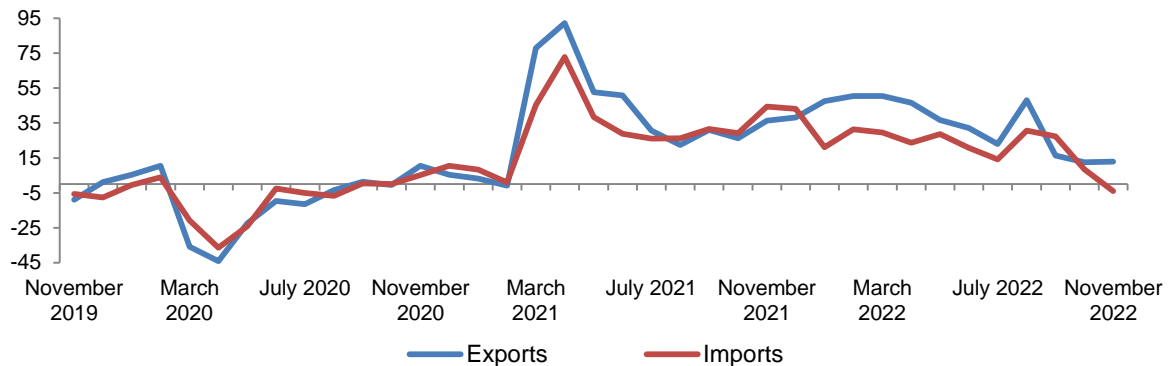


Foreign Trade in Goods

December 2022

Tirana, January 17, 2023: On December 2022 the value of exports was ALL 40 billion, increasing by 26.1 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by -4.5 % compared with November 2022. The value of imports was ALL 95 billion, increasing by 7.7 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 22.3 % compared with November 2022. This month the trade deficit is ALL 54 billion, decreasing by -2.9 % compared with December 2021 and increasing by 54.2 % compared with November 2022.

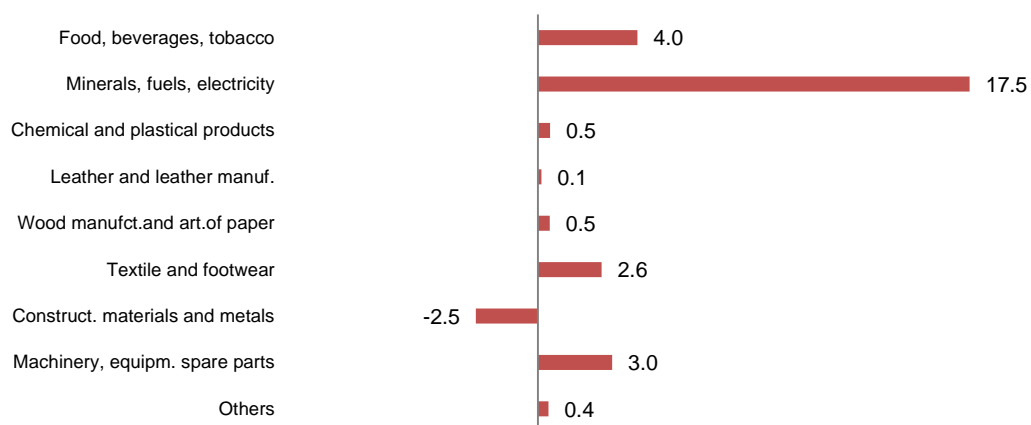
Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



In 2022, the value of exports was ALL 487 billion, increasing by 32.0 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 950 billion, increasing by 18.7 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 464 billion, increasing by 7.3 % compared with the same period of 2021.

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

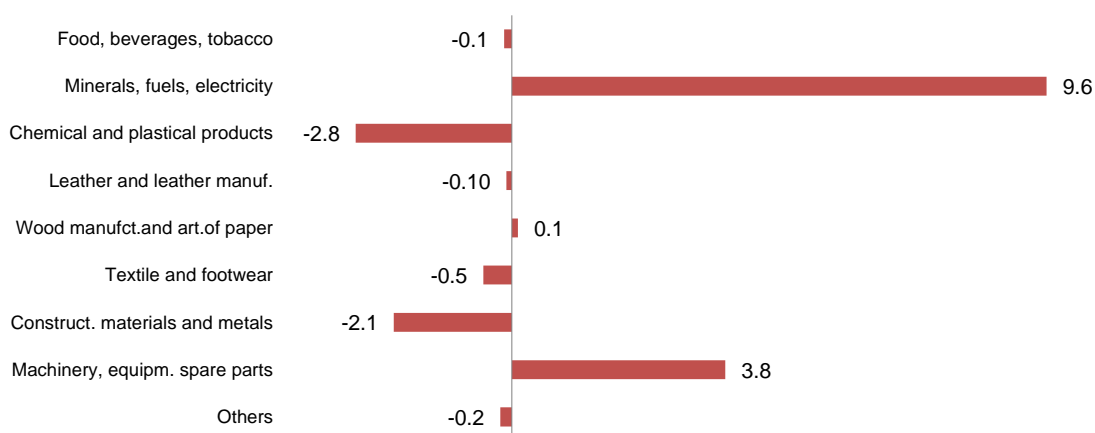
In annual increase of exports by 26.1 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +17.5 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +4.0 percentage point and “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +3.0 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Construction materials and metals” with -2.5 percentage point.

Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports December 2022

Exports during the year 2022 are increased by 32.0 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +10.3 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +6.9 percentage point, and “Textile and footwear” with +6.2 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 7.7 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with 9.6 percentage point and “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +3.8 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Chemical and plastical products” with -2.8 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -2.1 percentage point and “Textile and footwear” with -0.5 percentage point.

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

In 2022, imports are increased by 18.7 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +8.3 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +3.2 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +2.4 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

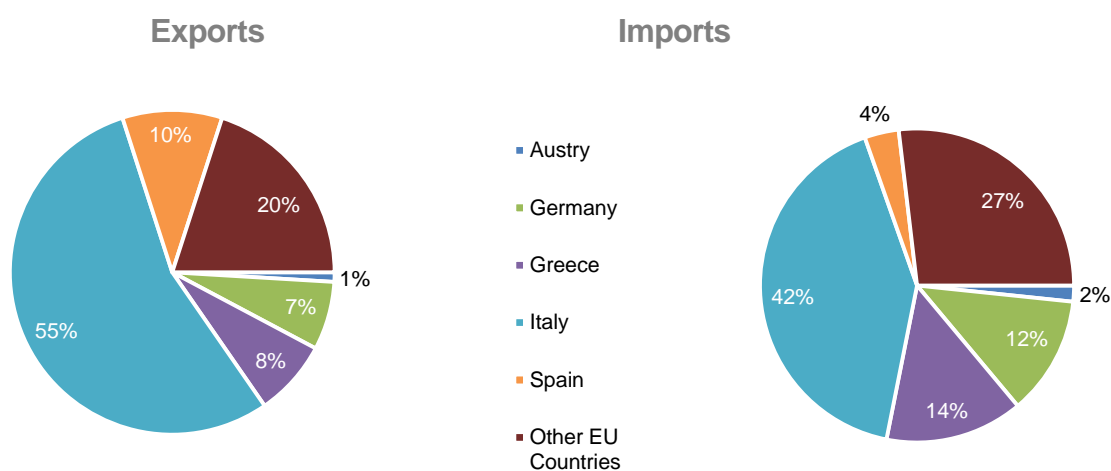
In December 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to December 2021 are: Italy (0.8 %), Macedonia (273.6 %) and Kosovo (17.5 %) . While, country with which has had a decrease of imports is: Germany (16.5 %).

In 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2021 are: Italy (35.1 %), Kosovo (0.2 %) and Germany (58.6 %). While, country with which has had a decrease of imports is: Spain (0.9 %).

In December 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to December 2021 are: Switzerland (690.2 %), Turkey (2.7 %), and China (43.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (7.9 %), Greece (25.1 %) and Kosovo (20.0 %).

In 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2021 are: Italy (5.9 %), Turkey (33.1 %) and China (18.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: USA (10.3 %), Russia (27.3 %) and Austria (1.1 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries in December 2022 is 51.5 % of total trade. In December 2022, exports to EU countries occupied 66.2 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 45.2 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (24.0 %), Switzerland (11.1 %), Turkey (7.7 %), and China (7.3 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in 2022 is 59.0 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 73.4 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 51.6 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (29.0 %), Turkey (8.4 %), Greece (6.9 %) 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
	09 - 19	25	5.0	52	-14.2	-27	47.8
	10 - 19	27	-10.2	59	1.8	-32	45.6
	11 - 19	25	-9.0	53	-5.6	-28	46.7
	12 - 19	22	1.2	56	-7.6	-34	39.4
	Jan - Dec 19	299	-3.8	649	1.2	-350	46.0
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
	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
	10 - 20	27	-0.5	59	0.1	-32	45.3
	11 - 20	27	10.6	56	5.2	-28	49.1
	12 - 20	23	5.4	61	10.5	-38	37.6
	Jan - Dec 20	272	-9.0	605	-6.8	-333	44.9
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
	10 - 21	34	26.3	77	29.2	-43	44.3
	11 - 21	37	36.3	81	44.4	-43	46.3
	12 - 21	32	38.2	88	43.1	-56	36.3
	Jan - Dec 21	369	35.6	801	32.3	-432	46.1
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
	10 - 22	38	12.5	83	8.6	-45	45.9
	11 - 22	42	12.9	77	-3.9	-35	54.4
	12 - 22	40	26.1	95	7.7	-54	42.5
	Jan - Dec 22	487	32.0	950	18.7	-464	51.2

