

Foreign Trade in Goods

December 2017

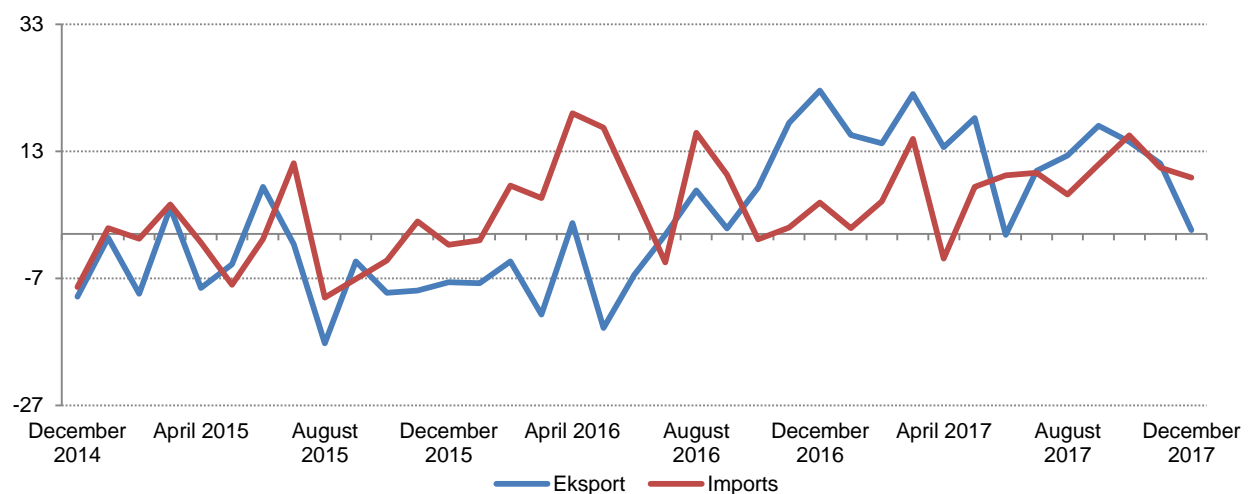
Tirana, January 17, 2018: In 2017, the value of exports was 273 billion lekë, increasing by 12.1 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 626 billion lekë, increasing by 8.1 %. Trade deficit was 353 billion lekë, increasing by 5.2 % compared with the same period of 2016.

Exports in 2017, are increased by 12.1 % compared with previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of exports, are: "Construction materials and metals" with +4.9 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 -1.4 percentage point.

In 2017, imports are increased by 8.1 % compared with previous year. During 2017 all groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, who the groups that influenced more in annual increase of imports, are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.8 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +1.2 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +1.2 percentage point.

Trade with the EU countries, in 2017 is 66.3 % of total trade. During 2017, exports to EU countries occupied 77.1 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 61.6 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (36.2 %), Greece (6.8 %), Germany (6.8 %) and China (6.4 %).

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



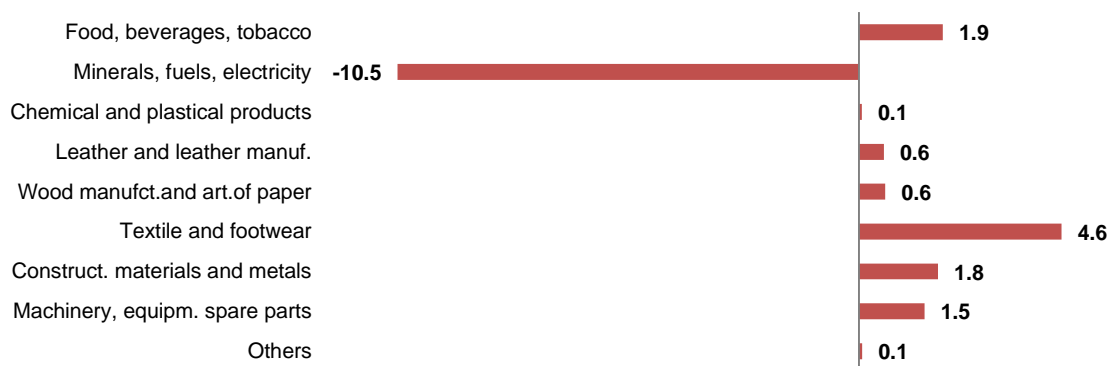
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On December 2017 the value of exports was 22 billion lekë, increasing by 0.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 13.5 % compared with November 2017. The value of imports in December 2017, was 61 billion lekë, increasing by 8.9 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 11.1 % compared with November 2017. This month the trade deficit is 39 billion lekë signing an increase by 14.2 % compared with December 2016 and by 32.5 % compared with November 2017.

