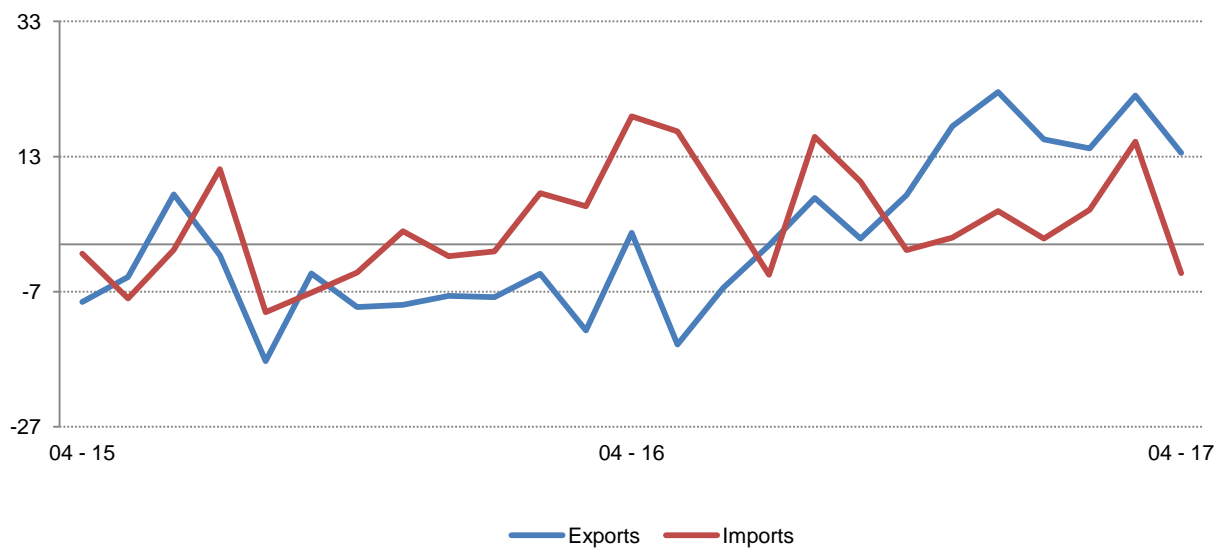


Foreign Trade in Goods

April, 2017

Tirana, May 17, 2017: On April 2017 the value of exports was 24 billion lekë, increasing by 13.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 1.6 % compared with March 2017. The value of imports in April 2017, was 50 billion lekë, decreasing by 4.3 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 7.7 % compared with March 2017. This month the trade deficit is 26 billion lekë signing an decrease by 16.5 % compared with April 2016 and by 15.4 % compared with March 2017.

