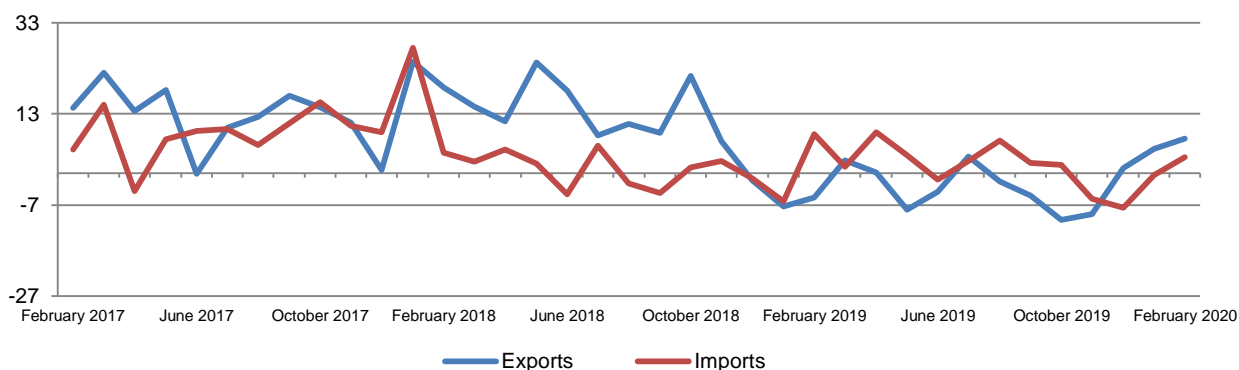


Foreign Trade in Goods

February 2020

Tirana, March 17, 2020: On February 2020 the value of exports was ALL 24 billion, increasing by 7.5 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 5.7 % compared with January 2020. The value of imports was ALL 52 billion, increasing by 3.5 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 23.1 % compared with January 2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 27 billion, increasing by 0.2 % compared with February 2019 and by 44.4 % compared with January 2020.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)

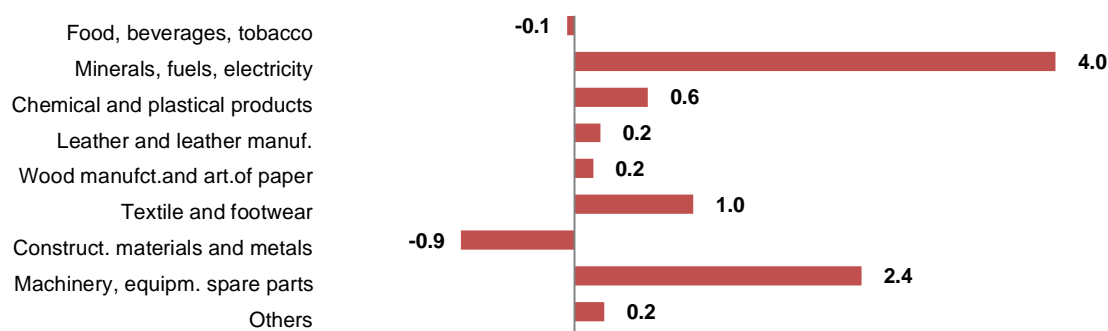


In two months of 2020, the value of exports, compared with the same period of the previous year, was ALL 47 billion, increasing by 6.5 % and the value of imports was ALL 94 billion, increasing by 1.7 %. Trade deficit was ALL 46 billion, decreasing by 2.7 % compared with the same period of 2019.

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

In annual increase of exports by 7.5% in February 2020, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +4.0 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +2.4 percentage point, and "Textile and footwear" with +1.0 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with -0.9 percentage point and "Food, beverages, tobacco" with -0.1 percentage point.

Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , February 2020

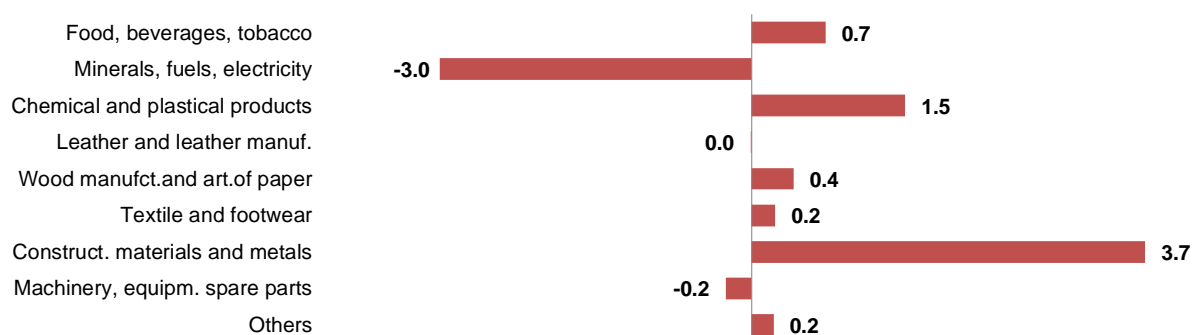


The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports by 6.5% are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +3.4 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +1.9 percentage point “Construction materials and metals” with +0.6 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Textile and footwear” with -0.6 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 3.5 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with +3.7 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +1.5 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.7 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the group: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -3.0 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -0.2 percentage point, and “Leather and leather manufactures” with -0.01 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , February 2020



The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports by 1.7%, are: "Construction materials and metals" with +2.9 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +0.7 percentage point, and "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.5 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -3.3 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactures" with -0.2 percentage point and "Textile and footwear" with -0.1 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

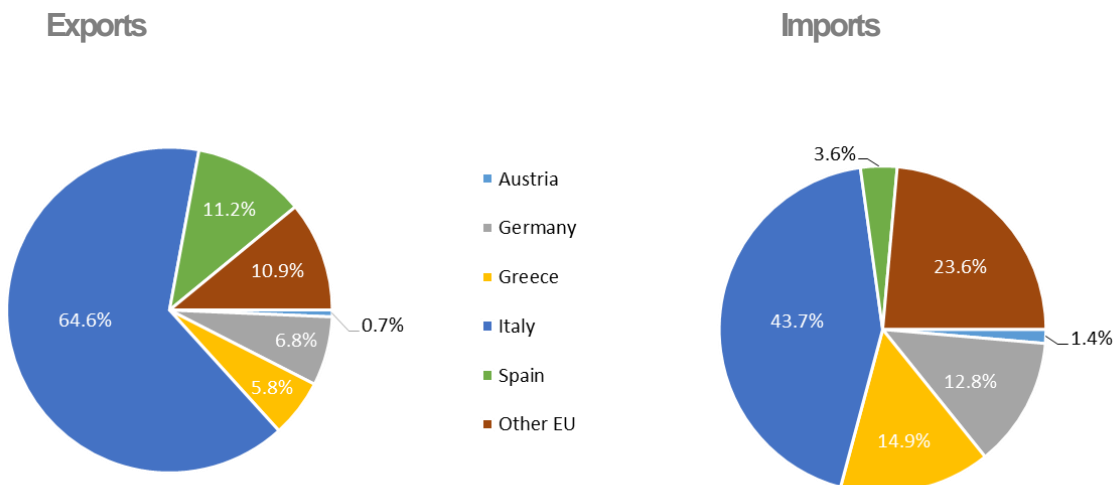
In February 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to February 2019 are: Italy (5.3 %), Spain (25.6 %) and Germany (11.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Kosovo (-15.5 %), Romania (-6.5 %) and USA (-15.2 %).

In second months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Spain (46.0 %), Kosovo (6.3 %) and Germany (23.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-0.7 %) France (-25.9 %) and Romania (-20.6 %).

In February 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to February 2019 are: Turkey (13.4 %), Greece (13.7 %), and China (9.0 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-1.0 %), The Czech Republic (-13.0 %), and Serbia (-7.1 %).

In second months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Turkey (17.2 %), Greece (16.7 %), and Germany (10.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-1.8 %), China (-1.4 %) and Serbia (-8.5 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, February 2020



Trade with the EU countries is 64.0 % of total trade. In February 2020, exports to EU countries occupied 79.3 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 56.7 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (33.3 %), Greece (7.2 %), Germany (6.7 %) and Turkey (6.6 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in second months of 2020 is 64.2 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 80.6 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 55.9 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (33.0 %), Greece (7.8 %), Germany (6.9 %) and Turkey (6.8 %).

