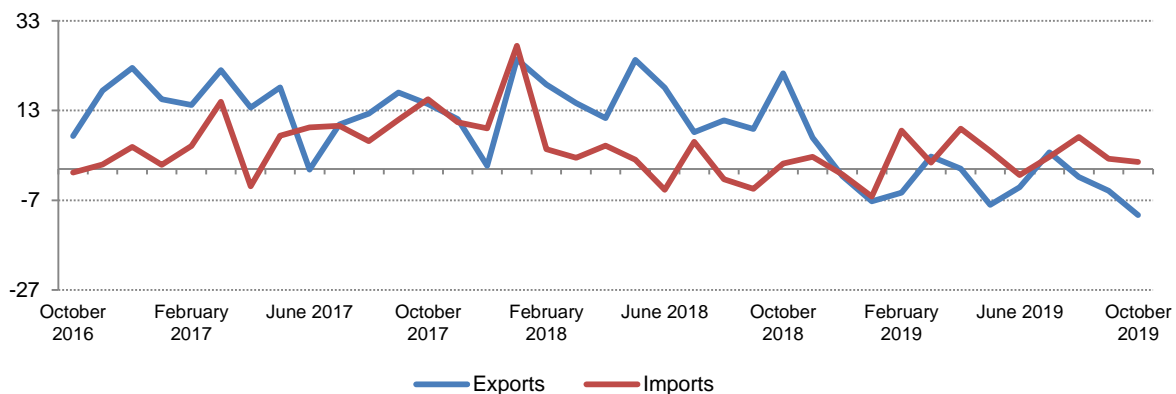


Foreign Trade in Goods

October 2019

Tirana, November 18, 2019: On October 2019 the value of exports was ALL 27 billion, decreasing by 10.3 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 8.3 % compared with September 2019. The value of imports was ALL 59 billion, increasing by 1.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 13.3 % compared with September 2019. This month the trade deficit is ALL 32 billion, signing an increase by 14.3 % compared with October 2018 and by 17.9 % compared with September 2019.

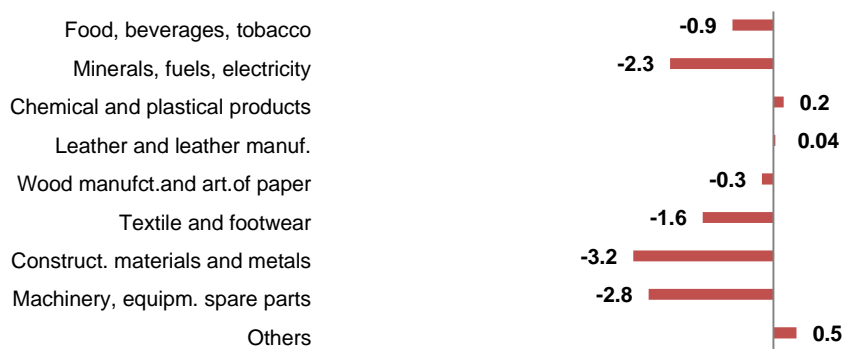
Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



In ten months of 2019, the value of exports was ALL 252 billion, decreasing by 3.6 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 540 billion, increasing by 2.9 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 288 billion, increasing by 9.4 % compared with the same period of 2018.

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

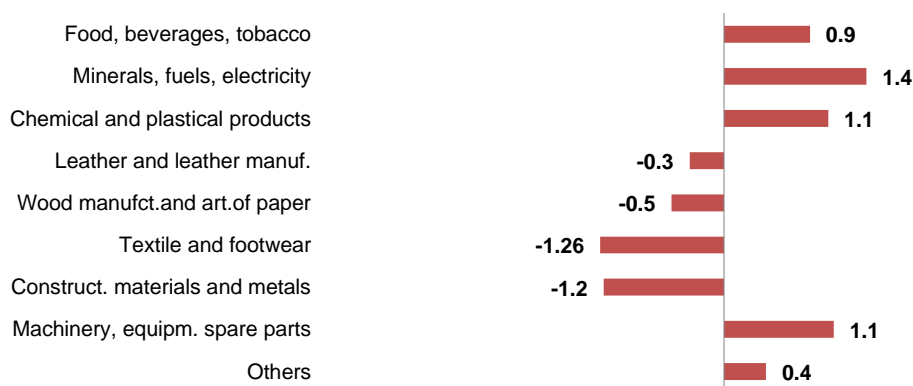
In annual decrease of exports by 10.3 % this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with -3.2 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -2.8 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -2.3 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the groups, "Chemical and plastic products" with +0.2 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactures" with +0.04 percentage point.

Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , October 2019 (p.p)

Exports in ten months of 2019 are decreased by -3.6 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -3.1 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -2.4 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -1.2 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +1.2 percentage point “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.1 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +0.5 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 1.6 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +1.4 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +1.1 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +1.1 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the group: “Textile and footwear” with -1.3 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -1.2 percentage point and “Wood manufactures and article of paper” with -0.5 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , October 2019 (p.p)

In ten months of 2019, imports are increased by 2.9 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.3 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +0.5 percentage point and "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.5 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -0.3 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactures" with -0.2 percentage point and "Textile and footwear" with -0.04 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

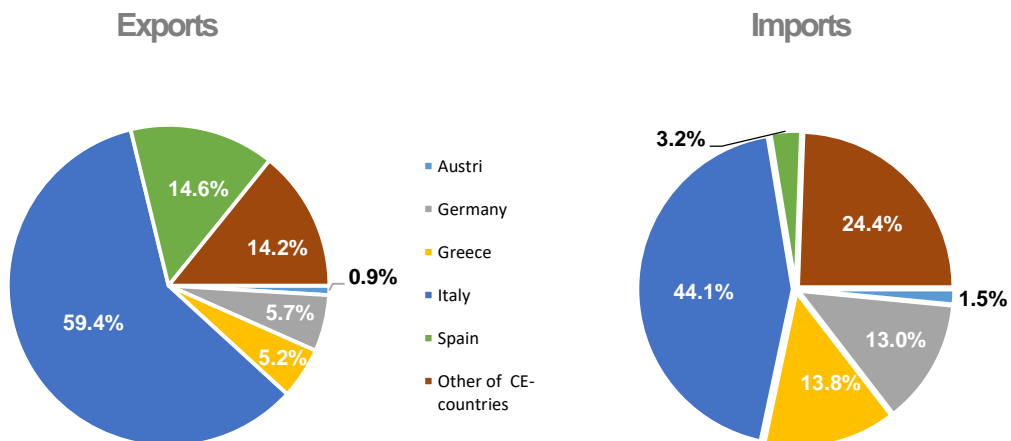
In October 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to October 2018 are: Spain (3.7 %), Germany (4.1 %) and Macedonia (3.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-6.1 %), Kosovo (-9.1 %) and Greece (-18.5%).

In ten months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: Kosovo (12.9 %), Germany (5.8 %) and China (13.7 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-2.6 %) Spain (-13.3 %) and Greece (-4.6 %).

In October 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to October 2018 are: Turkey (+20.5 %), Greece (+9.5 %), and Germany (+0.5 %) . While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-10.1 %), China (-1.5 %), Spain (-64.0 %).

In ten months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: China (14.5 %), Turkey (11.2 %) and Greece (8.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-6.0 %), Germany (-7.5 %) and Russia (-12.4 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, October 2019



Trade with the EU countries is 63.3 % of total trade. In October 2019, exports to EU countries occupied 78.1 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 56.4 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (31.7 %), Turkey (7.5 %), Greece (6.6 %) and China (6.5 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in ten months of 2019 is 64.2 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 76.4 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 58.5 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (32.7 %), Greece (7.2 %), China (6.9 %) and Turkey (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	-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
2019		310	13.7	641	2.4	-331	48.4
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
	January– October 2017	226	13.5	511	7.8	-285	44.2
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
	January– October 2018	262	16.0	525	2.8	-264	49.8
2019	01 – 19	22	-7.3	42	-6.2	-20	51.9
	02 - 19	23	-5.3	50	8.5	-27	45.4
	03 - 19	28	2.7	56	1.4	-28	49.6
	04 - 19	27	0.1	57	8.9	-30	46.7
	05 - 19	28	-8.0	59	4.0	-31	47.0
	06 - 19	26	-4.1	53	-1.4	-28	47.9
	07 - 19	28	3.7	60	2.7	-32	46.4
	08 - 19	20	-1.8	52	7.1	-32	38.8
	09 - 19	25	-4.9	52	2.3	-27	47.8
	10 - 19	27	-10.3	59	1.6	-32	45.7
	January– October 2019	252	-3.6	540	2.9	-288	46.7