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

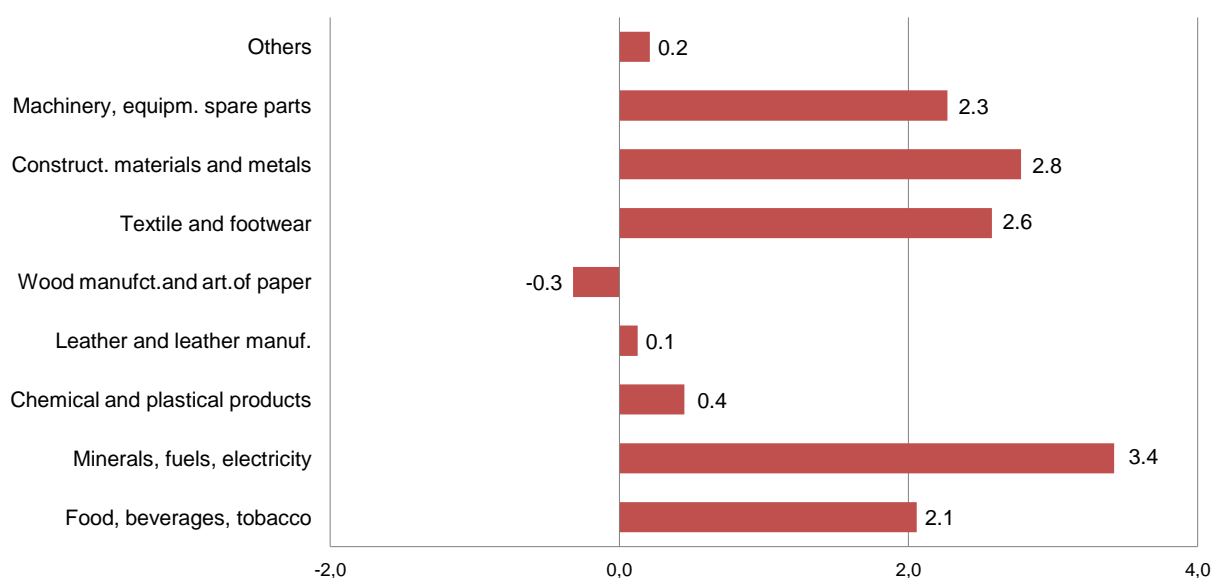


In the first four months of 2017, the value of exports was 87 billion lekë, increasing by 16.4 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 183 billion lekë, increasing by 4.1 %. Trade deficit was 96 billion lekë, decreasing by 5.3 % compared with the same period of 2016.

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

In annual increase of exports by 13.6 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +3.4 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +2.8 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +2.6 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Wood manufactured and article of paper" with -0.3 percentage point.

Fig.2 Annual impact of groups in exports

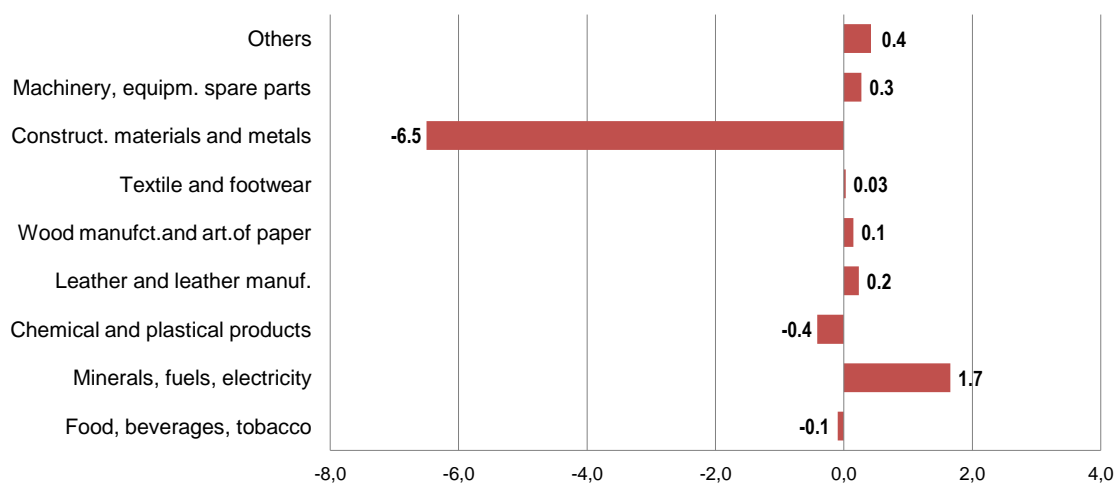


In the first four months of 2017, exports are increased by 16.4 % compared with previous year. A positive contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +6.3 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +5.0 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +3.4 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Wood manufacture and article of paper" with -0.2 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactories" with -0.1 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 4.3 % in April 2017 a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with -6.5 percentage points, “Chemical and plastical products” with -0.4 percentage point, “Food, beverage, tobacco” with -0.1 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +1.7 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +0.3 percentage point, “Leather and leather manufactories” with +0.2 percentage point.

Fig.3 Annual impact of groups in imports



In the first four months of 2017, imports are increased by 4.1 % compared with previous year. A positive contribution was given by the groups: “Chemical and plastical products” with +1.7 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +1.0 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +1.0 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Construction materials and metals” with -1.6 percentage points, “Wood manufactures and article of paper” with -0.1 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

