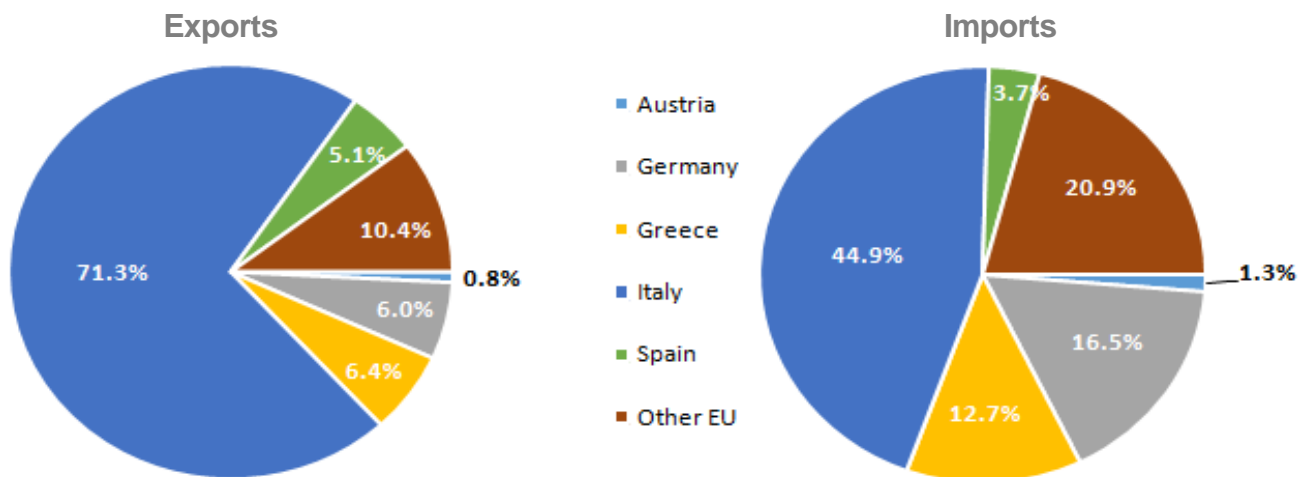
In March 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to March 2016 are: Italy with (13.6 %), Kosovo with (24.4 %) and Greece with (23.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: France with (-17.4 %), Croatia with (-22.4 %) and Netherland with (-49.7 %).

In the first three months of 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2016 are: Italy with (10.6 %), Kosovo with (31.3 %) and Greece with (17.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Austria with (-6.8 %), Switzerland with (-26.7 %) and Netherland with (-19.7 %).

In March 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to March 2016 are: Italy with (20.4 %), Germany with (67.4 %) and Turkey with (15.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: China with (-23.2 %), Switzerland with (-7.1 %) and France with (-27.7 %).

In the first three months of 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2016 are: Italy with (2.0 %), Germany with (36.1 %) and Turkey with (11.7 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: China with (-13.4 %), Switzerland with (-1.9 %) and France with (-7.7 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, March 2017



Trade with the EU countries is 67.1 % of total trade. In March 2017, exports to EU countries occupied 75.0 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 63.7 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (36.0 %), Germany (8.7 %), Greece (7.1 %) and Turkey (6.3 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first three months of 2017 is 65.2 % of total trade. In the first three months of 2017, exports to EU countries occupied 78.5 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 59.0 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (37.8 %), Germany (7.5 %), Greece (6.7 %) and China (6.6 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)

Years	Months	Exports	Annual Change (%)	Imports	Annual Change (%)	Trade Balance	Percentage of cover
2000		37	-23.5	157	-1.5	-120	23.6
2001		44	19.1	190	21.0	-146	23.2
2002		47	7.7	210	10.6	-163	22.6
2003		54	14.7	226	7.4	-171	24.1
2004		62	14.0	236	4.5	-174	26.3
2005		66	6.0	262	11.1	-196	25.1
2006		77	17.6	299	14.1	-222	25.9
2007		97	25.5	376	25.8	-279	25.8
2008		113	15.8	440	16.9	-327	25.6
2009		105	-7.2	429	-2.5	-324	24.4
2010		162	54.6	478	11.4	-316	33.8
2011		197	21.9	544	13.9	-347	36.2
2012		213	8.2	528	-2.9	-315	40.3
2013		246	15.7	517	-2.1	-271	47.6
2014		256	3.8	552	6.7	-297	46.3
2015		243	-4.9	545	-1.4	-301	44.7
2016		243	0.1	579	6.4	-336	42.0
2014	01 - 14	18	-1.4	35	2.2	-17	51.2
	02 - 14	20	27.9	39	17.5	-19	51.8
	03 - 14	21	10.4	42	11.1	-21	50.1
	Janar – Mars 2014	59	11.6	117	10.3	-57	51.0
2015	01 - 15	18	-0.6	35	0.9	-17	50.4
	02 - 15	18	-9.4	39	-0.8	-20	47.3
	03 - 15	22	4.1	44	4.6	-22	49.9
	Janar – Mars 2015	58	-1.9	119	1.7	-60	49.2
2016	01 - 16	16	-7.8	35	-1.0	-18	47.0
	02 - 16	18	-4.4	42	7.6	-24	42.0
	03 - 16	19	-12.7	47	5.6	-28	41.2
	Janar – Mars 2016	53	-8.6	124	4.3	-70	43.1
2017	01 - 17	19	15.5	35	0.9	-16	53.8
	02 - 17	20	14.2	44	5.1	-24	45.7
	03 - 17	23	17.2	54	14.6	-31	42.2
	Janar – Mars 2017	62	15.7	133	7.5	-71	46.4