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

	Exports				Imports			
	December 2021	December 2022	Jan.-December 2021	Jan.-December 2022	December 2021	December 2022	Jan.-December 2021	Jan.-December 2022
EU countries	23,830	26,626	265,873	357,183	45,986	42,774	389,842	490,401
Austria	157	252	2,565	5,575	617	710	6,971	6,896
Germany	2,171	1,813	20,157	31,962	5,066	5,269	54,952	58,563
Greece	1,733	2,021	21,401	25,330	8,154	6,107	64,024	74,469
Italy	14,422	14,540	155,757	210,435	19,353	17,823	194,443	205,878
Spain	1,487	2,643	23,578	23,360	1,033	1,516	11,521	16,340
Croatia	413	818	3,353	7,596	904	983	7,899	10,583
Others of EU	3,447	4,538	39,062	52,924	10,858	10,366	91,947	117,671
United Kingdom	78	171	922	2,174	692	611	6,538	7,405
China	684	703	9,058	9,813	6,395	9,169	65,202	77,476
Kosovo	2,674	3,141	37,696	37,776	2,796	2,237	15,441	16,604
North Macedonia	871	3,255	12,536	19,292	1,612	1,424	13,675	15,483
Russia	-	-	12	43	1,970	587	15,037	10,926
USA	496	798	4,925	13,471	774	827	14,570	13,073
Turkey	303	485	5,294	6,447	9,616	9,878	86,104	114,617
Ukraine	46	318	334	867	364	293	3,742	4,173
Switzerland	224	626	2,540	3,335	1,810	14,306	12,743	21,520
Others	2,695	4,101	29,580	36,386	15,829	12,463	135,909	178,703
Total	31,902	40,224	368,769	486,787	87,844	94,568	800,718	950,381

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	December 2021	December 2022	Jan.-December 2021	Jan.-December 2022	December 2021	December 2022	Jan.-December 2021	Jan.-December 2022
Total	31,902	40,224	368,769	486,787	87,844	94,568	800,718	950,381
Food. beverages. tobacco	4,191	5,475	44,469	51,715	12,680	12,556	130,017	149,225
Minerals. fuels. electricity	6,123	11,692	69,327	107,492	18,090	26,523	105,103	171,645
Chemical and plastical products	1,023	1,180	10,681	17,618	12,448	9,984	114,702	117,054
Leather and leather manuf.	200	246	2,177	2,888	1,375	1,290	14,921	17,021
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	920	1,073	10,148	14,283	2,896	2,990	28,894	35,219
Textile and footwear	9,849	10,670	112,455	135,222	8,763	8,310	90,831	101,788
Construct. materials and metals	6,282	5,482	80,072	105,360	11,034	9,172	111,818	137,116
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	2,447	3,404	28,887	39,689	17,087	20,455	170,093	187,019
Others	868	1,002	10,554	12,521	3,472	3,288	34,341	34,294

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
Total	155,757	210,435	37,696	37,776	20,157	31,962	21,401	25,330
Food. beverages. tobacco	11,407	11,438	4,728	5,655	1,663	1,768	3,820	4,382
Minerals. fuels. electricity	2,741	18,155	8,089	6,498	5,429	17,051	7,131	3,812
Chemical and plastical products	3,201	5,208	3,105	3,934	73	68	794	3,196
Leather and leather manuf.	1,941	2,659	15	13	38	13	17	35
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	6,284	8,642	936	1,493	254	294	1,510	2,099
Textile and footwear	88,207	105,204	166	174	7,551	8,449	5,009	5,635
Construct. materials and metals	22,899	33,231	17,429	16,568	2,513	1,318	2,428	5,229
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	14,127	19,963	1,718	1,788	2,208	2,513	122	125
Others	4,949	5,935	1,512	1,652	427	489	569	817

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
Total	194,443	205,878	86,104	114,617	65,202	77,476	64,024	74,469
Food. beverages. tobacco	24,504	28,639	6,861	6,220	1,052	1,608	16,289	18,180
Minerals. fuels. electricity	12,239	5,705	4,790	13,284	12	14	14,668	19,882
Chemical and plastical products	24,047	24,771	11,112	13,039	8,293	7,268	9,354	9,948
Leather and leather manuf.	12,266	13,388	444	554	717	930	35	58
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	6,692	7,700	4,287	6,156	817	1,377	4,114	4,810
Textile and footwear	42,916	49,082	19,397	18,985	11,680	12,877	3,581	4,464
Construct. materials and metals	25,839	27,234	23,086	39,326	5,586	8,356	10,742	10,479
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	38,841	41,534	11,254	12,090	30,428	37,588	3,435	4,930
Others	7,099	7,825	4,874	4,964	6,616	7,459	1,806	1,718

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.

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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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