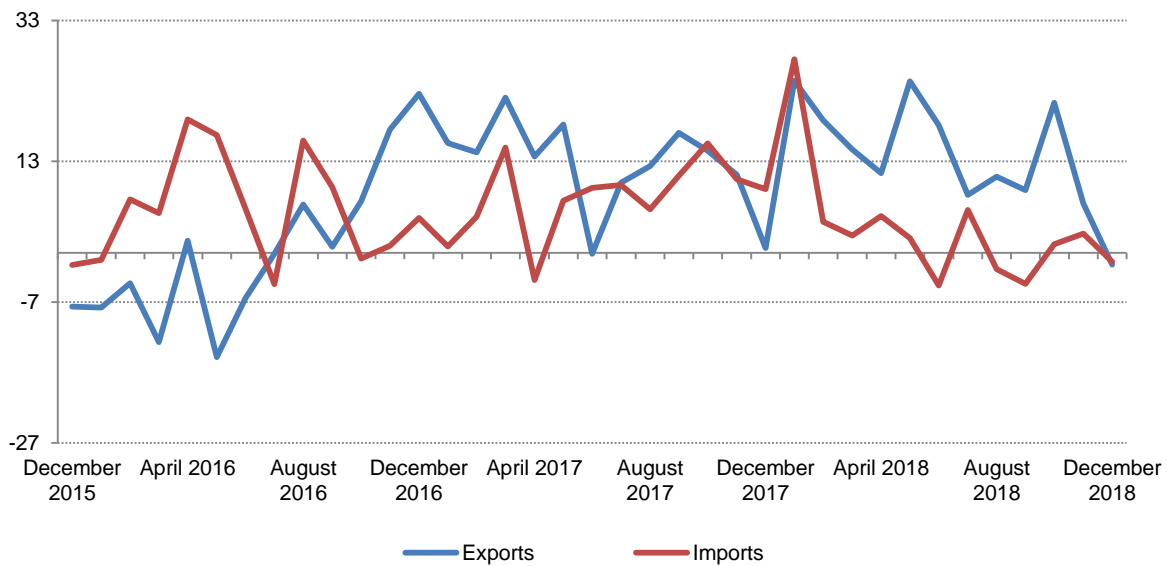


Foreign Trade in Goods

December 2018

Tirana, January 17, 2019: On December 2018 the value of exports was 22 billion lekë, decreasing by 1.7 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 20.5 % compared with November 2018. The value of imports was 60 billion lekë, decreasing by 1.3 % compared with the same period of previous year and increased by 6.9 % compared with November 2018. This month the trade deficit is 38 billion lekë, signing a decrease by 1.0 % compared with December 2017 and increasing by 32,6 % compared with November 2018.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade (%)

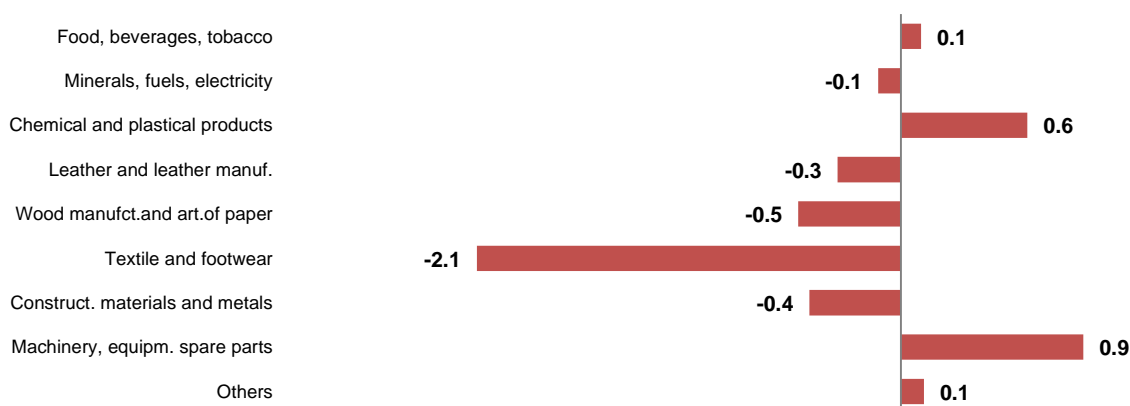


In year of 2018, the value of exports was 310 billion lekë, increasing by 13,7 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 641 billion lekë, increasing by 2,4 %. Trade deficit was 331 billion lekë, decreasing by 6,3 % compared with the same period of 2017.

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

In annual decrease of exports by 1.7 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Textile and footwear" with -2.1 percentage point, "Wood manufactures and articles of paper" with -0.5 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -0.4 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +0.9 percentage point.

