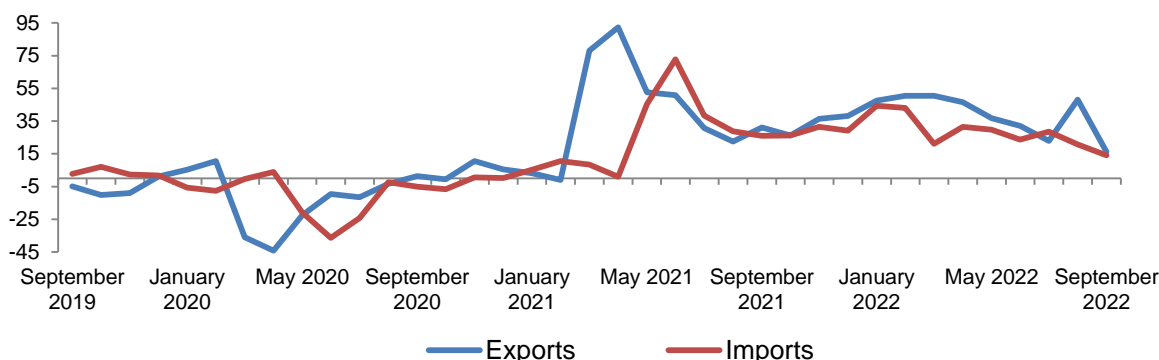


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## September 2022

**Tirana, October 17, 2022:** On September 2022 the value of exports was ALL 39 billion, increasing by 16.3 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 9.5 % compared with August 2022. The value of imports was ALL 88 billion, increasing by 27.4 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 10.5 % compared with August 2022. This month the trade deficit is ALL 49 billion, increasing by 37.6 % compared with September 2021 and by 11.3 % compared with August 2022.

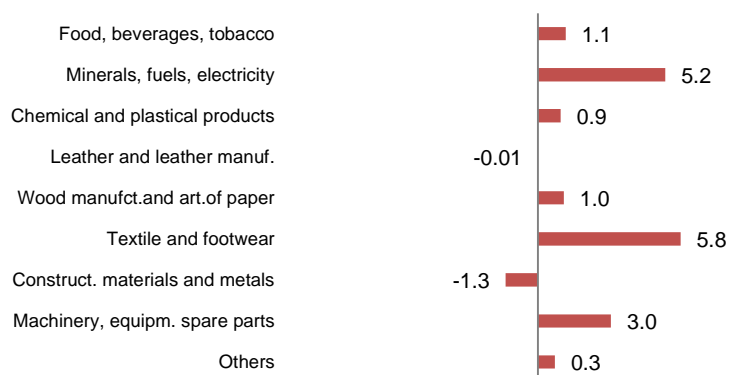
**Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)**



In the first nine months of 2022, the value of exports was ALL 366 billion, increasing by 37.9 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 695 billion, increasing by 25.1 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 329 billion, increasing by 13.4 % compared with the same period of 2021.

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

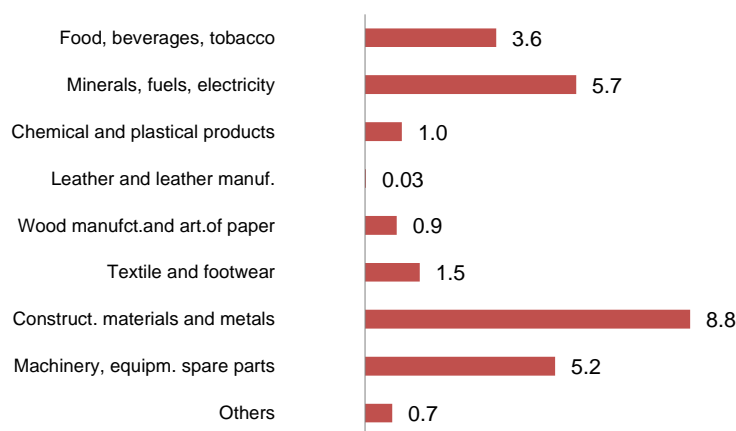
In annual increase of exports by 16.3 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Textile and footwear” with +5.8 percentage point, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +5.2 percentage point, and “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +3.0 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with -1.3 percentage point and “Leather and leather manufacturing” with -0.01 percentage point.

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

Exports during the first nine months of 2022 are increased by 37.9 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +11.1 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +10.9 percentage point, and “Textile and footwear” with +6.6 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 27.4 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with +8.8 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +5.7 percentage point, and “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +5.2 percentage point.

