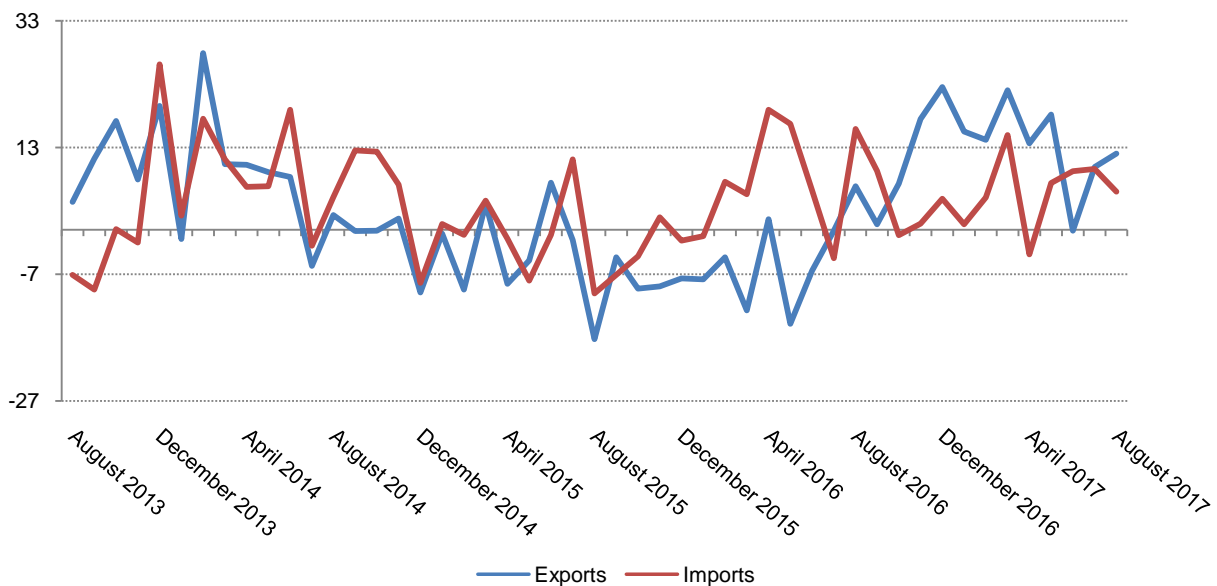


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## August 2017

**Tirana, September 18, 2017:** On August 2017 the value of exports was 18 billion lekë, increasing by 12.0 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 25.6 % compared with July 2017. The value of imports in August 2017, was 49 billion lekë, increasing by 6.0 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 10.1 % compared with July 2017. This month the trade deficit is 31 billion lekë signing an increase by 2.8 % compared with August 2016 and by 2.5 % compared with July 2017.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade, August 2013 – August 2017 (%)

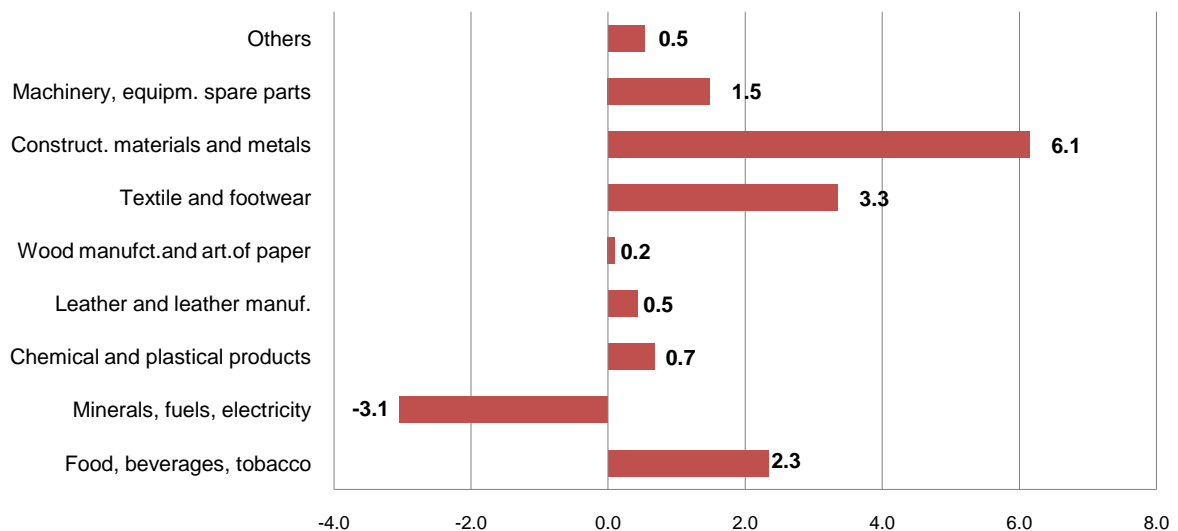


In the first eight months of 2017, the value of exports was 177 billion lekë, increasing by 12.8 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 400 billion lekë, increasing by 6.3 %. Trade deficit was 223 billion lekë, increasing by 1.6 % compared with the same period of 2016.