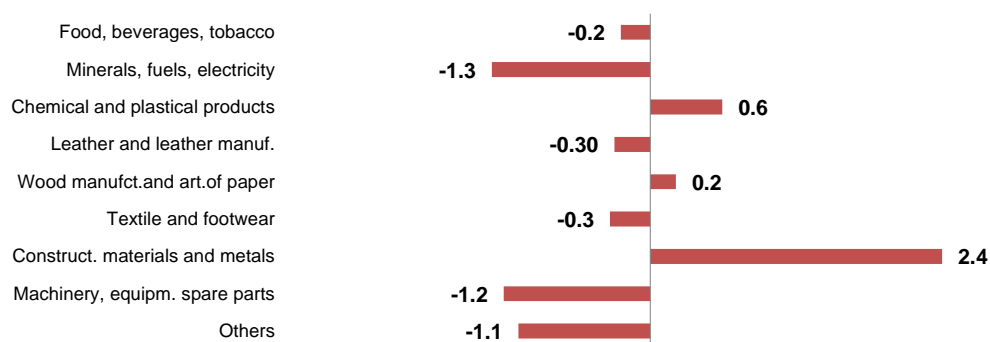
Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , December 2018



Exports in year of 2018 are increased by 13.7 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups that influenced more in annual increase of imports are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +4.9 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +3.4 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +2.3 percentage point. While a negative contribution give the group: "Leather and leather manufacture" with -0.1 point percent.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 1.3 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -1.3 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" with -1.2 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: "Construction materials and metals" with +2.4 percentage point.

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

In year of 2018, imports are increased by 2.4 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" with +1.3 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +0.4 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +0.3 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group "Food, beverage and tobacco" with -0.04 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

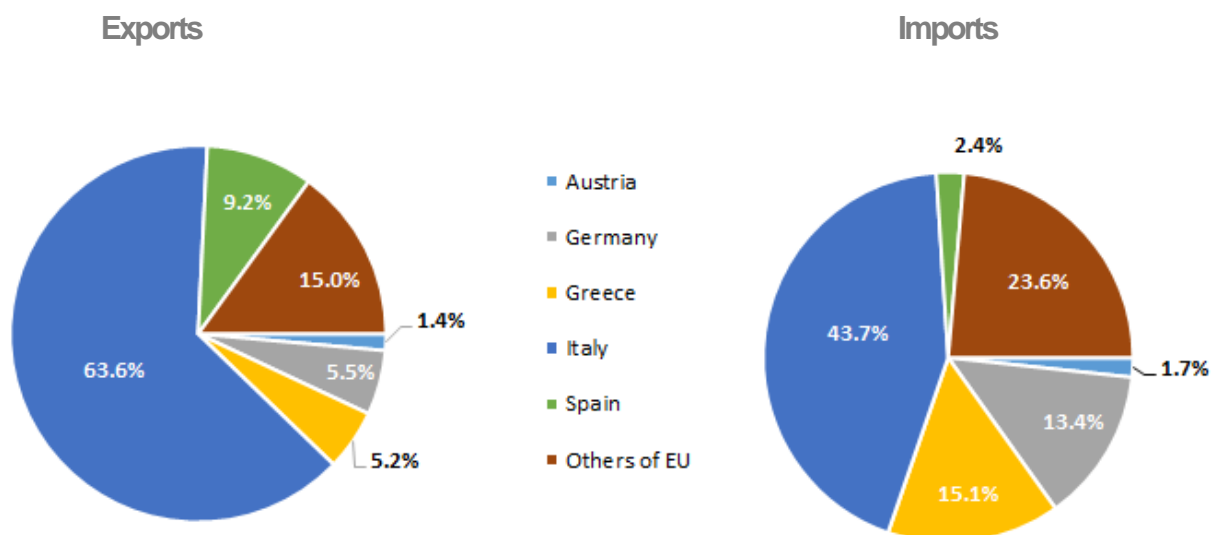
In December 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to December 2017 are: Kosovo (44.5 %), Spain (9.9 %) and Germany (7.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-11.3 %), Greece (-2.8 %) and Macedonia (-9.6 %).

In year of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy (2.1 %), Kosovo (29.5 %) and Spain (61.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: China (-32.2 %), and Ukraine (-45.9 %).

In December 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to December 2017 are: Turkey (31.8 %), China (6.1 %) and Greece (12.8 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-12.9 %), USA (-12.9 %) and Sapin (-26.3 %).

