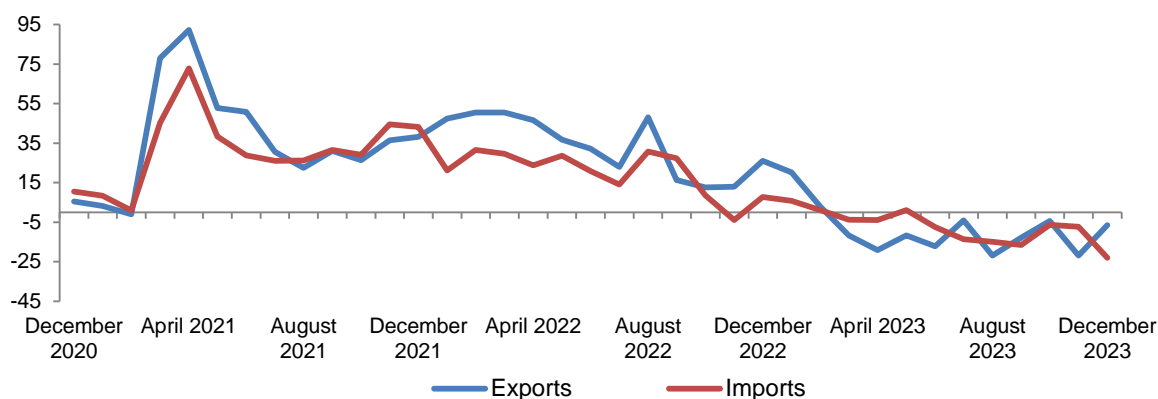


Foreign Trade in Goods

December 2023

Tirana, January 17, 2024: On December 2023 the value of exports was ALL 38 billion, decreasing by -6.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by +14.2 % compared with November 2023. The value of imports was ALL 73 billion, decreasing by -23.1 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by +1.6 % compared with November 2023. This month the trade deficit is ALL 35 billion, decreasing by -35.3 % compared with December 2022 and by -9.2 % compared with November 2023.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



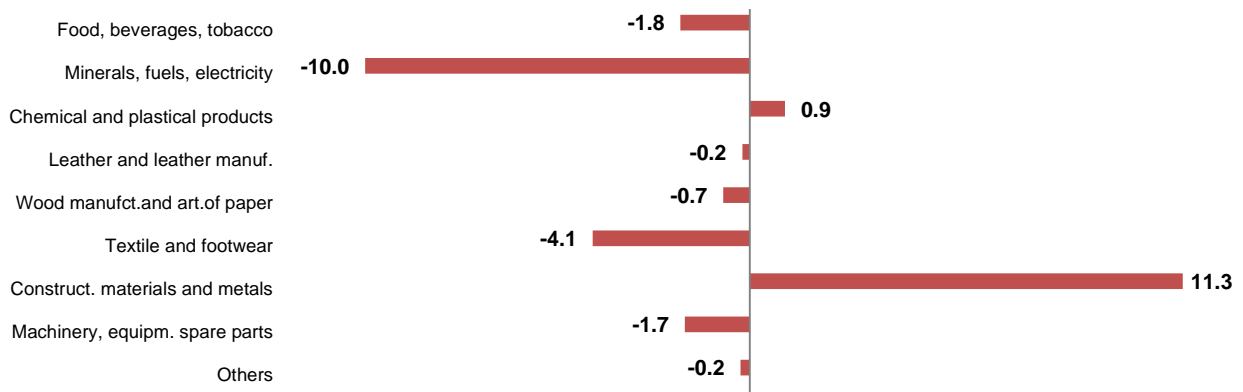
In 2023, the value of exports was ALL 440 billion, decreasing by -9.5 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 873 billion, decreasing by -8.2 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 432 billion, decreasing by -6.7 % compared with 2022.

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

In annual decrease of exports by -6.6 % this month, a contribution was given by the groups "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -10.0 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -4.1 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with -1.8 percentage point, ect. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Machinery, equipment and spare parts" with +11.3 percentage point and "Chemical and plastic products" with +0.9 percentage point.

