

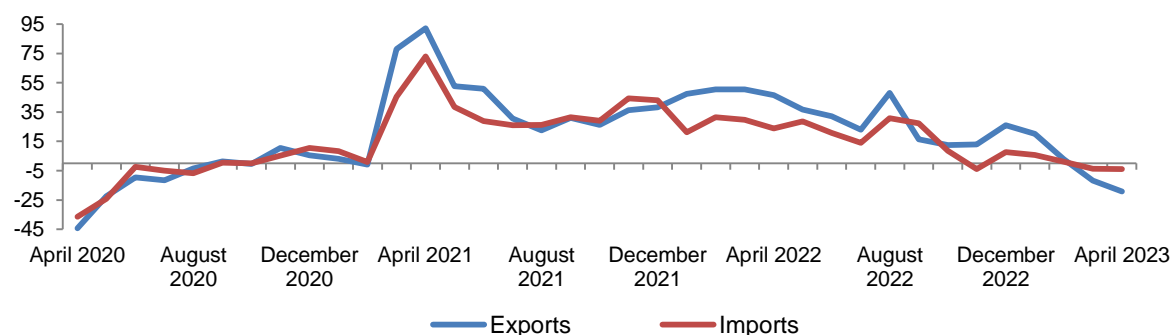
# Foreign Trade in Goods

## April 2023

**Tirana, May 18, 2023:** On April 2023 the value of exports was ALL 34 billion, decreasing by -19.2 % compared with the same period of previous year and by -19.3 %\* compared with March 2023. The value of imports was ALL 75 billion, decreasing by -3.9 % compared with the same period of previous year and by -7.1 % compared with March 2023. This month the trade deficit is ALL 41 billion, increasing by 14.1 % compared with April 2022 and by 6.4 % compared with March 2023.

Since Albania carries out most of the trade exchanges with the countries of the Eurozone, the devaluation of the Euro has affected the trade volume, compared to the previous year. Also, the drop in prices in the world markets of products, which have an impact on the commercial volume, has affected the export/import indicators for the month of April 2023 compared to the previous year.

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

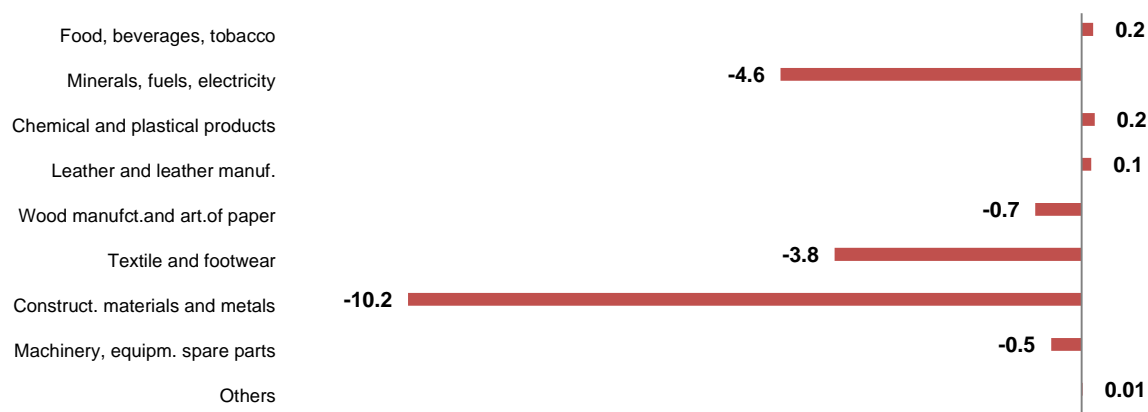


In the first four months of 2023, the value of exports was ALL 156 billion, decreasing by -3.4 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 283 billion, decreasing by -0.8 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 127 billion, increasing by 2.7 % compared with the same period of 2022.

