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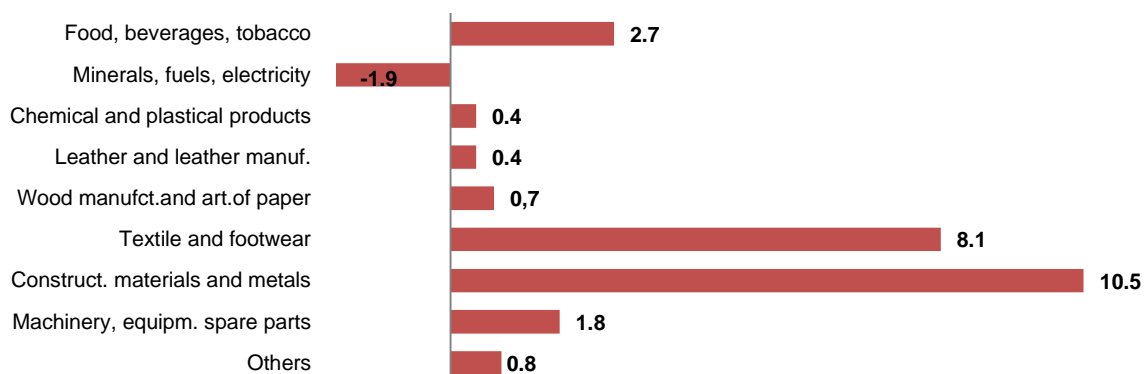# Foreign Trade in Goods

January 2018

Tirana, February 19, 2018: On January 2018 the value of exports was 23 billion lekë, increasing by 23.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 6.4 % compared with December 2017. The value of imports in January 2018, was 45 billion lekë, increasing by 27.0 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreased by 26.5 % compared with December 2017. This month the trade deficit is 21.3 billion lekë signing an increase by 31.1 % compared with January 2017 and decreased by 45.1 % compared with December 2017.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade (%)
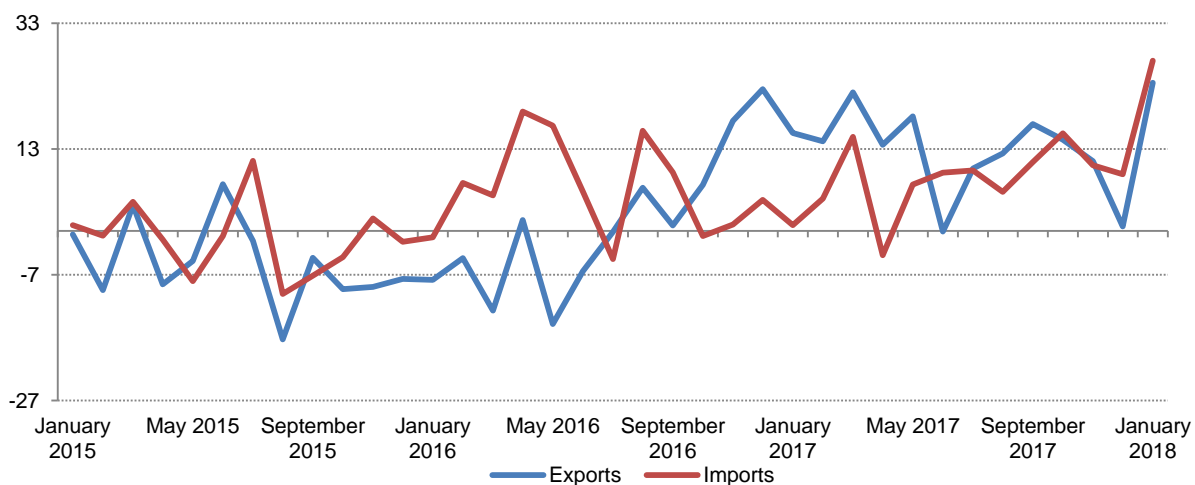
The influence of the main groups in the annual change in exports:

In annual increase of exports by 23.6 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +10.5 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +8.1 percentage point, "Food, beverage, tobacco" with +2.7 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -1.9 percentage point.

