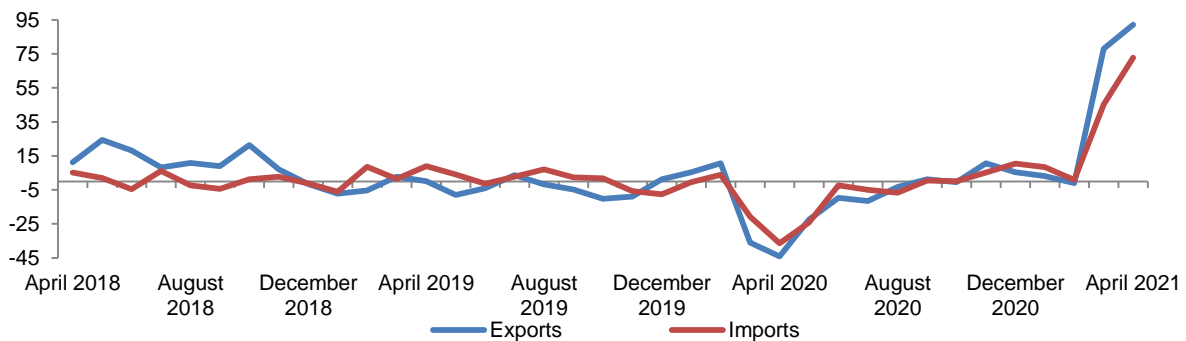


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## April 2021

**Tirana, May 17, 2021:** On April 2021 the value of exports was ALL 29 billion, increasing by 92.3 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 9.5 % compared with March 2021. During April 2021, exports increased by 25.8 % compared with monthly average for April period 2018-2020. The value of imports was ALL 63 billion, increasing by 72.9 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 2.4 % compared with March 2021. On April 2021, imports increased by 29.1 % compared with monthly average for April period 2018-2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 34 billion, increasing by 59.4 % compared with April 2020 and by 4.4 % compared with March 2021. On April 2021, trade deficit increased by 32.1 % compared with monthly average for April period 2018-2020.

**Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade, April 2021 (%)**



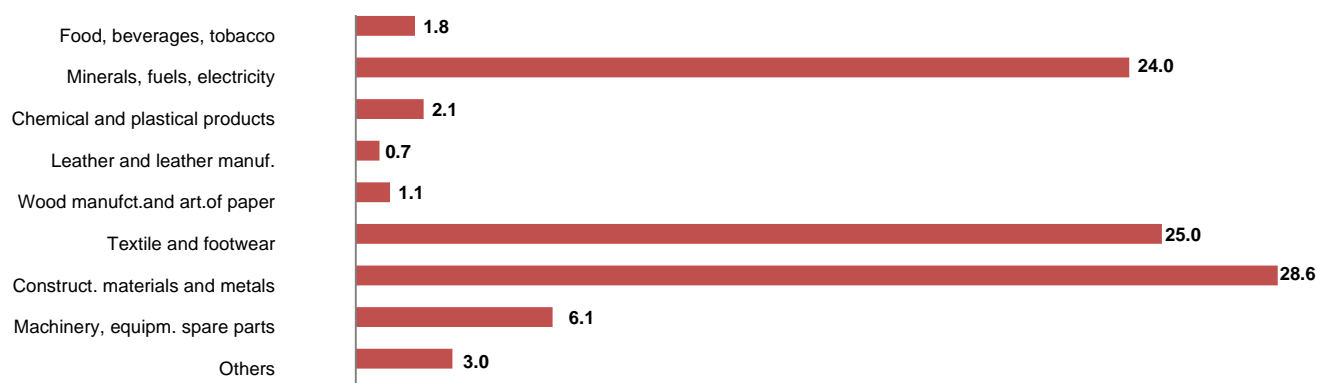
In the first four months of 2021, the value of exports was ALL 109 billion, increasing by 34.9 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 225 billion, increasing by 29.0 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 116 billion, increasing by 24.0 % compared with the same period of 2020.

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

In annual increase of exports by 92.3 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with +28.6 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +25.0 percentage point, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +24.0 percentage point.

In annual increase of exports by 25.8 % this month, compared with the monthly average for April period 2018-2020, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with +11.3 percentage point, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +5.9 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +3.7 percentage point.

Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports April 2021



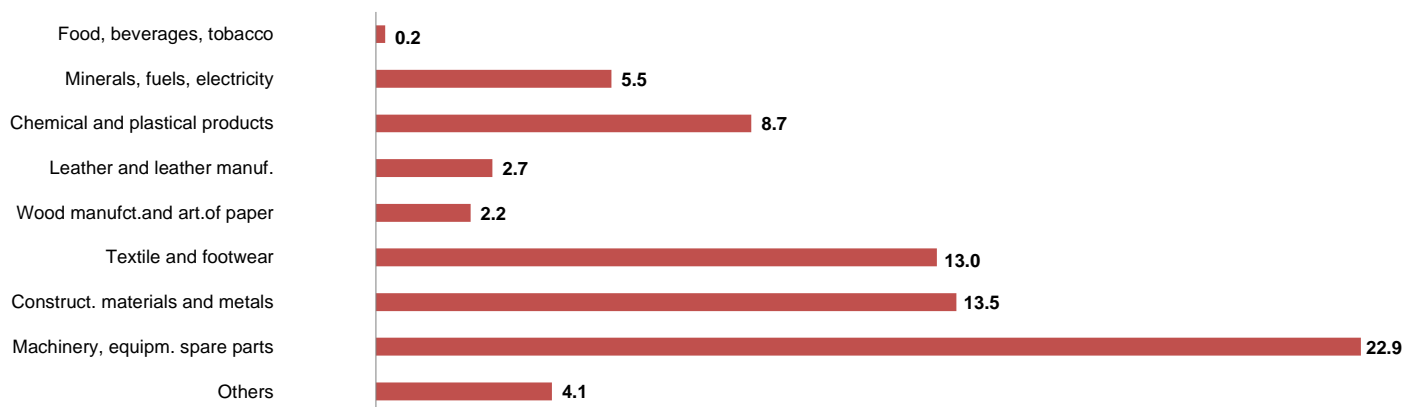
Exports during the first four months of 2021 are increased by 34.9 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: “Construction materials and metals” with +12.6 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +9.8 percentage point and “Textile and footwear” with +6.6 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Wood manufactories and article of paper” with -0.3 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 72.9 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +22.9 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +13.5 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +13.0 percentage point.

In annual increase of imports by 29.1 % this month, compared with the monthly average for April period 2018-2020, has mainly affected the groups: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +9.9 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +6.1 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +5.4 percentage point.

**Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , April 2021**



In the first four months of 2021, imports are increased by 29.0 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +10.5 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +5.4 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +4.8 percentage point.

### **The performance of trade in goods by partner countries**

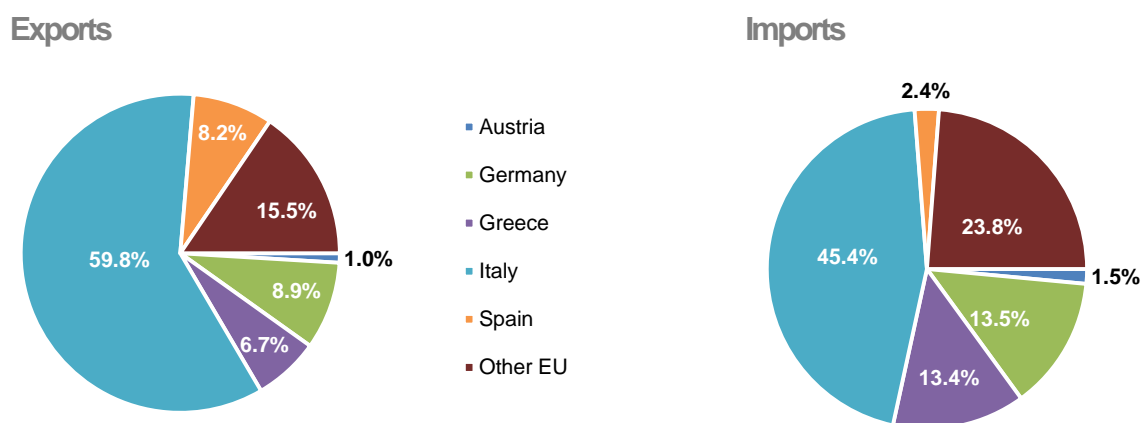
In April 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to April 2020 are: Italy (95.8 %), Kosovo (172.9 %) and Germany (24.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Ukraine (37.2 %), Bosnie/Hercegovina (13.0 %) and Romania (22.2 %).

In the first four months of 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (29.3 %), Kosovo (62.8 %) and Germany (12.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: France (18.2 %), United Kingdom (14.9 %) and Ukraine (17.7 %).

In April 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to April 2020 are: Italy (133.3 %), Turkey (118.1 %) and China (108.9 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: USA (0.1 %), Switzerland (11.9 %) and Croatia (0.1 %).

In the first four months of 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (44.9 %), Turkey (53.2 %) and China (47.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Russia (37.0 %), Switzerland (11.9 %) and Ukraine (2.0 %).

**Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries April 2021**



Trade with the EU countries is 59.3 % of total trade. In April 2021, exports to EU countries occupied 68.9 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 54.9 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (30.0 %), Turkey (8.0 %), China (7.2 %) and Germany (7.0 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first four months of 2021 is 62.4 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 74.1 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 56.7 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (31.8 %), Turkey (7.7 %), Greece (7.1 %) and China (7.1 %).