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

In annual decrease of exports by -19.2 % this month, a contribution was given by the groups: "Constructions materials and metals" with -10.2 percentage point, "Mineral, fuels, electricity" with -4.6 percentage point and "Textile and footwear" with -3.8 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.2 percentage point and "Chemical and plastical products" with +0.2 percentage point.

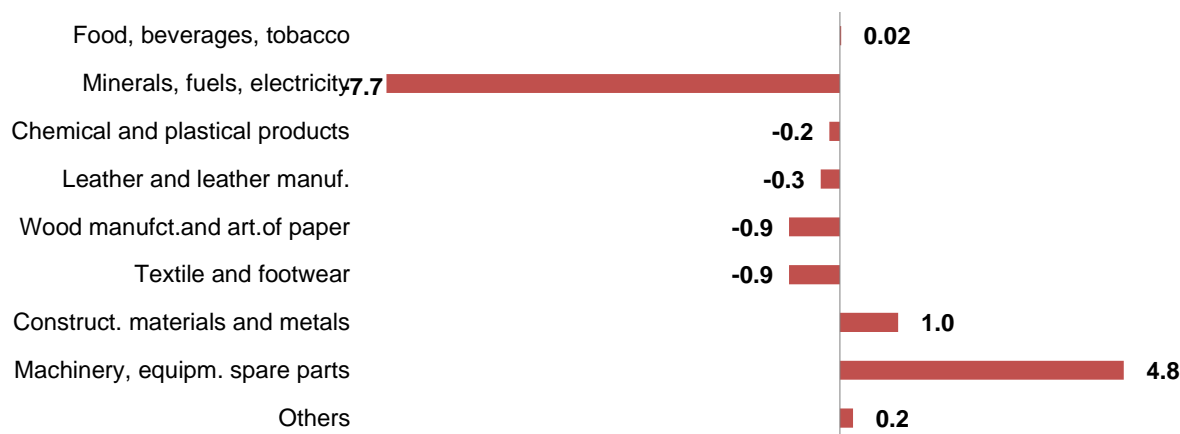
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**Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports April 2023**

Exports during the four months of 2023 are decreased by -3.4 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Constructions materials and metals” with -4.9 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with -0.5 percentage point and “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -0.3 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +1.1 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.1 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by -3.9 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -7.7 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -0.9 percentage point and “Wood manufacturing and paper articles” with -0.9 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +4.8 percentage point and “Constructions materials and metals” with +1.0 percentage point.

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

In the first four months of 2023, imports are decreased by 0.8 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected in annual decrease of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -4.4 percentage point, “Constructions materials and metals” with -1.1 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with -0.5 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +4.3 percentage point and “Chemical and plastic products” with +1.2 percentage point.

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

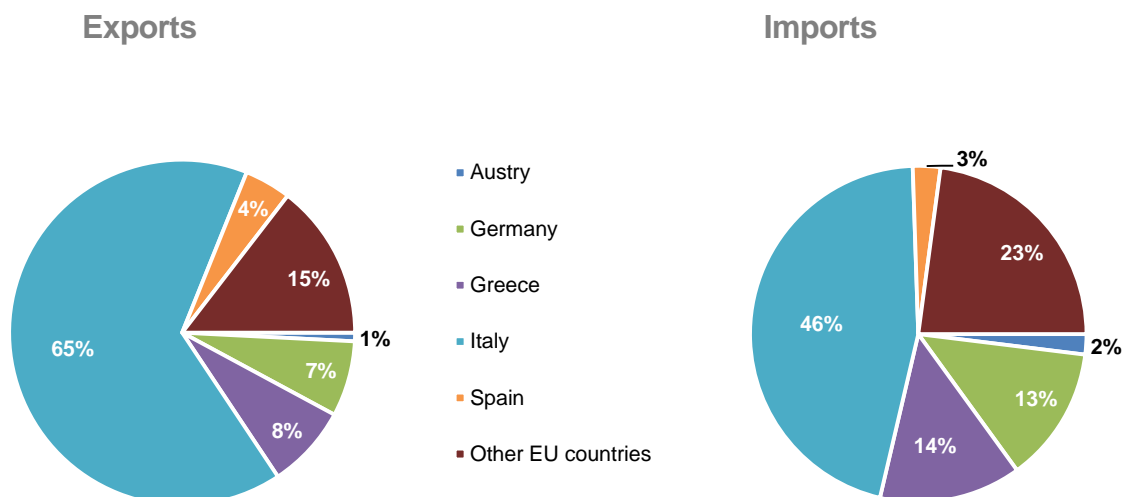
In April 2023, countries with the highest decrease of exports, compared to April 2022 are: Italy (16.7 %), Germany (48.2 %), and China (59.9 %). While, countries which had an increase of imports are: Greece (5.9 %), Kosovo (6.1 %) and Spain (285.2 %).