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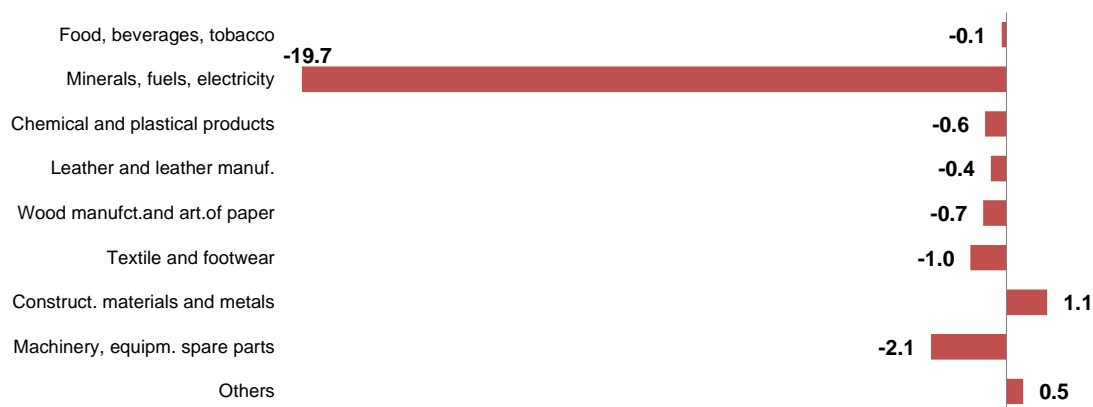
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Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports, December 2023

Exports during 2023 are decreased by -9.5 % compared with the previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: "Constructions materials and metals" with -4.5 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -2.8 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -1.8 percentage point, ect. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +1.0 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by -23.1 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -19.7 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment and spare parts" with -2.1 percentage point and "Textile and footwear" with -1.0 percentage point. "Chemical and plastical products" with -2.2 percentage point, ect. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Constructions materials and metals" with +1.1 percentage point.

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

In 2023, imports are decreased by -8.2 % compared with the previous year. The groups affected negatively in annual decrease of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -7.3 percentage point and “Constructions materials and metals” with -1.5 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -0.8 percentage point, ect. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +2.7 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

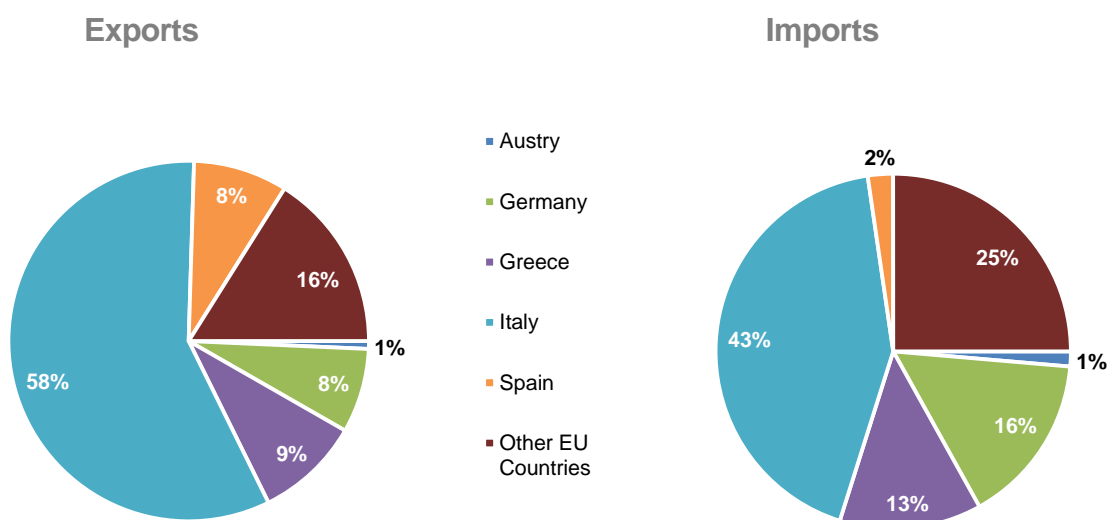
In December 2023, countries with which Albania has had the highest decrease of exports, compared to December 2022 are: Italy (11.3 %), Spain (28.7 %), Germany (6.8 %), ect. While, countries with which has had a increase of imports are: USA (611.9 %), Kosovo (1.8 %), Greece (4.0 %), ect.

