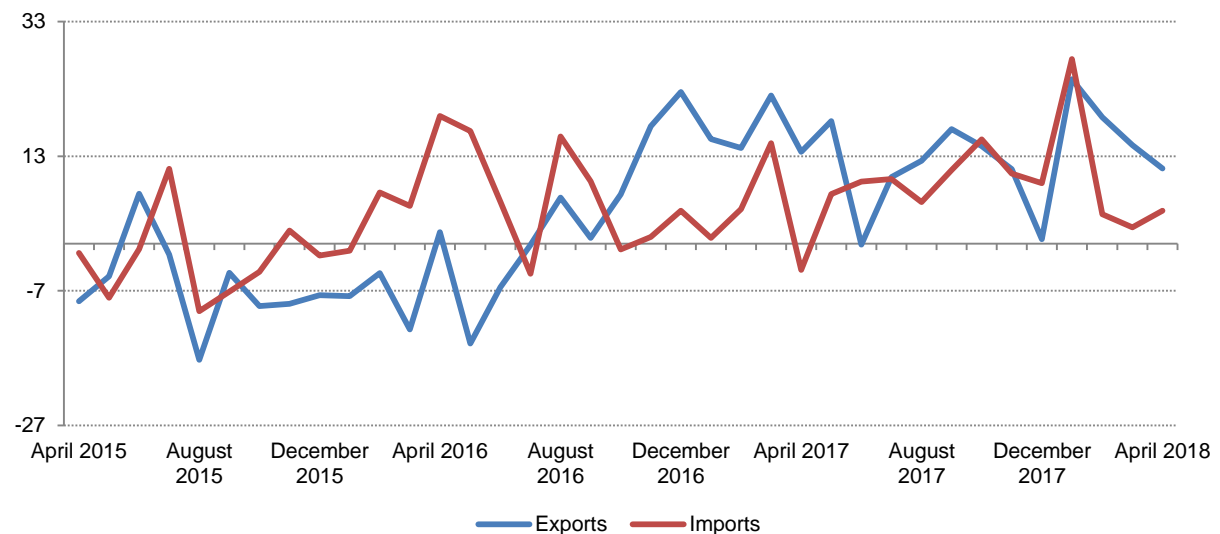


Foreign Trade in Goods

April 2018

Tirana, May 17, 2018: On April 2018 the value of exports was 27 billion lekë, increasing by 11.2 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 1.4 % compared with March 2018. The value of imports was 52 billion lekë, increasing by 4.9 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 5.2 % compared with March 2018. This month the trade deficit is 26 billion lekë signing an decrease by 0.9 % compared with April 2017 and by 8.9 % compared with March 2018.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade (%)

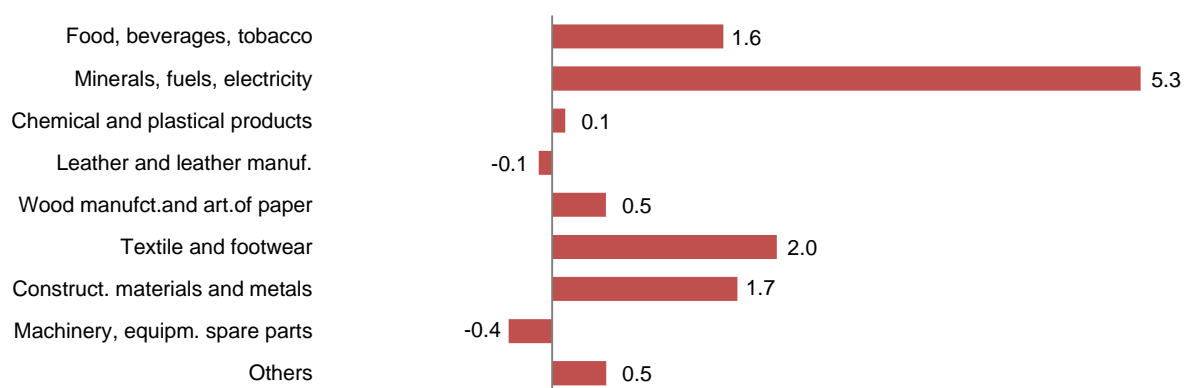


In the first fourth months of 2018, the value of exports was 101 billion lekë, increasing by 16.8 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 198 billion lekë, increasing by 8.4 %. Trade deficit was 97 billion lekë, increasing by 0.8 % compared with the same period of 2017.

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

In annual increase of exports by 11.2 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +5.3 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +2.0 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +1.7 percentage point “. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” with -0.4 percentage point, “Leather and leather manufactories” with -0.1 percentage point.

