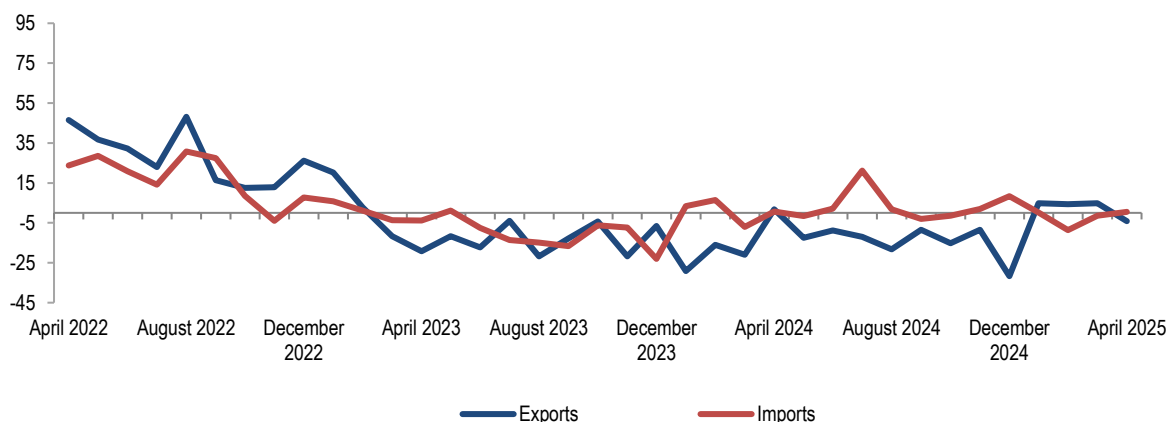


Foreign Trade in Goods

April 2025

Tirana, May 19, 2025: On April 2025 the value of exports was ALL 33 billion, decreasing by 4.1 %, compared with the same period of the previous year and by 5 %, compared with March 2025. The value of imports was ALL 76 billion, increasing by 0.4 %, compared with the same period of the previous year and by 2.5 %, compared with March 2025. This month the trade deficit is ALL 43 billion, increasing by 4,3 %, compared with April 2024 and increasing by 9,3 %, compared with March 2025.

Fig. 1 Annual change in Foring Trade (%)



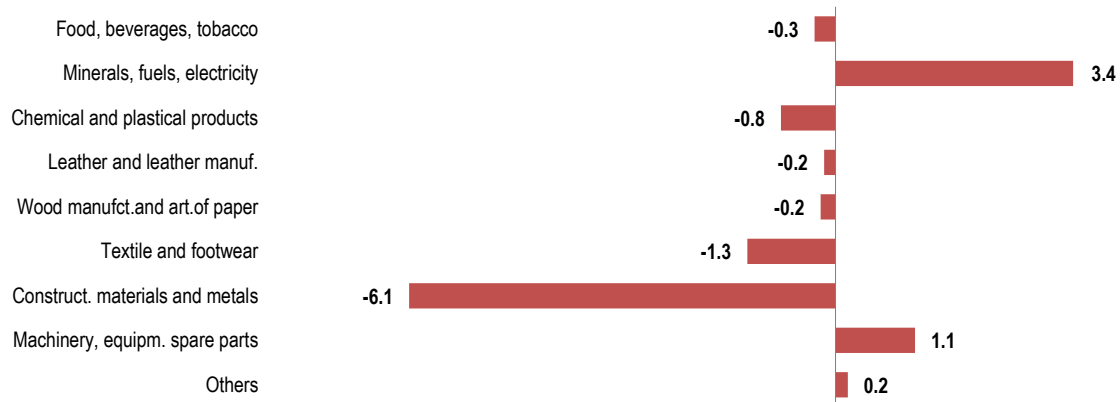
In these four months, the value of exports was ALL 133 billion, increasing by 2.3 %, compared with the previous year and the value of imports was ALL 277 billion, decreasing by 2.5 %, compared with the previous year. The trade deficit was ALL 144 billion, decreasing by 6.5 %, compared with the same period of 2024.