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

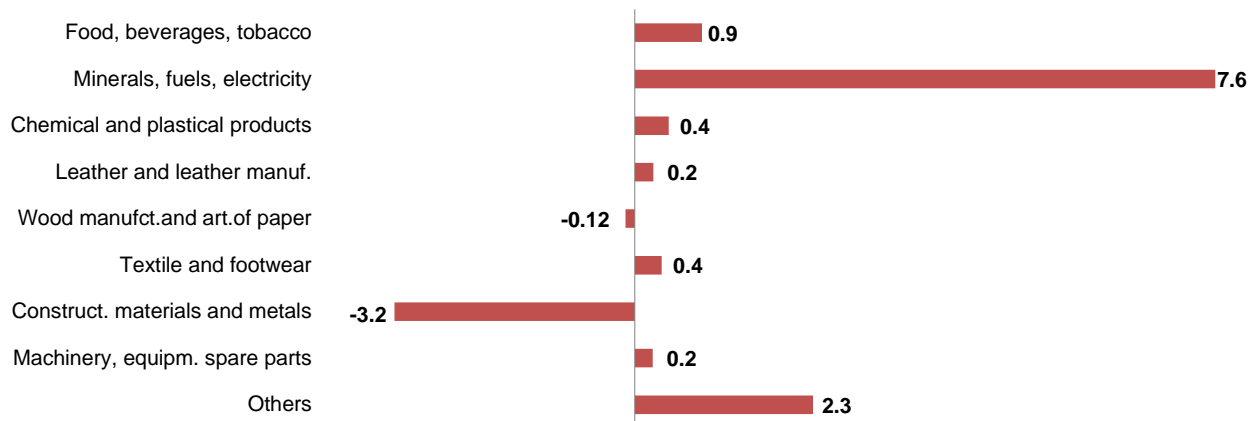
In annual increase of exports by 0.6 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Textile and footwear” with +4.6 percentage point, “Food, beverage, tobacco” with +1.9 percentage point and “Construction materials and metals” with +1.8 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -10.5 percentage point.

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



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

In annual increase of imports by 8.9 % in December 2017 a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +7.6 percentage point, “Food, beverage, tobacco” with +0.9 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +0.4 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Construction materials and metals” with -3.2 percentage point.

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

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

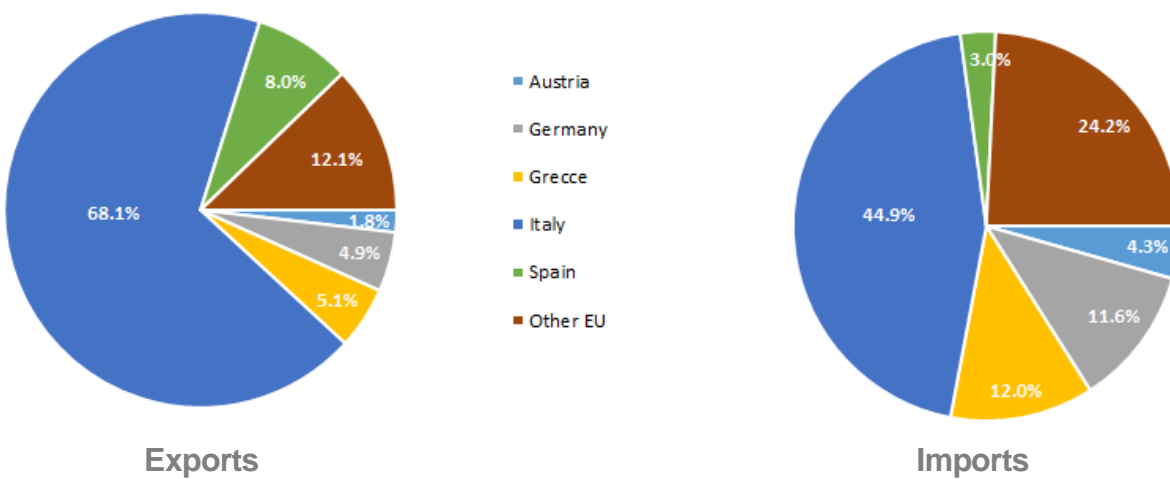
In December 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to December 2016 are: Italy with (17.0 %), Germany with (16.8 %) and Macedonia with (19.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Kosovo with (-14.7 %), Spain with (-3.6 %) and Greece with (-17.0 %).

In 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to 2016 are: Italy with (9.9 %), Kosovo with (26.0 %) and Spain with (87.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Turkey with (-24.0 %), Switzerland with (-48.0 %) and Netherlands with (-4.0 %).

In December 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to December 2016 are: Italy with (1.4 %), Greece with (9.5 %) and Turkey with (4.7 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: China with (-1.2 %), Germany with (-27.3 %) and USA with (-7.8 %).

In 2017, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to 2016 are: Italy with (5.7 %), Turkey with (11.2 %) and Greece with (9.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Germany with (-7.7 %), China with (-2.6 %) and France with (-4.4 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 66.3 % of total trade. In December 2017, exports to EU countries occupied 78.3 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 62.0 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (34.6 %), China (6.8 %) Greece (6.5 %) and Germany (6.3 %).

