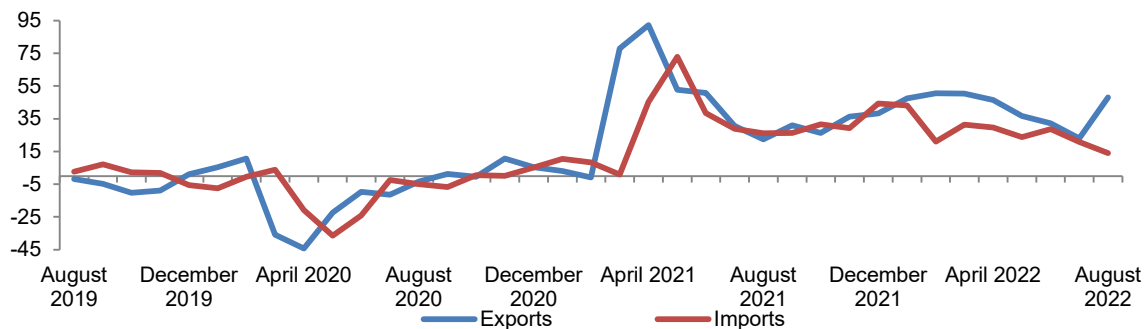


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## August 2022

**Tirana, September 19, 2022:** On August 2022 the value of exports was ALL 35 billion, increasing by 48.1 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 10.8 % compared with July 2022. The value of imports was ALL 80 billion, increasing by 30.8 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 2.6 % compared with July 2022. This month the trade deficit is ALL 44 billion, increasing by 19.6 % compared with August 2021 and by 5.2 % compared with July 2022.

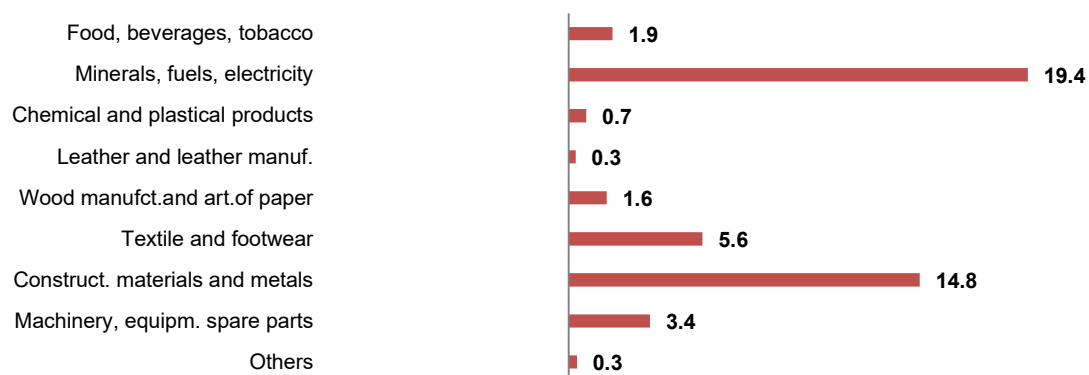
**Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)**



In the eight months of 2022, the value of exports was ALL 328 billion, increasing by 41.0 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 607 billion, increasing by 24.8 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 280 billion, increasing by 10.0 % compared with the same period of 2021.

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

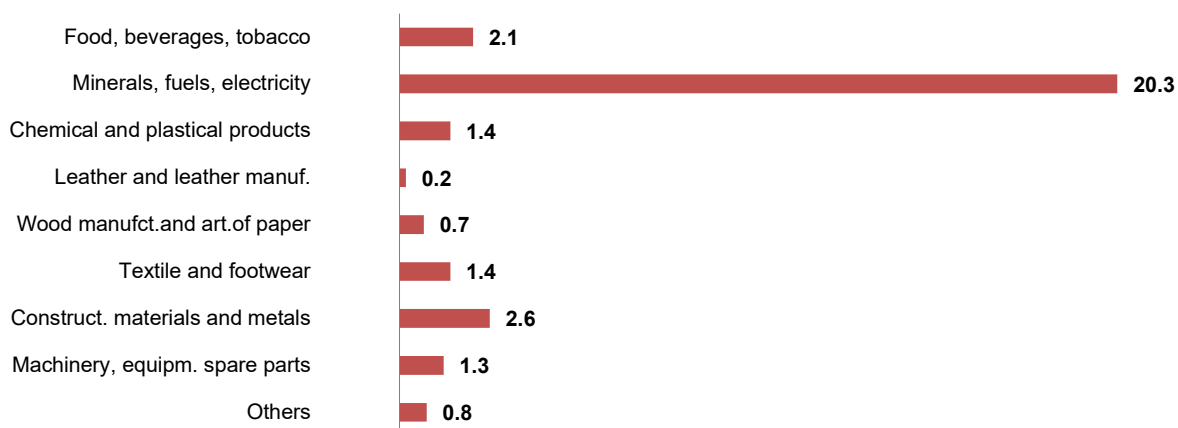
In annual increase of exports by 48.1 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +19.4 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +14.8 percentage point and “Textile and footwear” with +5.6 percentage point.