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

In the annual decrease of exports by 4.1 % this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Constructions materials and metals” with -6.1 percentage points, “Textile and footwear” with -1.3 percentage points, “Chemical and plastic products” with -0.8 percentage points. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +3.4 percentage points, “Machinery equipment and spare parts” with +1.1 percentage points.

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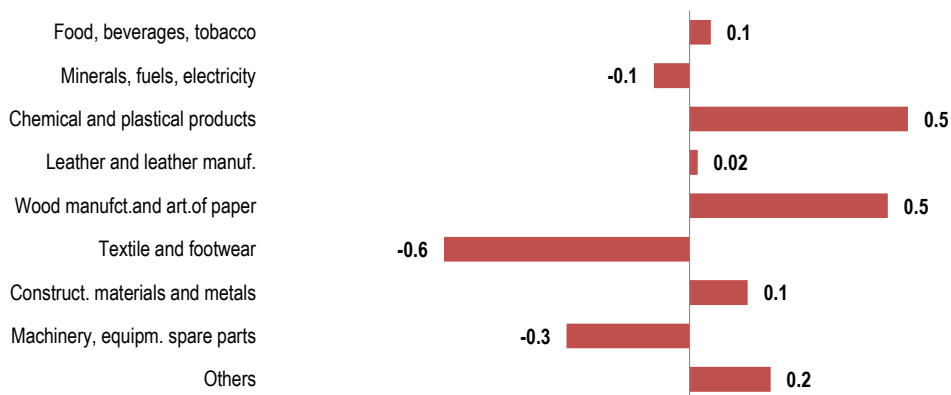
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Fig. 2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports, April 2025

Exports during these four months have increased by 2.3 %, compared with the same period of the previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of the exports are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +8.9 percentage points, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.6 percentage points, “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +0.5 percentage points. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Constructions materials and metals” with -6.1 percentage points, “Chemical and plastic products” and “Textile and footwear” with -0.8 percentage points, etc.

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

In annual increase of imports by 0.4 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Chemical and plastic products” and “Wood manufacture and articles of paper” with +0.5 percentage points. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Textile and footwear” with -0.6 percentage points, “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with -0.3 percentage points, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with -0.1 percentage points.

Fig. 3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports, April 2025

In these four months, imports have decreased by 2.5 %, compared with the same period of the previous year. The groups affected negatively in the annual decrease of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment and spare parts" with -3.4 percentage points, "Constructions materials and metals" with -0.7 percentage points. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Mineral, fuels, electricity" with +1.3 percentage points, "Food, beverages, tobacco" and "Chemical and plastic products" with +0.3 percentage points.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

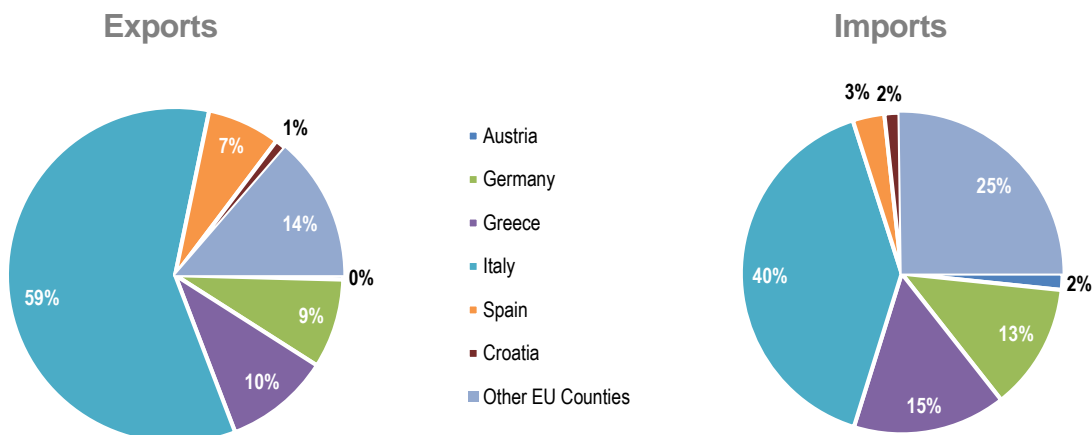
In April 2025, countries with which Albania had the highest decrease of exports, compared to April 2024 are: Italy (7.7 %), Spain (27.1 %), China (32.8 %), etc. While, countries with which has had an increase of exports are: Kosovo (87.1 %), Greece (11.4 %), and Germany (10.5 %).

