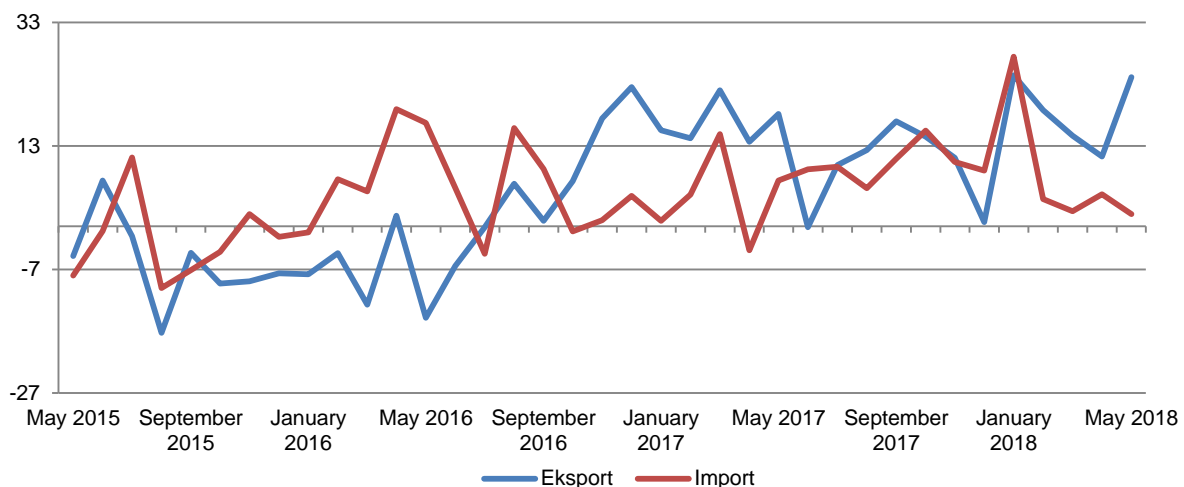


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## May 2018

**Tirana, June 18, 2018:** On May 2018 the value of exports was 30 billion lekë, increasing by 22.4 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 12.7 % compared with May 2018. The value of imports was 57 billion lekë, increasing by 1.9 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 7.9 % compared with May 2018. This month the trade deficit is 27 billion lekë signing an decrease by 15.3 % compared with May 2017 and increase by 3.0 % compared with May 2018.

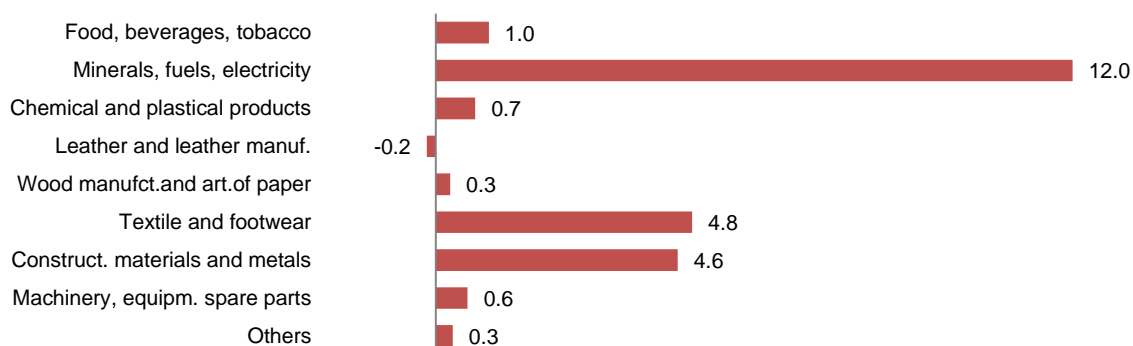
Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade (%)



In the first five months of 2018, the value of exports was 131 billion lekë, increasing by 18.4 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 255 billion lekë, increasing by 6.9 %. Trade deficit was 124 billion lekë, decreasing by 3.0 % compared with the same period of 2017.

