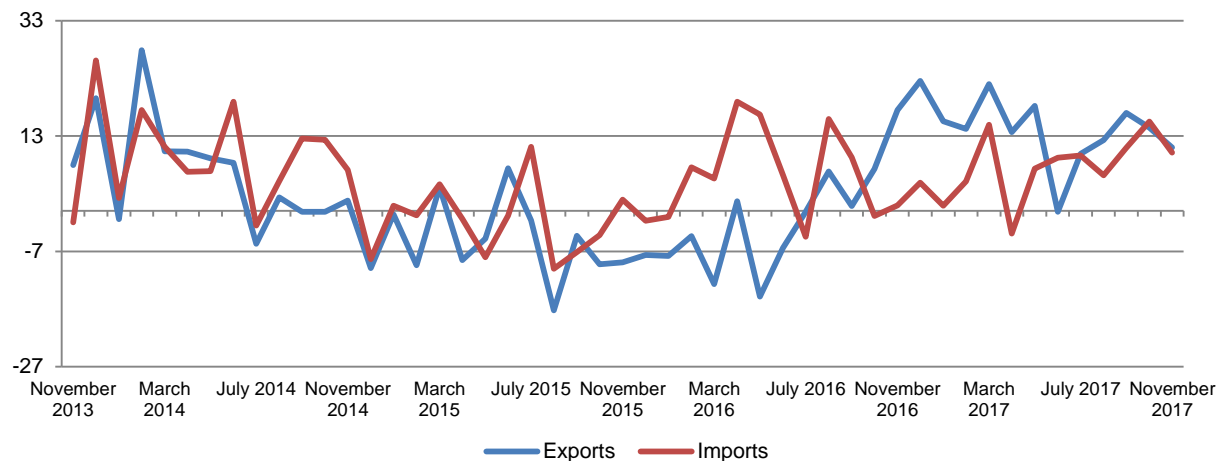


Foreign Trade in Goods

November 2017

Tirana, December 18, 2017: On November 2017 the value of exports was 25 billion lekë, increasing by 11.0 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 2.3 % compared with October 2017. The value of imports in November 2017, was 54 billion lekë, increasing by 10.1 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreased by 5.3 % compared with October 2017. This month the trade deficit is 29 billion lekë signing an increase by 9.3 % compared with November 2016 and decreased by 11.1 % compared with October 2017.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)

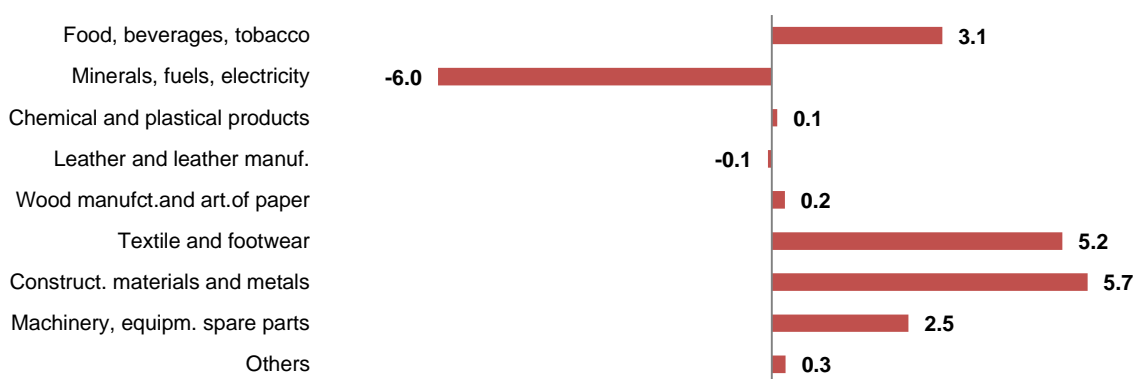


In the first eleven months of 2017, the value of exports was 251 billion lekë, increasing by 13.2 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 565 billion lekë, increasing by 8.0 %. Trade deficit was 314 billion lekë, increasing by 4.1 % compared with the same period of 2016.

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

In annual increase of exports by 11.0 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with +5.7 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +5.2 percentage point and “Food, beverage, tobacco” with +3.1 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -6.1 percentage point and “Leather and leather manufactories” with -0.1 percentage point.

