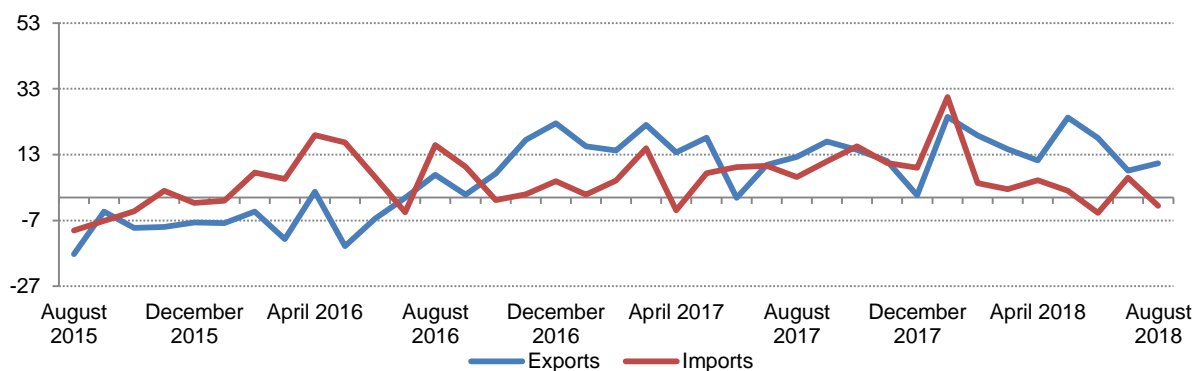


Foreign Trade in Goods

August 2018

Tirana, September 17, 2018: On August 2018 the value of exports was 20 billion lekë, increasing by 10.4 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 23.9 % compared with July 2018. The value of imports was 48 billion lekë, decreasing by 2.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 17.3 % compared with July 2018. This month the trade deficit is 28 billion lekë signing a decrease by 10.3 % compared with August 2017 and 11.7 % compared with July 2018.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade (%)

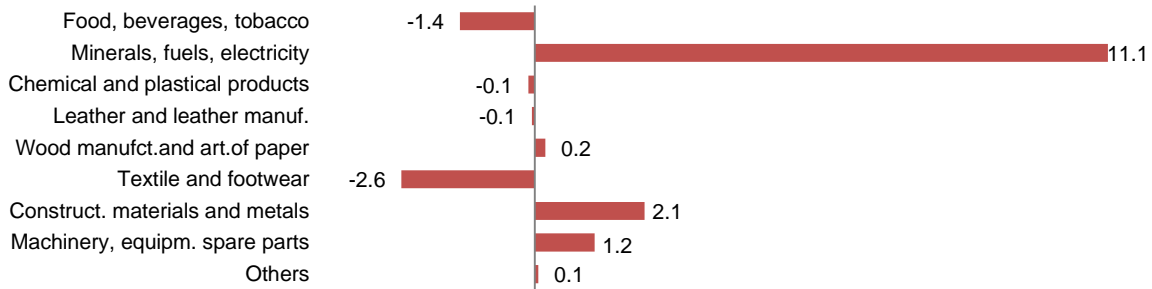


In eight months of 2018, the value of exports was 205 billion lekë, increasing by 16.1 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 416 billion lekë, increasing by 4.0 %. Trade deficit was 211 billion lekë, decreasing by 5.6 % compared with the same period of 2017.

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

In annual increase of exports by 10.4 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +2.1 percentage point , "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +11.1 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" with +1.2 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Textile and footwear" with -2.6 percentage point.

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



Exports in eight months of 2018 are increased by 16.1 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups that influenced more in annual increase of imports are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +6.0 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +4.2 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +2.9 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Leather and leather manufacture” with -0.03 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 2.6 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -3.7 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” with -0.9 percentage point, “Food, beverages and tobacco” with -0.4 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Wood manufactures and articles of paper” with +0.9 percentage point.

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



In eight months of 2018, imports are increased by 4.0 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" with +1.7 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +1.2 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +0.3 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Construction materials and metals" with -0.1 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

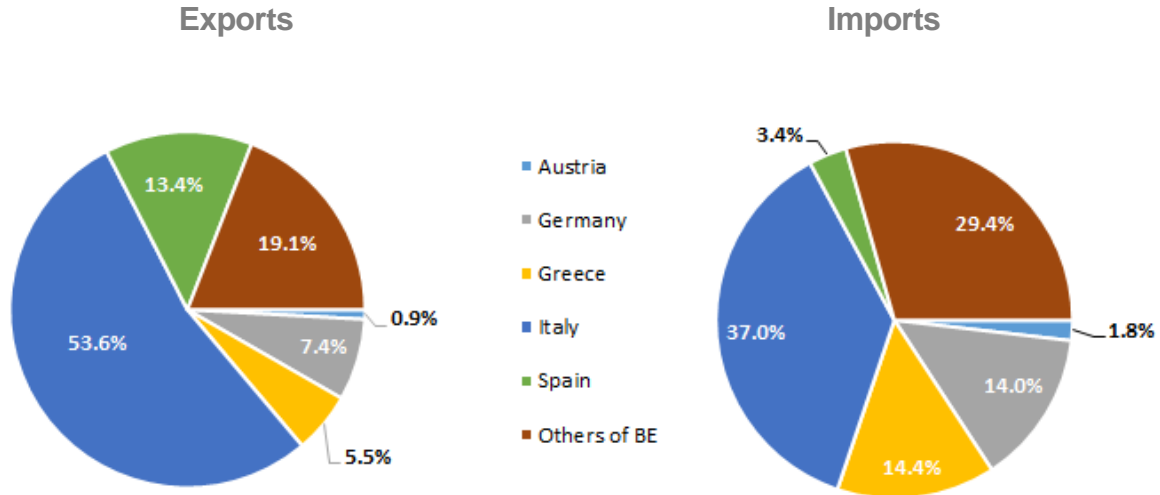
In August 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to July 2017 are: Kosovo with (44.7 %), Spain (29.7) and Germany with (31.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy with (-6.3 %), Macedonia with (-18.2 %) and United States of America with (-18.1 %).