In 2023, countries with which Albania has had the highest decrease of exports, compared to 2022 are: Italy (10.2 %), Germany (27.7 %), Spain (19.1 %), ect. While, countries with which had a increase of exports are: Kosovo (8.3 %), Greece (13.1 %), China (2.7 %), ect.

In December 2023, countries with which Albania has had the highest decrease of imports, compared to December 2022 are: Italy (14.1 %), China (14.9 %), Turkey (24.5 %), ect. While, countries with which has had a increase of imports are: Germany (5.6 %), USA (69.5 %), United Kingdom (44.5 %), ect.

In 2023, countries with which Albania has had the highest decrease of imports, compared to 2022 are: Italy (5.9 %), Turkey (26.2 %), Greece (23.6 %), ect. While, countries with which has had a increase of imports are: China (21.0 %), Germany (5.2 %), USA (32.3 %), ect.

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



Trade with the EU countries is 52.7 % of total trade. In December 2023, exports to EU countries occupied 59.6 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 49.1 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (25.5 %), China (8.5 %), Turkey (7.1 %), and Germany (6.6 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in 2023 is 57.9 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 71.8 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 50.9 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (29.2 %), China (7.9 %), Turkey (6.8 %) and Greece (6.5 %).

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
	09 - 20	25	1.3	52	0.5	-27	48.2
	10 - 20	27	-0.5	59	0.1	-32	45.3
	11 - 20	27	10.6	56	5.2	-28	49.1
	12 - 20	23	5.4	61	10.5	-38	37.6
	Jan - Dec 20	272	-9.0	605	-6.8	-333	44.9
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
	10 - 21	34	26.3	77	29.2	-43	44.3
	11 - 21	37	36.3	81	44.4	-43	46.3
	12 - 21	32	38.2	88	43.1	-56	36.3
	Jan - Dec 21	361	32.7	784	29.6	-423	46.0
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
	10 - 22	38	12.5	83	8.6	-45	45.9
	11 - 22	42	12.9	77	-3.9	-35	54.4
	12 - 22	40	26.1	95	7.7	-54	42.5
	Jan - Dec 22	487	34.9	950	21.2	-464	51.2
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
	10 - 23	37	-4.3	78	-6.3	-42	46.8
	11 - 23	33	-21.8	72	-7.4	-39	46.0
	12 - 23	38	-6.6	73	-23.1	-35	51.7
	Jan - Dec 23	440	-9.5	873	-8.2	-432	50.5

