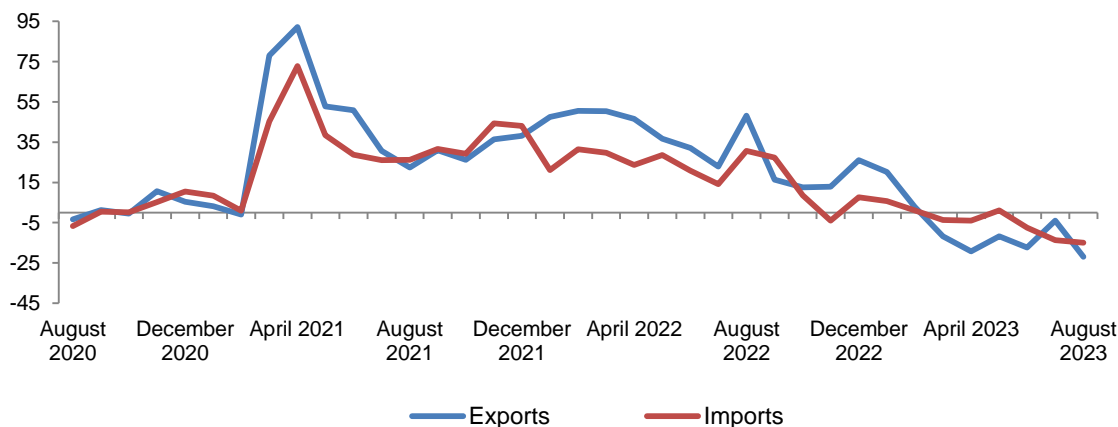


Foreign Trade in Goods

August 2023

Tirana, September 18, 2023: On August 2023 the value of exports was ALL 27 billion, decreasing by -21.9 % compared with the same period of previous year and by -27.4 % compared with July 2023. The value of imports was ALL 68 billion, decreasing by -15.0 % compared with the same period of previous year and by -4.1 % compared with July 2023. This month the trade deficit is ALL 40 billion, decreasing by -9.5 % compared with August 2022 and by increased 22.9 % compared with June 2023. 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 August 2023 compared to the previous year.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade (%)



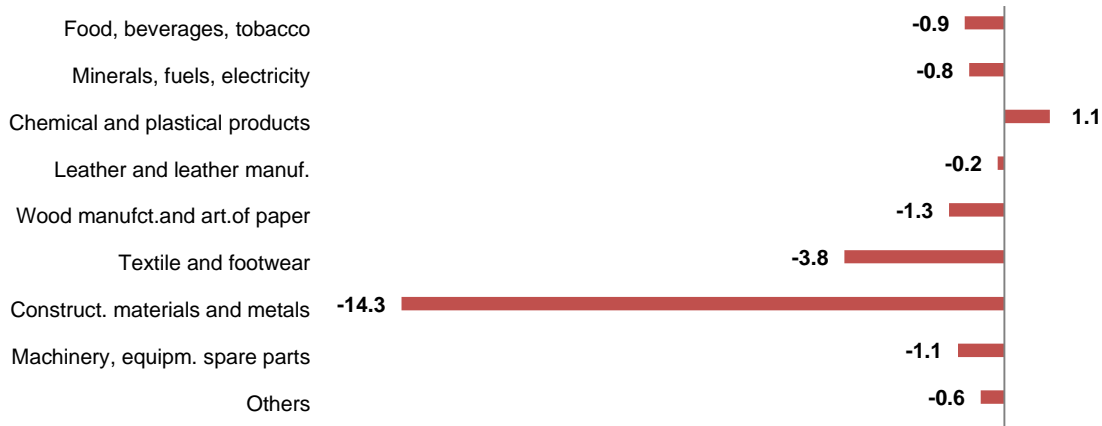
In the eight months of 2023, the value of exports was ALL 300 billion, decreasing by -8.6 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 577 billion, decreasing by -5.0 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 277 billion, decreasing by -0.8 % compared with the same period of 2022.

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

In annual decrease of exports by -21.9 % this month, a contribution was given by the groups: “Constructions materials and metals” with -14.3 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -3.8 percentage point, “Wood manufacturing and article of paper” with -1.3 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Chemical and plastical products” with +1.1 percentage point.

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



Exports during the eight months of 2023 are decreased by -8.6 % 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 -7.8 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -1.0 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -0.7 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.7 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +0.4 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by -15.0 %, this month has mainly affected the group: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -12.8 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with -1.4 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -1.3 percentage. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +3.7 percentage point.