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Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports, January 2018

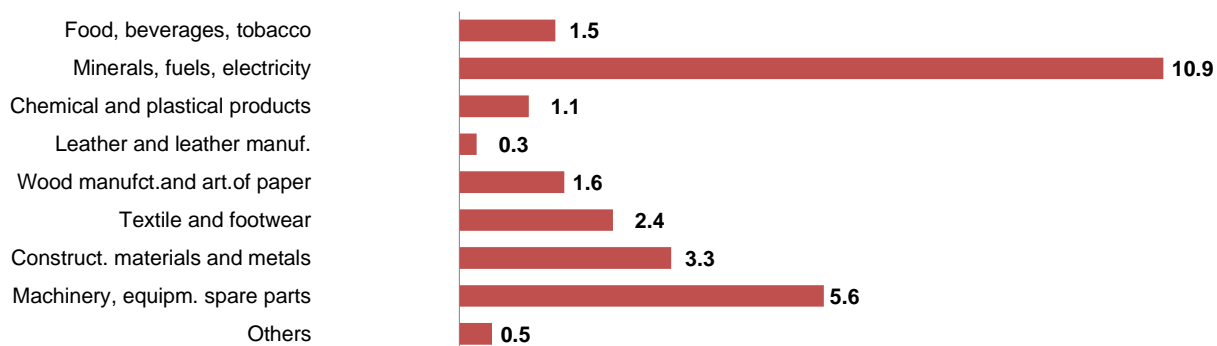| Group	Value
Food, beverages, tobacco	2.7
Minerals, fuels, electricity	-1.9
Chemical and plastical products	0.4
Leather and leather manuf.	0.4
Wood manufct.and art.of paper	0,7
Textile and footwear	8.1
Construct. materials and metals	10.5
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	1.8
Others	0.8

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

In annual increase of imports by 27.0 % in January 2018 a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +10.9 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" with +5.6 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +3.3 percentage point. No group has affected negatively in annual change of imports.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , January 2018

Group	Value
Food, beverages, tobacco	1.5
Minerals, fuels, electricity	10.9
Chemical and plastical products	1.1
Leather and leather manuf.	0.3
Wood manufct.and art.of paper	1.6
Textile and footwear	2.4
Construct. materials and metals	3.3
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	5.6
Others	0.5

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

In January 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to January 2017 are: Italy with (6.1 %), Spain with (114.6 %) and Kosovo with (43.7 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: France with (-15.4 %), Romania with (-6.8 %) and Hungary with (-18.7 %).

In January 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to January 2017 are: Italy with (14.9 %), Turkey with (40.2 %) and China with (12.9 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: USA with (-11.9 %), Russia with (-30.8 %) and Egypt with (-7.5 %).

Fig.4 ForeignTrade in Goods by several EU countries, January 2018
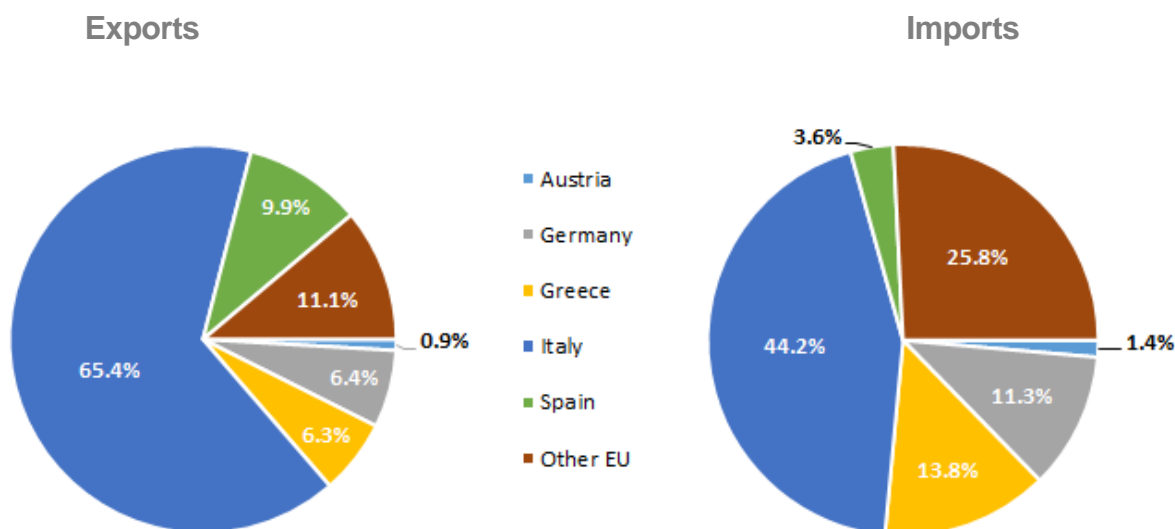
In January 2018, trade with the EU countries is 67.1 % of total trade. Exports to EU countries occuped 81.5 % of total export and imports from EU countries occuped 59.5 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (35.6 %), Greece (7.2 %), China (6.7 %) and Germany (6.2 %).

