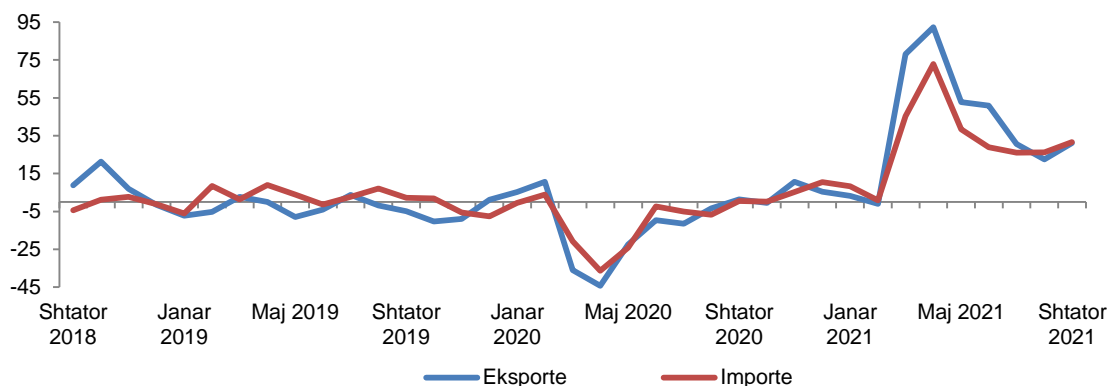


Foreign Trade in Goods

September 2021

Tirana, October 18, 2021: On September 2021 the value of exports was ALL 33 billion, increasing by 31.1 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 39.4 % compared with August 2021. The value of imports was ALL 69 billion, increasing by 31.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 13.4 % compared with August 2021. This month the trade deficit is ALL 36 billion, increasing by 32.0 % compared with September 2020 and decreasing by 3.3 % compared with August 2021.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



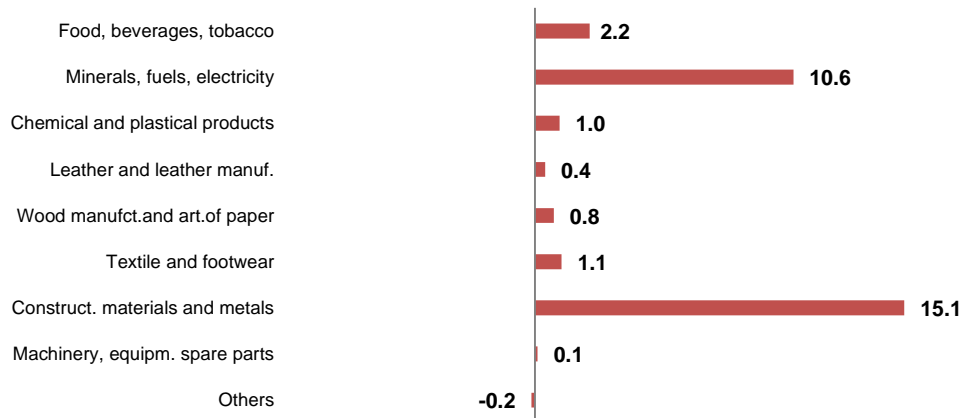
In nine months of 2021, the value of exports was ALL 266 billion, increasing by 36.5 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 556 billion, increasing by 29.6 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 290 billion, increasing by 23.9 % compared with the same period of 2020.

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

In annual increase of exports by 31.1 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +15.1 percentage point, "Mineral, fuels, electricity" with +10.6 percentage point, and "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +2.2 percentage point.

For release 18/10/2021

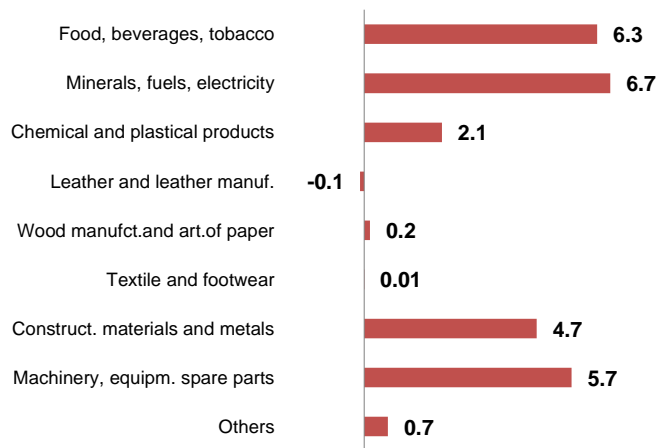
Continue

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

Exports during nine months of 2021 are increased by 36.5 % 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 +14.3 percentage point, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +11.6 percentage point and “Textile and footwear” with +3.5 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 31.6 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +12.9 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +5.0 percentage point and “Construction materials and metals” with +4.1 percentage point.