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
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
	12 - 15	18	-7.6	53	-1.7	-35	33.5
	January – December 2015	243	2.8	545	9.3	-301	44.7
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
	12 - 16	22	22.6	56	4.9	-34	39.1
	January – December 2016	243	0.1	579	6.4	-336	42.0
2017	01 - 17	19	15.6	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	-31	43.6
	06 - 17	23	-0.1	57	9.2	-34	39.7
	07 - 17	25	9.9	55		-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	14.5	58	15.5	-33	43.1
	11 - 17	25	11.1	55	10.4	-29	46.5
	12 - 17	22	0.6	61	8.9	-39	36.2
	January – December 2017	273	12.1	626	8.1	-353	43.6

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

	Exports				Imports			
	Dec-16	Dec-17	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Dec-16	Dec-17	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017
EU countries	15,421	17,206	189,704	210,554	35,903	37,621	365,926	385,656
Austria	85	312	1,188	1,836	341	1,636	6,376	7,708
United Kingdom	51	93	533	480	384	557	4,159	5,538
Germany	718	838	8,282	10,854	6,008	4,371	54,959	50,711
Greece	1,060	880	11,150	11,602	4,129	4,521	45,656	49,879
Italy	10,010	11,715	132,890	146,036	16,646	16,873	169,583	179,227
Spain	1,424	1,373	7,994	14,986	941	1,110	12,676	13,466
Croatia	60	53	943	839	461	358	4,402	4,434
Others of EU	2,012	1,943	26,725	23,919	6,992	8,196	68,115	74,693
China	1,276	371	7,452	8,399	5,324	5,260	50,814	49,484
Kosovo	1,736	1,481	16,605	20,923	585	747	5,819	8,443
Macedonia	543	648	6,421	8,431	811	763	7,765	8,755
Russia	0	-	61	89	591	888	10,891	11,779
USA	127	524	1,604	3,444	1,165	1,073	10,861	8,888
Turkey	622	140	2,803	2,132	4,092	4,284	45,655	50,775
Ukraine	-	3	203	455	382	283	3,589	3,201
Switzerland	213	291	2,574	1,339	397	1,672	6,821	13,068
Others	1,898	1,305	16,071	17,199	6,533	8,132	71,107	86,038
Total	21,836	21,971	243,498	272,965	55,783	60,722	579,248	626,087

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	Dec-16	Dec-17	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Dec-16	Dec-17	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017
Total	21,836	21,971	243,498	272,965	55,783	60,722	579,248	626,087
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,145	2,561	25,347	30,079	9,222	9,714	100,365	106,732
Minerals, fuels, electricity	5,451	3,165	46,564	43,088	4,312	8,565	49,842	65,961
Chemical and plactical products	308	323	4,358	4,730	7,506	7,754	80,008	86,884
Leather and leather manuf.	144	267	2,596	2,966	1,532	1,669	17,378	18,982
Wood manuf.and art. of paper	708	838	7,764	8,309	1,991	1,923	23,357	23,689
Textile and footwear	8,306	9,309	106,608	117,375	7,519	7,717	79,971	87,119
Construct. materials and metals	3,299	3,691	31,891	43,802	7,357	5,597	76,002	76,619
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	864	1,188	11,272	15,074	14,181	14,313	130,954	133,989
Others	612	629	7,098	7,542	2,163	3,469	21,372	26,111

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	132,890	146,036	16,605	20,923	7,994	14,986	11,150	11,602
Food, beverages, tobacco	7,925	8,407	2,569	2,856	875	851	2,288	2,003
Minerals, fuels, electricity	8,647	8,111	3,561	4,874	3,729	11,134	428	323
Chemical and plastical products	1,270	1,367	1,274	1,180	1	14	437	569
Leather and leather manuf,	2,321	2,227	0	8	8	91	67	54
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	5,730	5,798	327	436	5	9	949	1,083
Textile and footwear	84,223	91,490	95	126	2,803	2,594	4,650	5,291
Construct, materials and metals	12,528	16,131	6,828	9,543	535	283	1,799	1,498
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	7,307	9,028	709	715	24	2	141	393
Others	2,939	3,478	1,241	1,185	14	9	391	390

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	169,583	179,227	45,655	50,775	54,959	50,711	45,656	49,879
Food, beverages, tobacco	17,299	18,209	5,224	5,563	4,473	4,446	13,995	13,846
Minerals, fuels, electricity	18,999	17,072	1,055	1,597	538	926	6,504	7,454
Chemical and plastical products	16,908	18,832	6,440	7,211	6,719	7,677	7,619	7,995
Leather and leather manuf,	13,608	14,743	360	342	5	52	136	75
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	6,574	6,665	3,222	3,373	860	887	2,828	3,306
Textile and footwear	40,229	43,368	14,948	16,251	2,560	2,779	3,618	3,892
Construct, materials and metals	16,729	19,976	6,071	6,242	14,743	5,893	6,850	9,189
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	33,595	34,300	6,409	7,881	23,410	25,955	2,620	2,354
Others	5,643	6,062	1,926	2,315	1,651	2,095	1,487	1,769

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,

Combined Nomenclature (CN) is a goods nomenclature used by international trade in goods statistics and for customs tariffs,

Member State of European Union Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Denmark, Ireland, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia.

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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