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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
2016	01 - 16	16	-7.8	35	-1.0	-19	47.0
2017	01 - 17	19	15.6	35	0.9	-16	53.8
2018	01 - 18	23	23.6	45	27,0	-21	52.3

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

	Exports		Imports	
	January 2016	January 2017	January 2016	January 2017
EU countries	**15,763**	**19,060**	**20,800**	**26,598**
Austria	86	176	269	367
United Kingdom	38	42	314	350
Germany	735	1,227	2,484	3,002
Greece	735	1,192	2,593	3,677
Italy	11,743	12,464	10,223	11,749
Spain	879	1,887	598	945
Croatia	41	55	258	415
Others of EU	1,505	2,018	4,062	6,093
China	601	724	3,386	3,822
Kosovo	941	1,353	351	409
Macedonia	278	491	342	476
Russia	-	0	907	628
USA	149	457	852	751
Turkey	107	104	2,750	3,855
Ukraine	80	-	289	73
Switzerland	75	105	436	1,772
Others	935	1,096	5,074	6,318
Total	**18,929**	**23,390**	**35,186**	**44,702**

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

Group of goods	Exports		Imports	
	January 2016	January 2017	January 2016	January 2017
Total	18,929	23,390	35,186	44,702
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,270	1,781	6,818	7,339
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,922	3,564	3,392	7,211
Chemical and plastical products	245	325	5,441	5,818
Leather and leather manuf.	177	256	1,097	1,191
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	569	705	1,063	1,631
Textile and footwear	9,021	10,554	5,403	6,236
Construct. materials and metals	2,372	4,351	3,638	4,787
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	880	1,222	7,028	9,005
Others	473	632	1,307	1,485

Tab. 4 Progressive data of exports by group of goods and main partners, January 2017-2018

(million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy		Spain		Kosovo		Germany	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Total	11,743	12,464	879	1,887	941	1,353	735	1,227
Food, beverages, tobacco	463	619	56	82	111	109	100	117
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,735	413	641	1,492	440	80	148	153
Chemical and plastical products	87	123	0	6	60	49	0	6
Leather and leather manuf,	153	209	1	9	-	-	0	0
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	444	516	1	281	17	32	12	7
Textile and footwear	7,020	8,073	172	16	8	12	422	734
Construct, materials and metals	1,056	1,330	7	0	201	965	4	80
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	553	798	-	0	27	39	34	91
Others	232	382	0		78	67	15	40

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Tab. 5 Progressive data of exports by group of goods and main partners, January 2017-2018 (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		China		Greece	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Total	**10,223**	**11,749**	**2,750**	**3,855**	**3,386**	**3,822**	**2,593**	**3,677**
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,061	1,284	376	387	58	66	789	1,017
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,029	1,278	130	43	1	0	453	804
Chemical and plastical products	1,053	975	438	543	392	448	359	444
Leather and leather manuf,	899	925	21	16	41	64	1	2
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	347	492	40	217	88	107	148	199
Textile and footwear	2,785	3,115	942	1,159	755	772	225	282
Construct, materials and metals	1,048	1,225	404	808	459	558	398	668
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,706	2,100	296	481	1,248	1,465	90	156
Others	293	354	103	200	343	342	131	104

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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,

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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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