In the first four months of 2023, countries with the highest decrease of exports, compared to the same period of 2022 are: Italy (10.6 %), Germany (28.9 %) and China (52.0 %). While, countries which had an increase of imports are: Kosovo (3.3 %) Greece (51.3 %) and Macedonia (31.9 %).

In April 2023, countries with the highest decrease of imports, compared to April 2022 are: Turkey (42.4 %) Greece (14.8 %), and Kosovo (36.0 %). While, countries which had an increase of imports are: China (44.0 %), Germany (8.8 %) and USA (161.5 %).

In the first four months of 2023, countries with the highest decrease of imports, compared to the same period of 2022 are: Italy (2.7 %), Turkey (21.0 %) and Greece (17.8 %). While, countries which had an increase of imports are: China (32.3 %), Germany (8.1 %) and USA (75.0 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 60.1 % of total trade. In April 2023, exports to EU countries occupied 75.4 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 53.2 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (32.2 %), China (7.7 %), Greece (6.8 %), and Turkey (6.7 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first four months of 2023 is 71.7 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 74.0 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 70.0 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (36.3 %), Turkey (8.7 %), China (8.5 %) and Greece (8.2 %).

**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
	03 - 20	18	-36.0	44	-20.8	-27	40.1
	04 - 20	15	-44.2	36	-36.4	-21	41.0
	Jan.-Apr.20	81	-18.5	174	-15.0	-94	46.3
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
	Jan.-Apr.21	109	34.9	225	29.0	-116	48.4
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
	Jan.-Apr.22	162	48.8	285	26.7	-123	56.8
2023	01 - 23	42	20.2	58	5.8	-16	72.3
	02 - 23	38	2.8	69	1.1	-31	55.2
	03 - 23	42	-11.7	81	-3.7	-38	52.3
	04 - 23	34	-19.2	75	-3.9	-41	45.4
	Jan.-Apr.23	156	-3.4	283	-0.8	-127	55.3