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

In annual increase of exports by 12.0 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +6.1 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +3.3 percentage point, "Food, beverage, tobacco" with +2.3 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -3.1 percentage point.

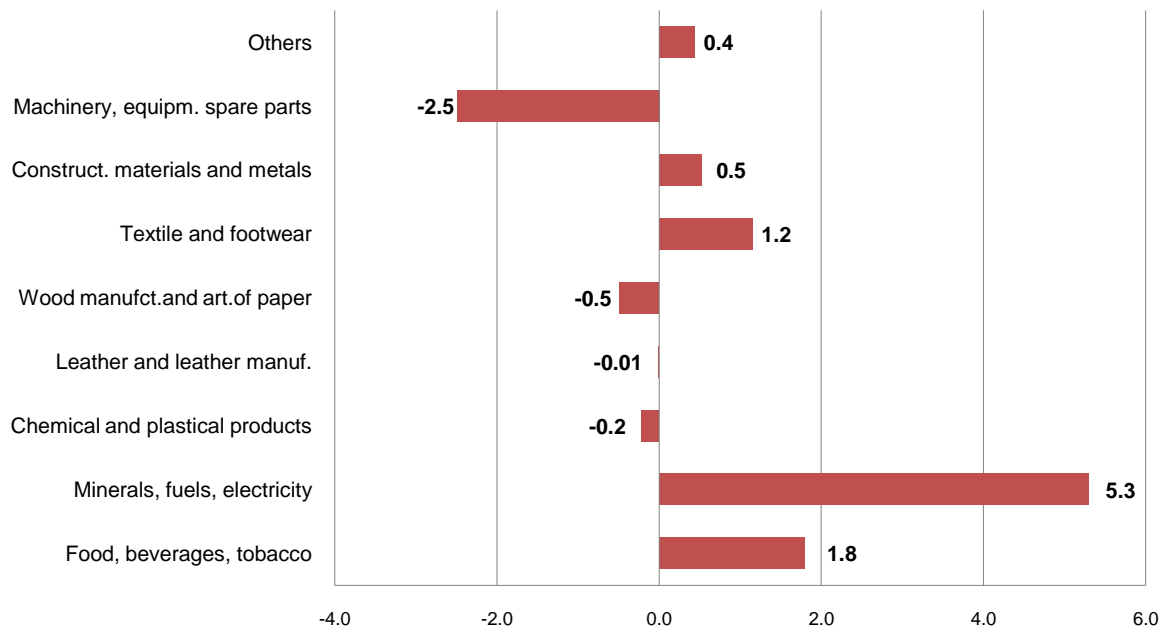
**Fig.2 Annual impact of groups in exports**



In the first eight months of 2017, exports are increased by 12.8 % compared with previous year. A positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +5.1 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +3.9 percentage point, "Food, beverage, tobacco" with +1.7 percentage point. In the annual change in exports, no group affected negatively.

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

In annual increase of imports by 6.0 % in August 2017 a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +5.3 percentage point, "Food, beverage, tobacco" with +1.8 percentage point "Textile and footwear" with +1.2 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" with -2.5 percentage, "Wood manufactories and article of paper" with -0.5 percentage point "Chemical and plastical products" with -0.2 percentage point.

**Fig.3 Annual impact of groups in imports**

In the first eight months of 2017, imports are increased by 6.3 % compared with previous year. A positive contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +1.4 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +1.2 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +1.2 percentage point. In the annual change in imports, no group affected negatively.