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
2018		310	13.7	641	2.4	-331	48.4
2019		299	-3.8	649	1.2	-350	46.0
2018	01 - 18	24	24.5	45	27.5	-21	52.5
	02 - 18	24	18.8	46	4.4	-22	52.0
	January- February 2018	47	21.5	91	14.7	-43	52.3
2019	01 - 18	22	-7.3	42	-6.2	-20	51.9
	02 - 18	23	-5.3	50	8.5	-27	45.4
	January- February 2019	44	-6.3	92	1.3	-47	48.4
2020	01 - 19	23	5.3	42	-0.4	-19	54.9
	02 - 19	24	7.5	52	3.5	-27	47.1
	January- February 2020	47	6.5	94	1.7	-46	50.6

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

	Exports				Imports			
	February 2019	February 2020	Jan.- Feb 2019	Jan.- Feb 2020	February 2019	February 2020	Jan.- Feb 2019	Jan.- Feb 2020
EU countries	18,079	19,293	36,402	38,130	30,137	29,258	53,189	52,300
Austria	153	129	512	295	448	401	855	684
Germany	1,185	1,321	2,264	2,787	3,648	3,758	6,272	6,902
Greece	971	1,111	1,872	2,216	3,848	4,374	7,473	8,721
Italy	11,845	12,469	24,027	23,863	12,901	12,774	23,014	22,608
Spain	1,713	2,151	3,180	4,642	657	1,056	1,124	1,771
Croatia	97	177	145	358	422	354	853	793
Others of EU	2,115	1,934	4,401	3,970	8,212	6,543	13,597	10,821
China	194	710	741	1,012	3,840	4,184	8,426	8,305
Kosovo	1,963	1,660	3,052	3,244	539	584	809	1,047
North Macedonia	569	596	950	1,090	631	682	1,132	1,285
United Kingdom	50	49	106	131	423	298	755	741
Russia	20	-	21	6	930	1,473	1,934	2,831
USA	331	281	652	461	767	838	1,593	1,664
Turkey	224	244	509	441	4,209	4,775	7,763	9,097
Ukraine	20	61	36	66	50	174	476	656
Switzerland	35	71	86	164	2,220	1,930	3,671	2,272
Others	1,126	1,354	1,905	2,586	6,091	7,402	12,178	13,305
Total	22,611	24,317	44,460	47,329	49,836	51,598	91,926	93,503

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	February 2019	February 2020	Jan.- Feb 2019	Jan.- Feb 2020	February 2019	February 2020	Jan.- Feb 2019	Jan.- Feb 2020
Total	22,611	24,317	44,460	47,329	49,836	51,598	91,926	93,503
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,260	2,247	4,231	4,327	7,855	8,206	15,297	15,798
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,160	4,056	6,505	8,015	7,265	5,785	13,481	10,467
Chemical and plastical	475	613	990	1,150	6,757	7,486	12,036	12,530
Leather and leather manuf,	213	262	435	470	1,360	1,356	2,511	2,323
Wood manufct.and art, of	728	763	1,501	1,539	1,917	2,117	3,362	3,637
Textile and footwear	9,977	10,199	20,205	19,951	6,766	6,880	12,719	12,649
Construct, materials and	3,645	3,434	6,454	6,709	5,709	7,576	10,291	12,957
Machinery, equipm, spare	1,417	1,951	2,820	3,660	10,521	10,400	19,129	19,774
Others	736	792	1,319	1,508	1,686	1,791	3,099	3,367

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

Group of goods	Italy		Spain		Kosovo		Germany	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	24,027	23,863	3,180	4,642	3,052	3,244	2,264	2,787
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,297	1,390	226	152	360	397	223	262
Minerals, fuels, electricity	661	250	2,556	4,078	876	336	244	182
Chemical and plastical products	319	369	3	44	215	287	11	6
Leather and leather manuf,	367	373	22	44	1	2	3	2
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	1,095	1,064	1	1	114	105	23	32
Textile and footwear	15,830	15,271	352	270	9	14	1,158	1,625
Construct, materials and metals	2,318	2,286	18	38	1,1751	1,675	250	197
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,503	2,187	2	5	80	164	245	354
Others	637	673	1	10	222	266	107	126

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		Greece		China	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	23,014	22,608	7,763	9,097	7,473	8,721	8,426	8,305
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,636	2,795	782	858	2,052	2,433	187	112
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,105	501	80	287	1,697	2,014	0	3
Chemical and plastical products	2,479	2,541	1,090	1,052	975	1,214	876	864
Leather and leather manuf,	2,094	1,926	38	44	5	6	95	102
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	941	1,028	438	452	433	519	108	167
Textile and footwear	6,105	5,676	2,499	2,664	562	677	1,519	1,596
Construct, materials and metals	2,488	2,864	1,753	2,116	1,164	1,317	1,193	1,296
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	4,447	4,524	840	1,409	363	334	3,824	3,360
Others	719	753	242	215	223	207	624	807

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.

Combined Nomenclature (CN) is a goods nomenclature used by international trade in goods statistics and for customs tariffs.

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Monthly revisions

The data made available for the last month have an effect also on the revision of the previous months, because with the arrival of data for the last month there are also updated data for previous months as a result of administrative resource updates.

Explanation of Symbols

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