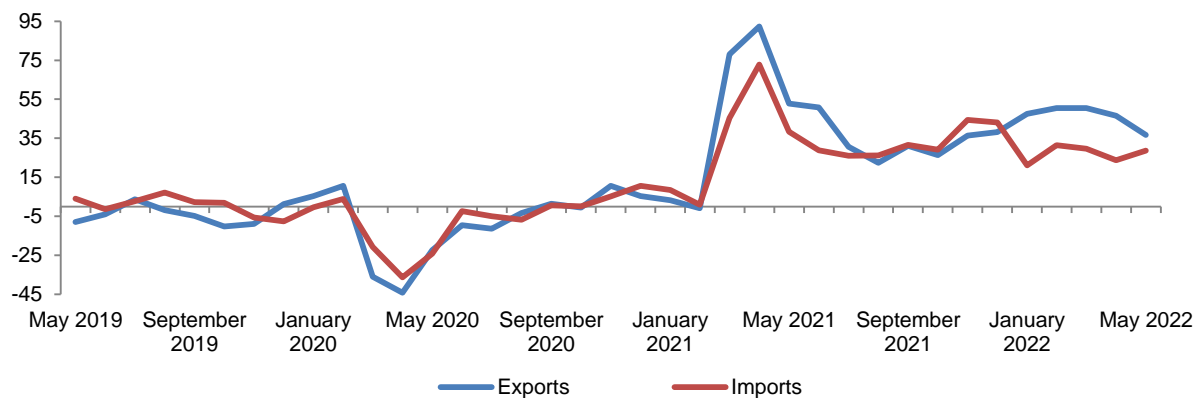


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## May 2022

**Tirana, June 17, 2022:** On May 2022 the value of exports was ALL 45 billion, increasing by 36.8 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 6.9 % compared with April 2022. The value of imports was ALL 80 billion, increasing by 28.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 2.3 % compared with April 2022. This month the trade deficit is ALL 35 billion, increasing by 19.4 % compared with May 2021 and decreasing by 3.0 % compared with April 2022.

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

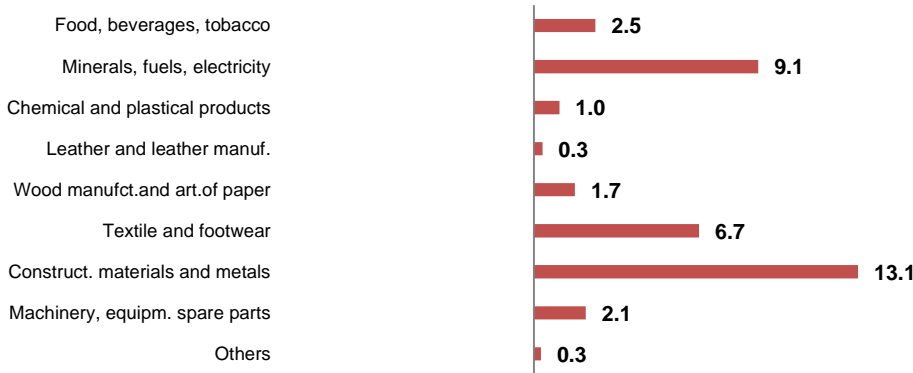


In the first five months of 2022, the value of exports was ALL 207 billion, increasing by 46.0 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 365 billion, increasing by 27.1 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 158 billion, increasing by 8.7 % compared with the same period of 2021.

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

In annual increase of exports by 36.8 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with +13.1 percentage point, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +9.1 percentage point and “Textile and footwear” with +6.7 percentage point .

**Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports May 2022**

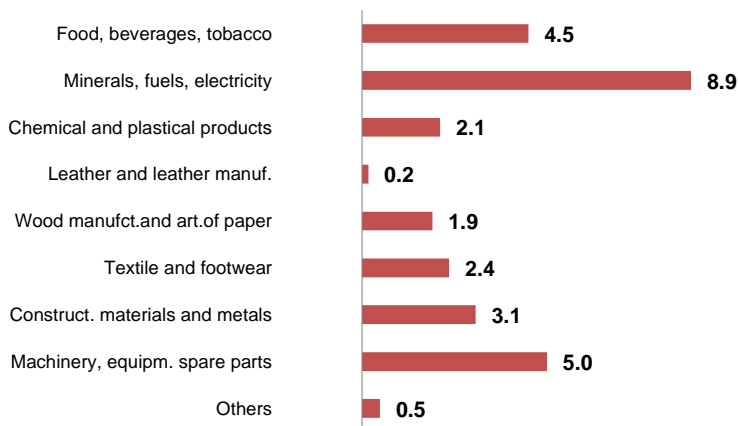


Exports during the first five months of 2022 are increased by 46.0 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: “Construction materials and metals” with +14.4 percentage point, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +14.4 percentage point, and “Textile and footwear” with +7.6 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 28.6 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +8.9 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” with +5.0 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +4.5 percentage point.

**Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , May 2022**



In the first five months of 2022, imports are increased by 27.1 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity”

with +10.7 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +5.6 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +4.0 percentage point.

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

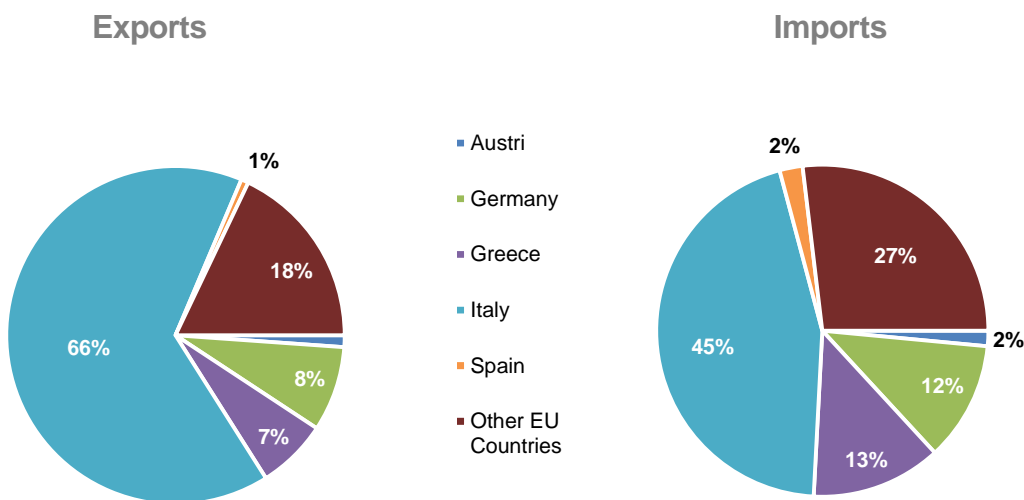
In May 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to May 2021 are: Italy (59.4 %), Germany (66.9 %) and Greece (26.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Kosovo (21.7 %) and Spain (90.6 %) .

In the first five months of 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2021 are: Italy (58.6 %), Germany (105.8 %) and Kosovo (15.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Spain (75.4 %) and Russia (47.2 %).

In May 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to May 2021 are: Italy (15.5 %), Turkey (33.2 %) and China (30.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Russia (43.1 %), Spain (11.6 %) and Ukraine (5.6 %).

In the first five months of 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2021 are: Italy (14.1 %), Turkey (53.7 %) and Greece (24.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: USA (10.0 %), Russia (20.0 %), and Switzerland (17.9 %),

**Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries May 2022**



Trade with the EU countries is 61.0 % of total trade. In May 2022, exports to EU countries occupied 72.7 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 54.4 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (32.9 %), Turkey (7.5 %), Germany (6.2 %) and Greece (6.2 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first five months of 2022 is 61.0 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 73.2 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 54.0 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (32.1 %), Turkey (8.6 %), Germany (6.8 %) and Greece (6.6 %).

**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		246	13.7	611	2.4	-331	48.4
2019		299	-3.8	649	1.2	-350	46.0
2021		272	-9.0	605	-6.8	-333	44.9
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
	January – May	127	-3.5	264	3.5	-137	48.0
2020	01 – 20	23	5.3	42	-0.4	-19	54.9
	02 – 20	25	10.6	52	3.9	-27	48.3
	03 – 20	18	-36.0	44	-20.8	-27	40.1
	04 – 20	15	-44.2	36	-36.4	-21	41.0
	05 – 20	22	-22.5	45	-24.2	-23	48.1
	January – May	102	-19.3	219	-17.0	-117	46.7
2021	01 - 21	24	3.1	45	8.4	-22	52.3
	02 - 21	25	-0.9	52	0.9	-27	47.4
	03 - 21	32	78.1	64	45.3	-33	49.2
	04 - 21	29	92.3	63	72.9	-34	45.6
	05 - 21	33	52.7	62	38.4	-29	53.0
	January – May	142	38.6	287	30.9	-145	49.4
2022	01 - 22	35	47.5	55	21.1	-20	63.6
	02 - 22	37	50.5	69	31.5	-31	54.3
	03 - 22	48	50.4	84	29.7	-36	57.1
	04 - 22	42	46.6	78	23.7	-36	54.0
	05 - 22	45	36.8	80	28.6	-35	56.4
	January – May	207	46.0	365	27.1	-158	56.7