In these four months of 2025, countries with which Albania had an increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2024 are: Kosovo (81 %), Greece (9.3 %) and Germany (6.6 %). While countries with which has had a decrease are: Italy (12.5 %), North Macedonia (30.8 %), etc.

In April 2025, countries with which Albania had the highest increase of imports, are: China (11.1 %), North Macedonia (18.9 %), etc. While, countries with which had a decrease of imports are: Italy (3.9 %), Turkiye (5.6 %), Greece (5.9 %), etc.

In these four months of 2025, countries with which Albania had the highest decrease of imports, compared to the same period of 2024 are: Italy (1.3 %), Turkey (21.9 %), and Germany (9,0 %). While, countries with which had an increase of imports are: China (23.7 %), Greece (3,0 %) and Spain (5.7 %).

Fig. 4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries April 2025



Trade with the EU countries is 54.9 % of total trade. In April 2025, exports to EU countries occupied 64.5 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 50.8 % of total import.

The main trade partners remain: Italy (25.8 %), China (8.9 %), Türkiye (7.9 %), Greece (7.4 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in these four months of 2025 is 57.3 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 67.4 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 52.4 % of total import.

The main trade partners are: Italy (27.2 %), China (8.7 %), and Greece (7.8 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)

Years	Months	Exports	Annual Change (%)	Imports	Annual Change (%)	Trade balance (mld lekë)	Coverage (%)
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
2023		440	-9.5	873	-8.2	-432	50.5
2024		373	-15.4	894	2.5	-522	41.7
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
	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
2024	01 - 24	30	-29.2	60	3.4	-30	49.5
	02 - 24	32	-16.1	74	6.4	-42	43.5
	03 - 24	33	-21.0	75	-7.0	-42	44.4
	04 - 24	35	1.8	75	0.6	-41	45.9
	05 - 24	35	-12.4	79	-1.6	-45	43.8
	06 - 24	35	-8.9	77	2.1	-42	45.3
	07 - 24	33	-12.0	85	21.1	-52	39.0
	08 - 24	22	-18.2	69	1.9	-46	32.6
	09 - 24	31	-8.5	71	-3.1	-40	43.3
	10 - 24	31	-15.2	77	-1.5	-46	40.3
	11 - 24	30	-8.5	73	2.0	-43	41.2
	12 - 24	26	-31.7	79	8.3	-53	32.6
	Jan-Dec 24	373	-15.4	894	2.5	-522	41.7
2025	01 - 25	31	4.9	60	0.1	-29	51.8
	02 - 25	34	4.3	68	-8.6	-34	49.7
	03 - 25	35	4.9	74	-1.4	-39	47.3
	04 - 25	33	-4.1	76	0.4	-43	43.8
	Jan-April 25	133	2.3	277	-2.5	-144	47.9