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

	Exports				Imports			
	December 2022	December 2023	Jan.-Nov. 2022	Jan.-Nov. 2023	December 2022	December 2023	Jan.-Nov. 2022	Jan.-Nov. 2023
EU countries	26,626	22,403	357,180	316,163	42,774	35,742	490,401	444,412
Austria	252	156	5,575	4,162	710	488	6,896	7,952
Germany	1,813	1,691	31,962	23,103	5,269	5,563	58,563	61,605
Greece	2,021	2,102	25,328	28,658	6,107	4,621	74,469	56,929
Italy	14,540	12,890	210,435	189,000	17,823	15,301	205,878	193,803
Spain	2,643	1,886	23,360	18,898	1,516	820	16,340	13,150
Croatia	818	707	7,596	5,034	983	477	10,583	9,148
Others of EU	4,538	2,971	52,924	47,306	10,366	8,473	117,671	101,825
United Kingdom	171	84	2,174	6,382	611	883	7,405	8,860
China	703	1,559	9,813	10,074	9,169	7,805	77,476	93,750
Kosovo	3,141	3,197	37,776	40,921	2,237	1,200	16,604	11,807
North Macedonia	3,255	591	19,292	15,996	1,424	1,390	15,483	14,172
Russia	-	2	43	10	587	327	10,926	4,356
USA	798	5,682	13,471	9,779	827	1,401	13,073	17,300
Turkey	485	322	6,447	5,148	9,878	7,458	114,617	84,598
Ukraine	318	50	867	1,130	293	339	4,173	4,267
Switzerland	626	610	3,335	5,072	14,306	1,132	21,520	13,922
Others	4,101	3,088	36,386	29,633	12,463	15,075	178,703	175,232
Total	40,224	37,588	486,784	440,308	94,568	72,752	950,381	872,676

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	December 2022	December 2023	Jan.-Nov. 2022	Jan.-Nov. 2023	December 2022	December 2023	Jan.-Nov. 2022	Jan.-Nov. 2023
Total	40,224	37,588	486,784	440,308	94,568	72,752	950,381	872,676
Food, beverages, tobacco	5,475	4,748	51,715	55,667	12,556	12,424	149,225	145,778
Minerals, fuels, electricity	11,692	7,661	107,490	94,034	26,523	7,901	171,645	101,961
Chemical and plastical products	1,180	1,548	17,618	16,347	9,984	9,410	117,054	114,053
Leather and leather manuf,	246	167	2,888	2,614	1,290	873	17,021	13,656
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	1,073	794	14,283	11,179	2,990	2,368	35,219	30,045
Textile and footwear	10,670	9,025	135,222	126,308	8,310	7,351	101,788	94,191
Construct, materials and metals	5,482	10,018	105,360	83,243	9,172	10,244	137,116	122,815
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	3,404	2,724	39,689	39,071	20,455	18,455	187,019	212,947
Others	1,002	904	12,521	11,845	3,288	3,724	34,294	37,229

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	210,435	189,000	37,776	40,921	25,328	28,658	31,962	23,103
Food, beverages, tobacco	11,438	15,260	5,655	6,591	4,382	4,759	1,768	2,029
Minerals, fuels, electricity	18,155	9,551	6,498	8,169	3,810	8,571	17,051	7,506
Chemical and plastical products	5,208	6,622	3,934	4,030	3,196	1,051	68	54
Leather and leather manuf,	2,659	2,373	13	9	35	93	13	22
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	8,642	6,491	1,493	1,206	2,099	1,764	294	125
Textile and footwear	105,204	97,654	174	207	5,635	7,016	8,449	9,634
Construct, materials and metals	33,231	24,850	16,568	16,879	5,229	4,287	1,318	1,486
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	19,963	20,802	1,788	2,158	125	151	2,513	1,875
Others	5,935	5,397	1,652	1,671	817	966	489	370

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	205,878	193,803	77,476	93,750	114,617	84,598	58,563	61,605
Food, beverages, tobacco	28,639	29,099	1,608	1,949	6,220	5,757	5,966	5,779
Minerals, fuels, electricity	5,705	6,375	14	41	13,284	9,460	911	1,004
Chemical and plastical products	24,771	23,672	7,268	8,204	13,039	11,854	12,152	11,514
Leather and leather manuf,	13,388	10,989	930	878	554	319	61	137
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	7,700	6,842	1,377	1,946	6,156	4,754	1,186	959
Textile and footwear	49,082	42,309	12,877	14,179	18,985	14,435	2,207	2,642
Construct, materials and metals	27,234	24,661	8,356	13,397	39,326	21,127	2,165	2,005
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	41,534	41,198	37,588	45,508	12,090	12,698	31,833	35,150
Others	7,825	8,659	7,459	7,647	4,964	4,195	2,081	2,416

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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