### **The performance of trade in goods by partner countries**

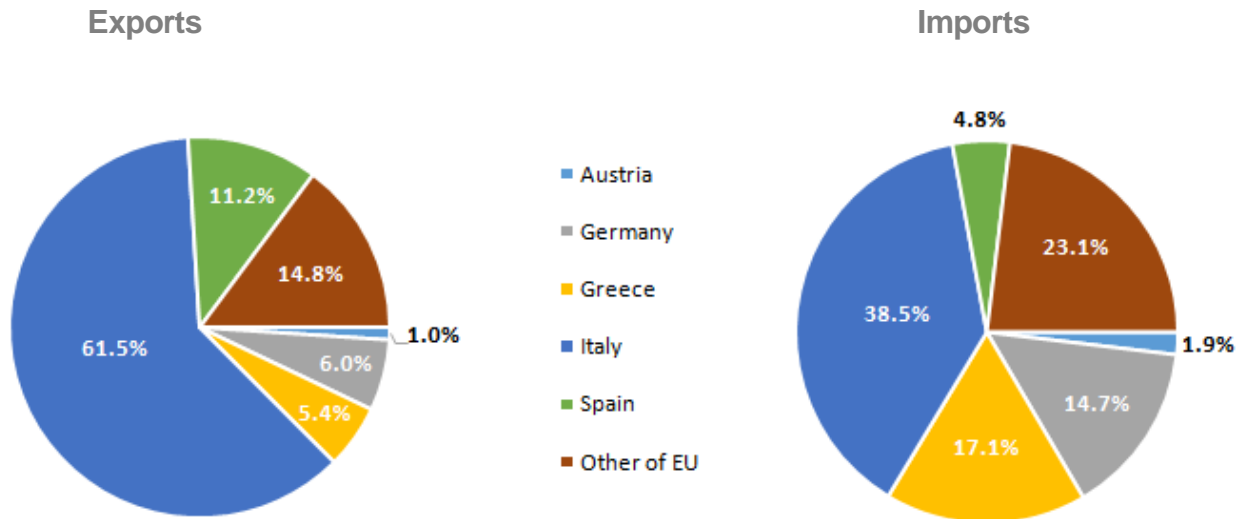
In August 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to August 2016 are: Italy with (14.4 %), Kosovo with (30.7 %) and Macedonia with (54.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Spain with (-0.2 %), Greece with (-6.4 %) and Montenegro with (-2.6 %).

In the first eight months of 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2016 are: Italy with (8.4 %), Kosovo with (28.8 %) and Spain with (117.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Bulgaria with (-1.3 %), Switzerland with (-50.6 %) and Croatia with (-28.3 %).

In August 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to August 2016 are: Greece with (19.6 %), China with (13.9 %) and Germany with (7.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy with (-5.0 %), Turkey with (-8.0 %) and United State with (-44.8 %).

In the first eight months of 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2016 are: Italy with (4.0 %), Greece with (13.3 %) and Turkey with (13.1 %) . While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Germany with (-4.3 %), China with (-6.4 %) and Rusia with (-4.4 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 58.9 % of total trade. In August 2017, exports to EU countries occupied 70.1 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 54.7 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (27.0 %), Greece (7.8 %), China (7.5 %) and Germany (7.0 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first eight months of 2017 is 66.0 % of total trade. In the first eight months of 2017, exports to EU countries occupied 76.6 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 63.1 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (36.3 %), Greece (7.2 %), Germany (7.1 %) 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
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
	04 - 15	21	-8.5	44	-1.4	-23	47.6
	05 - 15	24	-4.8	44	-8.0	-20	54.3
	06 - 15	24	7.4	49	-0.8	-25	49.3
	07 - 15	23	-1.6	52	11.1	-30	43.0
	08 - 15	15	-17.3	40	-10.0	-25	38.3
	January – August 2015	165	-3.6	348	-0.6	-183	47.5
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
	04 - 16	21	1.7	52	19.0	-31	40.7
	05 - 16	21	-14.8	52	16.7	-31	39.6
	06 - 16	23	-6.4	52	6.2	-29	43.5
	07 - 16	23	-0.2	50	-4.5	-28	44.9
	08 - 16	16	6.9	47	15.9	-30	35.3
	January – August 2016	157	-5.3	376	8.0	-219	41.6
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	24	22.0	54	14.9	-30	43.8
	04 - 17	24	13.7	50	-3.9	-26	48.1
	05 - 17	24	18.2	56	7.4	-31	43.6
	06 - 17	23	-0.1	57	9.2	-34	39.7
	07 - 17	25	9.9	55	9.6	-30	45.1
	08 - 17	18	12.0	49	6.0	-31	37.3
	January – August 2017	177	12.8	400	6.3	-223	44.2