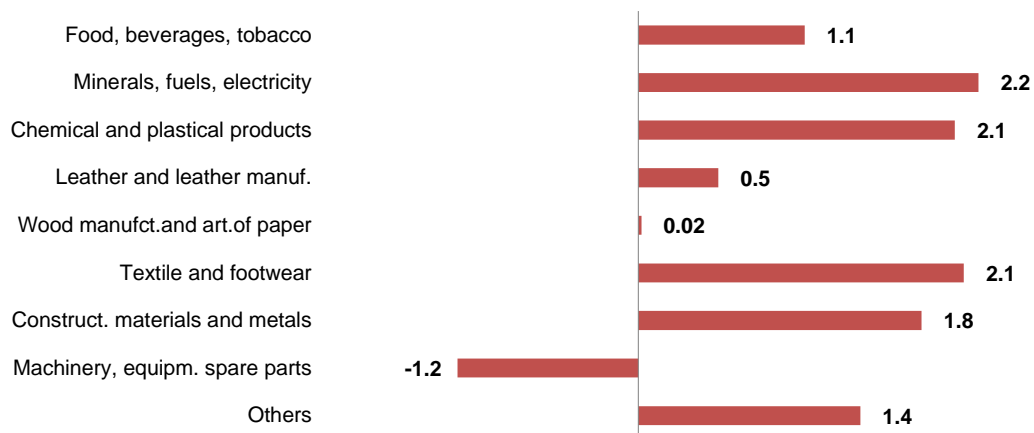
Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , November 2017



In the eleven months of 2017, exports are increased by 13.2 % compared with previous year. As ten months the groups affected positivity in annual increase of exports, are: “Construction materials and metals” with +5.2 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +4.4 percentage point, “Food, beverage, tobacco” with +1.9 percentage point. In the annual change in exports a negative contribution was given by the group: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -0.5 percentage point

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

In annual increase of imports by 10.1 % in November 2017 a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +2.2 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +2.1 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +2.1 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” with -1.2 percentage point.

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

As eleven months, imports are increased by 8.0 % compared with ten months 2016. As eleven months all groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, who the groups that influenced more in annual increase of imports, are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.3 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +1.3 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +1.3 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

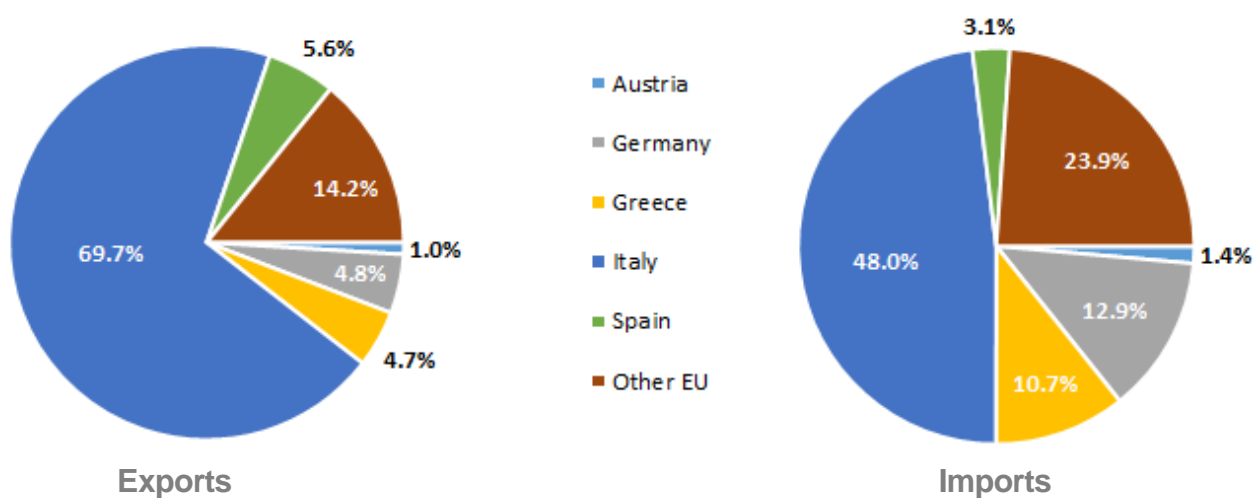
In November 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to November 2016 are: Italy with (14.5 %), Kosovo with (37.5 %) and Spain with (26.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: China with (-40.0 %), Macedonia with (-1.5 %) and Serbia with (-1.1 %).

In the eleven months of 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2016 are: Italy with (9.3 %), Kosovo with (30.7 %) and Spain with (107.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Turkey with (-30.7 %), Netherlands with (-10.1 %) and Switzerland with (-55.6 %).

In November 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to November 2016 are: Italy with (11.3 %), China with (17.3 %) and Turkey with (15.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Greece with (-8.2 %), Spain with (-17.1 %) and USA with (-33.1 %).

In the eleven months of 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2016 are: Italy with (6.1 %), Turkey with (11.8 %) and Greece with (9.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Germany with (-5.4 %), China with (-2.8 %) and France with (-5.4 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 66.0 % of total trade. In November 2017, exports to EU countries occupied 78.3 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 60.3 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (37.1 %), China (7.1 %) Germany (6.5 %) and Turkey (6.2 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the eleven months of 2017 is 66.3 % of total trade. In the eleven months of 2017, exports to EU countries occupied 77.0 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 61.6 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (36.3 %), Greece (6.9 %), Germany (6.9 %) 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
	10 - 15	20	-9.3	50	-4.2	-30	40.2
	11 - 15	19	-8.9	49	2.0	-30	39.7
	January – November 2015	225	-4.7	491	-1.4	-266	45.9
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
	10 - 16	22	7.3	50	-0.8	-28	43.5
	11 - 16	23	17.5	50	1.0	-27	46.2
	January – November 2016	222	-1.6	523	6.5	-301	42.3
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	17.0	53	10.9	-29	45.1
	10 - 17	25	14.4	58	15.5	-33	43.1
	11 - 17	25	11.0	54	10.1	-29	46.6
	January – November 2017	251	13.2	565	8.0	-314	44.4