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

	Exports				Imports			
	April 2022	April 2023	Jan.-Feb. 2022	Jan.-Feb. 2023	April 2022	April 2023	Jan.-Feb. 2022	Jan.-Feb. 2023
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>31,129</b>	<b>25,605</b>	<b>118,416</b>	<b>115,773</b>	<b>41,205</b>	<b>39,803</b>	<b>151,480</b>	<b>145,783</b>
Austria	284	206	1,278	1,380	517	778	2,050	2,498
Germany	3,493	1,809	13,152	9,357	4,780	5,198	18,123	19,589
Greece	1,884	1,994	7,554	11,432	6,378	5,433	22,419	18,423
Italy	20,112	16,756	76,014	67,925	18,267	18,233	66,309	64,493
Spain	290	1,116	2,128	6,773	1,158	1,058	4,588	4,185
Croatia	1,001	458	3,050	2,269	617	524	2,267	2,071
Others of EU	4,065	3,266	15,241	16,636	9,489	8,579	35,723	34,525
United Kingdom	196	131	519	567	600	775	2,206	2,778
China	1,488	597	5,257	2,521	5,404	7,780	21,476	28,407
Kosovo	2,844	3,017	12,808	13,230	1,262	808	4,741	3,490
North Macedonia	1,224	837	6,133	8,091	1,156	1,102	4,819	4,477
Russia	3	1	4	4	279	157	3,501	1,873
USA	443	276	4,066	1,539	623	1,630	3,364	5,887
Turkey	766	354	1,953	1,731	11,959	6,894	38,002	30,028
Ukraine	28	60	206	496	140	647	1,512	1,361
Switzerland	161	124	1,196	2,219	529	461	2,584	4,454
Others	3,766	2,970	11,502	10,326	14,705	14,770	51,520	54,484
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,049</b>	<b>33,972</b>	<b>162,061</b>	<b>156,497</b>	<b>77,862</b>	<b>74,825</b>	<b>285,205</b>	<b>283,022</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	April 2022	April 2023	Jan.-Feb. 2022	Jan.-Feb. 2023	April 2022	April 2023	Jan.-Feb. 2022	Jan.-Feb. 2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,049</b>	<b>33,972</b>	<b>162,061</b>	<b>156,497</b>	<b>77,862</b>	<b>74,825</b>	<b>285,205</b>	<b>283,022</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	4,589	4,662	15,074	16,903	11,696	11,712	44,766	43,446
Minerals. fuels. electricity	7,895	5,971	38,302	37,867	13,101	7,079	44,972	32,531
Chemical and plastical products	1,177	1,260	5,831	4,993	9,955	9,814	36,033	39,353
Leather and leather manuf.	227	287	986	1,106	1,712	1,456	5,871	5,153
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,207	909	4,349	4,027	2,990	2,313	10,698	9,467
Textile and footwear	11,999	10,422	44,434	44,713	8,888	8,211	31,697	31,476
Construct. materials and metals	10,614	6,311	37,180	29,199	11,449	12,225	46,334	43,267
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	3,333	3,138	12,040	13,777	15,187	18,957	54,634	66,881
Others	1,007	1,013	3,866	3,913	2,884	3,058	10,200	11,448

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Greece		Germany	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,014</b>	<b>67,925</b>	<b>12,808</b>	<b>13,230</b>	<b>7,554</b>	<b>11,432</b>	<b>13,152</b>	<b>9,357</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	3,691	4,698	1611,9	1,795	1,227	1,489	595	661
Minerals. fuels. electricity	12,240	4,102	2313,6	2,822	1,009	4,643	7,903	4,176
Chemical and plastical products	1,471	2,030	1555,3	1,329	343	356	12	12
Leather and leather manuf.	926	1,052	5,4	4	6	10	2	2,3
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	2,615	2,410	468,9	356	647	624	107	50
Textile and footwear	34,742	34,953	70,9	74	1,875	2,257	2,852	3,236
Construct. materials and metals	11,860	9,690	5810,8	5,551	2,166	1,681	673	468
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	6,526	7,112	535,6	748	37	32	845	631
Others	1,943	1,880	435,7	551	244	342	163	121

**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>66,309</b>	<b>64,493</b>	<b>38,002</b>	<b>30,028</b>	<b>21,476</b>	<b>28,407</b>	<b>18,123</b>	<b>19,589</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	8,657	8,291	2,204	2,070	438,8	603	1,933	1,979
Minerals. fuels. electricity	2,509	2,244	3,206	4,629	1,9	15	360	329
Chemical and plastical products	7,988	8,027	3,816	4,176	2247,4	2,533	4,108	3,897
Leather and leather manuf.	4,787	4,184	173	131	251,3	239	27	23
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	2,373	2,198	1,895	1,698	312,1	547	383	276
Textile and footwear	15,940	15,202	5,926	4,782	3336,7	3,834	802	837
Construct. materials and metals	8,681	9,268	15,225	7,192	2585,7	3,659	552	689
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	12,989	12,493	3,878	3,957	10268,9	14,917	9,417	10,819
Others	2,385	2,586	1,680	1,392	2032,9	2,061	543	740

# 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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