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



In the eight months of 2023, imports are decreased by 5.0 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected negatively in annual increase of imports, are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with - 5.8 percentage point and "Constructions materials and metals" with -1.3 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with -0.6 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Machinery, equipment and spare parts" with +4.1 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

In August 2023, countries with which Albania has the highest decrease of exports, compared to August 2022 are: Italy (15.5 %), Spain (64.4 %) and Germany (42.0 %). While, countries with which has the highest increase of imports are: Kosovo (27.9 %) and Greece (32.2 %).

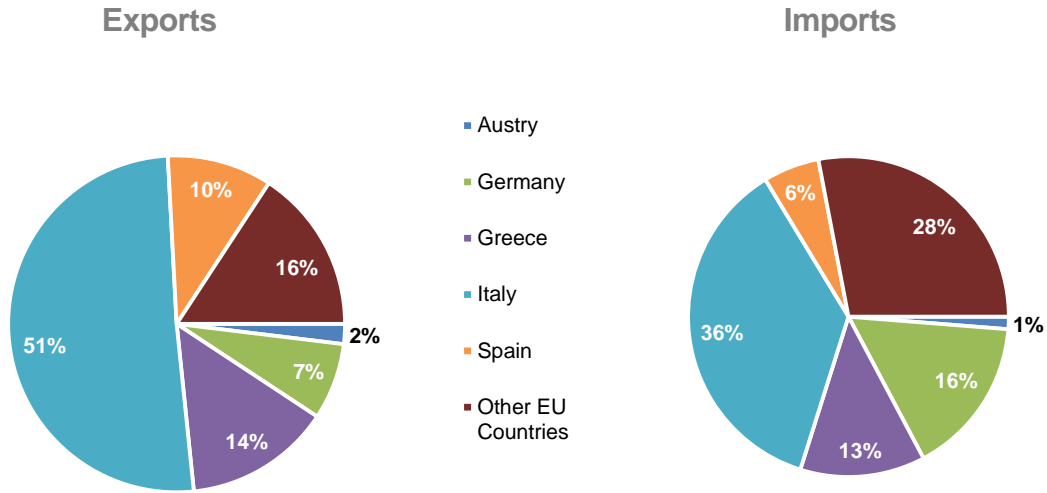
In the eight months of 2023, countries with which Albania has the highest decrease of exports, compared to the same period of 2022 are: Italy (11.0 %), Germany (28.3 %) and Kina (23.2 %). While, countries with which has the highest increase of exports are: Kosovo (10.0 %), Greece (17.1 %) and Spain (9.9 %).

In August 2023, countries with which Albania has the highest decrease of imports, compared to August 2022 are: Turkey (40.1 %), Greece (56.3 %) and North Macedonia (19,2 %). While, countries with which has the highest increase of imports are: Italy (1.4 %), China (14.1 %) and Germany (14.5 %).

In the eight months of 2023, countries with which Albania has the highest decrease of imports, compared to the same period of 2022 are: Italy (3.8 %), Turkey (21.1 %) and Greece (22.5 %). While, countries with which has the highest increase of imports are: China (31.5 %), Germany (9.5 %) and Switzerland (78.0 %).

Gjatë këtij tetëmujori, vendet me të cilët Shqipëria ka pasur uljen më të madhe të importeve, në krahasim me një vit më parë, janë: Italia (3,8 %), Turqia (21,1 %) dhe Greqia (22,5 %). Ndërsa vendet me të cilat importet kanë pasur rritjen më të madhe janë: Kina (31,5 %), Gjermania (9,5 %) dhe Zvicra (78,0 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 50.7 % of total trade. In August 2023, exports to EU countries occupied 62.1 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 46.1 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (21.2 %), China (9.3 %), Germany (6.6 %), and Greece (6.7 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first eight months of 2023 is 58.5 % 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 51.5 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (29.4 %), China (7.8 %), Turkey (6.8 %) and Greece (6.7 %).

