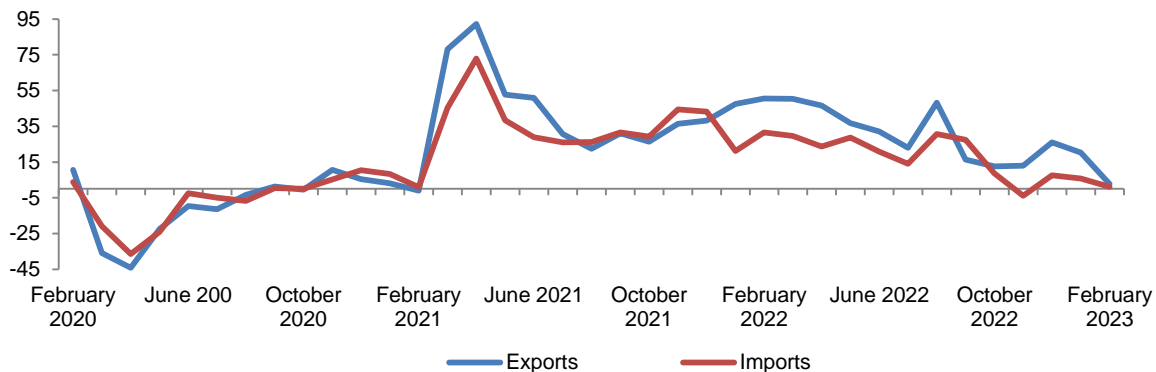


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## February 2023

**Tirana, March 17, 2023:** On February 2023 the value of exports was ALL 38 billion, increasing by 2.8 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by -8.9 % compared with January 2023. The value of imports was ALL 69 billion, increasing by 1.1 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 19.4 % compared with January 2023. This month the trade deficit is ALL 31 billion, decreasing by -0.8 % compared with February 2022 and increasing by 93.2 % compared with January 2023.

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

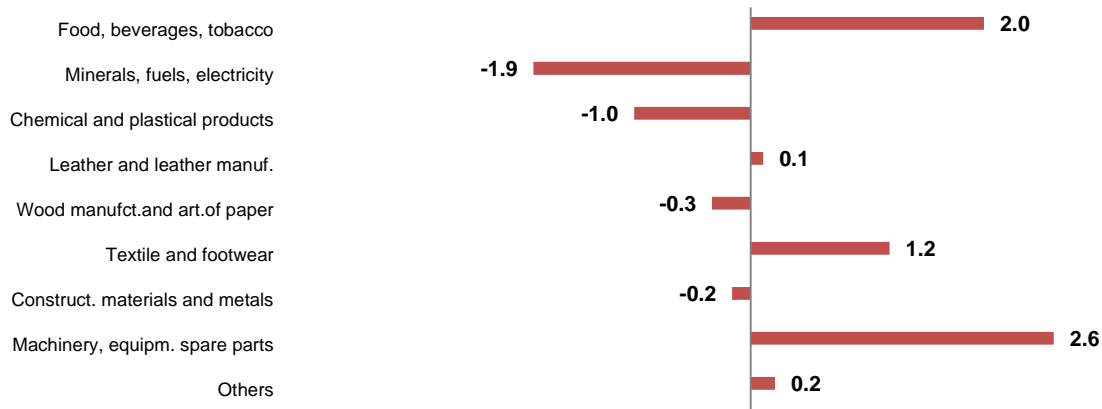


In the first two months of 2023, the value of exports was ALL 80 billion, increasing by 11.2 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 128 billion, increasing by 3.2 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 47 billion, decreasing by 8.1 % compared with the same period of 2022.

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

In annual increase of exports by 2.8 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Machinery, equipment and spare parts" with +2.6 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +2.0 percentage point and "Textile and footwear" with +1.2 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: Mineral, fuels, electricity" with -1.9 percentage point "Chemical and plastical products" with -1.0 percentage point.

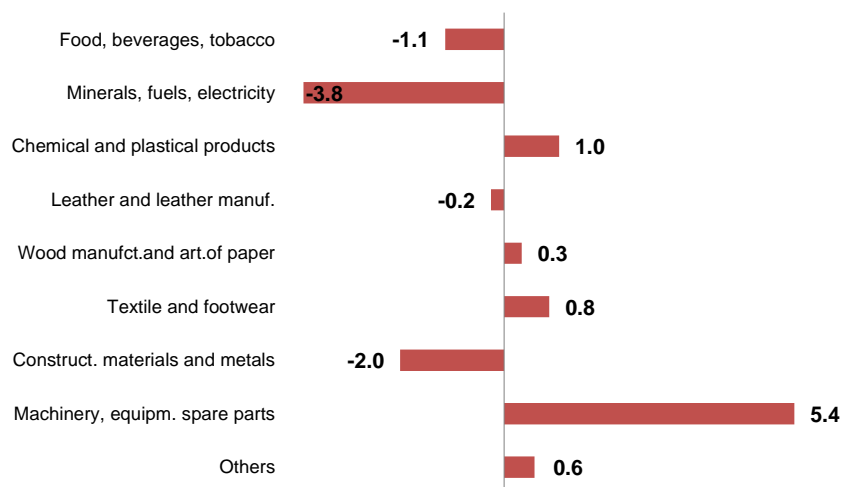
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**Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports February 2023**

Exports during the two months of 2023 are increased by 11.2 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +5.3 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +2.4 percentage point, and “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +2.1 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Chemical and plastical products” with -0.9 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 1.1 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +5.4 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +1.0 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +0.8 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -3.8 percentage point, “Constructions materials and metals” with -2.0 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with -1.1 percentage point.

**Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , February 2023**

In the first two months of 2023, imports are increased by 3.2 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment and spare parts" with +4.9 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +1.4 perecentage point and "Textile and footwear" with +0.4 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -2.2 percentage point, "Constructions materials and metals" with -1.5 percentage point

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

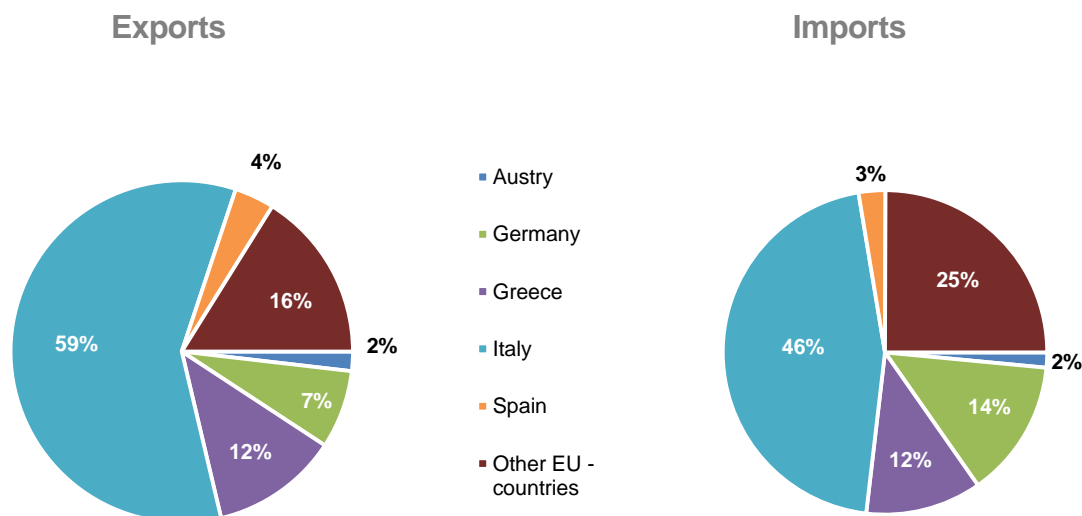
In February 2023, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to February 2022 are: Greece (92.6 %), Spain (640.3 %), and Austria (34.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (1.2 %), Kosovo (20.4 %), and Germany (30.9 %).

In the first two months of 2023, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2022 are: Greece (87.1 %), Kosovo (2.8 %) and North Macedonia (61.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (2.6 %), Germany (23.8%) and China (27.3 %).

In February 2023, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to February 2022 are: Italy (0.9 %), China (63.5 %), and Germany (8.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Turkey (0.9 %), Greece (19.7 %), and North Macedonia (10.9 %).

In the first two months of 2023, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2022 are: Germany (11.4 %), China (46.2 %), and USA (50.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (5.0 %), Turkey (2.6 %), and Greece (14.3 %).

**Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries February 2023**



Trade with the EU countries is 61.5 % of total trade. In February 2023, exports to EU countries occupied 76.9 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 52.9 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (31.6 %), China (8.1 %), Turkey (7.5 %), and Greece (7.2 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first two months of 2023 is 59.4 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 72.7 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 51.1 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (29.6 %), Turkey (7.4 %), China (7.3 %) and Greece (7.1 %)

**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
2020		272	-9.0	605	-6.8	-333	44.9
2021		369	35.6	801	32.3	-432	46.1
2022		487	32.0	950	18.7	-464	51.2
2020	01 - 20	23	5.3	42	-0.4	-19	54.9
	02 - 20	25	10.6	52	3.9	-27	48.3
	Jan.-Feb.20	48	72.6	94	67.1	-46	51.3
2021	01 - 21	24	3.1	45	8.4	-22	52.3
	02 - 21	25	-0.9	52	0.9	-27	47.4
	Jan.-Feb.21	49	1.0	98	4.3	-49	49.7
2022	01 - 22	35	47.5	55	21.1	-20	63.6
	02 - 22	37	50.5	69	31.5	-31	54.3
	Jan.-Feb.22	72	49.0	124	26.7	-51	58.4
2023	01 - 23	42	20.2	58	5.8	-16	72.3
	02 - 23	38	2.8	69	1.1	-31	55.2
	Jan.-Feb.23	80	11.2	128	3.2	-47	63.0