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

	Exports				Imports			
	Nov-16	Nov-17	Jan-Nov 2016	Jan-Nov 2017	Nov-16	Nov-17	Jan-Nov 2016	Jan-Nov 2017
EU countries	16,782	19,879	174,284	193,317	29,950	32,844	330,023	347,930
Austria	161	194	1,102	1,524	427	458	6,035	6,073
United Kingdom	105	43	482	388	373	617	3,775	4,982
Germany	802	961	7,565	10,016	3,546	4,234	48,951	46,332
Greece	926	930	10,090	10,708	3,839	3,525	41,527	45,347
Italy	12,096	13,856	122,880	134,304	14,181	15,779	152,936	162,328
Spain	883	1,120	6,570	13,613	1,208	1,002	11,734	12,306
Croatia	78	94	882	785	488	372	3,941	4,076
Others of EU	1,729	2,682	24,712	21,977	5,888	6,857	61,123	66,486
China	1,231	739	6,176	8,028	4,190	4,915	45,490	44,207
Kosovo	1,351	1,857	14,869	19,440	571	755	5,234	7,696
Macedonia	627	617	5,878	7,784	650	813	6,954	7,993
Russia	-	0	61	89	1,362	1,383	10,300	10,891
USA	122	552	1,477	2,920	691	462	9,697	7,814
Turkey	521	199	2,181	1,991	4,084	4,729	41,563	46,474
Ukraine	4	34	203	452	308	176	3,207	2,919
Switzerland	411	77	2,360	1,047	561	1,324	6,424	11,395
Others	1,822	1,432	14,173	15,889	7,135	7,098	64,574	77,882
Total	22,870	25,387	221,662	250,957	49,501	54,499	523,465	565,201

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	Nov-16	Nov-17	Jan-Nov 2016	Jan-Nov 2017	Nov-16	Nov-17	Jan-Nov 2016	Jan-Nov 2017
Total	22,870	25,387	221,662	250,957	49,501	54,499	523,465	565,201
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,775	3,480	23,202	27,513	8,403	8,938	91,143	96,985
Minerals, fuels, electricity	5,145	3,768	41,113	39,923	4,493	5,586	45,530	57,377
Chemical and plastic products	415	438	4,050	4,408	6,102	7,118	72,502	79,115
Leather and leather manuf.	238	223	2,453	2,699	1,540	1,797	15,846	17,312
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	797	852	7,056	7,456	2,205	2,215	21,365	21,764
Textile and footwear	9,050	10,250	98,302	108,060	7,267	8,312	72,452	79,390
Construct, materials and metals	2,744	4,047	28,592	40,104	5,555	6,465	68,645	70,971
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,068	1,633	10,409	13,886	11,862	11,281	116,773	119,651
Others	639	696	6,485	6,909	2,074	2,788	19,209	22,636

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	122,880	134,304	14,869	19,440	6,570	13,613	10,090	10,708
Food, beverages, tobacco	7,401	7,659	2,250	2,538	797	761	2,116	1,824
Minerals, fuels, electricity	8,219	7,323	3,174	4,744	2,585	10,054	394	298
Chemical and plastical products	1,188	1,272	1,181	1,130	1	14	402	520
Leather and leather manuf,	2,188	2,032	0	7	6	84	61	45
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	5,224	5,298	296	392	5	6	829	965
Textile and footwear	77,738	84,274	81	114	2,621	2,413	4,265	4,901
Construct, materials and metals	11,390	14,851	6,123	8,754	517	270	1,523	1,410
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	6,816	8,413	625	669	24	2	131	385
Others	2,716	3,183	1,138	1,092	14	9	370	360

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		Germany		Greece	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Total	152,936	162,328	41,563	46,474	48,951	46,332	41,527	45,347
Food, beverages, tobacco	15,623	16,501	4,817	5,108	4,010	3,998	12,725	12,578
Minerals, fuels, electricity	17,054	15,083	1,002	1,570	474	762	5,897	6,748
Chemical and plastical products	15,331	17,097	5,825	6,589	6,002	7,025	6,897	7,208
Leather and leather manuf,	12,413	13,453	332	328	4	33	127	75
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	5,907	6,089	3,015	3,161	794	787	2,581	2,997
Textile and footwear	36,359	39,416	13,604	14,750	2,379	2,474	3,299	3,600
Construct, materials and metals	15,262	18,144	5,593	5,790	12,602	5,737	6,258	8,329
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	29,902	31,071	5,617	7,075	21,143	23,611	2,393	2,184
Others	5,085	5,474	1,758	2,104	1,542	1,905	1,349	1,629

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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