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

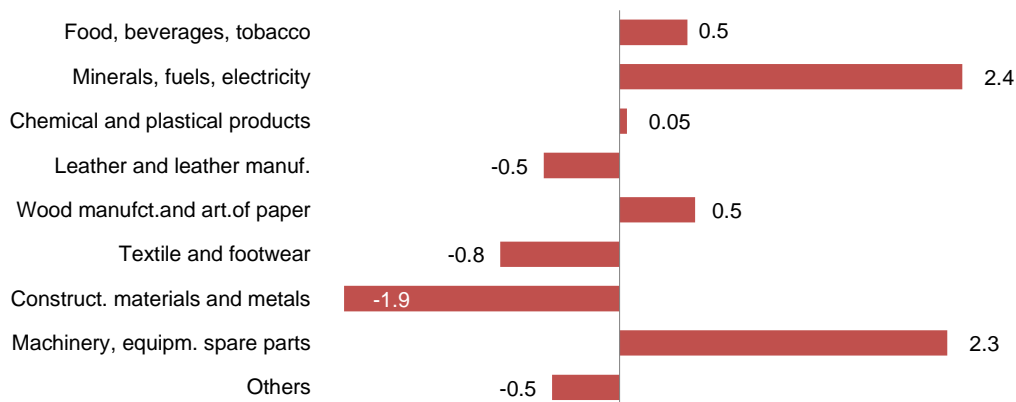
In annual increase of exports by 24.2 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +12.0 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +4.8 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +4.6 percentage point ". While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Leather and leather manufactories" with -0.2 percentage point.

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

Exports in the first five months of 2018 are increased by 18.4 % 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: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +5.3 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +4.5 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +4.5 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 1.9 % in May 2018 a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +2.4 percentage points, “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” with +2.3 percentage point, “Wood manufactories and article of paper” with +0.5 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Textile and footwear” with -0.8 percentage point, “Leather and leather manufactories” with -0.5 percentage point.

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

In the first five months of 2018, imports are increased by 6.9 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" with +2.9 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.4 percentage point, "Food, beverage, tobacco" with +0.8 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Construction materials and metals" with -0.3 percentage point.

### **The performance of trade in goods by partner countries**

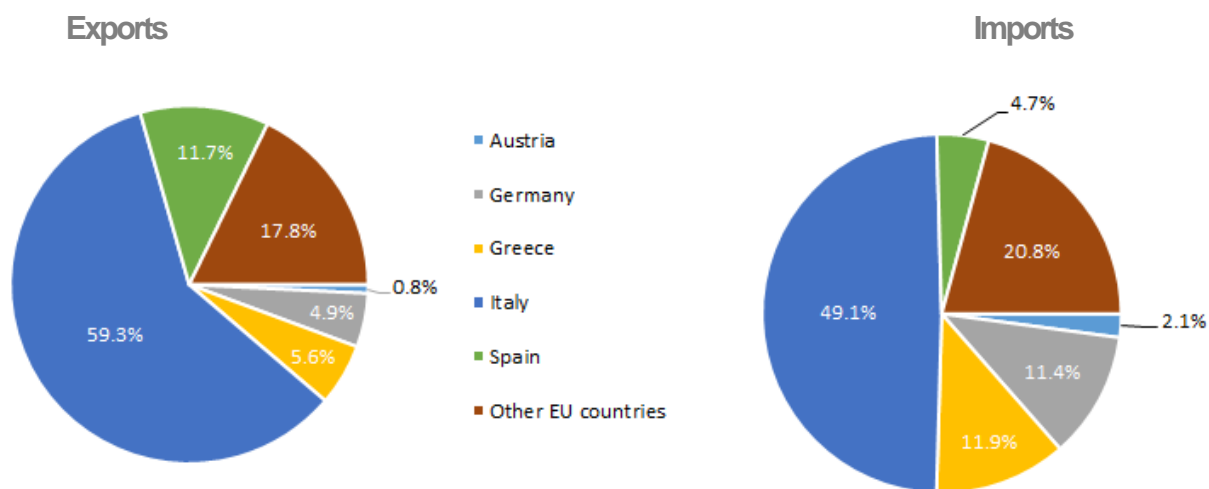
In May 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to May 2017 are: Italy with (3.2 %), Kosovo with (37.0 %) and Spain with (132.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: China with (-10.6 %), Sweden with (-1.7 %) and Turkey with (-69.6 %).

In the first five months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy with (5.9 %), Spain with (99.5 %) and Kosovo with (5.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: China with (-26.2 %), Romania with (-3.3 %) and Hungary with (-11.5 %).

In May 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to May 2017 are: Italy with (3.0 %), China with (9.7 %) and Spain with (36.9 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Greece with (-2.5 %), Turkey with (-20.5 %) and Germany with (-10.1 %).