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

In the first nine months of 2022, imports are increased by 25.1 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +10.9 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +4.8 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +3.5 percentage point.

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

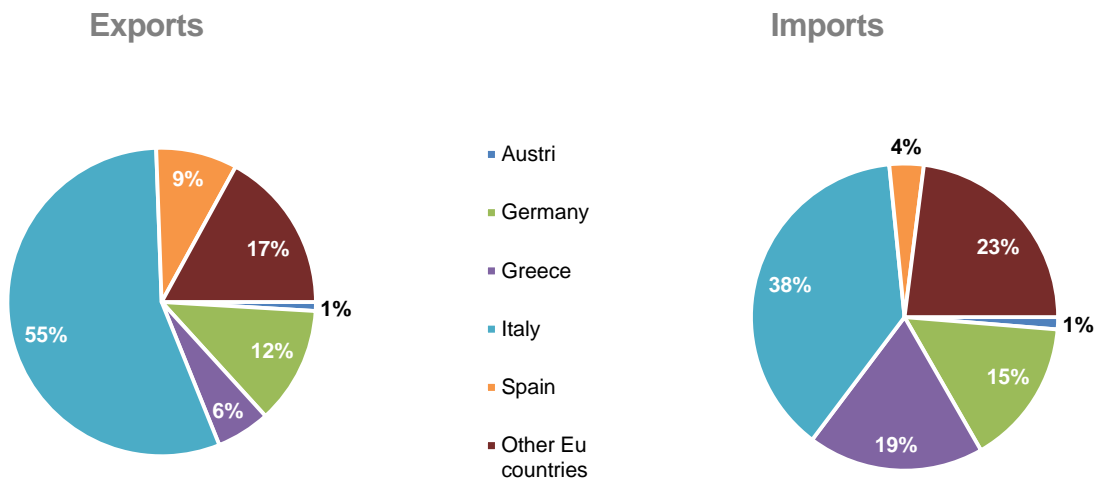
In September 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to September 2021 are: Italy (16.8 %), Germany (110.5 %) and Macedonia (30.5 %) . While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Kosovo (24.8 %), Spain (1.6 %) and Greece (26.5 %) .

In the first nine months of 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2021 are: Italy (45.0 %), Kosovo (1.8 %) and Germany (79.2 %) . While, country with which has had a decrease of imports is: Spain (15.4 %) .

In September 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to September 2021 are: Italy (7.5 %), Turkey (102.4 %) and Greece (32.4 %) . While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Kosovo (21.6 %), Russia (28.7 %) and USA (29.3 %) .

In the first nine months of 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2021 are: Italy (10.4 %), Turkey (41.8 %) and Greece (33.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: USA (17.4 %), Russia (19.6 %) and Switzerland (27.7 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 58.4 % of total trade. In September 2022, exports to EU countries occupied 77.0 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 50.3 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (26.4 %), Turkey (10.7 %), Germany (8.3 %), and Greece (7.8 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first nine months of 2022 is 59.5 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 73.6 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 52.1 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (29.4 %), Turkey (8.4 %), Greece (7.2 %) and Germany (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		310	13.7		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
	09 - 19	25	5.0	52	-14.2	-27	47.8
	Jan - Sep 19	225	-2.8	481	3.1	-256	46.8
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
	09 - 20	25	-1.2	52	-1.8	-27	48.2
	Jan - Sep 20	195	-13.5	429	-10.9	-234	45.4
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
	09 - 21	33	43.3	69	32.4	-36	48.0
	Jan - Sep 21	266	36.5	556	29.6	-290	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
	09 - 22	39	16.3	88	27.4	-49	43.8
	Jan - Sep 22	366	37.9	695	25.1	-329	52.7