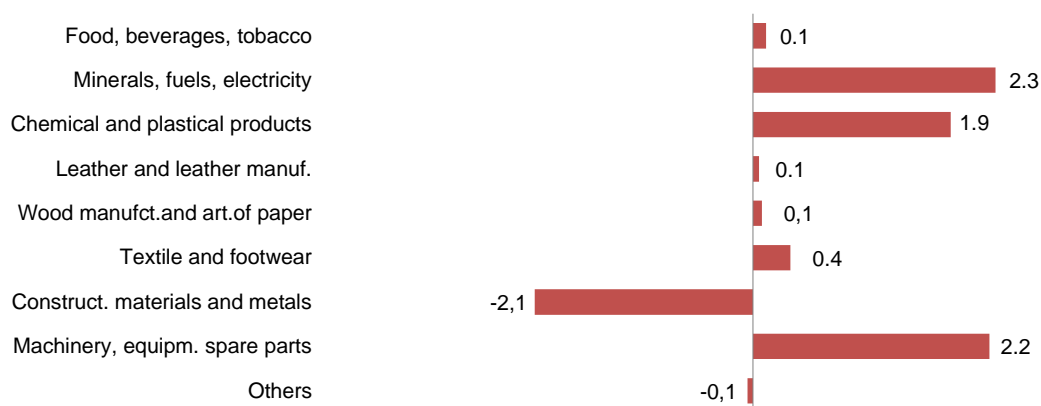
Fig. 2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , April 2018



Exports in the first fourth months of 2018 are increased by 16.8 % compared with the same period of previous year. All groups affected positivity in annual increase of exports, who the groups that influenced more in annual increase of imports, are: “Construction materials and metals” with +4.5 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +4.4 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +3.4 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 4.9 % in April 2018 a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +2.3 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” with +2.2 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +1.9 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Construction materials and metals” with -2.1 percentage point.

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

In the first fourth months of 2018, imports are increased by 8.4 % compared with the same period of previous year. During the first fourth months of 2018 the groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" with +3.1 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.4 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +0.9 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Chemical and plastical products" with -0.01 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

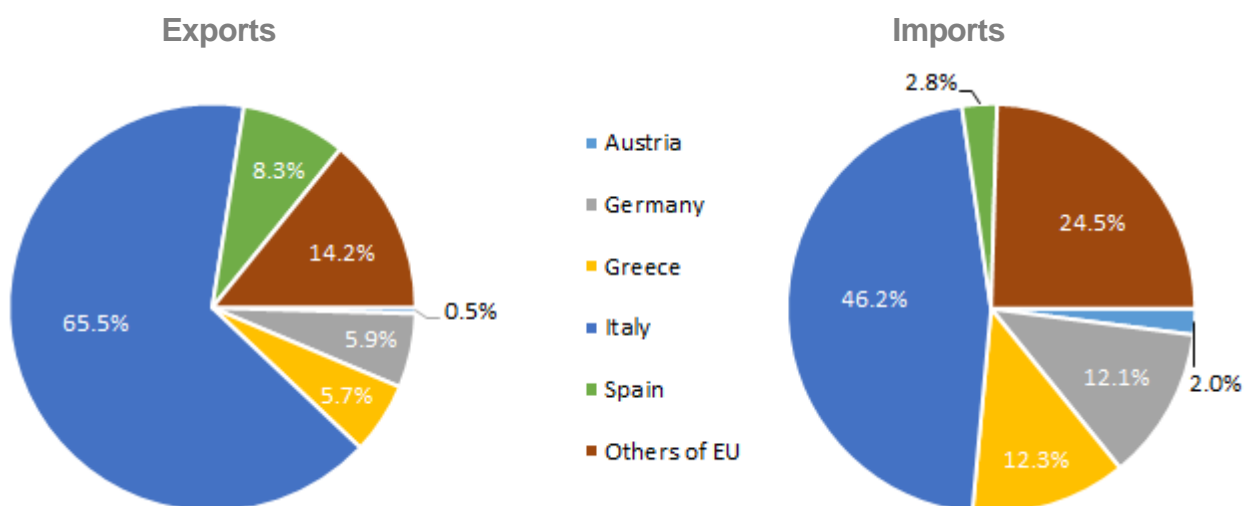
In April 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to April 2017 are: Italy with (9.7 %), Spain with (6.6 %) and Serbia with (133.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Kosovo with (-10.6 %), Greece with (-1.7 %) and China with (-69.6 %).

In the first fourth months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy with (6.5 %), Spain with (90.6 %) and Germany with (30.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Kosovo with (-4.3 %), China with (-27.0 %) and Macedonia with (-2.8 %).

In April 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to April 2017 are: Turkey with (10.5 %), China with (5.9 %) and Romania with (142.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy with (-1.7 %), Greece with (-4.8 %) and Germany with (-4.5 %).

In the first fourth months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy with (4.3 %), Germany with (6.2 %) and Turkey with (8.7 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Serbia with (-18.7 %), Spain with (-4.1 %) and Egypt with (-18.8 %).

Fig. 4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, April 2018



Trade with the EU countries is 65.7 % of total trade. In April 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 72.9 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 62.1 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (35.1 %), Greece (6.5 %), Germany (6.4 %) and Turkey (5.9 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first fourth months of 2018 is 67.7 % of total trade. In the first fourth months of 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 78.3 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 62.3 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (35.6 %), Germany (7.3 %), Greece (6.8 %) and China (5.8 %).