In the first five months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy with (4.0 %), Germany with (2.7 %) and Turkey with (1.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Serbia with (-16.6 %), USA with (-1.3 %) and Egypt with (-19.1 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 66.8 % of total trade. In May 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 74.6 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 62.6 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (35.4 %), Greece (6.3 %), China (6.2 %) and Germany (5.9 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first five months of 2018 is 67.5 % of total trade. In the first five months of 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 78.4 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 62.4 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (35.6 %), Germany (7.0 %), Greece (6.7 %) and China (5.9 %).

**Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)**

| Years | Months             | Exports | Annual<br>Change (%) | Imports | Annual<br>Change (%) | Trade<br>Balance | Percentage of<br>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     |                      | -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                   |
|       | 05 - 16            | 21      | -14.8                | 52      | 16.7                 | -31              | 39.6                   |
|       | January – May 2016 | 95      | -8.0                 | 227     | 10.1                 | -132             | 41.8                   |
| 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                   |
|       | January – May 2017 | 111     | 16.8                 | 239     | 5.0                  | -128             | 46.5                   |
| 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      | 11.3                 | 53      | 5.2                  | -26              | 50.9                   |
|       | 05 - 18            | 30      | 24.2                 | 57      | 1.9                  | -27              | 53.1                   |
|       | January – May 2018 | 131     | 18.4                 | 255     | 6.9                  | -124             | 51.5                   |

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

|                     | Exports       |               |                |                | Imports       |               |                |                |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|                     | May-17        | May-18        | Jan-May 2017   | Jan-May 2018   | May-17        | May-18        | Jan-May 2017   | Jan-May 2018   |
| <b>EU countries</b> | <b>18,458</b> | <b>22,465</b> | <b>84,879</b>  | <b>101,739</b> | <b>34,717</b> | <b>35,524</b> | <b>148,888</b> | <b>159,290</b> |
| Austria             | 190           | 177           | 681            | 766            | 500           | 752           | 2,105          | 2,809          |
| United Kingdom      | 54            | 123           | 147            | 362            | 605           | 606           | 2,192          | 2,358          |
| Germany             | 863           | 1,091         | 4,509          | 5,848          | 4,511         | 4,057         | 20,560         | 21,111         |
| Greece              | 1,063         | 1,256         | 4,925          | 5,720          | 4,343         | 4,235         | 18,930         | 20,111         |
| Italy               | 12,910        | 13,330        | 60,312         | 63,843         | 16,942        | 17,442        | 70,768         | 73,620         |
| Spain               | 1,126         | 2,619         | 5,331          | 10,635         | 1,212         | 1,660         | 4,955          | 5,256          |
| Croatia             | 94            | 105           | 307            | 360            | 307           | 469           | 1,516          | 2,428          |
| Others of EU        | 2,157         | 3,764         | 8,667          | 14,206         | 6,297         | 6,303         | 27,862         | 31,597         |
| China               | 368           | 300           | 4,206          | 3,104          | 4,594         | 5,040         | 18,155         | 19,737         |
| Kosovo              | 1,987         | 2,723         | 8,126          | 8,600          | 801           | 781           | 3,109          | 3,158          |
| Macedonia           | 824           | 972           | 3,232          | 3,313          | 771           | 937           | 3,203          | 3,545          |
| Russia              | 5             | 1             | 37             | 11             | 696           | 1,261         | 3,762          | 4,485          |
| USA                 | 128           | 250           | 1,009          | 1,941          | 995           | 580           | 3,934          | 3,882          |
| Turkey              | 189           | 181           | 837            | 626            | 5,154         | 4,097         | 20,197         | 20,472         |
| Ukraine             | 39            | 18            | 241            | 94             | 636           | 201           | 1,751          | 882            |
| Switzerland         | 47            | 446           | 650            | 2,190          | 400           | 716           | 3,244          | 4,144          |
| Others              | 2,218         | 2,769         | 7,713          | 9,750          | 6,866         | 7,569         | 32,462         | 35,689         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>24,262</b> | <b>30,125</b> | <b>110,930</b> | <b>131,368</b> | <b>55,628</b> | <b>56,707</b> | <b>238,705</b> | <b>255,284</b> |

