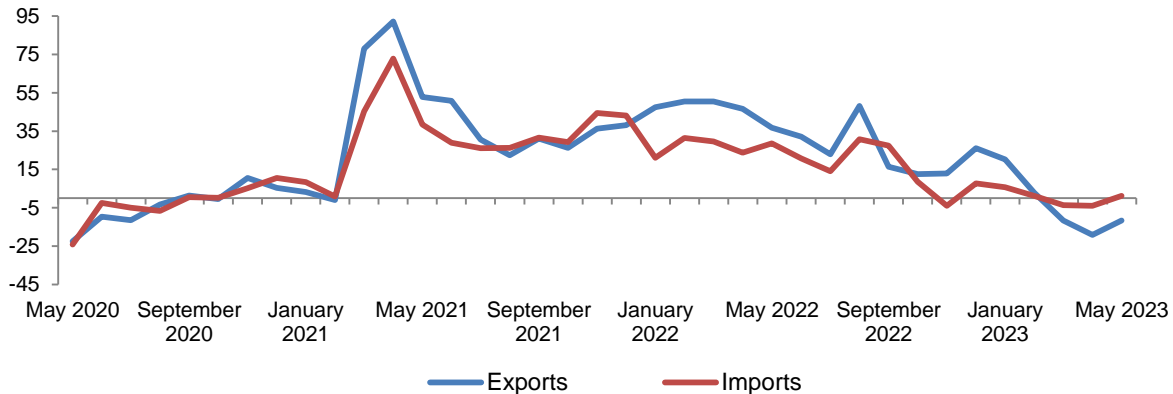


Foreign Trade in Goods

May 2023

Tirana, June 19, 2023: On May 2023 the value of exports was ALL 40 billion, decreasing by -11.7 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 16.8 % compared with April 2023. The value of imports was ALL 81 billion, increasing by 1.2 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 7.7 % compared with April 2023. This month the trade deficit is ALL 41 billion, increasing by 17.8 % compared with May 2022 and by 0.2 % compared with April 2023.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



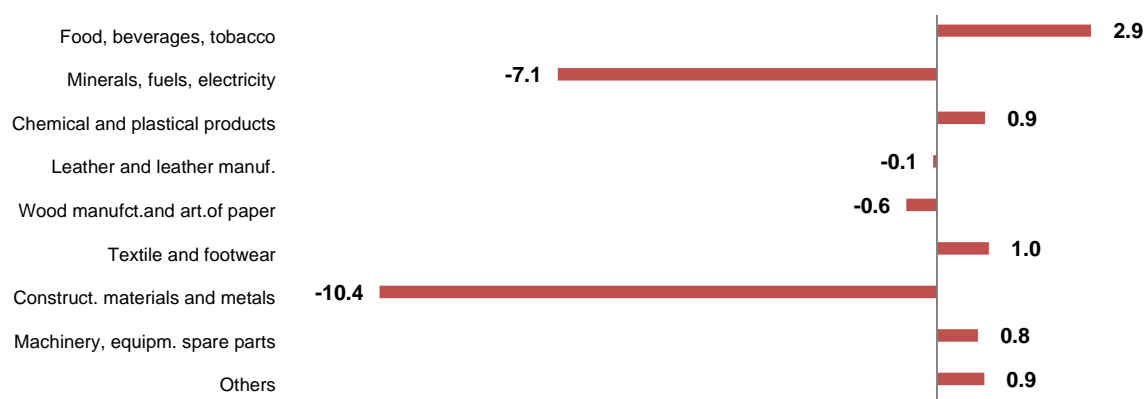
In the first five months of 2023, the value of exports was ALL 196 billion, decreasing by -5.2 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 364 billion, decreasing by -0.3 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 167 billion, decreasing by 6.1 % compared with the same period of 2022.

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

In annual decrease of exports by -11.7 % this month, a contribution was given by the groups: "Constructions materials and metals" with -10.4 percentage point, "Mineral, fuels, electricity" with -7.1 percentage point and "Wood manufactories and article of paper" with -0.6 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +2.9 percentage point, and "Textile and footwear" with +1.0 percentage point.

