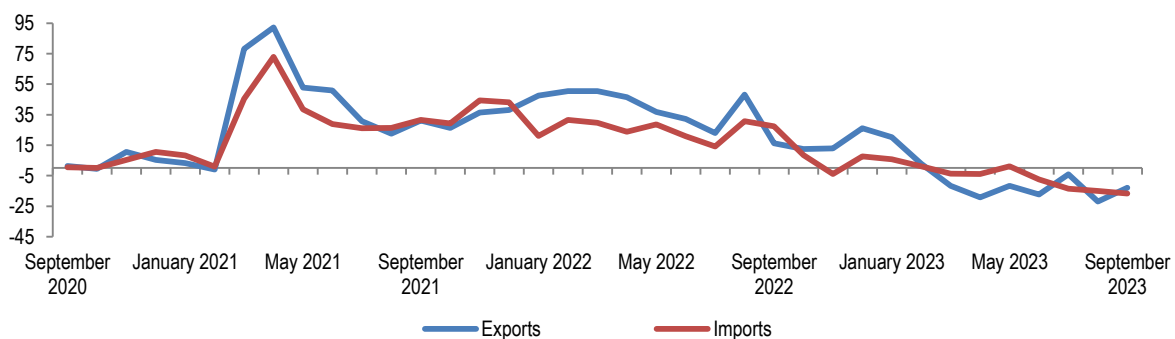


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## September 2023

**Tirana, October 16, 2023:** On September 2023 the value of exports was ALL 34 billion, decreasing by -12.8 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 22.2 % compared with August 2023. The value of imports was ALL 73 billion, decreasing by -16.6 %, compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 8.3 % compared with August 2023. This month the trade deficit is ALL 40 billion, decreasing by -19.6 % compared with September 2022 and by -1.2 % compared with August 2023.

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

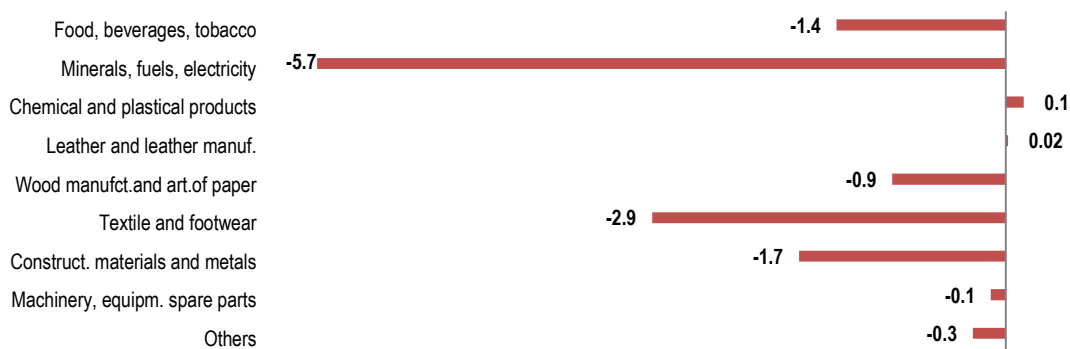


In the first nine months of 2023, the value of exports was ALL 333 billion, decreasing by -9.0 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 650 billion, decreasing by -6.5 %, compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 317 billion, decreasing by -3.6 %, compared with the same period of 2022.

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

In annual decrease of exports by -12.8 % this month, a contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -5.7 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -2.9 percentage point, “Constructions materials and metals” with -1.7 percentage point, ect. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Chemical and plastical products” with +0.1 percentage point and “Leather and leather manufactured” with +0.02 percentage point.

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

Exports during the nine months of 2023 are decreased by -9.0 % 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 -7.2 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -1.5 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -0.9 percentage point, etc. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.4 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +0.4 percentage point, ect.

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

In annual decrease of imports by -16.6 %, this month has mainly affected the group: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -7.2 percentage point, “Constructions materials and metals” with -6.4 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with -1.3 percentages, etc. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +0.5 percentage point, etc.

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

In the first nine months of 2023, imports are decreased by -6.5 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected negativity in annual decrease of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -6.0 percentage point and “Constructions materials and metals” with -1.9 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with -0.7 percentage point, ect. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +3.6 percentage point.

