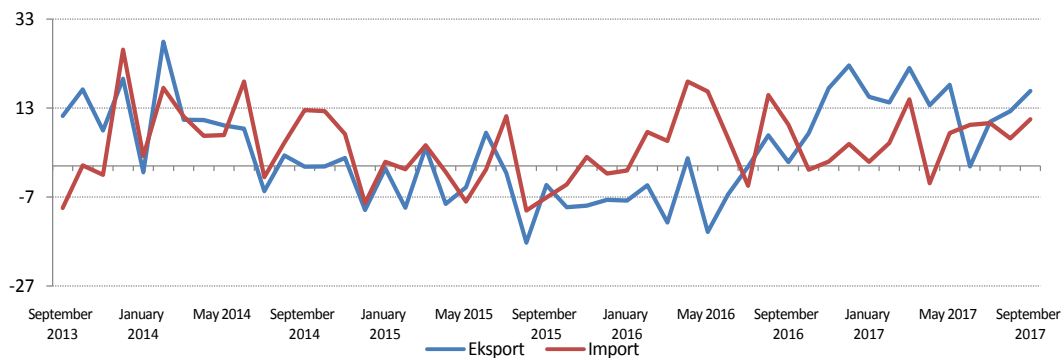


Foreign Trade in Goods

September 2017

Tirana, October 17, 2017: On September 2017 the value of exports was 24 billion lekë, increasing by 16.8 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 30.3 % compared with August 2017. The value of imports in September 2017, was 53 billion lekë, increasing by 10.5 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 7.6 % compared with August 2017. This month the trade deficit is 29 billion lekë signing an increase by 5.7 % compared with September 2016 and decreased by 5.9 % compared with August 2017.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



In the first nine months of 2017, the value of exports was 201 billion lekë, increasing by 13.3 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 453 billion lekë, increasing by 6.8 %. Trade deficit was 252 billion lekë, increasing by 2.1 % compared with the same period of 2016.

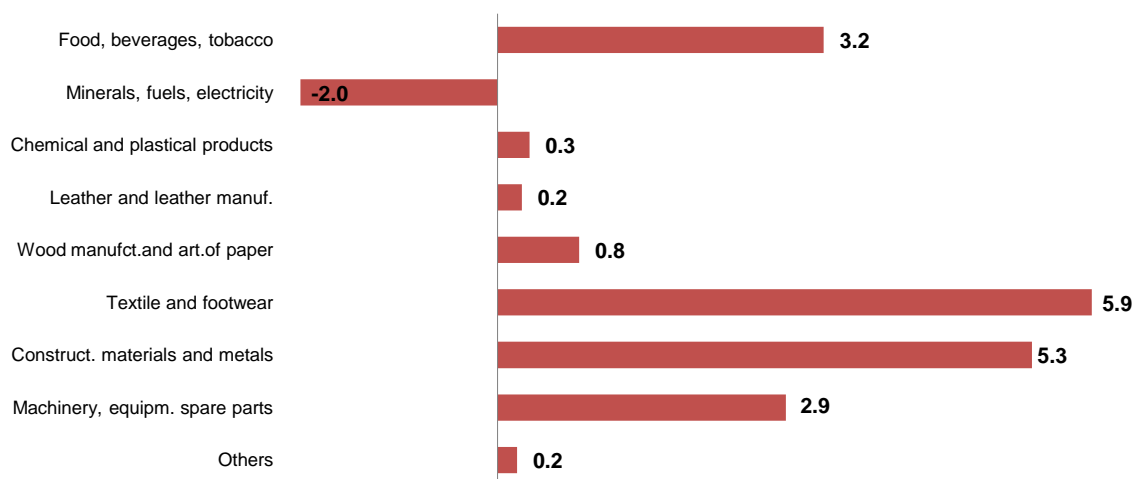
The influence of the main groups in the annual change in exports:

In annual increase of exports by 16.8 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Textile and footwear" with +5.9 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +5.3 percentage point, "Food, beverage, tobacco" with +3.2 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -2.0 percentage point.