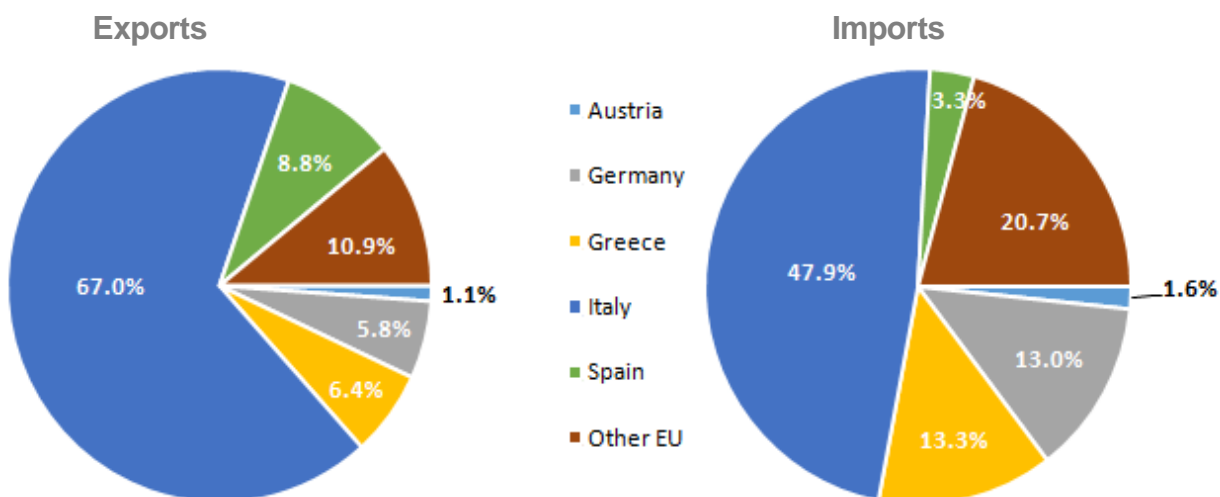
In April 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to April 2016 are: Italy with (1.3 %), Kosovo with (8.3 %) and Spain with (126.9 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Serbia with (-21.6 %), Montenegro with (-3.4 %) and Switzerland with (-42.3 %).

In the first four months of 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2016 are: Italy with (9.6 %), Kosovo with (22.7 %) and Spain with (142.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Switzerland with (-35.9 %), Netherland with (-26.7 %) and Malta with (-96.3 %).

In April 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to April 2016 are: Italy with (3.8 %), Turkey with (2.9 %) and China with (4.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Greece with (-1.9 %), Germany with (-48.9 %) and Russia with (-40.1 %).

In the first four months of 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2016 are: Italy with (2.6 %), Turkey with (9.2 %) and Greece with (5.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Germany with (-4.6 %), China with (-10.0 %) and Russia with (-25.8 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries, in the first four months of 2017 is 65.6 % of total trade. In the first four months of 2017, exports to EU countries occupied 76.6 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 60.3 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (37.5 %), Germany (7.3 %), Greece (6.8 %) and China (6.4 %).

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	14-Jan	18	-1.4	35	2.2	-17	51.2
	14-Shk	20	27.9	39	17.5	-19	51.8
	14-Mar	21	10.4	42	11.1	-21	50.1
	14-Pri	23	10.3	44	6.8	-22	51.3
	January – April 2014	82	11.2	161	9.3	-79	51.1
2015	15-Jan	18	-0.6	35	0.9	-17	50.4
	15-Shk	18	-9.4	39	-0.8	-20	47.3
	15-Mar	22	4.1	44	4.6	-22	49.9
	15-Pri	21	-8.5	44	-1.4	-23	47.6
	January – April 2015	79	-3.7	162	0.8	-83	48.8
2016	16-Jan	16	-7.8	35	-1.0	-18	47.0
	16-Shk	18	-4.4	42	7.6	-24	42.0
	16-Mar	19	-12.7	47	5.6	-28	41.2
	16-Pri	21	1.7	52	19.0	-31	40.7
	January – April 2016	74	-5.9	176	8.2	-101	42.4
2017	17-Jan	19	15.5	35	0.9	-16	53.8
	17-Shk	20	14.2	44	5.1	-24	45.7
	17-Mar	24	22.0	54	15.2	-30	43.7
	17-Pri	24	13.6	50	-4.3	-26	48.2
	January – April 2017	87	16.4	183	4.1	-96	47.3