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

Exports during the eight months of 2022 are increased by 41.0 % 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 +12.6 percentage point, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +12.0 percentage point, and “Textile and footwear” with +6.7 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 30.8 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +20.3 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +2.6 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +2.1 percentage point.

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

In the eight months of 2022, imports are increased by 24.8 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +11.6 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +4.2 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +3.5 percentage point.

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

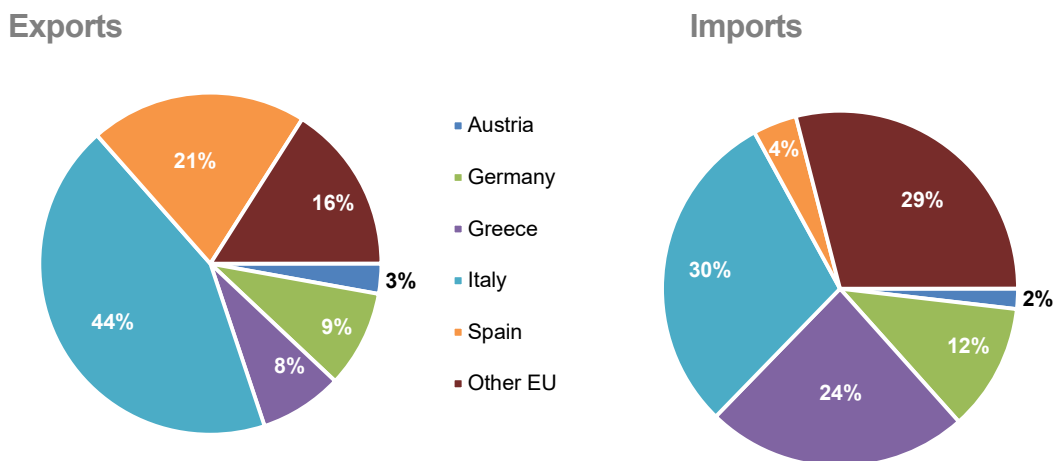
In August 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to August 2021 are: Italy (29.0 %), Spain (411.2 %) and Germany (43.1 %) . While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Kosovo (9.2 %) Macedonia (5.9 %) and China (86.8 %) .

In the eight months of 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2021 are: Italy (49.1 %), Kosovo (6.0 %) and Germany (75.0 %) . While, country with which has had a decrease of imports is: Spain (17.7 %) .

In August 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to August 2021 are: Turkey (29.7 %), Greece (133.2 %) and China (46.3 %) . While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (7.0 %), Germany (19.4 %) and Austria (8.2 %) .

In the eight months or 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2021 are: Italy (10.8 %), Turkey (34.6 %) and Greece (33.8 %) . While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: USA (16.2 %), Russia (18.1 %) and Switzerland (13.7 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 53.3 % of total trade. In August 2022, exports to EU countries occupied 66.9 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 47.3 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (18.7 %), Greece (9.5 %), Turkey (8.9 %) and China (6.2 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first eight months of 2022 is 59.7 % 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 52.4 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (29.8 %), Turkey (8.1 %), Greece (7.1 %) and Germany (6.3 %).

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
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
	06 – 19	26	-4.1	53	-1.4	-28	47.9
	07 – 19	28	3.7	60	2.7	-32	46.4
	08 – 19	20	-1.8	52	7.1	-32	38.8
	Jan – Aug 19	200	-2.5	429	3.2	-229	46.6
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
	06 – 20	23	-9.6	52	-2.4	-29	44.3
	07 – 20	25	-11.5	57	-5.0	-32	43.3
	08 – 20	19	-3.4	48	-6.7	-29	40.2
	Jan – Aug 20	169	-15.4	376	-12.3	-207	45.0
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
	06 – 21	35	50.8	67	28.9	-32	51.9
	07 – 21	32	30.6	72	26.1	-39	44.8
	08 – 21	24	22.5	61	26.2	-37	39.0
	Jan – Aug 21	232	37.3	487	29.3	-254	47.8
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
	06 – 22	46	32.2	81	20.8	-35	56.8
	07 – 22	39	23.0	82	14.1	-42	48.3
	08 – 22	35	48.1	80	30.8	-44	44.2
	Jan – Aug	328	41.0	607	24.8	-280	54.0

