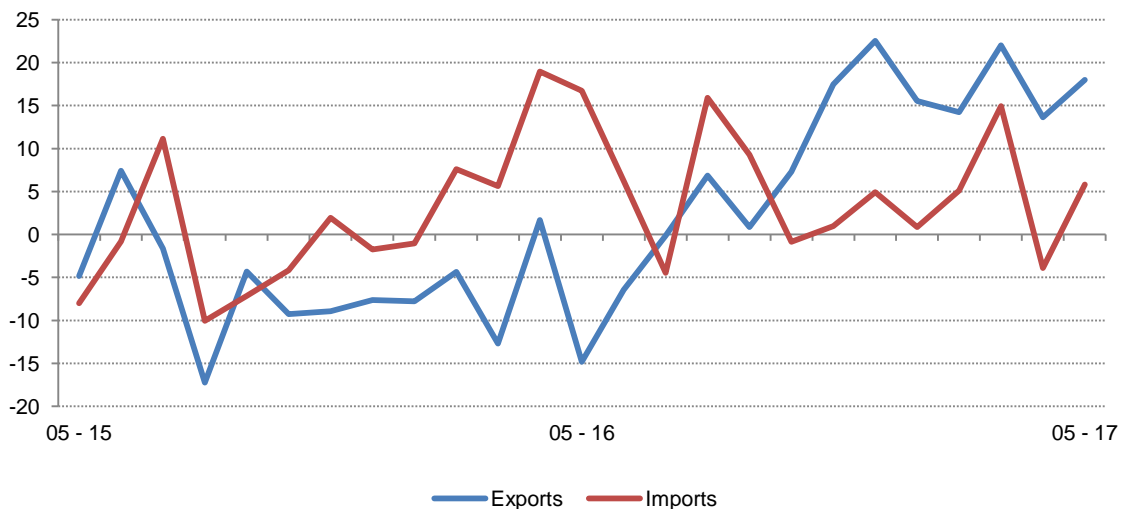


Foreign Trade in Goods

May 2017

Tirana, June 19, 2017: On May 2017 the value of exports was 24 billion lekë, increasing by 18.0 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 0.8 % compared with April 2017. The value of imports in May 2017, was 55 billion lekë, increasing by 5.8 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 9.7 % compared with April 2017. This month the trade deficit is 31 billion lekë signing an decrease by 2.2 % compared with May 2016 and increasing by 18.0 % compared with April 2017.

Fig.1 Flow of goods, May 2015 – May 2017 (%)