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

	Exports				Imports			
	April-16	April-17	Jan-April 2016	Jan-April 2017	April-16	April-17	Jan-April 2016	Jan-April 2017
EU countries	15,452	17,317	58,574	66,399	34,595	31,771	107,241	110,288
Austria	93	197	408	491	513	516	1,721	1,605
United Kingdom	3	22	112	93	395	396	1,249	1,586
Germany	674	1,011	2,648	3,646	8,055	4,119	16,810	16,042
Greece	916	1,115	3,257	3,854	4,300	4,217	13,881	14,587
Italy	11,461	11,606	43,244	47,388	14,668	15,225	52,398	53,750
Spain	670	1,521	1,738	4,205	823	1,064	3,248	3,741
Croatia	44	62	197	213	421	303	1,239	1,209
Others of EU	1,590	1,782	6,970	6,510	5,419	5,932	16,695	17,768
China	424	1,323	1,332	3,838	2,842	2,973	15,021	13,520
Kosovo	1,877	2,033	5,003	6,139	609	712	1,540	2,313
Macedonia	677	780	1,659	2,408	718	742	2,090	2,435
Russia	-	26	1	32	1,954	1,170	4,128	3,061
USA	146	175	474	880	645	675	2,773	2,938
Turkey	97	166	362	648	4,023	4,140	13,768	15,039
Ukraine	10	31	46	202	704	230	1,361	1,080
Switzerland	553	319	940	603	396	502	2,778	2,844
Others	1,901	1,834	6,076	5,495	5,493	6,850	24,936	29,353
Total	21,136	24,004	74,469	86,645	51,979	49,765	175,636	182,872

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	April-16	April-17	Jan-April 2016	Jan-April 2017	April-16	April-17	Jan-April 2016	Jan-April 2017
Total	21,136	24,004	74,469	86,645	51,979	49,765	175,636	182,872
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,172	2,607	6,880	7,453	8,877	8,826	30,850	31,818
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,226	4,949	12,208	16,894	3,245	4,105	15,237	16,525
Chemical and plastical products	385	480	1,381	1,438	7,462	7,245	24,767	27,686
Leather and leather manuf.	205	231	976	867	1,681	1,802	5,080	5,374
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	666	598	2,517	2,390	1,889	1,965	6,964	6,753
Textile and footwear	8,841	9,385	35,053	37,606	7,036	7,051	24,472	26,200
Construct. materials and metals	3,162	3,750	9,719	13,480	10,394	7,016	25,467	22,708
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	878	1,357	3,555	4,382	9,719	9,861	37,019	38,766
Others	602	646	2,180	2,136	1,675	1,895	5,781	7,043

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Greece	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Total	43,244	47,388	5,003	6,139	1,738	4,205	3,257	3,854
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,416	2,033	704	680	262	298	631	549
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,543	3,957	889	1,991	614	3,193	132	93
Chemical and plastical products	473	445	439	399	-	2	102	183
Leather and leather manuf.	888	665	0	2	3	4	19	23
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,908	1,743	95	111	2	2	272	280
Textile and footwear	28,471	29,627	19	41	631	569	1,535	1,687
Construct. materials and metals	4,073	5,082	2,257	2,428	196	132	431	575
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	2,489	2,747	218	177	22	1	27	335
Others	982	1,088	382	311	7	3	106	131

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

Group of goods	Italy		Germany		Turkey		Greece	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Total	52,398	53,750	16,810	16,042	13,768	15,039	13,881	14,587
Food, beverages, tobacco	5,438	5,596	1,331	1,233	1,636	1,918	4,837	4,393
Minerals, fuels, electricity	5,683	5,348	183	189	203	535	915	1,792
Chemical and plastical products	4,950	5,831	1,940	2,392	1,993	2,197	2,459	2,595
Leather and leather manuf.	4,057	4,191	1	2	98	104	36	21
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	2,039	1,929	265	208	851	918	761	786
Textile and footwear	12,636	13,155	800	740	4,608	4,803	1,199	1,183
Construct. materials and metals	5,404	5,828	4,816	2,641	1,701	1,602	2,212	2,495
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	10,559	10,040	7,115	8,118	2,093	2,284	953	748
Others	1,632	1,832	358	519	586	679	508	574

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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