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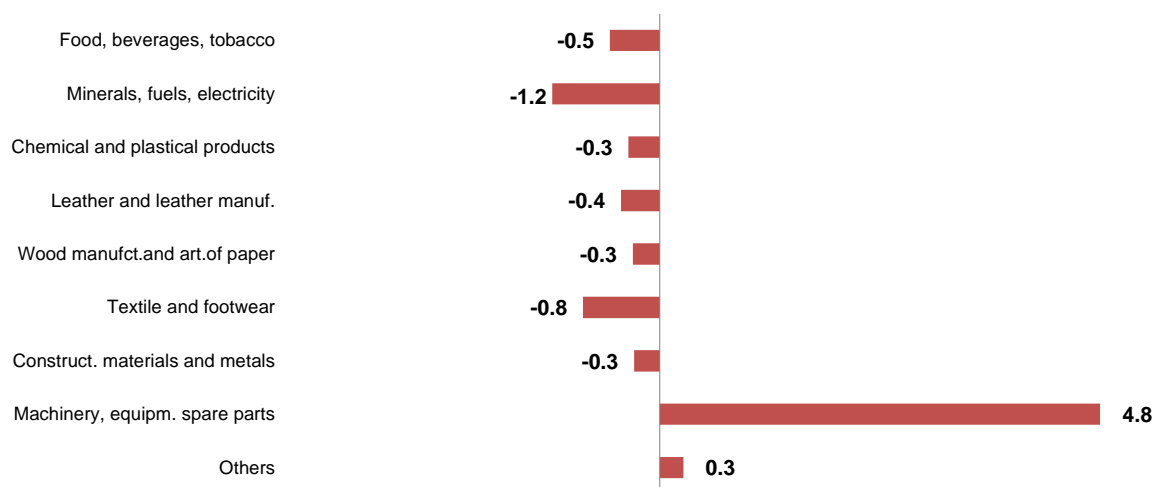
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Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports May 2023

Exports during the five months of 2023 are decreased by -5.2 % 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 -6.1 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -1.7 percentage point, and “Wood manufactories and article of paper” with -0.3 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.5 percentage point and “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +1.0 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by +1.2 %, this month has mainly affected the group: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +4.8 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -1.2 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -0.8 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with -0.5 percentage point.

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

In the first five months of 2023, imports are decreased by 0.3 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected negativity in annual increase of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -3.7 percentage point and “Constructions materials and metals” with -0.9 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 +4.4 percentage point, “Chemical and plastic products” with +0.8 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

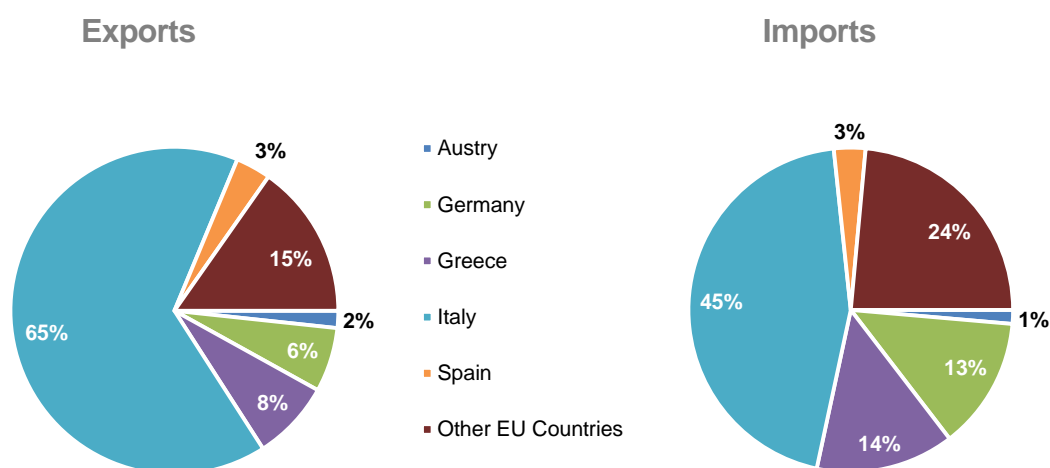
In May 2023, countries with has the highest decrease of exports, compared to May 2022 are: Italy (11.7 %), Germany (31.2 %) and North Macedonia (19.0 %) . While, countries with the highest increase of exports are: Kosovo (23.6 %), Greece (2.8 %), and Spain (331.5 %).

In the first five months of 2023, countries with has the highest decrease of exports, compared to the same period of 2022 are: Italy (10.9 %), Germany (29.2 %) and China (45.9 %). While, countries which has the highest increase of exports are: Greece (40.3 %), Kosovo (7.2 %) and North Macedonia (22.4 %).

In May 2023, countries with which Albania has the highest increase of imports, compared to May 2022 are: China (55.3 %), Greece (3.6 %) and Germany (8.1 %). While, countries with the highest decrease of imports are: Italy 4.8 %), Turkey (17,6 %) and North Macedonia (26.1 %).

In the first five months of 2023, countries with the highest decrease of imports, compared to the same period of 2022 are: Italy (3.2 %), Turkey (20.4 %) and Greece (13.6 %). While, countries with the highest increase of imports are: China (37.3 %), Germany (8.1 %) and USA (49.0 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 58.6 % of total trade. In May 2023, exports to EU countries occupied 73.0 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 51.5 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (31.3 %), China (8.3 %), Greece (6.6 %), and Germany (6.1 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first five months of 2023 is 59.3 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 73.8 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 51.5 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (30.4 %), China (7.3 %), Turkey (7.0 %) and Greece (6.8 %).