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

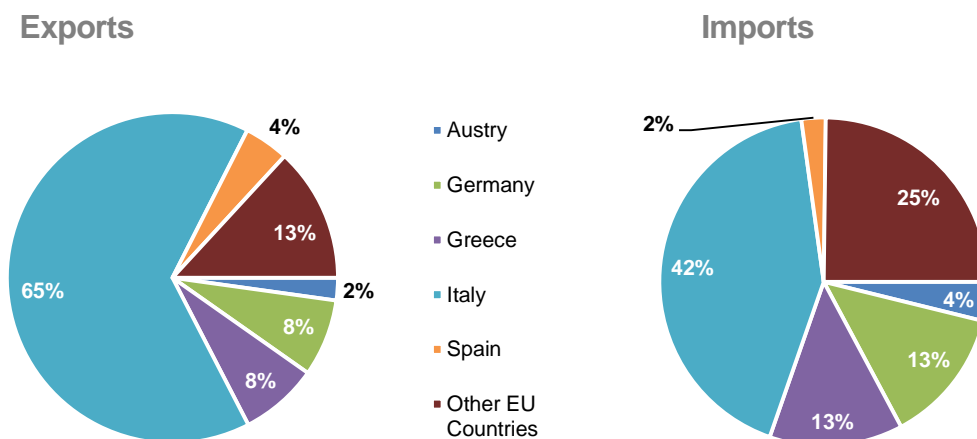
In September 2023, countries with which Albania has had the highest decrease of exports, compared to September 2022 are: Italy (1.5 %), Germany (48.4 %), Spain (56.9 %) . While, country with which has had an increase of imports is: Kosovo (29.4 %), Greece (13.9 %), United Kongdom (135.6 %).

In the first nine months of 2023, countries with which Albania has had the highest decrease of exports, compared to the same period of 2022 are: Italy (10.0 %), Germany (31.1 %), USA (71.3 %), etc. While, countries with which has had an increase of exports are: Kosovo (12.0 %), Greece (16.8 %), Macedonia (4.9 %), ect.

In September 2023, countries with which Albania has had the highest decrease of imports, compared to September 2022 are: Italy (5.7 %), Turkey (58.7 %), Greece (40.1 %), ect. While, countries with which has had an increase of imports are: China (1.8 %), USA (100.7 %), Switzerland (129.7 %), etc.

In the first nine months or 2023, countries with which Albania has had the highest decrease of imports, compared to the same period of 2022 are: Italy (4.1 %), Turkey (26.1 %), Greece (25.1 %), etc. While, countries with which has had an increase of imports are: China (27.6 %), Germany (3.8 %), USA (31.9 %), ect.

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



Trade with the EU countries is 58.4 % of total trade. In September 2023, exports to EU countries occupied 74.2 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 51.1 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (30.0 %), China (7.9 %), Germany (6.4 %), and Greece (6.4 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first nine months of 2023 is 58.5 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 72.9 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 51.1 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (29.4 %), China (7.8 %), Turkey (6.7 %) 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		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		32.3	-432	46.1
2022		487	32.0		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
	09 - 20	25	1.3	52	0.5	-27	48.2
	Jan-Sep.20	195	-13.5		-10.9	-234	45.4
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	25	1.3	52	0.5	-27	48.2
	Jan-Sep.21	195	-13.5		-10.9	-234	45.4
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
	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	52.5	88	67.6	-49	43.8
	Jan-Sep.22	366	88.2		62.1	-329	52.7
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
	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
	09 - 23	34	-12.8	73	-16.6	-40	45.8
	Jan-Sep.23	333	-9.0		-6.5	-317	51.3

