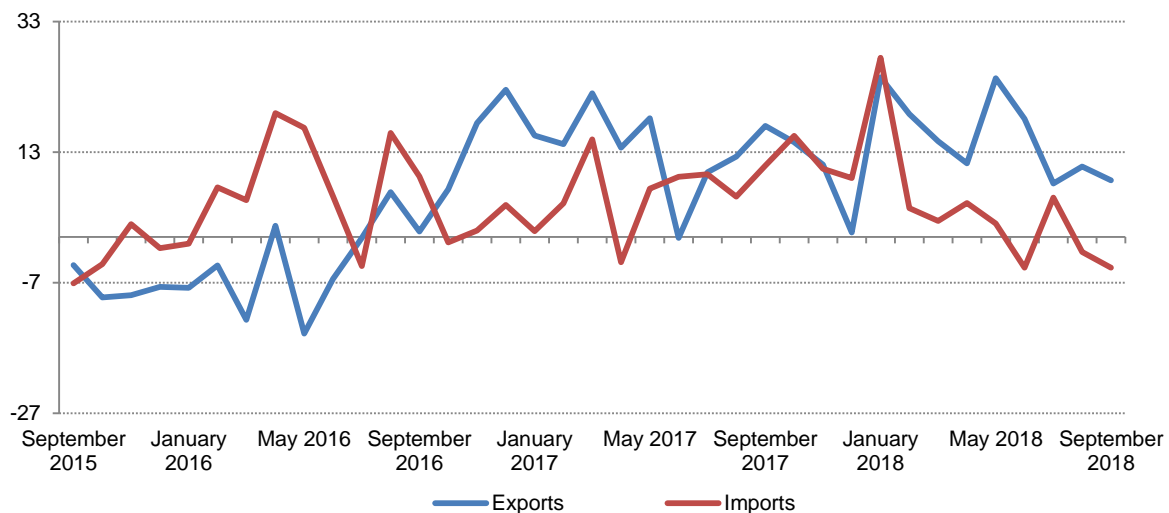


Foreign Trade in Goods

September 2018

Tirana, October 17, 2018: On September 2018 the value of exports was 26 billion lekë, increasing by 8.7 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 28.0 % compared with August 2018. The value of imports was 51 billion lekë, decreasing by 4.7 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 5.5 % compared with August 2018. This month the trade deficit is 25 billion lekë signing a decrease by 15.6 % compared with September 2017 and 11.1 % compared with August 2018.

Fig. 1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)

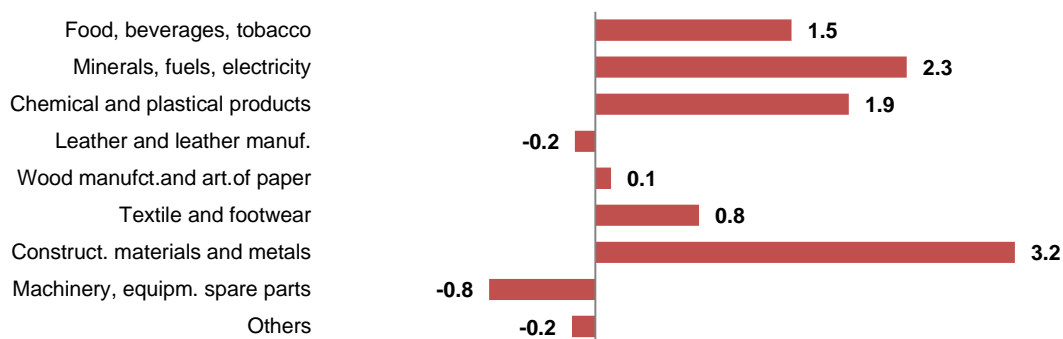


In nine months of 2018, the value of exports was 231 billion lekë, increasing by 15.3 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 467 billion lekë, increasing by 3.0 %. Trade deficit was 235 billion lekë, decreasing by 6.7 % compared with the same period of 2017.

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

In annual increase of exports by 8.7 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with +3.2 percentage point , “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +2.3 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +1.9 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” with -0.8 percentage point.

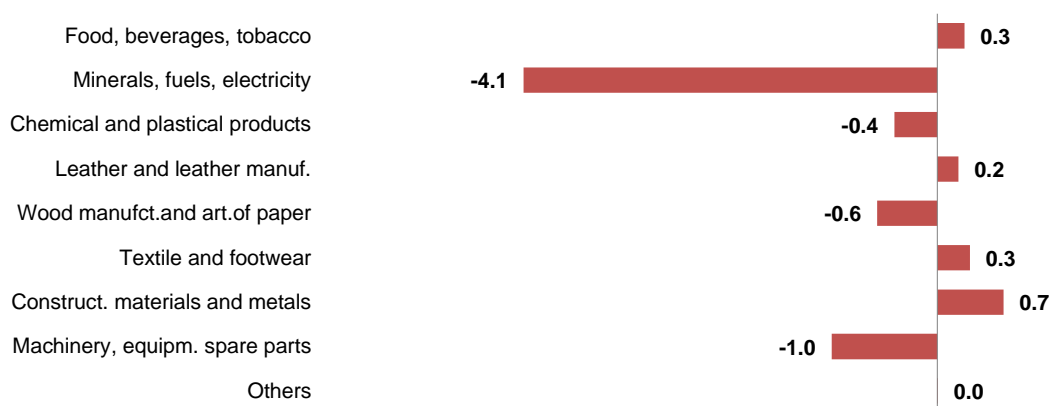
Fig. 2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports, September 2018