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
	05 - 20	22	-22.5	45	-24.2	-23	48.1
	Jan.-May20	102	-19.3	219	-17.0	-117	46.7
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
	Jan.-May.21	142	38.6	287	30.9	-145	49.4
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
	05 - 22	45	36.8	80	28.6	-35	56.4
	Jan.-May.22	207	46.0	271	27.1	-158	56.7
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
	05 - 23	40	-11.7	81	1.2	-41	49.2
	Jan.-May.23	196	-5.2	364	-0.3	-167	54.0

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

	Exports				Imports			
	May 2022	May 2023	Jan.-May 2022	Jan.-May 2023	May 2022	May 2023	Jan.-May 2022	Jan.-May 2023
EU countries	32,466	28,979	150,883	144,752	42,495	41,486	193,974	187,269
Austria	369	491	1,647	1,872	653	572	2,703	3,070
Germany	2,675	1,841	15,827	11,198	5,069	5,477	23,192	25,066
Greece	2,216	2,277	9,770	13,710	5,522	5,720	27,941	24,144
Italy	21,455	18,944	97,469	86,869	19,596	18,648	85,904	83,141
Spain	233	1,004	2,361	7,777	977	1,306	5,565	5,490
Croatia	502	362	3,552	2,631	868	547	3,136	2,618
Others of EU	5,017	4,060	20,258	20,695	9,810	9,215	45,533	43,740
United Kingdom	210	114	729	681	875	770	3,081	3,548
China	781	747	6,038	3,268	5,927	9,204	27,403	37,611
Kosovo	3,002	3,711	15,810	16,941	1,212	1,056	5,953	4,546
North Macedonia	1,404	1,138	7,537	9,229	1,805	1,334	6,624	5,811
Russia	-	4	4	8	1,259	497	4,760	2,371
USA	606	393	4,671	1,932	1,547	1,429	4,910	7,316
Turkey	937	206	2,891	1,936	8,469	6,977	46,471	37,005
Ukraine	36	449	242	944	281	312	1,793	1,673
Switzerland	770	392	1,967	2,611	663	2,451	3,247	6,905
Others	4,719	3,547	16,221	13,873	15,138	15,079	66,659	69,563
Total	44,932	39,679	206,993	196,176	79,670	80,596	364,875	363,618

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	May 2022	May 2023	Jan.-May 2022	Jan.-May 2023	May 2022	May 2023	Jan.-May 2022	Jan.-May 2023
Total	44,932	39,679	206,993	196,176	79,670	80,596	364,875	363,618
Food, beverages, tobacco	5,244	6,532	20,318	23,435	13,502	13,070	58,267	56,516
Minerals, Fuels, electricity	9,594	6,425	47,895	44,292	10,940	10,011	55,912	42,542
Chemical and plastical products	1,161	1,562	6,992	6,554	10,756	10,485	46,789	49,838
Leather and leather manuf.	285	253	1,270	1,359	1,717	1,383	7,588	6,536
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	1,288	1,031	5,637	5,058	3,259	3,027	13,957	12,494
Textile and footwear	11,956	12,391	56,390	57,103	9,531	8,867	41,229	40,344
Construct. materials and metals	11,078	6,420	48,258	35,619	10,932	10,710	57,266	53,978
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	3,271	3,614	15,310	17,391	15,973	19,780	70,608	86,661
Others	1,056	1,451	4,922	5,364	3,059	3,263	13,260	14,711

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
Total	97,469	86,869	15,810	16,941	9,770	13,710	15,827	11,198
Food. beverages. tobacco	4,648	6,260	2134.9	2,570	1,587	1,968	712	780
Minerals. fuels. electricity	15,400	5,144	2689.6	3,429	1,330	4,979	9,518	4,707
Chemical and plastical products	1,949	2,648	1838.0	1,740	434	488	19	13
Leather and leather manuf.	1,185	1,283	6.0	5	16	13	2	2.4
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	3,459	3,024	563.6	488	844	786	145	64
Textile and footwear	44,377	44,706	83.4	100	2,373	2,986	3,536	4,147
Construct. materials and metals	15,698	12,194	7217.8	6,983	2,773	1,952	705	599
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	8,275	9,221	698.2	913	66	59	1,011	744
Others	2,478	2,392	578.2	713	346	479	179	142

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

Group of goods	Italy		China		Turkey		Germany	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Total	85,904	83,141	27,403	37,611	46,471	37,005	23,192	25,066
Food. beverages. tobacco	11,132	10,761	538.6	805	2,840	2,632	2,442	2,478
Minerals. fuels. electricity	2,680	2,716	2.3	19	3,577	5,168	448	400
Chemical and plastical products	10,784	10,449	2794.2	3,250	4,809	5,173	5,446	4,957
Leather and leather manuf.	6,150	5,340	350.6	312	216	151	29	31
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	3,099	2,814	391.9	750	2,388	2,158	510	379
Textile and footwear	21,024	19,399	4320.9	4,938	7,526	6,225	1,003	1,083
Construct. materials and metals	11,144	11,725	3197.9	5,223	18,154	8,593	683	815
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	16,791	16,489	13033.1	19,550	4,923	5,154	11,900	14,010
Others	3,101	3,450	2773.3	2,764	2,039	1,752	730	913

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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