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
	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
	Jan.-August 20	169	-15.4	376	-12.3	-207	45.0
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
	Jan.-August 21	232	37.3	487	29.3	-254	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
	Jan.-August 22	328	41.0	607	24.8	-280	54.0
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
	06 - 23	38	-17.3	75	-7.5	-37	50.7
	07 - 23	38	-4.0	71	-13.6	-33	53.7
	08 - 23	27	-21.9	68	-15.0	-40	40.6
	Jan.-August 23	300	-8.6	577	-5.0	-277	51.9

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

	Exports				Imports			
	August 2022	August 2023	Jan.-Aug 2022	Jan.-Aug 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Jan.-Aug 2022	Jan.-Aug 2023
EU countries	23,548	17,081	239,864	217,991	37,672	31,169	318,022	294,922
Austria	667	329	3,541	2,686	691	391	4,579	4,798
Germany	2,164	1,256	22,399	16,066	4,351	4,983	36,948	40,456
Greece	1,849	2,406	17,902	20,964	9,007	3,932	48,908	37,887
Italy	10,268	8,676	144,283	128,439	11,206	11,367	134,122	128,960
Spain	4,833	1,721	12,306	13,521	1,503	1,763	10,262	9,384
Croatia	494	202	5,252	3,581	1,263	947	6,531	5,286
Others of EU	3,274	2,491	34,181	32,733	9,651	7,786	76,672	68,152
United Kingdom	139	2,458	1,420	5,884	682	570	5,116	5,420
China	153	813	7,440	5,715	7,003	7,990	47,595	62,585
Kosovo	2,925	3,740	25,010	27,520	1,406	1,116	10,476	7,514
North Macedonia	1,101	1,051	11,161	12,248	1,577	1,274	10,262	9,107
Russia	13	-	25	8	1,051	345	7,376	3,170
USA	4,650	457	10,666	2,956	2,012	1,117	9,116	11,462
Turkey	544	196	4,241	2,650	9,712	5,820	71,881	56,698
Ukraine	53	5	411	1,025	497	232	2,841	2,681
Switzerland	124	112	2,465	3,652	556	920	5,102	9,079
Others	1,939	1,581	25,008	20,008	17,401	17,114	119,483	114,301
Total	35,188	27,494	327,711	299,657	79,568	67,668	607,269	576,940

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	August 2022	August 2023	Jan.-Aug 2022	Jan.-Aug 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Jan.-Aug 2022	Jan.-Aug 2023
Total	35,188	27,494	327,711	299,657	79,568	67,668	607,269	576,940
Food. beverages. tobacco	3,378	3,050	32,725	38,443	13,814	13,214	99,360	95,686
Minerals. fuels. electricity	8,990	8,697	72,587	69,315	20,266	10,102	103,153	67,678
Chemical and plastical products	882	1,261	12,624	10,367	9,230	8,098	77,120	76,614
Leather and leather manuf.	171	115	1,904	1,867	873	592	11,418	9,480
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,120	659	9,224	7,507	2,662	2,227	23,153	19,888
Textile and footwear	7,175	5,843	87,743	85,386	6,128	5,122	64,948	61,433
Construct. materials and metals	9,873	4,851	77,669	52,100	9,835	8,894	88,923	81,232
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	2,692	2,306	25,095	26,511	13,825	16,758	116,803	141,451
Others	907	712	8,138	8,161	2,934	2,661	22,390	23,478

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	144,283	128,439	25,010	27,520	17,902	20,964	22,399	16,066
Food. beverages. tobacco	7,232	10,219	3,715	4,568	2,581	3,141	1,061	1,298
Minerals. fuels. electricity	17,218	6,456	3,656	5,426	2,761	7,570	12,822	5,887
Chemical and plastical products	3,115	3,926	2,790	2,731	2,858	722	43	37
Leather and leather manuf.	1,732	1,752	10	7	29	22	9	9
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	5,568	4,374	986	814	1,369	1,188	232	76
Textile and footwear	68,658	66,530	120	157	3,816	4,733	5,395	6,439
Construct. materials and metals	23,923	17,386	11,458	11,100	3,849	2,827	816	904
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	12,995	14,171	1,260	1,577	102	86	1,705	1,177
Others	3,840	3,625	1014,9	1,139	538	675	317	239

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	134,122	128,960	47,595	62,585	71,881	56,698	36,948	40,456
Food. beverages. tobacco	18,696	18,712	977	1,259	4,291	4,002	3,871	3,892
Minerals. fuels. electricity	3,284	4,533	5	28	4,843	7,458	606	653
Chemical and plastical products	16,741	15,659	4,854	5,390	8,071	8,000	8,578	7,727
Leather and leather manuf.	8,975	7,621	636	595	364	224	33	75
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	4,951	4,429	769	1,333	3,838	3,132	837	607
Textile and footwear	32,194	28,469	7,465	8,262	12,137	9,381	1,411	1,732
Construct. materials and metals	17,444	17,053	5,702	8,895	26,713	13,239	1,235	1,322
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	26,700	26,892	22,525	32,180	8,069	8,559	19,052	22,965
Others	5,138	5,592	4,662	4,642	3,555	2,704	1,325	1,482

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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