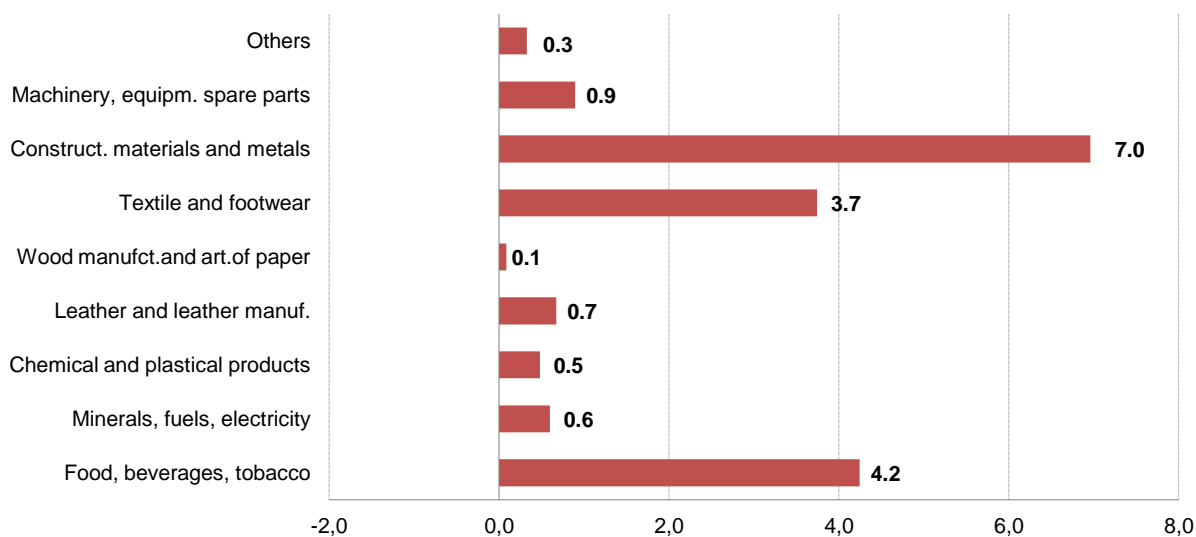


In the first five months of 2017, the value of exports was 111 billion lekë, increasing by 16.7 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 238 billion lekë, increasing by 4.6 %. Trade deficit was 127 billion lekë, decreasing by 4.1 % compared with the same period of 2016.

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

In annual increase of exports by 18.0 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: “construction materials and metals” with +7.0 percentage point, “food, beverage, tobacco” with +4.2 percentage point, “textile and footwear” with +3.7 percentage point.

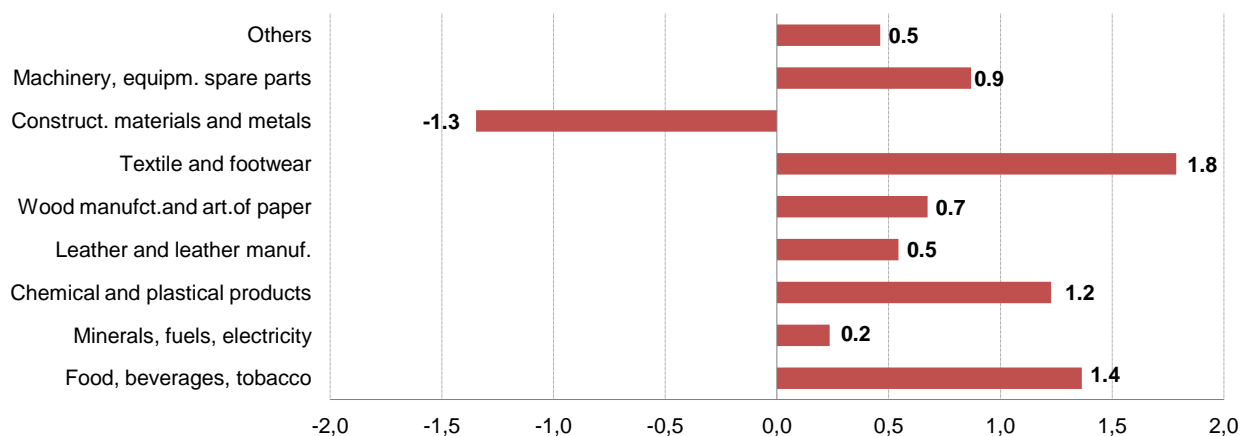
Fig.2 Annual impact of groups in exports



In the first five months of 2017, exports are increased by 16.7 % compared with previous year. A positive contribution was given by the groups: “construction materials and metals” with +5.5 percentage point, “minerals, fuels, electricity” with +5.1 percentage point, “textile and footwear” with +3.5 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “wood manufacture and article of paper” with -0.1 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 5.8 % in May 2017 a positive contribution was given by the groups: “textile and footwear” with +1.8 percentage point, “food, beverage, tobacco” with +1.4 percentage point, “chemical and plastical products” with +1.2 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “construction materials and metals” with -1.3 percentage point.

Fig.3 Annual impact of groups in imports

In the first five months of 2017, imports are increased by 4.6 % compared with previous year. A positive contribution was given by the groups: “chemical and plastical products” with +1.6 percentage point, “textile and footwear” with +1.2 percentage point, “machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +1.0 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “construction materials and metals” with -1.5 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