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

In nine months of 2021, imports are increased by 29.6 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +7.8 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +4.7 percentage point and "Mineral, fuels, electricity" with +4.6 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

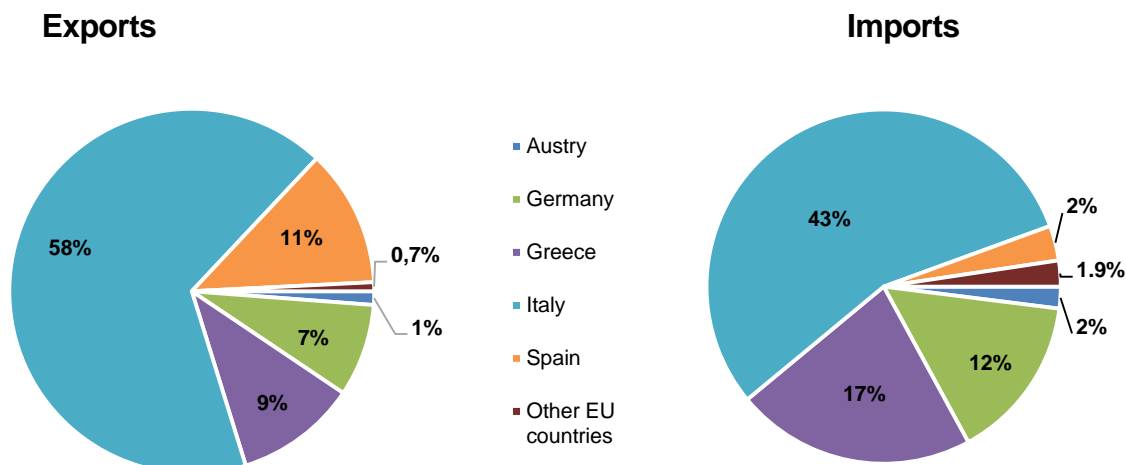
In September 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to September 2020 are: Italy (19.7 %), Kosovo (36.4 %) and Spain (74.0 %).

In nine months of 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (24.2 %), Kosovo (52.4 %) and Spain (39.6 %). While, the country with which had a decrease of exports is: Ukraine (22.0 %) and Russia (38.1 %).

In September 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to September 2020 are: Italy (18.7 %), Turkey (24.8 %) and Greece (27.5 %). While, the country with which have had a decrease of exports is: Ukraine (52.9 %).

In the first nine months of 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (29.8 %), Turkey (45.3 %) and China (25.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Switzerland (3.4 %), Ukraine (20.2 %) and Russia (2,7 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 59.2 % of total trade. In September 2021, exports to EU countries occupied 73.0 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 52.5 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (29.2 %), Greece (8.3 %) Turkey (6.5 %), and China (6.4 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first nine months of 2021 is 60.5 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 72.0 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 55.0 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (30.2 %), Turkey (7.8 %), Greece (7.1 %) and Germany (6.7 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)

Year s	Months	Annual		Imports	Annual		Trade Balance	Percentage of cover
		Exports	Change (%)		Change (%)			
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	09 – 18	26	8.9	51	-4.4	-25	51.4	
	January –	232	15.3	467	3.1	-236	49.6	
2019	09 – 19	25	-4.9	52	2.3	-27	47.8	
	January – September 19	225	-2.8	481	3.1	-256	46.8	
2020	09 - 20	25	1.3	52	0.5	-27	48.2	
	January – September 20	195	-13.5	429	-10.9	-234	45.4	
2021	09 - 21	33	31.1	69	31.6	-36	48.0	
	January – September 21	266	36.5	556	29.6	-290	47.8	