Exports in nine months of 2018 are increased by 15.3 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups that influenced more in annual increase of imports are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +5.6 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +4.1 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +2.7 percentage point. While a negative contribution give the group: “Leather and leather manufacture” with -0.04 point percent.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 4.7 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -4.1 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” with -1.0 percentage point, “Wood manufactures and articles of paper” with -0.6 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Construction materials and metals” with +0.7 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , September 2018

In nine months of 2018, imports are increased by 3.0 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” with +1.3 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +0.6 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +0.3 percentage point. While no group give a negative contribution.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

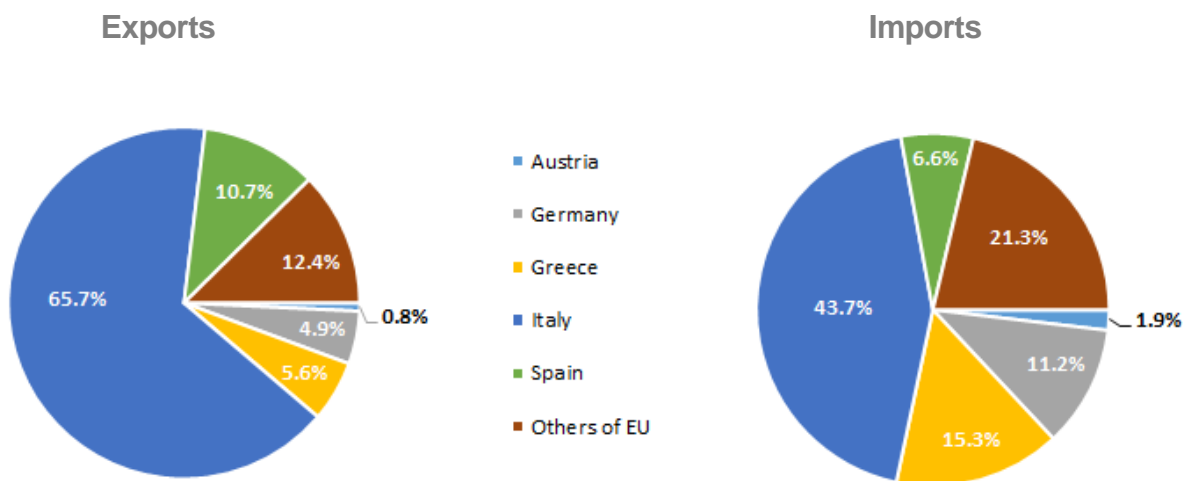
In September 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to August 2017 are: Italy with (-0,9 %), Kosovo with (50.0 %) and Spain (47.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: China with (-77.8 %), Turkey with (-1.9 %) and Ukraine with (-54.0 %).

In nine months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy with (3.9 %), Kosovo with (25.0 %) and Spain with (63.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: China with (-38.3 %), Turkey with (-5.6 %) and Ukraine with (-53.1 %).

In September 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to August 2017 are: Greece with (13.8 %), Turkey with (15.4 %), and China with (8.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy with (-7.3 %), Germany with (-23.3 %) and Russia with (-2.2 %).

In nine months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Greece with (2.8 %), Turkey with (5.1 %) and China with (8.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Germany with (-4.5 %), Switzerland with (-23.6 %) and Ukraine with (-17.1 %).

Fig.4 ForeignTrade in Goods by several EU countries, September 2018



Trade with the EU countries is 66.4 % of total trade. In September 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 76.6 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 61.1 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (34.8 %), Greece (7.6 %), Turkey (6.2 %) and China (5.9 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in eight months of 2018 is 66.5 % of total trade. In the first nine months of 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 76.4 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 61.7 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (34.6 %), Greece (7.0 %), Germany (6.7 %) and China (6.0 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)

Years	Months	Exports	Annual Change (%)	Imports	Annual Change (%)	Trade Balance	Percentage of cover
2000		37	-	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	-172	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	-296	46.3
2015		243	-4.9	545	-1.4	-302	44.7
2016		243	0.1	579	6.4	-336	42.0
2017		273	12.1	626	8.1	-353	43.6
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
	09 - 16	21	0.9	48	9.3	-28	42.8
	January – September 2016	177	-4.6	424	8.2	-247	41.8
2017	01 - 17	19	15.6	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	12.3	49	6.2	-31	37.4
	09 - 17	24	17.0	53	10.9	-29	45.1
	January – September 2017	201	13.4	453	6.8	-252	44.3
2018	01 - 18	24	24.5	45	27.5	-21	52.5
	02 - 18	24	18.8	46	4.4	-22	52.0
	03 - 18	27	14.6	55	2.5	-28	49.0
	04 - 18	27	11.3	53	5.2	-26	50.9
	05 - 18	30	24.3	57	2.1	-27	53.1
	06 - 18	27	18.1	54	-4.7	-27	49.2
	07 - 18	27	8.2	58	6.0	-31	46.0
	08 - 18	20	10.8	48	-2.3	-28	42.4
	09 - 18	26	8.7	51	-4.7	-25	51.4
	January – September 2018	231	15.3	467	3.0	-235	49.6