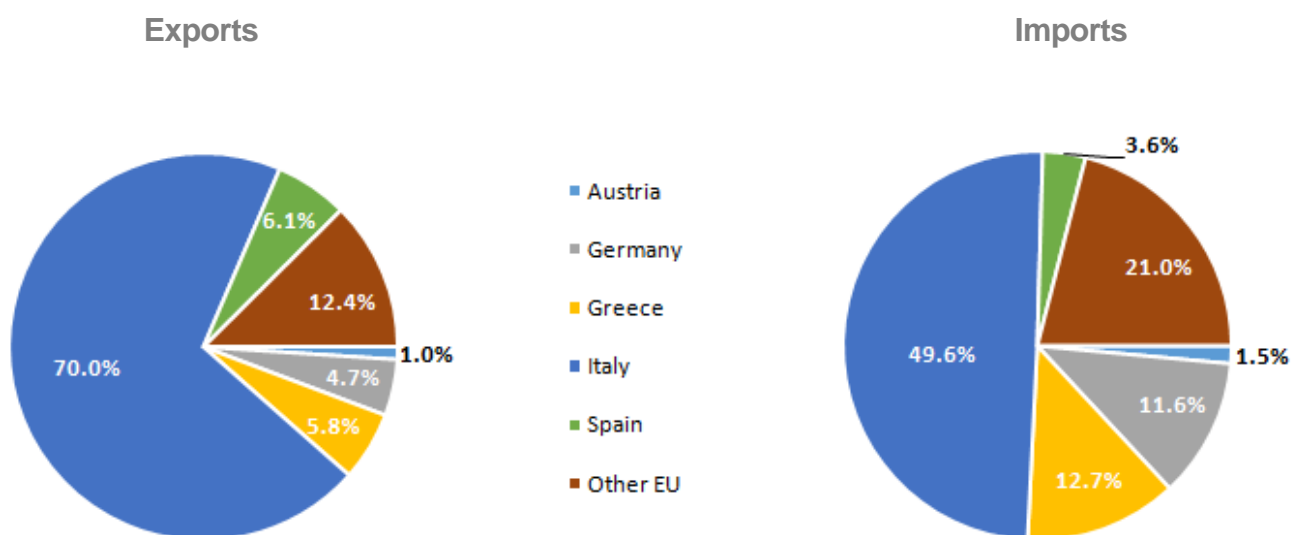
In May 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to May 2016 are: Italy with (9.7 %), Kosovo with (31.6 %) and Spain with (247.9 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Greece with (-4.0 %), China with (-28.5 %) and Bulgaria with (-9.7 %).

In the first five months of 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2016 are: Italy with (9.6 %), Kosovo with (24.8 %) and Spain with (158.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Switzerland with (-39.1 %), Croatia with (-45.8 %) and Denmark with (-31.4 %).

In May 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to May 2016 are: Italy with (7.3 %), Turkey with (41.4 %) and Greece with (16.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: China with (-9.3 %), Germany with (-36.3 %) and Spain with (-21.3 %).

In the first five months of 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2016 are: Italy with (3.8 %), Turkey with (16.0 %) and Greece with (7.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Germany with (-13.1 %), China with (-9.6 %) and Russia with (-21.1 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 66.4 % of total trade. In May 2017, exports to EU countries occupied 76.1 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 62.2 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (37.7 %), Greece (6.8 %) Turkey (6.7 %) and China (6.3 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first five months of 2017 is 65.7 % of total trade. In the first five months of 2017, exports to EU countries occupied 76.5 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 60.7 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (37.6 %), Germany (7.0 %), Greece (6.8 %) 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
2014	01 - 14	18	-1.4	35	2.2	-17	51.2
	02 - 14	20	27.9	39	17.5	-19	51.8
	03 - 14	21	10.4	42	11.1	-21	50.1
	04 - 14	23	10.3	44	6.8	-22	51.3
	05 - 14	25	9.1	48	6.9	-23	52.5
	January – May 2014	108	10.7	209	8.7	-102	51.4
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
	January – May 2015	103	-4.0	207	-1.2	-103	49.9
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
	January – May 2016	95	-8.0	227	10.1	-132	41.8
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	18.0	55	5.8	-31	44.2
	January – May 2017	111	16.7	238	4.6	-127	46.6