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Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , September 2017

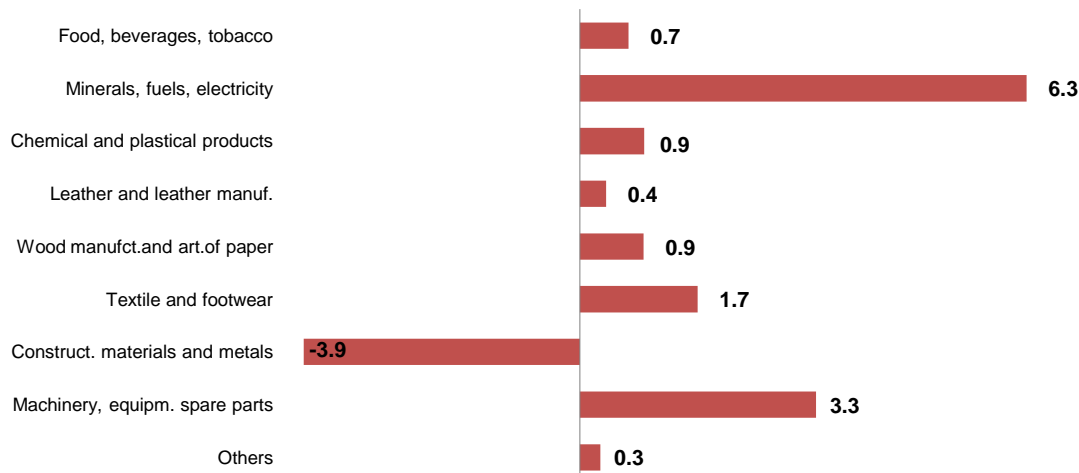


In the first nine months of 2017, exports are increased by 13.3 % compared with previous year. As nine months all groups affected positivity in annual increase of exports, who the groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports, are: “Construction materials and metals” with +5.2 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +4.1 percentage point, “Food, beverage, tobacco” with +1.9 percentage point. In the annual change in exports, no group affected negatively.

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

In annual increase of imports by 10.5 % in September 2017 a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +6.3 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” with +3.3 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +1.7 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Construction materials and metals” with -3.9 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , September 2017



As nine months, imports are increased by 6.8 % compared with nine months 2016. A positive contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +2.0 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +1.3 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +1.2 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Construction materials and metals” with -0.1 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

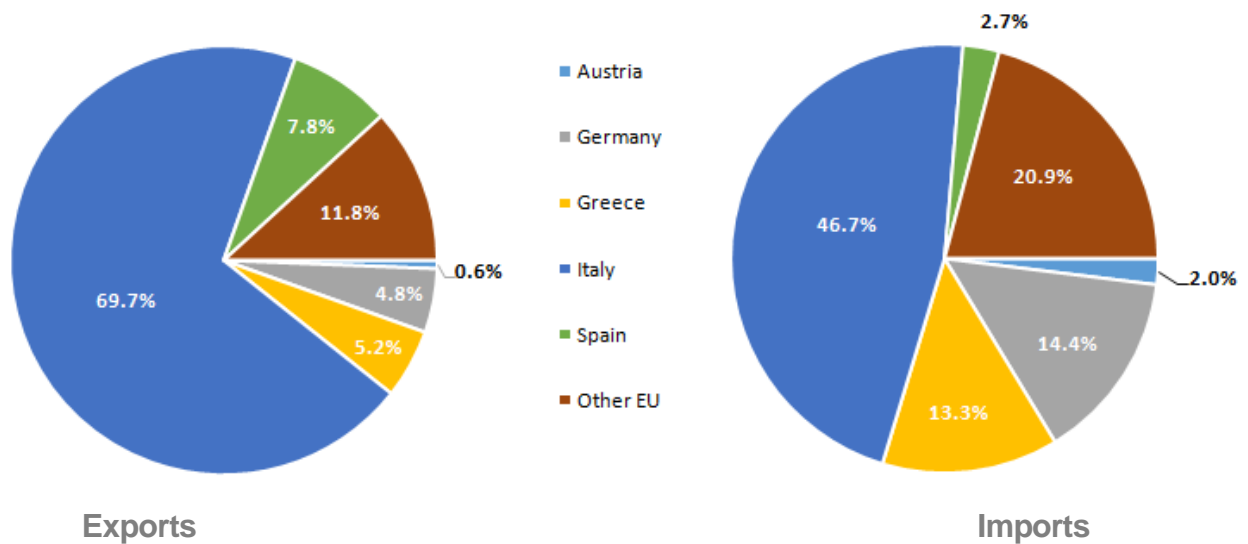
In September 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to September 2016 are: Italy with (12.0 %), Kosovo with (31.2 %) and Spain with (207.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Montenegro with (-14.5 %), Switzerland with (-37.0 %) and Netherlands with (-51.4 %).