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

	Exports				Imports			
	October 2018	October 2019	Jan.- Oct 2018	Jan.- Oct 2019	October 2018	October 2019	Jan.- Oct 2018	Jan.- Oct 2019
EU countries	22,918	21,089	199,723	192,554	35,778	32,855	323,549	315,979
Austria	190	199	1,490	1,549	539	503	5,565	5,756
United Kingdom	312	76	1,009	613	531	437	4,853	4,664
Germany	1,151	1,199	11,334	11,987	4,266	4,278	40,535	37,504
Greece	1,339	1,091	11,150	10,641	4,134	4,526	43,185	46,668
Italy	13,428	12,527	125,162	121,882	16,115	14,481	145,897	137,137
Spain	2,970	3,079	20,831	18,063	2,879	1,037	13,899	9,396
Croatia	112	135	757	922	585	543	5,363	5,747
Others of EU	3,417	2,784	27,991	26,897	6,730	7,050	64,252	69,108
China	557	528	4,697	5,341	5,077	5,002	43,105	49,339
Kosovo	2,958	2,690	22,423	25,317	934	723	7,375	6,624
North Macedonia	757	784	7,240	7,060	882	755	7,905	7,119
Russia	4		35	75	830	1,181	11,229	9,834
USA	388	220	4,313	3,190	915	2,510	7,624	10,490
Turkey	327	137	1,884	1,746	5,196	6,262	43,699	48,605
Ukraine	24	8	202	128	501	150	2,483	2,564
Switzerland	32	147	2,815	780	675	1,786	7,499	12,881
Others	2,147	1,410	18,285	15,937	7,444	7,920	70,772	77,008
Total	30,111	27,012	261,616	252,128	58,233	59,144	525,240	540,444

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	October 2018	October 2019	Jan.- Oct 2018	Jan.- Oct 2019	October 2018	October 2019	Jan.- Oct 2018	Jan.- Oct 2019
Total	30,111	27,012	261,616	252,128	58,233	59,144	525,240	540,444
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,934	3,655	26,269	29,075	8,762	9,270	89,040	91,674
Minerals, fuels, electricity	5,516	4,814	49,581	41,410	5,948	6,790	53,220	65,168
Chemical and plastical products	584	654	5,168	6,544	7,784	8,401	72,799	73,821
Leather and leather manuf,	204	218	2,350	2,053	1,802	1,599	15,794	14,602
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	994	916	7,459	7,958	2,545	2,235	20,956	21,445
Textile and footwear	10,821	10,340	103,844	100,649	8,684	7,953	72,610	72,376
Construct, materials and metals	4,915	3,963	45,082	38,807	7,281	6,571	64,941	67,364
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	2,414	1,566	15,010	18,083	12,977	13,625	115,194	113,570
Others	729	885	6,855	7,548	2,450	2,699	20,686	20,424

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Germany	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Total	125,162	121,882	22,423	25,317	20,831	18,063	11,334	11,987
Food, beverages, tobacco	6,604	7,153	2,252	2,977	1,080	1,079	1,194	1,406
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,095	4,696	5,309	6,031	16,663	14,705	1,790	811
Chemical and plastical products	1,336	1,732	1,102	1,792	54	49	27	54
Leather and leather manufct,	1,725	1,713	9	5	216	188	10	12
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	5,223	5,301	394	739	6	4	129	152
Textile and footwear	80,033	78,332	91	95	2,619	1,855	5,828	6,324
Construct, materials and metals	14,734	11,428	11,438	11,590	150	170	748	1,291
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	8,229	8,382	716	620	30	8	1,168	1,258
Others	3,182	3,146	1,112	1,468	11	5	440	678

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

Group of goods	Italy		China		Turkey		Greece	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Total	145,897	137,137	43,105	49,339	43,699	48,605	43,185	46,668
Food, beverages, tobacco	14,725	16,166	571	671	4,710	4,589	12,737	13,189
Minerals, fuels, electricity	10,447	7,196	7	7	659	3,207	6,781	10,652
Chemical and plastical products	15,498	15,333	4,116	4,731	6,700	6,764	6,384	6,419
Leather and leather manuf.	12,177	11,595	637	641	269	227	49	23
Wood manufact, and art, of paper	6,129	5,701	930	882	2,859	2,884	2,861	2,944
Textile and footwear	35,253	34,109	8,700	9,628	13,800	14,714	3,124	3,045
Construct, materials and metals	17,556	15,725	5,717	7,814	6,435	8,943	7,373	6,897
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	29,201	26,768	18,150	20,327	6,213	5,545	2,386	2,248
Others	4,912	4,542	4,277	4,638	2,055	1,730	1,491	1,250

Methodology

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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Explanation of Symbols

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