Tab.2 Foreign trade in goods by partner countries (million ALL)

	Exports				Imports			
	March-16	March-17	Jan-Mar 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	March-16	March-17	Jan-Mar 2016	Jan-Mar 2017
EU countries	15,844	17,014	43,122	48,452	28,092	34,282	72,646	78,461
Austria	79	139	316	294	380	448	1,207	1,089
United Kingdom	50	18	109	71	267	492	854	1,190
Germany	642	1,023	1,974	2,635	3,378	5,656	8,755	11,914
Greece	877	1,083	2,341	2,739	3,838	4,365	9,581	10,372
Italy	10,684	12,133	31,783	35,154	12,789	15,400	37,730	38,494
Spain	246	868	1,067	2,681	1,237	1,260	2,425	2,678
Croatia	77	60	153	151	299	324	818	905
Others of EU	3,189	1,690	5,380	4,728	5,904	6,337	11,276	11,818
China	333	978	909	2,288	4,730	3,630	12,179	10,542
Kosovo	1,376	1,712	3,126	4,104	407	740	931	1,600
Macedonia	526	743	983	1,629	578	785	1,372	1,691
Russia	-	-	1	6	1,285	577	2,174	1,891
USA	140	461	328	705	649	839	2,128	2,264
Turkey	105	203	266	482	3,978	4,600	9,745	10,889
Ukraine	1	49	36	171	326	310	657	850
Switzerland	206	16	387	284	1,234	1,146	2,382	2,336
Others	829	1,506	4,175	3,580	5,658	6,879	19,443	22,436
Total	19,361	22,683	53,332	61,701	46,938	53,789	123,657	132,960

Tab. 3 Foreign trade by group of goods (million ALL)

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	March-16	March-17	Jan-Mar 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	March-16	March-17	Jan-Mar 2016	Jan-Mar 2017
Total	19,361	22,683	53,332	61,701	46,938	53,789	123,657	132,960
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,583	2,003	4,707	4,844	8,386	9,084	21,972	22,942
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,603	3,450	7,982	11,040	3,970	4,866	11,992	12,401
Chemical and plastical products	459	413	996	957	6,858	8,302	17,305	20,402
Leather and leather manuf.	254	252	772	635	1,217	1,316	3,399	3,572
Wood manufact.and art. of paper	630	617	1,851	1,792	2,083	2,026	5,075	4,786
Textile and footwear	8,883	10,060	26,212	28,197	6,434	7,141	17,436	19,144
Construct. materials and metals	2,422	4,218	6,557	9,730	6,265	7,303	15,073	15,685
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	967	1,143	2,678	3,024	10,037	11,753	27,299	28,888
Others	560	526	1,579	1,482	1,687	1,998	4,106	5,140

Tab. 4 Exports of group of goods and main partners (Jan-Mar. 2016, Jan-Mar. 2017)**(million ALL)**

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Greece		Spain	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Total	31,783	35,154	3,126	4,104	2,341	2,739	1,067	2,681
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,900	1,509	462	419	459	374	203	227
Minerals, fuels, electricity	607	2,921	585	1,333	97	69	256	1,922
Chemical and plastical products	381	309	302	257	63	124	0	1
Leather and leather manuf.	719	494	0	-	12	17	3	4
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,426	1,309	74	81	170	203	2	1
Textile and footwear	21,212	22,260	11	29	1,158	1,284	489	448
Construct. materials and metals	2,943	3,674	1,261	1,629	286	417	106	76
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	1,876	1,906	162	128	24	157	2	0
Others	718	771	269	229	72	95	6	0

Tab. 5 Imports of group of goods and main partners (Jan-Mar. 2016, Jan-Mar. 2017)**(million ALL)**

Group of goods	Italy		Germany		Turkey		China	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Total	37,730	38,494	8,755	11,914	9,745	10,889	12,179	10,542
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,927	3,952	911	890	1,130	1,370	133	180
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,160	3,839	133	157	115	276	85	1
Chemical and plastical products	3,545	4,310	1,358	1,701	1,345	1,583	923	1,044
Leather and leather manuf.	2,748	2,780	1	1	75	69	192	158
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,468	1,407	204	156	652	730	236	240
Textile and footwear	9,127	9,556	540	540	3,122	3,459	2,081	2,450
Construct. materials and metals	3,905	4,044	254	1,905	1,236	1,238	3,686	1,322
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	7,748	7,328	5,089	6,163	1,654	1,675	3,990	4,090
Others	1,102	1,277	265	401	416	489	852	1,055

DEFINITIONS

Exports are goods destined to a third country, placed under customs export or outward processing arrangements or re-exported following inward processing.

The FOB (free on board) value of exports of goods is the value of the goods at the exporter's customs frontier.

Imports are goods arrived from a third country and are directly placed, or are left in warehouse, under customs procedure of release for free circulation, inward processing or processing under customs control.

The cost, insurance and freight (CIF) price is the price of a good delivered at the frontier of the importing country, or the price of a service delivered to resident, before the payment of any import duties or other taxes on imports or trade and transport margins within the country.

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Explanation of Symbols

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