In the first nine months of 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2016 are: Italy with (8.8 %), Kosovo with (29.0 %) and Spain with (126.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Switzerland with (-49.2 %), Netherlands with (-4.4 %) and Croatia with (-20.9 %).

In September 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to September 2016 are: Italy with (13.6 %), Greece with (8.9 %) and China with (1.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Germany with (-30.1 %), Turkey with (-0.7 %) and Spain with (-14.9 %).

In the first nine months of 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2016 are: Italy with (5.0 %), Greece with (12.8 %) and Turkey with (11.5 %) . While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Germany with (-8.3 %), China with (-5.6 %) and France with (-10.1 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, September 2017



Trade with the EU countries is 64.9 % of total trade. In September 2017, exports to EU countries occupied 77.8 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 59.0 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (35.9 %), Germany (7.0 %), Greece (6.7 %) and China (6.5 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first nine months of 2017 is 65.9 % of total trade. In the first nine months of 2017, exports to EU countries occupied 76.7 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 61.0 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (36.3 %), Greece (7.1 %), Germany (7.1 %) and China (6.4 %).

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
2015	01 - 15	18	-0.6	35	0.9	- 17	50.4
	02 - 15	18	-9.4	39	-0.8	- 21	47.3
	03 - 15	22	4.1	44	4.6	- 22	49.9
	04 - 15	21	-8.5	44	-1.4	- 23	47.6
	05 - 15	24	-4.8	44	-8.0	- 20	54.3
	06 - 15	24	7.4	49	-0.8	- 25	49.3
	07 - 15	23	-1.6	52	11.1	- 29	43.0
	08 - 15	15	-17.3	40	-10.0	- 25	38.3
	09 - 15	20	-4.3	44	-7.1	- 24	46.3
	January – September 2015	186	-3.7	392	-1.4	- 206	47.4
2016	01 - 16	16	-7.8	35	-1.0	- 19	47.0
	02 - 16	18	-4.4	42	7.6	- 24	42.0
	03 - 16	19	-12.7	47	5.6	- 28	41.2
	04 - 16	21	1.7	52	19.0	- 31	40.7
	05 - 16	21	-14.8	52	16.7	- 31	39.6
	06 - 16	23	-6.4	52	6.2	- 29	43.5
	07 - 16	23	-0.2	50	-4.5	- 27	44.9
	08 - 16	16	6.9	47	15.9	- 31	35.3
	09 - 16	21	0.9	48	9.3	- 27	42.8
	January – September 2016	177	-4.6	424	8.2	- 247	41.8
2017	01 - 17	19	15.5	35	0.9	- 16	53.8
	02 - 17	20	14.2	44	5.1	- 24	45.7
	03 - 17	24	22.0	54	14.9	- 30	43.8
	04 - 17	24	13.7	50	-3.9	- 26	48.1
	05 - 17	24	18.2	56	7.4	- 32	43.6
	06 - 17	23	-0.1	57	9.2	- 34	39.7
	07 - 17	25	9.9	55	9.6	- 30	45.1
	08 - 17	18	12.3	49	6.2	- 31	37.4
	09 - 17	24	16.8	53	10.5	- 29	45.2
	January – September 2017	201	13.3	453	6.8	- 252	44.3