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

	Exports				Imports			
	May 2021	May 2022	Jan.-May 2021	Jan.-May 2022	May 2021	May 2022	Jan.-May 2021	Jan.-May 2022
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>22,982</b>	<b>32,677</b>	<b>103,451</b>	<b>151,614</b>	<b>35,275</b>	<b>43,370</b>	<b>162,315</b>	<b>197,055</b>
Austria	184	369	902	1,647	576	653	2,529	2,703
Germany	1,603	2,675	7,691	15,827	4,142	5,069	20,674	23,192
Greece	1,758	2,216	7,673	9,772	4,583	5,522	22,460	27,941
Italy	13,460	21,455	61,458	97,469	16,963	19,596	75,269	85,904
Spain	2,463	233	9,612	2,361	1,106	977	3,978	5,565
Croatia	205	502	1,177	3,552	663	868	2,812	3,136
Others of EU	3,308	5,227	14,938	20,987	7,243	10,685	34,593	48,613
United Kingdom	44	210	237	724	529	875	2,260	3,081
China	466	781	3,281	6,038	4,544	5,927	25,320	27,403
Kosovo	3,834	3,002	13,656	15,810	944	1,212	3,800	5,953
North Macedonia	1,194	1,404	4,286	7,537	941	1,805	4,301	6,624
Russia	8	-	8	4	2,211	1,259	5,953	4,760
USA	376	606	1,902	4,671	1,146	1,547	5,459	4,910
Turkey	560	937	2,555	2,891	6,357	8,469	30,232	46,471
Ukraine	9	36	147	242	298	281	1,470	1,793
Switzerland	216	770	1,060	1,967	499	663	3,956	3,247
Others	3,169	4,509	11,190	15,494	9,200	14,263	41,968	63,578
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,857</b>	<b>44,932</b>	<b>141,773</b>	<b>206,993</b>	<b>61,942</b>	<b>79,670</b>	<b>287,034</b>	<b>364,875</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	May 2021	May 2022	Jan.-May 2021	Jan.-May 2022	May 2021	May 2022	Jan.-May 2021	Jan.-May 2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,857</b>	<b>44,932</b>	<b>141,773</b>	<b>206,993</b>	<b>61,942</b>	<b>79,670</b>	<b>287,034</b>	<b>364,875</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	4,428	5,244	16,890	20,318	10,705	13,502	46,705	58,267
Minerals. fuels. electricity	6,614	9,594	27,484	47,895	5,410	10,940	25,145	55,912
Chemical and plastical products	821	1,161	3,830	6,992	9,440	10,756	45,174	46,789
Leather and leather manuf.	172	285	853	1,270	1,610	1,717	5,899	7,588
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	742	1,288	3,561	5,637	2,074	3,259	10,144	13,957
Textile and footwear	9,761	11,956	45,664	56,390	8,064	9,531	34,692	41,229
Construct. materials and metals	6,773	11,078	27,906	48,258	9,020	10,932	41,103	57,266
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	2,581	3,271	11,428	15,310	12,865	15,973	65,464	70,608
Others	964	1,056	4,156	4,922	2,755	3,059	12,708	13,260

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Germany		Greece	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,458</b>	<b>97,469</b>	<b>13,656</b>	<b>15,810</b>	<b>7,691</b>	<b>15,827</b>	<b>7,673</b>	<b>9,772</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	4,289	4,648	1,606	2,135	523	712	1,509	1,587
Minerals. fuels. electricity	685	15,400	3,233	2,690	2,348	9,518	2,242	1,333
Chemical and plastical products	975	1,949	1,224	1,838	34	19	304	434
Leather and leather manuf.	734	1,185	8	6	29	2	8	16
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	2,294	3,459	312	564	97	145	487	844
Textile and footwear	36,190	44,377	83	83	3,051	3,536	2,068	2,373
Construct. materials and metals	8,551	15,698	5,997	7,218	503	705	814	2,773
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	5,742	8,275	585	698	930	1,011	43	66
Others	1,998	2,478	607	578	175	179	198	346

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		China		Greece	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,269</b>	<b>85,904</b>	<b>30,232</b>	<b>46,471</b>	<b>25,320</b>	<b>27,403</b>	<b>22,460</b>	<b>27,941</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	9,112	11,132	2,730	2,840	369	539	6,474	7,431
Minerals. fuels. electricity	3,954	2,680	1,305	3,577	8	2	3,123	5,258
Chemical and plastical products	9,734	10,784	4,242	4,809	3,695	2,794	3,667	4,125
Leather and leather manuf.	4,982	6,150	132	216	249	351	14	10
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	2,478	3,099	1,250	2,388	285	392	1,433	1,840
Textile and footwear	16,649	21,024	6,785	7,526	4,468	4,321	1,321	1,821
Construct. materials and metals	10,178	11,144	7,538	18,154	1,970	3,198	4,270	5,009
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	15,594	16,791	4,129	4,923	11,854	13,033	1,302	1,796
Others	2,588	3,101	2,120	2,039	2,423	2,773	854	652

# 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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