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

	Exports				Imports			
	September 2020	September 2021	Jan.-September 2020	Jan.-September 2021	September 2020	September 2021	Jan.-September 2020	Jan.-September 2021
EU countries	19.176	24.181	146.523	191.228	30.061	36.246	246.192	305.811
Austria	170	254	1.113	1.849	469	563	4.044	4.996
Germany	1.087	1.733	11.745	14.532	3.893	4.267	32.512	40.422
Greece	1.368	2.279	9.300	15.499	4.870	6.209	38.690	42.766
Italy	11.766	14.089	89.250	110.880	13.216	15.692	105.360	136.735
Spain	1.478	2.572	12.561	17.533	731	903	6.928	8.232
Croatia	108	168	1.175	1.989	493	671	4.785	5.741
Others of EU	3.200	3.087	21.377	28.946	6.389	7.941	53.872	66.918
United Kingdom	63	111	534	617	343	443	3.687	4.491
China	190	1.009	3.390	6.296	4.745	5.480	37.864	47.651
Kosovo	2.746	3.747	17.937	27.336	751	1.668	5.883	9.316
North Macedonia	906	1.145	6.197	9.196	836	1.606	6.529	8.430
Russia	0	-	13	8	1.009	1.550	10.913	10.621
USA	292	307	2.289	3.297	643	1.159	6.567	12.032
Turkey	236	281	1.905	4.235	5.115	6.384	41.143	59.785
Ukraine	13	31	325	253	379	178	3.228	2.576
Switzerland	33	293	551	1.963	511	2.053	7.532	7.273
Others	1.614	2.017	14.952	21.169	8.050	12.237	59.220	87.659
Total	25.269	33.121	194.615	265.600	52.443	69.004	428.756	555.647

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	September 2020	September 2021	Jan.-September 2020	Jan.-September 2021	September 2020	September 2021	Jan.-September 2020	Jan.-September 2021
Total	25,269	33,121	194,615	265,600	52,443	69,004	428,756	555,647
Food. beverages. tobacco	2,924	3,487	27,537	31,725	8,965	11,601	81,986	94,117
Minerals. fuels. electricity	3,545	6,212	28,370	50,973	4,954	11,730	38,663	58,506
Chemical and plastical products	714	967	5,488	7,551	7,455	9,141	65,042	82,164
Leather and leather manuf.	103	207	1,424	1,789	1,104	1,322	9,185	10,613
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	784	976	6,113	6,705	2,261	2,630	17,349	20,006
Textile and footwear	9,579	9,852	75,207	81,955	6,985	8,388	52,255	64,080
Construct. materials and metals	4,247	8,059	28,466	56,354	6,723	8,869	57,234	77,463
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	2,495	2,521	15,829	20,815	11,882	13,088	90,557	123,791
Others	878	840	6,181	7,735	2,114	2,234	16,486	24,907

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Greece	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Total	89.250	110.880	17.937	27.336	12.561	17.533	9.300	15.499
Food, beverages, tobacco	6.466	7.969	2.804	3.368	937	1.131	2.263	2.757
Minerals, fuels, electricity	890	1.318	3.034	6.358	10.724	15.730	690	5.332
Chemical and plastical products	1.469	2.150	1.605	2.289	84	19	425	557
Leather and leather manuf.	1.235	1.307	5	14	71	2	10	10
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	3.666	4.359	558	666	3	64	990	1.013
Textile and footwear	56.702	64.266	82	130	590	401	3.726	3.675
Construct. materials and metals	8.803	15.622	8.141	12.287	106	170	892	1.688
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	7.488	10.329	550	1.124	26	12	40	69
Others	2.532	3.561	1.160	1.100	20	4	264	399

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
Total	105.360	136.735	41.143	59.785	37.864	47.651	38.690	42.766
Food, beverages, tobacco	14.418	17.685	3.987	5.055	584	749	12.009	12.247
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4.116	8.349	2.954	3.949	6	10	6.892	6.941
Chemical and plastical products	13.701	17.059	6.206	7.964	4.080	6.825	5.649	6.810
Leather and leather manuf.	7.378	8.609	202	316	427	538	25	26
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	4.239	4.569	2.129	2.504	613	537	2.638	2.979
Textile and footwear	23.123	30.012	11.036	13.533	6.977	8.462	2.677	2.416
Construct. materials and metals	12.342	17.637	7.359	15.143	4.761	4.036	5.679	7.490
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	22.571	27.924	5.578	7.766	16.687	21.964	2.097	2.499
Others	3.472	4.891	1.691	3.556	3.729	4.530	1.025	1.358

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.

Member State of European Union: Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Denmark, Ireland, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia.

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

0 value less than half of unit of measure

- no value

÷ up to