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

	Exports				Imports			
	Sep-16	Sep-17	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Sep-16	Sep-17	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017
EU countries	16,515	18,696	140,785	154,048	30,915	31,380	265,473	276,439
Austria	88	117	829	1,184	462	612	5,220	4,693
United Kingdom	26	10	362	321	328	382	3,022	3,820
Germany	716	904	5,986	8,146	6,469	4,524	41,414	37,968
Greece	890	978	8,203	8,676	3,836	4,179	33,679	37,977
Italy	11,645	13,038	98,749	107,464	12,901	14,652	123,564	129,694
Spain	473	1,452	4,835	10,944	1,008	857	9,229	10,126
Croatia	32	78	761	602	223	209	2,959	3,183
Others of EU	2,644	2,119	21,060	16,711	5,687	5,964	46,385	48,978
China	478	1,094	4,200	6,704	3,861	3,906	37,033	34,949
Kosovo	1,324	1,738	12,069	15,575	588	830	4,192	6,159
Macedonia	604	745	4,582	6,420	839	906	5,600	6,307
Russia	0	3	52	87	552	1,057	8,177	8,349
USA	90	124	1,168	2,090	708	675	8,186	6,676
Turkey	172	181	1,267	1,649	3,998	3,970	32,871	36,636
Ukraine	9	44	154	381	311	141	2,705	2,391
Switzerland	204	128	1,888	960	529	2,512	5,296	8,637
Others	1,181	1,290	10,947	12,807	5,815	7,785	54,606	66,389
Total	20,577	24,044	177,111	200,720	48,116	53,163	424,140	452,931

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	Sep-16	Sep-17	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Sep-16	Sep-17	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017
Total	20,577	24,044	177,111	200,720	48,116	53,163	424,140	452,931
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,530	2,194	16,984	20,389	8,272	8,600	74,877	79,222
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,926	3,524	32,771	32,837	4,393	7,411	36,293	44,602
Chemical and plastical products	376	441	3,200	3,580	6,529	6,963	59,452	64,428
Leather and leather manuf.	217	266	1,998	2,227	1,187	1,363	12,727	13,791
Wood manufact, and art, of paper	654	820	5,560	5,785	1,847	2,278	16,945	17,450
Textile and footwear	9,442	10,652	80,332	87,634	6,520	7,315	57,110	62,430
Construct, materials and metals	2,778	3,866	22,779	31,912	8,024	6,155	57,921	57,440
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,042	1,629	8,245	10,822	9,751	11,347	93,666	96,054
Others	613	653	5,242	5,534	1,592	1,731	15,150	17,513

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Greece	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Total	98,749	107,464	12,069	15,575	4,835	10,944	8,203	8,676
Food, beverages, tobacco	4,980	5,308	1,874	2,097	586	585	1,720	1,370
Minerals, fuels, electricity	6,385	5,826	2,474	3,953	1,555	8,245	333	239
Chemical and plastical products	967	991	950	938	1	13	299	425
Leather and leather manuf,	1,811	1,678	0	4	3	57	46	39
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	4,105	4,087	238	302	5	5	651	763
Textile and footwear	63,684	68,627	61	94	2,174	1,807	3,495	4,013
Construct, materials and metals	9,221	11,910	5,047	6,783	475	225	1,261	1,157
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	5,415	6,535	483	516	24	1	100	377
Others	2,182	2,502	944	888	12	7	297	293

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

Group of goods	Italy		Greece		Germany		Turkey	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Total	123,564	129,694	33,679	37,977	41,414	37,968	32,871	36,636
Food, beverages, tobacco	12,941	13,563	10,818	10,513	3,332	3,071	4,005	4,246
Minerals, fuels, electricity	14,794	11,701	4,404	5,987	378	558	783	1,311
Chemical and plastical products	12,219	13,743	5,655	6,062	4,937	5,743	4,735	5,360
Leather and leather manuf,	9,906	10,646	108	56	3	8	291	268
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	4,632	4,735	2,081	2,403	626	614	2,299	2,479
Textile and footwear	28,893	31,297	2,629	2,911	1,932	1,922	10,294	11,254
Construct, materials and metals	12,149	14,508	4,913	6,915	12,393	5,287	4,470	4,307
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	23,929	24,984	1,984	1,824	16,588	19,220	4,546	5,746
Others	4,101	4,517	1,087	1,307	1,224	1,544	1,448	1,665

Definitions

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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Explanation of Symbols

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