**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
2020		272	-9.0	605	-6.8	-333	44.9
2018	03 – 18	27	11.3	53	5.2	-26	50.9
	January – April 18	101	61.6	199	49.2	-97	51.0
2019	03 – 19	27	0.1	57	8.9	-30	46.7
	January – April 19	99	-2.2	205	3.3	-106	48.3
2020	03 -20	15	-44.2	36	-36.4	-21	41.0
	January – April 20	81	-18.5	174	-15.0	-94	46.3
2021	03 -21	29	92.3	63	72.9	-34	45.6
	January – April 21	109	34.9	225	29.0	-116	48.4

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

	Exports				Imports			
	April 2020	April 2021	Jan.-April 2020	Jan.-April 2021	April 2020	April 2021	Jan.-April 2020	Jan.-April 2021
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>10,277</b>	<b>19,778</b>	<b>62,570</b>	<b>80,698</b>	<b>19,576</b>	<b>34,572</b>	<b>99,224</b>	<b>127,641</b>
Austria	123	189	560	717	398	515	1,560	1,953
Germany	1,418	1,762	5,426	6,088	2,616	4,667	15,148	16,526
Greece	749	1,321	3,747	5,915	3,702	4,647	16,240	17,877
Italy	6,041	11,826	37,118	47,998	6,724	15,685	40,231	58,306
Spain	346	1,612	6,909	7,149	610	846	2,871	2,872
Croatia	120	238	620	972	503	502	1,601	2,146
Others of EU	1,479	2,829	8,189	11,858	5,023	7,710	21,573	27,961
United Kingdom	25	46	227	194	369	504	1,540	1,732
China	401	558	1,635	2,816	2,892	6,042	14,085	20,777
Kosovo	1,196	3,265	6,034	9,822	465	840	1,971	2,855
North Macedonia	680	1,109	2,330	3,092	713	1,099	2,556	2,605
Russia	-	-	6	-	1,420	1,575	6,052	3,813
USA	294	344	1,041	1,526	880	879	3,235	4,312
Turkey	95	517	696	1,995	3,130	6,825	15,587	23,875
Ukraine	21	13	169	139	259	454	1,197	1,173
Switzerland	122	201	311	844	623	549	3,926	3,457
Others	1,811	2,859	5,737	7,792	6,075	9,590	25,075	32,852
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,922</b>	<b>28,691</b>	<b>80,754</b>	<b>108,916</b>	<b>36,402</b>	<b>62,929</b>	<b>174,448</b>	<b>225,092</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	April 2020	April 2021	Jan.-April 2020	Jan.-April 2021	April 2020	April 2021	Jan.-April 2020	Jan.-April 2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,922</b>	<b>28,691</b>	<b>80,754</b>	<b>108,916</b>	<b>36,402</b>	<b>62,929</b>	<b>174,448</b>	<b>225,092</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,381	3,654	10,383	12,462	9,837	9,915	35,465	36,000
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,734	5,308	12,961	20,869	3,240	5,234	17,817	19,735
Chemical and plastical products	462	775	2,232	3,009	7,113	10,292	26,391	35,734
Leather and leather manuf,	99	209	738	974	379	1,365	3,774	4,290
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	585	743	2,744	2,526	1,666	2,467	6,871	8,070
Textile and footwear	4,895	8,620	30,588	35,903	2,569	7,318	20,104	26,628

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Construct, materials and metals	1,898	6,158	10,997	21,133	4,051	8,965	23,681	32,084
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,464	2,374	7,653	8,847	6,357	14,693	34,212	52,599
Others	404	850	2,457	3,192	1,191	2,681	6,134	9,952

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Germany	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,118</b>	<b>47,998</b>	<b>6,034</b>	<b>9,822</b>	<b>6,909</b>	<b>7,149</b>	<b>5,426</b>	<b>6,088</b>
<b>Food, beverages, tobacco</b>	2,669	3,359	1,101	1,145	366	548	466	473
Minerals, fuels, electricity	378	533	779	2,380	6,039	6,385	330	1,835
Chemical and plastical products	615	752	628	972	62	8	15	27
Leather and leather manuf.	614	567	2	6	48	0	4	29
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	1,634	1,840	251	256	1	2	201	77
Textile and footwear	22,769	28,452	35	64	331	143	3,019	2,425
Construct, materials and metals	3,686	6,520	2,460	4,010	45	51	533	361
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	3,740	4,394	225	491	7	11	605	726
Others	1,013	1,581	553	499	10	2	253	134

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		China		Greece	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,231</b>	<b>58,306</b>	<b>15,587</b>	<b>23,875</b>	<b>14,085</b>	<b>20,777</b>	<b>16,240</b>	<b>17,877</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	6,280	7,062	1,813	2,179	186	283	5,220	5,054
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,060	3,606	373	567	3	5	3,290	2,707
Chemical and plastical products	5,191	7,492	2,623	3,464	1,594	3,015	2,296	2,927
Leather and leather manuf,	3,057	3,586	68	109	151	203	8	12
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	1,871	1,949	911	1,031	244	251	1,035	1,112
Textile and footwear	8,863	12,398	4,061	5,320	2,613	3,598	1,084	1,025
Construct, materials and metals	4,725	7,969	3,069	6,130	1,878	1,607	2,138	3,396
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	7,942	12,275	2,192	3,341	6,088	9,900	736	951
Others	1,242	1,970	477	1,732	1,327	1,915	433	694

# 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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