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

	Exports				Imports			
	August 2021	August 2022	Jan.-August 2021	Jan.-August 2022	August 2021	August 2022	Jan.-August 2021	Jan.-August 2022
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>15.368</b>	<b>23.548</b>	<b>166.509</b>	<b>239.864</b>	<b>31.248</b>	<b>37.672</b>	<b>266.135</b>	<b>318.022</b>
Austria	234	667	1.595	3.541	753	691	4.434	4.579
Germany	1.512	2.164	12.799	22.399	5.396	4.351	36.161	36.948
Greece	1.165	1.849	13.220	17.902	3.862	9.007	36.557	48.908
Italy	7.962	10.268	96.791	144.283	12.054	11.206	121.043	134.122
Spain	945	4.833	14.961	12.306	1.133	1.503	7.329	10.262
Croatia	154	494	1.821	5.252	689	1.263	5.073	6.531
Others of EU	3.395	3.274	25.321	34.181	7.362	9.651	55.538	76.672
United Kingdom	88	139	506	1.420	421	682	4.047	5.116
China	1.158	153	5.287	7.440	4.785	7.003	42.172	47.595
Kosovo	3.222	2.925	23.589	25.010	968	1.406	7.650	10.476
North Macedonia	1.170	1.101	8.051	11.161	1.128	1.577	7.579	10.262
Russia	-	13	8	25	919	1.051	9.001	7.376
USA	228	4.650	2.990	10.666	685	2.012	10.873	9.116
Turkey	340	544	3.955	4.241	7.486	9.712	53.401	71.881
Ukraine	22	53	223	411	290	497	2.398	2.841
Switzerland	153	124	1.670	2.465	621	556	5.910	5.102
Others	2.007	1.939	19.691	25.008	12.303	17.401	77.478	119.483
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.756</b>	<b>35.188</b>	<b>232.479</b>	<b>327.711</b>	<b>60.855</b>	<b>79.568</b>	<b>486.642</b>	<b>607.269</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	August 2021	August 2022	Jan.-August 2021	Jan.-August 2022	August 2021	August 2022	Jan.-August 2021	Jan.-August 2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.756</b>	<b>35.188</b>	<b>232.479</b>	<b>327.711</b>	<b>60.855</b>	<b>79.568</b>	<b>486.642</b>	<b>607.269</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	2.937	3.378	28.237	32.725	12.545	13.814	82.516	99.360
Minerals. fuels. electricity	4.388	8.990	44.761	72.587	7.883	20.266	46.776	103.153
Chemical and plastical products	705	882	6.585	12.624	8.355	9.230	73.022	77.120
Leather and leather manuf.	101	171	1.289	1.904	765	873	9.291	11.418
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	737	1.120	6.021	9.224	2.243	2.662	17.376	23.153
Textile and footwear	5.834	7.175	72.103	87.743	5.253	6.128	55.692	64.948
Construct. materials and metals	6.354	9.873	48.295	77.669	8.277	9.835	68.594	88.923
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	1.875	2.692	18.293	25.095	13.064	13.825	110.703	116.803
Others	825	907	6.895	8.138	2.469	2.934	22.672	22.390

**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>96.791</b>	<b>144.283</b>	<b>23.589</b>	<b>25.010</b>	<b>12.799</b>	<b>22.399</b>	<b>13.220</b>	<b>17.902</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	6.903	7.232	3.052	3.715	939	1.061	2.399	2.581
Minerals. fuels. electricity	1.130	17.218	5.496	3.656	3.662	12.822	4.287	2.761
Chemical and plastical products	1.789	3.115	2.008	2.790	43	43	494	2.858
Leather and leather manuf.	1.115	1.732	11	10	36	9	10	29
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	3.756	5.568	567	986	157	232	867	1.369
Textile and footwear	56.411	68.658	121	120	4.901	5.395	3.356	3.816
Construct. materials and metals	13.487	23.923	10.364	11.458	1.294	816	1.393	3.849
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	9.061	12.995	979	1.260	1.484	1.705	66	102
Others	3.139	3.840	991	1.015	284	317	348	538

**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>121.043</b>	<b>134.122</b>	<b>53.401</b>	<b>71.881</b>	<b>42.172</b>	<b>47.595</b>	<b>36.557</b>	<b>48.908</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	15.679	18.696	4.612	4.291	649	977	10.800	12.464
Minerals. fuels. electricity	7.573	3.284	3.690	4.843	10	5	5.095	12.454
Chemical and plastical products	15.063	16.741	7.249	8.071	6.137	4.854	6.004	6.555
Leather and leather manuf.	7.531	8.975	259	364	475	636	23	21
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	3.958	4.951	2.201	3.838	480	769	2.608	3.164
Textile and footwear	26.124	32.194	11.559	12.137	7.341	7.465	2.110	2.906
Construct. materials and metals	15.727	17.444	13.545	26.713	3.516	5.702	6.502	7.297
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	25.063	26.700	7.008	8.069	19.535	22.525	2.198	2.989
Others	4.326	5.138	3.279	3.555	4.030	4.662	1.216	1.058

# 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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