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

	Exports				Imports			
	September 2021	September 2022	Jan.-September 2021	Jan.-September 2022	September 2021	September 2022	Jan.-September 2021	Jan.-September 2022
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>24,181</b>	<b>29,673</b>	<b>190,690</b>	<b>269,537</b>	<b>36,246</b>	<b>44,220</b>	<b>302,381</b>	<b>362,242</b>
Austria	254	277	1,849	3,818	563	568	4,996	5,147
Germany	1,733	3,647	14,532	26,046	4,267	6,827	40,428	43,776
Greece	2,279	1,675	15,499	19,578	6,209	8,218	42,766	57,126
Italy	14,089	16,449	110,880	160,732	15,692	16,876	136,735	150,998
Spain	2,572	2,530	17,533	14,836	903	1,602	8,232	11,863
Croatia	168	614	1,989	5,865	671	963	5,744	7,493
Others of EU	3,087	4,480	28,408	38,661	7,941	9,166	63,479	85,838
United Kingdom	111	129	617	1,550	443	580	4,491	5,696
China	1,009	462	6,296	7,902	5,480	7,240	47,651	54,835
Kosovo	3,747	2,817	27,336	27,827	1,668	1,308	9,317	11,784
North Macedonia	1,145	1,494	9,196	12,655	1,606	1,656	9,184	11,918
Russia	-	-	8	25	1,550	1,106	10,550	8,481
USA	307	599	3,297	11,265	1,159	820	12,032	9,936
Turkey	281	567	4,235	4,808	6,384	12,923	59,785	84,804
Ukraine	31	34	253	445	178	360	2,576	3,201
Switzerland	293	84	1,963	2,549	2,053	654	7,962	5,755
Others	2,017	2,671	21,707	27,679	12,237	17,046	89,715	136,529
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,121</b>	<b>38,531</b>	<b>265,600</b>	<b>366,241</b>	<b>69,004</b>	<b>87,912</b>	<b>555,647</b>	<b>695,181</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	September 2021	September 2022	Jan.-September 2021	Jan.-September 2022	September 2021	September 2022	Jan.-September 2021	Jan.-September 2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,121</b>	<b>38,531</b>	<b>265,600</b>	<b>366,241</b>	<b>69,004</b>	<b>87,912</b>	<b>555,647</b>	<b>695,181</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	3,487	3,861	31,725	36,586	11,601	14,060	94,117	113,420
Minerals. fuels. electricity	6,212	7,918	50,973	80,505	11,730	15,683	58,506	118,836
Chemical and plastical products	967	1,272	7,551	13,896	9,141	9,836	82,164	86,956
Leather and leather manuf.	207	205	1,496	2,109	1,322	1,343	10,613	12,762
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	976	1,321	6,997	10,545	2,630	3,225	20,006	26,377
Textile and footwear	9,852	11,764	81,955	99,508	8,388	9,415	64,080	74,363
Construct. materials and metals	8,059	7,623	56,354	85,293	8,869	14,956	77,463	103,879
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	2,521	3,500	20,815	28,595	13,088	16,649	123,791	133,452
Others	840	1,067	7,735	9,205	2,234	2,747	24,907	25,136

**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>110,880</b>	<b>160,732</b>	<b>27,336</b>	<b>27,827</b>	<b>14,532</b>	<b>26,046</b>	<b>15,499</b>	<b>19,578</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	7,969	8,158	3,368	4,045	1,155	1,256	2,757	2,916
Minerals. fuels. electricity	1,318	17,477	6,358	4,087	4,005	15,155	5,332	3,016
Chemical and plastical products	2,150	3,630	2,289	3,133	52	47	557	2,940
Leather and leather manuf.	1,307	1,926	14	12	36	10	10	29
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	4,359	6,370	666	1,133	188	251	1,013	1,519
Textile and footwear	64,266	77,818	130	135	5,511	6,071	3,675	4,322
Construct. materials and metals	15,622	26,362	12,287	12,733	1,632	944	1,688	4,113
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	10,329	14,660	1,124	1,390	1,643	1,951	69	107
Others	3,561	4,332	1,100	1,159	311	361	399	617

**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>136,735</b>	<b>150,998</b>	<b>59,785</b>	<b>84,804</b>	<b>47,651</b>	<b>54,835</b>	<b>42,766</b>	<b>57,126</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	17,685	21,333	5,055	4,725	749	1,141	12,247	14,061
Minerals. fuels. electricity	8,349	3,391	3,949	7,027	10	6	6,941	16,109
Chemical and plastical products	17,059	18,707	7,964	9,172	6,825	5,606	6,810	7,448
Leather and leather manuf.	8,609	10,006	316	430	538	726	26	24
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	4,569	5,616	2,504	4,525	537	916	2,979	3,614
Textile and footwear	30,012	36,428	13,533	13,932	8,462	9,000	2,416	3,267
Construct. materials and metals	17,637	19,706	15,143	32,128	4,036	6,542	7,490	7,997
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	27,924	30,053	7,766	8,930	21,964	25,606	2,499	3,418
Others	4,891	5,758	3,556	3,935	4,530	5,292	1,358	1,189

# 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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