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

	Exports				Imports			
	May-16	May-17	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	May-16	May-17	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017
EU countries	15,690	18,439	74,264	84,857	33,832	34,079	141,073	144,457
Austria	101	190	509	681	526	497	2,247	2,102
United Kingdom	67	54	179	147	406	605	1,654	2,192
Germany	599	863	3,247	4,509	6,215	3,956	23,025	20,006
Greece	1,107	1,063	4,364	4,924	3,736	4,343	17,617	18,930
Italy	11,767	12,905	55,011	60,303	15,758	16,915	68,156	70,742
Spain	324	1,126	2,061	5,331	1,541	1,212	4,788	4,955
Croatia	369	94	566	307	278	307	1,517	1,516
Others of EU	1,356	2,145	8,326	8,655	5,373	6,243	22,068	24,014
China	515	368	1,847	4,206	5,046	4,575	20,067	18,136
Kosovo	1,510	1,987	6,513	8,127	583	800	2,123	3,113
Macedonia	558	824	2,217	3,232	686	771	2,776	3,206
Russia	45	5	46	37	636	691	4,764	3,757
USA	119	128	593	1,009	802	963	3,575	3,903
Turkey	96	167	458	815	3,630	5,133	17,398	20,176
Ukraine	24	39	69	241	457	636	1,817	1,751
Switzerland	127	47	1,067	650	514	397	3,293	3,240
Others	1,843	2,217	7,919	7,712	5,619	6,775	30,555	36,156
Total	20,526	24,221	94,994	110,884	51,805	54,819	227,441	237,895

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	May-16	May-17	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	May-16	May-17	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017
Total	20,526	24,221	94,994	110,884	51,805	54,819	227,441	237,895
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,659	3,530	9,539	10,984	8,434	9,141	39,284	41,019
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,069	3,192	15,277	20,086	3,848	3,971	19,085	20,501
Chemical and plastical products	349	448	1,730	1,886	7,237	7,873	32,004	35,568
Leather and leather manuf.	221	359	1,197	1,226	1,935	2,217	7,016	7,610
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	665	683	3,182	3,073	1,876	2,225	8,841	8,986
Textile and footwear	9,236	10,005	44,289	47,618	7,611	8,537	32,083	34,767
Construct. materials and metals	2,599	4,027	12,318	17,508	8,195	7,497	33,661	30,225
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	1,116	1,300	4,671	5,689	10,453	10,904	47,472	49,703
Others	612	679	2,792	2,815	2,214	2,454	7,995	9,518

Tab. 4 Exports of group of goods and main partners (Jan-May 2016, Jan-May 2017)**(million ALL)**

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Greece	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Total	55,011	60,303	6,513	8,127	2,061	5,331	4,364	4,924
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,892	2,639	1,096	1,152	322	361	866	732
Minerals, fuels, electricity	2,576	4,512	1,266	2,438	617	4,079	192	138
Chemical and plastical products	569	565	552	533	0	2	136	229
Leather and leather manuf.	1,079	952	0	2	3	10	23	29
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	2,421	2,184	114	137	2	3	343	426
Textile and footwear	35,987	37,633	25	55	795	688	1,896	2,170
Construct. materials and metals	5,126	6,905	2,708	3,128	294	182	731	693
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	3,111	3,522	270	258	22	1	32	342
Others	1,249	1,391	483	422	7	5	145	165

Tab. 5 Imports of group of goods and main partners (Jan-May 2016, Jan-May 2017)**(million ALL)**

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		Germany		Greece	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Total	68,156	70,742	17,398	20,176	23,025	20,006	17,617	18,930
Food, beverages, tobacco	6,901	7,260	2,137	2,411	1,668	1,572	6,075	5,531
Minerals, fuels, electricity	7,327	6,387	303	939	235	243	1,392	2,303
Chemical and plastical products	6,695	7,622	2,473	3,089	2,469	3,116	3,041	3,299
Leather and leather manuf.	5,596	5,880	143	151	2	4	50	29
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	2,587	2,542	1,119	1,315	325	311	991	1,105
Textile and footwear	16,698	17,551	5,743	6,272	1,037	1,000	1,480	1,530
Construct. materials and metals	6,972	8,085	2,042	2,202	7,781	2,760	2,818	3,444
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	13,200	12,981	2,621	2,873	8,934	10,219	1,151	964
Others	2,181	2,435	816	925	574	781	621	727

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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