In year of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Turkey (6.7 %), China (8.7 %) and Greece (4.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-2.2 %), Germany (-2.3 %), and Switzerland (-23.3 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, December 2018



Trade with the EU countries is 61.2 % of total trade. In December 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 75.6 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 56.1 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (30.7 %), China and Greece (7.3 %), Turkey (7.1 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in year of 2018 is 65.9 % of total trade. In the first year of 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 76.3 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 60.8 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (34.1 %), Greece (6.9 %), Germany (6.6 %) and China (6.3 %).

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	-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			12.1		8.1	-353	
2018			13.7		2.4	-331	48.4
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
	10 - 16	22	7.3	50	-0.8	-28	43.5
	11 - 16	23	17.5	50	1.0	-27	46.2
	12 - 16	22	22.6	56	4.9	-34	39.1
	January – December 2016	243	0.1	579	6.4	-336	42.0
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
	10 - 17	25	14.5	58	15.5	-33	43.1
	11 - 17	25	11.1	55	10.4	-29	46.5
	12 - 17	22	0.7	61	9.0	-39	36.2
	January – December 2017	273	12.1	626	8.1	-353	43.6
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	-4.6	-28	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	8.9	51	-4.4	-25	51.4
	10 - 18	30	21.3	58	1.2	-28	51.7
	11 - 18	27	7.0	56	2.7	-29	48.4
	12 - 18	22	-1.7	60	-1.3	-38	36.0
	January – December 2018	310	13.7	641	2.4	-331	48.4

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

	Exports		Imports	
	December '17	December '18	Jan- Dec 2017	Jan- Dec 2018
EU countries	17,220	16,336	210,575	236,885
Austria	312	232	1,837	1,947
United Kingdom	93	64	480	1,145
Germany	845	905	10,861	13,437
Greece	880	856	11,602	13,113
Italy	11,717	10,388	146,040	149,077
Spain	1,373	1,509	14,992	24,174
Croatia	53	123	839	946
Others of EU	1,947	2,260	23,924	33,046
China	371	415	8,399	5,693
Kosovo	1,481	2,141	20,924	27,093
Macedonia	648	585	8,431	8,541
Russia	-	30	82	92
USA	524	556	3,444	5,341
Turkey	140	127	2,132	2,153
Ukraine	3	7	455	246
Switzerland	292	69	1,339	2,956
Others	1,307	1,341	17,207	21,397
Total	21,987	21,608	272,988	310,397

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

Group of goods	Exports		Imports	
	December '17	December '18	Jan- Dec 2017	Jan- Dec 2018
Total	21,987	21,608	272,988	310,397
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,562	2,584	30,081	32,320
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,165	3,141	43,088	56,398
Chemical and plastical products	323	459	4,732	6,191
Leather and leather manuf.	267	199	2,966	2,727
Wood manufact.and art.	838	728	8,309	9,627
Textile and footwear	9,318	8,861	117,389	123,720
Construct, materials and	3,691	3,592	43,802	53,191
Machinery, equipm. spare	1,193	1,390	15,079	18,001
Others	630	655	7,543	8,222

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Germany	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Total	146,040	149,077	20,924	27,093	14,992	24,174	10,861	13,437
Food, beverages, tobacco	8,407	8,136	2,856	2,889	851	1,297	1,332	1,444
Minerals, fuels, electricity	8,111	4,554	4,874	6,741	11,134	19,043	947	1,899
Chemical and plastical products	1,368	1,642	1,180	1,304	14	58	22	43
Leather and leather manuf,	2,227	2,005	8	9	91	245	14	11
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	5,798	6,879	436	512	9	287	116	164
Textile and footwear	91,491	95,346	126	123	2,600	3,050	5,859	6,897
Construct, materials and metals	16,132	17,018	9,543	13,318	283	145	980	993
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	9,028	9,725	715	825	2	32	1,200	1,393
Others	3,478	3,772	1,185	1,372	9	18	391	594

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		Grecce		China	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Total	179,236	175,271	50,780	54,190	49,879	52,100	49,489	53,812
Food, beverages, tobacco	18,209	17,687	5,563	5,496	13,846	15,004	659	642
Minerals, fuels, electricity	17,074	11,220	1,597	777	7,454	8,720	10	8
Chemical and plastical products	18,834	19,077	7,211	8,170	7,995	7,793	4,757	5,253
Leather and leather manuf,	14,743	14,724	342	306	75	56	768	777
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	6,665	7,359	3,373	3,520	3,306	3,388	1,050	1,117
Textile and footwear	43,367	42,565	16,255	17,030	3,893	3,661	11,118	10,885
Construct, materials and metals	19,979	20,900	6,243	8,530	9,189	8,682	6,212	7,164
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	34,303	35,770	7,881	7,804	2,353	2,990	19,181	22,478
Others	6,063	5,969	2,315	2,556	1,768	1,807	5,733	5,487

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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