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

	Exports				Imports			
	September 2017	September 2018	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sept 2018	September 2017	September 2018	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2018
EU countries	18,724	20,038	154,093	176,734	31,478	31,108	280,332	287,657
Austria	117	151	1,184	1,300	612	578	4,693	5,026
United Kingdom	10	85	321	697	382	479	3,820	4,316
Germany	904	974	8,146	10,173	4,529	3,474	37,973	36,269
Greece	978	1,122	8,676	9,809	4,182	4,760	37,980	39,051
Italy	13,050	13,168	107,489	111,709	14,682	13,608	129,724	129,723
Spain	1,452	2,141	10,950	17,861	898	2,059	10,167	10,933
Croatia	79	65	603	645	209	480	3,182	4,996
Others of EU	2,133	2,331	16,724	24,540	5,983	5,669	52,793	57,342
China	1,094	243	6,704	4,140	3,959	4,283	35,002	38,005
Kosovo	1,738	2,608	15,575	19,464	830	849	6,155	6,441
Macedonia	745	756	6,420	6,482	906	935	6,305	7,023
Russia	3	2	79	31	1,057	1,034	8,353	10,399
USA	124	738	2,090	3,924	675	898	6,676	6,695
Turkey	181	177	1,649	1,556	3,972	4,582	36,642	38,503
Ukraine	44	20	381	178	141	173	2,391	1,981
Switzerland	128	51	961	2,807	2,512	626	8,637	6,603
Others	1,295	1,529	12,820	16,123	7,852	6,394	62,671	63,523
Total	24,076	26,160	200,773	231,439	53,383	50,881	453,164	466,829

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	September 2017	September 2018	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2018	September 2017	September 2018	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2018
Total	24,076	26,160	200,773	231,439	53,383	50,881	453,164	466,829
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,197	2,552	20,394	22,327	8,675	8,819	79,297	80,266
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,528	4,092	32,841	44,065	7,430	5,249	44,621	47,256
Chemical and plastical products	442	901	3,582	4,583	6,977	6,751	64,446	65,009
Leather and leather manuf,	266	229	2,227	2,145	1,363	1,475	13,792	13,962
Wood manufact, and art, of	822	851	5,788	6,464	2,284	1,968	17,457	18,401
Textile and footwear	10,671	10,859	87,663	92,997	7,327	7,498	62,445	63,898
Construct, materials and metals	3,867	4,627	31,913	40,165	6,200	6,549	57,485	57,623
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,631	1,438	10,825	12,593	11,393	10,836	96,105	102,191
Others	654	611	5,541	6,100	1,734	1,737	17,517	18,223

Tab. 4 Progressive data of exports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy		Spain		Kosovo		Germany	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Total	107,489	111,709	10,950	17,861	15,575	19,464	8,146	10,173
Food, beverages, tobacco	5,308	5,533	585	917	2,097	2,038	1,062	1,055
Minerals, fuels, electricity	5,826	3,765	8,245	14,233	3,953	4,396	847	1,684
Chemical and plastical products	993	1,161	13	44	938	968	19	23
Leather and leather manuf.	1,678	1,577	57	189	4	6	13	6
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	4,090	4,488	5	286	302	342	83	121
Textile and footwear	68,639	71,614	1,812	2,029	94	85	4,233	5,300
Construct, materials and metals	11,911	13,296	225	124	6,783	10,026	838	572
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	6,537	7,438	1	30	516	641	833	1,000
Others	2,508	2,837	7	10	888	963	217	412

Tab. 5 Progressive data of exports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy		Grecce		Turkey		China	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Total	129,724	129,723	37,980	39,051	36,642	38,503	35,002	38,005
Food, beverages, tobacco	13,565	13,199	10,513	11,594	4,246	4,248	456	518
Minerals, fuels, electricity	11,719	9,717	5,988	6,416	1,311	583	7	6
Chemical and plastical products	13,746	13,683	6,063	5,765	5,360	6,033	3,667	3,581
Leather and leather manuf.	10,646	10,689	56	47	268	234	559	570
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	4,737	5,447	2,403	2,530	2,479	2,447	807	831
Textile and footwear	31,298	31,409	2,912	2,752	11,260	11,910	7,838	7,455
Construct, materials and metals	14,508	15,404	6,915	6,442	4,307	5,668	4,525	5,185
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	24,985	25,795	1,825	2,143	5,746	5,591	13,460	16,187
Others	4,518	4,379	1,307	1,362	1,665	1,788	3,683	3,670

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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Monthly revisions

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