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

	Exports				Imports			
	February 2022	February 2023	Jan.-Feb. 2022	Jan.-Feb. 2023	February 2022	February 2023	Jan.-Feb. 2022	Jan.-Feb. 2023
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>27,010</b>	<b>29,483</b>	<b>53,405</b>	<b>58,452</b>	<b>37,517</b>	<b>36,780</b>	<b>66,365</b>	<b>65,250</b>
Austria	402	542	697	756	603	556	1,065	968
Germany	3,161	2,183	6,885	5,247	4,685	5,066	7,984	8,897
Greece	1,847	3,556	3,691	6,905	5,299	4,256	9,268	7,943
Italy	17,548	17,339	33,973	33,087	16,590	16,743	30,099	28,593
Spain	150	1,110	940	3,227	1,291	984	1,952	1,947
Croatia	719	638	1,025	1,014	482	523	823	986
Others of EU	3,183	4,115	6,193	8,215	8,568	8,653	15,174	15,914
United Kingdom	96	149	202	326	644	868	1,017	1,336
China	1,068	754	1,806	1,313	4,911	8,032	9,466	13,836
Kosovo	3,380	2,690	6,120	6,292	1,437	766	1,957	1,812
North Macedonia	2,236	1,490	3,680	5,932	1,266	1,128	1,868	1,947
Russia	-	-	2	3	1,714	492	2,251	943
USA	374	423	814	906	911	1,245	1,702	2,568
Turkey	263	325	635	895	7,805	7,734	14,787	14,406
Ukraine	56	206	80	342	329	191	1,258	537
Switzerland	510	545	623	1,611	739	663	1,414	1,205
Others	2,297	2,271	4,929	4,342	11,425	11,583	21,627	23,843
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,289</b>	<b>38,336</b>	<b>72,295</b>	<b>80,414</b>	<b>68,697</b>	<b>69,482</b>	<b>123,712</b>	<b>127,680</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	February 2022	February 2023	Jan.-Feb. 2022	Jan.-Feb. 2023	February 2022	February 2023	Jan.-Feb. 2022	Jan.-Feb. 2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,289</b>	<b>38,336</b>	<b>72,295</b>	<b>80,414</b>	<b>68,697</b>	<b>69,482</b>	<b>123,712</b>	<b>127,680</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	2,982	3,737	6,314	7,315	10,931	10,170	20,014	19,961
Minerals. fuels. electricity	9,660	8,960	19,028	22,830	9,857	7,266	18,074	15,372
Chemical and plastical products	1,510	1,133	2,790	2,145	9,188	9,895	15,327	17,049
Leather and leather manuf.	266	307	473	569	1,479	1,308	2,529	2,260
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,114	990	1,982	1,985	2,375	2,602	4,715	4,367
Textile and footwear	10,644	11,094	20,703	22,449	7,425	8,007	13,932	14,401
Construct. materials and metals	7,487	7,428	14,056	14,498	10,849	9,507	20,443	18,576
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	2,758	3,740	5,348	6,876	13,999	17,741	24,331	30,336
Others	867	946	1,599	1,747	2,595	2,987	4,346	5,358

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

Group of goods	Italy		Greece		Kosovo		Macedonia	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,973</b>	<b>33,087</b>	<b>3,691</b>	<b>6,905</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>6,292</b>	<b>3,680</b>	<b>5,932</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	1,799	2,304	607	725	576,1	756	170	232
Minerals. fuels. electricity	4,658	1,380	852	3,821	1667,2	1,820	2,030	4,168
Chemical and plastical products	662	1,021	136	157	722,9	461	46	42
Leather and leather manuf.	447	543	3	8	2,6	1	0	-
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,133	1,241	296	286	284,6	167	57	61
Textile and footwear	16,115	17,650	908	1,055	22,2	27	13	10
Construct. materials and metals	5,510	4,665	785	725	2421,4	2,582	1,283	1,363
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	2,807	3,392	15	8	235,5	259	52	25
Others	841	890	88	119	187,6	219	30	31

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		China		Germany	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,099</b>	<b>28,593</b>	<b>14,787</b>	<b>14,406</b>	<b>9,466</b>	<b>13,836</b>	<b>7,984</b>	<b>8,897</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	3,973	3,936	842	826	212,5	257	822	872
Minerals. fuels. electricity	1,938	619	499	2,376	0,9	5	224	120
Chemical and plastical products	3,359	3,423	1,593	1,951	920,9	1,210	1,825	1,735
Leather and leather manuf.	2,092	1,800	79	55	102,3	121	20	9
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	1,005	1,031	733	987	132,2	244	178	111
Textile and footwear	7,027	6,887	2,594	2,132	1538,8	1,854	388	361
Construct. materials and metals	3,875	4,047	6,296	3,619	870,2	1,935	247	374
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	5,852	5,723	1,468	1,790	4863,7	7,200	4,001	4,947
Others	977	1,127	685	669	824,4	1,010	279	368

# 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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