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

	Exports				Imports			
	September 2022	September 2023	Jan.-Sep. 2022	Jan.-Sep. 2023	September 2022	September 2023	Jan.-Sep. 2022	Jan.-Sep. 2023
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>29,673</b>	<b>24,911</b>	<b>269,537</b>	<b>242,902</b>	<b>44,220</b>	<b>37,464</b>	<b>362,242</b>	<b>332,386</b>
Austria	277	549	3,818	3,235	568	1,438	5,147	6,236
Germany	3,647	1,881	26,046	17,948	6,827	5,003	43,776	45,459
Greece	1,675	1,908	19,578	22,872	8,218	4,924	57,126	42,811
Italy	16,449	16,209	160,732	144,648	16,876	15,911	150,998	144,871
Spain	2,530	1,090	14,836	14,611	1,602	895	11,863	10,278
Croatia	614	195	5,865	3,777	963	1,333	7,493	6,620
Others of EU	4,480	3,079	38,661	35,812	9,166	7,959	85,838	76,111
United Kingdom	129	103	1,550	5,988	580	893	5,696	6,313
China	462	1,089	7,902	6,804	7,240	7,371	54,835	69,957
Kosovo	2,817	3,645	27,827	31,164	1,308	1,017	11,784	8,531
North Macedonia	1,494	1,028	12,655	13,275	1,656	1,310	11,918	10,418
Russia	-	-	25	8	1,106	307	8,481	3,477
USA	599	275	11,265	3,232	820	1,645	9,936	13,107
Turkey	567	438	4,808	3,088	12,923	5,988	84,804	62,687
Ukraine	34	20	445	1,045	360	258	3,201	2,939
Switzerland	84	144	2,549	3,795	654	1,502	5,755	10,580
Others	2,671	1,943	27,679	21,951	17,046	15,547	136,529	129,848
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,531</b>	<b>33,596</b>	<b>366,241</b>	<b>333,252</b>	<b>87,912</b>	<b>73,302</b>	<b>695,181</b>	<b>650,242</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	September 2022	September 2023	Jan.-Sep. 2022	Jan.-Sep. 2023	September 2022	September 2023	Jan.-Sep. 2022	Jan.-Sep. 2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,531</b>	<b>33,596</b>	<b>366,241</b>	<b>333,252</b>	<b>87,912</b>	<b>73,302</b>	<b>695,181</b>	<b>650,242</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,861	3,325	36,586	41,769	14,060	12,933	113,420	108,618
Minerals, fuels, electricity	7,918	5,739	80,505	75,053	15,683	9,337	118,836	77,015
Chemical and plastical products	1,272	1,328	13,896	11,695	9,836	9,170	86,956	85,784
Leather and leather manuf.	205	212	2,109	2,078	1,343	1,050	12,762	10,530
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,321	962	10,545	8,469	3,225	2,558	26,377	22,446
Textile and footwear	11,764	10,646	99,508	96,031	9,415	8,536	74,363	69,969
Construct. materials and metals	7,623	6,969	85,293	59,069	14,956	9,302	103,879	90,534
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	3,500	3,453	28,595	29,964	16,649	17,123	133,452	158,574
Others	1,067	962	9,205	9,124	2,747	3,293	25,136	26,771

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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>160,732</b>	<b>144,648</b>	<b>27,827</b>	<b>31,164</b>	<b>19,578</b>	<b>22,872</b>	<b>26,046</b>	<b>17,948</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	8,158	11,278	4,045	4,983	2,916	3,515	1,256	1,497
Minerals. fuels. electricity	17,477	7,623	4,087	6,224	3,016	7,902	15,155	6,121
Chemical and plastical products	3,630	4,471	3,133	3,093	2,940	814	47	39
Leather and leather manuf.	1,926	1,943	12	7	29	32	10	9
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	6,370	4,903	1,133	920	1,519	1,341	251	93
Textile and footwear	77,818	74,816	135	169	4,322	5,247	6,071	7,392
Construct. materials and metals	26,362	19,399	12,733	12,835	4,113	3,173	944	1,111
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	14,660	16,112	1,390	1,684	107	99	1,951	1,429
Others	4,332	4,103	1158,7	1,248	617	750	361	257

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,998</b>	<b>144,871</b>	<b>54,835</b>	<b>69,957</b>	<b>84,804</b>	<b>62,687</b>	<b>43,776</b>	<b>45,459</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	21,333	21,453	1,141	1,419	4,725	4,421	4,372	4,318
Minerals. fuels. electricity	3,391	5,045	6	34	7,027	7,761	677	742
Chemical and plastical products	18,707	17,462	5,606	6,090	9,172	8,831	9,308	8,638
Leather and leather manuf.	10,006	8,456	726	685	430	250	34	76
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	5,616	5,036	916	1,553	4,525	3,413	932	686
Textile and footwear	36,428	32,269	9,000	9,663	13,932	10,575	1,616	1,939
Construct. materials and metals	19,706	18,876	6,542	10,262	32,128	15,118	1,613	1,537
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	30,053	30,083	25,606	35,014	8,930	9,283	23,728	25,854
Others	5,758	6,189	5,292	5,237	3,935	3,035	1,494	1,670

# 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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