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

	Exports				Imports			
	April 2024	April 2025	Jan.-Apr. 2024	Jan.-Apr. 2025	April 2024	April 2025	Jan.-Apr. 2024	Jan.-Apr. 2025
EU countries	23,842	21,383	94,866	89,515	40,322	38,404	148,283	145,402
Austria	296	90	913	601	585	628	2,381	2,349
Germany	1,666	1,840	7,453	7,945	5,313	4,897	21,215	19,300
Greece	1,950	2,173	7,851	8,583	6,296	5,922	22,638	23,313
Italy	13,692	12,631	58,890	51,554	16,086	15,467	60,906	60,135
Spain	2,061	1,503	4,414	6,298	1,244	1,224	4,208	4,449
Croatia	303	226	1,716	724	248	582	1,028	1,905
Others of EU	3,875	2,919	13,629	13,810	10,551	9,684	35,906	33,952
United Kingdom	136	111	532	423	1,246	776	3,144	2,707
China	1,526	1,025	3,061	2,993	7,797	8,659	26,365	32,606
Kosovo	3,171	5,933	12,640	22,884	1,012	1,110	3,678	3,812
North Macedonia	1,603	868	5,006	3,464	1,037	1,233	3,790	4,040
Russia	-	-	5	6	516	645	1,131	1,180
USA	472	410	1,538	1,407	2,174	1,517	7,723	6,088
Turkey	405	423	1,534	1,759	8,618	8,134	36,749	28,703
Ukraine	3	0	168	295	259	262	1,487	1,423
Switzerland	262	110	713	366	515	939	2,460	3,228
Others	3,155	2,891	9,727	9,708	11,840	13,985	49,472	48,049
Total	34,575	33,153	129,791	132,821	75,335	75,663	284,283	277,238

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	April 2024	April 2025	Jan.-Apr. 2024	Jan.-Apr. 2025	April 2024	April 2025	Jan.-Apr. 2024	Jan.-Apr. 2025
Total	34,575	33,153	129,791	132,821	75,335	75,663	284,283	277,238
Food. beverages. tobacco	5,105	5,001	17,239	18,038	12,735	12,774	47,342	48,263
Minerals. fuels. electricity	7,545	8,721	25,795	37,301	7,767	7,702	26,871	30,507
Chemical and plastical products	1,444	1,174	5,160	4,156	10,241	10,637	38,333	39,116
Leather and leather manuf.	214	157	827	675	1,037	1,052	4,140	3,832
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	882	807	3,369	3,359	2,532	2,892	9,341	9,183
Textile and footwear	9,371	8,934	36,772	35,718	7,575	7,129	27,668	27,486
Construct. materials and metals	6,124	4,013	24,589	16,661	10,073	10,179	40,510	38,457
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	3,012	3,407	12,523	13,116	19,847	19,624	77,799	68,084
Others	878	939	3,515	3,797	3,528	3,675	12,279	12,309

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Greece		Germany	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
Total	58,890	51,554	12,640	22,884	7,851	8,583	7,453	7,945
Food. beverages. tobacco	5,115	4,477	1,777	1,881	1,416	1,593	504	524
Minerals. fuels. electricity	5,048	1,833	2,994	17,335	854	1,097	2,536	2,150
Chemical and plastical products	2,025	1,446	1,247	947	316	259	11	23
Leather and leather manuf.	688	553	1	11	101	64	1	0
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,832	1,914	381	351	531	521	37	36
Textile and footwear	27,876	26,197	61	31	2,742	3,022	3,055	3,546
Construct. materials and metals	7,709	7,104	5,193	949	1,528	1,554	229	336
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	6,753	6,077	581	993	78	93	940	1,140
Others	1,844	1,952	404	387	286	378	141	188

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		China		Greece	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
Total	60,906	60,135	36,749	28,703	26,365	32,606	22,638	23,313
Food. beverages. tobacco	9,385	10,199	1,876	1,867	638	702	6,241	6,463
Minerals. fuels. electricity	1,352	2,950	5,571	2,301	6	7	3,272	4,283
Chemical and plastical products	7,627	7,671	3,880	3,833	2,154	2,715	4,102	4,131
Leather and leather manuf.	3,245	2,980	103	144	301	297	93	51
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	1,952	1,942	1,627	1,542	541	637	1,262	1,260
Textile and footwear	12,165	11,659	3,609	3,164	4,255	4,512	2,259	2,166
Construct. materials and metals	7,490	7,187	10,039	10,515	3,667	5,512	3,322	2,857
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	14,642	12,465	8,840	3,892	12,395	15,388	1,239	1,445
Others	3,049	3,083	1,203	1,446	2,409	2,835	848	657

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 cos, 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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Monthly revisions

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