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

| Group of goods                  | Exports       |               |                |                | Imports       |               |                |                |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                 | May-17        | May-18        | Jan-May 2017   | Jan-May 2018   | May-17        | May-18        | Jan-May 2017   | Jan-May 2018   |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>24,262</b> | <b>30,125</b> | <b>110,930</b> | <b>131,368</b> | <b>55,628</b> | <b>56,707</b> | <b>238,705</b> | <b>255,284</b> |
| Food, beverages, tobacco        | 3,530         | 3,772         | 10,984         | 12,757         | 9,224         | 9,483         | 41,102         | 42,994         |
| Minerals, fuels, electricity    | 3,227         | 6,140         | 20,121         | 25,996         | 3,975         | 5,286         | 20,505         | 26,240         |
| Chemical and plactical products | 450           | 631           | 1,888          | 2,317          | 7,878         | 7,905         | 35,573         | 35,595         |
| Leather and leather manuf,      | 359           | 318           | 1,226          | 1,250          | 2,225         | 1,934         | 7,617          | 8,126          |
| Wood manufct.and art, of paper  | 683           | 748           | 3,073          | 3,611          | 2,232         | 2,521         | 8,993          | 9,710          |
| Textile and footwear            | 10,005        | 11,177        | 47,618         | 52,617         | 8,573         | 8,116         | 34,803         | 36,087         |
| Construct, materials and metals | 4,029         | 5,135         | 17,510         | 22,509         | 8,072         | 7,016         | 30,800         | 30,075         |
| Machinery, equipm, spare parts  | 1,300         | 1,445         | 5,689          | 6,786          | 10,984        | 12,238        | 49,784         | 56,681         |
| Others                          | 681           | 758           | 2,820          | 3,525          | 2,465         | 2,206         | 9,529          | 9,777          |

**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         |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>60,312</b> | <b>63,843</b> | <b>5,331</b> | <b>10,635</b> | <b>8,126</b> | <b>8,600</b> | <b>4,509</b> | <b>5,848</b> |
| Food, beverages, tobacco        | 2,639         | 3,208         | 361          | 448           | 1,152        | 1,088        | 516          | 523          |
| Minerals, fuels, electricity    | 4,513         | 1,440         | 4,079        | 8,886         | 2,438        | 1,223        | 612          | 1,078        |
| Chemical and plastical products | 567           | 640           | 2            | 21            | 533          | 509          | 8            | 12           |
| Leather and leather manuf,      | 952           | 955           | 10           | 100           | 2            | 1            | 0            | 3            |
| Wood manufct.and art, of paper  | 2,184         | 2,529         | 3            | 284           | 137          | 187          | 43           | 59           |
| Textile and footwear            | 37,633        | 40,956        | 688          | 804           | 55           | 49           | 2,286        | 3,109        |
| Construct, materials and metals | 6,906         | 8,192         | 182          | 80            | 3,128        | 4,738        | 653          | 287          |
| Machinery, equipm, spare parts  | 3,522         | 4,228         | 1            | 4             | 258          | 302          | 310          | 528          |
| Others                          | 1,397         | 1,695         | 5            | 8             | 422          | 502          | 81           | 250          |

**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          |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>70,768</b> | <b>73,620</b> | <b>20,560</b> | <b>21,111</b> | <b>20,197</b> | <b>20,472</b> | <b>18,930</b> | <b>20,111</b> |
| Food, beverages, tobacco        | 7,264         | 7,322         | 1,575         | 1,908         | 2,411         | 2,458         | 5,531         | 6,352         |
| Minerals, fuels, electricity    | 6,388         | 6,007         | 243           | 197           | 939           | 352           | 2,303         | 2,550         |
| Chemical and plastical products | 7,623         | 7,375         | 3,116         | 3,265         | 3,090         | 3,052         | 3,299         | 3,103         |
| Leather and leather manuf,      | 5,887         | 6,236         | 4             | 85            | 151           | 140           | 29            | 37            |
| Wood manufct.and art, of paper  | 2,542         | 2,990         | 311           | 286           | 1,315         | 1,203         | 1,105         | 1,219         |
| Textile and footwear            | 17,553        | 18,234        | 1,001         | 1,160         | 6,285         | 6,433         | 1,530         | 1,585         |
| Construct, materials and metals | 8,087         | 8,827         | 3,308         | 570           | 2,209         | 2,878         | 3,444         | 3,454         |
| Machinery, equipm, spare parts  | 12,988        | 14,069        | 10,221        | 12,883        | 2,873         | 3,011         | 964           | 1,086         |
| Others                          | 2,436         | 2,561         | 783           | 757           | 925           | 946           | 727           | 724           |

# 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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## 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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