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
2016	01 - 16	16	-7.8	35	-1.0	-18	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
	January – April 2016	74	-5.9	176	8.2	-101	42.4
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
	January – April 2017	87	16.4	183	4.2	-96	47.3
2018	01 – 18	24	24.4	45	27.5	-21	52.5
	02 - 18	24	18.8	46	4.4	-22	52.0
	03 - 18	27	14.6	55	2.5	-28	49.0
	04 - 18	27	11.2	52	4.9	-26	51.0
	January – April 2018	101	16.8	198	8.4	-97	51.0

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

	Exports				Imports			
	April-17	April-18	Jan-April 2017	Jan-April 2018	April-17	April-18	Jan-April 2017	Jan-April 2018
EU countries	17,335	19,461	66,421	79,247	31,858	32,531	114,170	123,704
Austria	197	94	491	589	516	661	1,605	2,054
United Kingdom	22	81	93	239	396	558	1,586	1,752
Germany	1,011	1,141	3,646	4,755	4,124	3,938	16,049	17,037
Greece	1,123	1,103	3,862	4,464	4,217	4,014	14,587	15,873
Italy	11,617	12,745	47,402	50,487	15,302	15,038	53,826	56,153
Spain	1,521	1,622	4,205	8,016	1,066	901	3,743	3,588
Croatia	62	71	213	254	303	467	1,208	1,959
Others of EU	1,782	2,602	6,510	10,442	5,935	6,954	21,565	25,287
China	1,323	403	3,838	2,804	3,001	3,179	13,562	14,666
Kosovo	2,033	1,819	6,139	5,877	712	764	2,309	2,377
Macedonia	780	828	2,408	2,341	742	841	2,432	2,608
Russia	26	5	32	10	1,175	740	3,066	3,224
USA	175	382	880	1,691	676	1,017	2,940	3,297
Turkey	166	90	648	444	4,144	4,579	15,043	16,359
Ukraine	31	15	202	76	266	138	1,116	679
Switzerland	319	979	603	1,744	502	502	2,844	3,424
Others	1,834	2,723	5,495	6,980	6,875	8,112	25,596	28,092
Total	24,021	26,704	86,667	101,215	49,952	52,402	183,077	198,430

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	April-17	April-18	Jan-April 2017	Jan-April 2018	April-17	April-18	Jan-April 2017	Jan-April 2018
Total	24,021	26,704	86,667	101,215	49,952	52,402	183,077	198,430
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,608	2,981	7,454	8,984	8,885	8,946	31,877	33,491
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,949	6,228	16,895	19,856	4,110	5,256	16,530	20,954
Chemical and plastical products	480	509	1,438	1,686	7,254	8,188	27,695	27,683
Leather and leather manuf.	231	202	867	932	1,821	1,849	5,393	6,192
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	598	715	2,390	2,862	1,971	2,012	6,761	7,177
Textile and footwear	9,392	9,881	37,613	41,415	7,072	7,249	26,230	27,959
Construct. materials and metals	3,751	4,154	13,481	17,373	7,037	6,006	22,728	23,033
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,364	1,270	4,389	5,340	9,893	11,011	38,800	44,389
Others	646	764	2,140	2,765	1,910	1,884	7,064	7,551

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

Group of goods	Italy		Spain		Kosovo		Germany	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Total	47,402	50,487	4,205	8,016	6,139	5,877	3,646	4,755
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,035	2,616	298	368	680	691	453	383
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,957	1,342	3,193	6,631	1,991	599	551	869
Chemical and plastical products	445	480	2	17	399	347	8	9
Leather and leather manuf,	665	730	4	69	2	1	0	3
Wood manufact, and art, of paper	1,743	2,024	2	283	111	140	31	46
Textile and footwear	29,627	32,173	569	572	41	33	1,801	2,585
Construct, materials and metals	5,083	6,385	132	68	2,428	3,496	535	270
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	2,755	3,369	1	2	177	212	208	399
Others	1,091	1,368	3	7	311	356	60	192

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

Group of goods	Italy		Germany		Turkey		Greece	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Total	53,826	56,153	16,049	17,037	15,043	16,359	14,587	15,873
Food, beverages, tobacco	5,596	5,792	1,233	1,480	1,918	1,890	4,393	5,019
Minerals, fuels, electricity	5,353	3,739	189	166	535	195	1,792	2,265
Chemical and plastical products	5,833	5,574	2,393	2,591	2,200	2,424	2,595	2,348
Leather and leather manuf,	4,209	4,816	2	63	104	110	21	33
Wood manufact, and art, of paper	1,933	2,276	212	234	918	959	786	944
Textile and footwear	13,172	14,152	740	857	4,805	4,972	1,183	1,264
Construct, materials and metals	5,840	6,852	2,641	459	1,602	2,471	2,495	2,626
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	10,056	10,965	8,120	10,640	2,284	2,585	748	838
Others	1,833	1,986	519	546	679	752	574	537

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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