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

	Exports				Imports			
	August-16	August-17	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	August-16	August-17	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>12,147</b>	<b>12,906</b>	<b>124,271</b>	<b>135,316</b>	<b>27,413</b>	<b>26,955</b>	<b>234,558</b>	<b>245,027</b>
Austria	86	134	741	1,067	1,421	506	4,758	4,080
United Kingdom	49	74	336	311	266	373	2,693	3,438
Germany	639	780	5,270	7,235	3,687	3,962	34,945	33,443
Greece	748	700	7,313	7,698	3,847	4,599	29,843	33,798
Italy	6,939	7,939	87,104	94,402	10,914	10,366	110,663	115,037
Spain	1,442	1,439	4,362	9,492	1,025	1,304	8,222	9,253
Croatia	35	63	729	523	273	331	2,736	2,973
Others of EU	2,209	1,776	18,416	14,587	5,980	5,513	40,698	43,004
China	583	724	3,722	5,610	3,845	4,378	33,172	31,037
Kosovo	1,504	1,965	10,745	13,835	482	799	3,605	5,328
Macedonia	658	1,015	3,978	5,672	681	661	4,762	5,401
Russia	5	29	52	84	1,069	2,153	7,625	7,291
USA	199	446	1,078	1,966	1,223	675	7,478	6,001
Turkey	190	195	1,095	1,469	4,015	3,692	28,873	32,661
Ukraine	28	40	145	337	330	138	2,393	2,247
Switzerland	241	27	1,684	831	607	1,452	4,767	6,126
Others	877	1,058	9,765	11,512	6,851	8,417	48,791	58,582
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,431</b>	<b>18,407</b>	<b>156,534</b>	<b>176,632</b>	<b>46,515</b>	<b>49,321</b>	<b>376,024</b>	<b>399,701</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	August-16	August-17	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	August-16	August-17	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,431</b>	<b>18,407</b>	<b>156,534</b>	<b>176,632</b>	<b>46,515</b>	<b>49,321</b>	<b>376,024</b>	<b>399,701</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,644	2,028	15,454	18,193	9,379	10,216	66,605	70,581
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,829	3,327	28,845	29,309	4,898	7,364	31,900	37,190
Chemical and plastical products	355	466	2,824	3,139	6,542	6,442	52,923	57,461
Leather and leather manuf.	59	130	1,781	1,961	920	918	11,540	12,428
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	491	508	4,906	4,966	2,057	1,830	15,097	15,173
Textile and footwear	6,619	7,169	70,889	76,975	4,294	4,832	50,590	55,113
Construct. materials and metals	2,307	3,318	20,001	28,018	5,382	5,630	49,897	51,272
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	642	887	7,203	9,190	11,527	10,368	83,915	84,704
Others	485	573	4,628	4,882	1,514	1,720	13,557	15,779

**Tab. 4 Exports of group of goods and main partners (January - August 2016, January - August 2017)**

(million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Greece	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,104</b>	<b>94,402</b>	<b>10,745</b>	<b>13,835</b>	<b>4,362</b>	<b>9,492</b>	<b>7,313</b>	<b>7,698</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	4,402	4,481	1,772	1,962	537	528	1,547	1,217
Minerals, fuels, electricity	5,359	5,527	2,176	3,649	1,550	7,153	305	211
Chemical and plastical products	863	852	857	833	0	13	261	370
Leather and leather manuf.	1,617	1,486	0	4	3	42	34	39
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	3,616	3,477	208	264	4	3	587	681
Textile and footwear	56,469	60,437	52	89	1,837	1,526	3,119	3,516
Construct. materials and metals	8,062	10,527	4,404	5,787	395	220	1,160	1,031
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	4,789	5,426	430	444	23	1	40	375
Others	1,927	2,190	846	804	12	5	259	257

**Tab. 5 Imports of group of goods and main partners (January - August 2016, January - August 2017)**

(million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy		Greece		Germany		Turkey	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,663</b>	<b>115,037</b>	<b>29,843</b>	<b>33,798</b>	<b>34,945</b>	<b>33,443</b>	<b>28,873</b>	<b>32,661</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	11,463	12,086	9,687	9,290	2,917	2,758	3,647	3,907
Minerals, fuels, electricity	13,425	10,073	3,744	5,546	337	407	654	1,259
Chemical and plastical products	10,914	12,152	5,057	5,305	4,297	5,157	4,229	4,890
Leather and leather manuf.	9,008	9,602	100	48	3	7	268	236
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	4,090	4,134	1,802	2,134	574	539	2,061	2,234
Textile and footwear	25,934	27,830	2,328	2,539	1,693	1,654	9,001	9,885
Construct. materials and metals	10,778	12,965	4,335	6,139	9,541	4,853	3,581	3,942
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	21,288	22,088	1,782	1,640	14,556	16,860	4,156	4,754
Others	3,761	4,107	1,008	1,158	1,027	1,209	1,277	1,554

# 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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