In eight months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy with (4.3 %), Kosovo with (21.8 %) and Spain with (65.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: China with (-30.5 %), Turkey with (-6.1 %) and Ukraine with (-53.0 %).

In August 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to July 2017 are: Italy with (0.3 %), Turkey with (11.6 %), and Macedonia with (29.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: China with (-1.4 %), Greece with (-11.9 %) and Germany with (-0.8 %).

In eight months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy with (0.9 %), Greece with (1.5 %) and Turkey with (3.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Germany with (-2.0 %), Spain with (-4.3 %) and United States of America with (-3.6%).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 61.4 % of total trade. In August 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 68.3 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 58.5 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (26.1 %), Greece (7.0 %), China (6.8 %) and Germany (7.2 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in eight months of 2018 is 66.5 % of total trade. In the first eight months of 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 76.3 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 61.7 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (34.6 %), Greece (6.9 %), Germany (6.8 %) and China (6.1 %).

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
	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	-28	44.9
	08 - 16	16	6.9	47	15.9	-30	35.3
	January – August 2016	157	-5.3	376	8.0	-219	41.6
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	9.6	-30	45.1
	08 - 17	18	12.3	49	6.2	-31	37.4
	January – August 2017	177	12.9	400	6.3	-223	44.2
2018	01 – 18	24	24.5	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	24.3	57	2.1	-27	53.1
	06 - 18	27	18.1	54	-4.7	-27	49.2
	07 - 18	27	8.2	58	6.0	-31	46.0
	08 – 18	20	10.4	48	-2.6	-28	42.3
	January – August 2018	205	16.1	416	4.0	-211	49.3

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

	Exports				Imports			
	August-17	August-18	Jan-August 2017	Jan-August 2018	August-17	August-18	Jan-August 2017	Jan-August 2018
EU countries	12,945	13,916	135,369	156,638	26,986	28,139	248,855	256,507
Austria	134	120	1,067	1,127	507	515	4,081	4,448
United Kingdom	74	75	311	612	373	463	3,438	3,836
Germany	786	1,031	7,242	9,199	3,962	3,929	33,443	32,788
Greece	700	772	7,698	8,687	4,599	4,050	33,798	34,290
Italy	7,966	7,462	94,438	98,537	10,371	10,400	115,041	116,111
Spain	1,439	1,867	9,497	15,703	1,321	971	9,269	8,875
Croatia	64	75	524	579	331	582	2,973	4,516
Others of EU	1,781	2,514	14,592	22,194	5,522	7,230	46,810	51,643
China	724	355	5,610	3,897	4,383	4,324	31,042	33,704
Kosovo	1,967	2,846	13,837	16,850	799	808	5,324	5,592
Macedonia	1,017	832	5,674	5,725	661	856	5,398	6,088
Russia	29	11	77	29	2,153	1,454	7,296	9,359
USA	446	366	1,966	3,187	675	623	6,001	5,783
Turkey	195	280	1,469	1,379	3,701	4,130	32,670	33,903
Ukraine	40	17	337	158	141	181	2,250	1,808
Switzerland	27	467	832	2,756	1,452	618	6,126	5,977
Others	1,063	1,285	11,525	14,584	8,439	6,981	54,818	57,091
Total	18,454	20,375	176,697	205,204	49,391	48,115	399,781	415,813

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	August-17	August-18	Jan-August 2017	Jan-August 2018	August-17	August-18	Jan-August 2017	Jan-August 2018
Total	18,454	20,375	176,697	205,204	49,391	48,115	399,781	415,813
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,030	1,762	18,197	19,773	10,257	10,045	70,622	71,425
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,332	5,377	29,313	39,943	7,365	5,523	37,191	42,007
Chemical and plactical	466	444	3,140	3,682	6,446	6,793	57,468	58,247
Leather and leather manuf	130	119	1,961	1,916	918	804	12,428	12,482
Wood manufct, and	508	545	4,966	5,613	1,830	2,261	15,173	16,431
Textile and footwear	7,180	6,704	76,992	82,110	4,838	4,808	55,119	56,388
Construct, materials and metals	3,346	3,737	28,046	35,538	5,643	5,680	51,285	51,015
Machinery, equipm, spare	891	1,104	9,194	11,140	10,371	9,940	84,712	91,334
Others	573	586	4,887	5,489	1,724	2,262	15,783	16,484

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	94,438	98,537	9,497	15,703	13,837	16,850	7,242	9,199
Food, beverages, tobacco	4,481	4,799	528	782	1,962	1,865	962	924
Minerals, fuels, electricity	5,527	3,178	7,153	12,597	3,651	3,807	838	1,545
Chemical and plastical products	853	976	13	28	833	847	18	18
Leather and leather manuf.	1,486	1,413	42	178	4	6	12	6
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	3,477	3,889	3	286	264	290	69	99
Textile and footwear	60,447	63,253	1,532	1,705	89	75	3,767	4,843
Construct, materials and metals	10,545	11,908	220	111	5,787	8,582	730	503
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	5,427	6,621	1	5	444	502	673	884
Others	2,195	2,499	5	10	804	874	174	378

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

Group of goods	Italy		Grecce		Turkey		China	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Total	115,041	116,111	33,798	34,290	32,670	33,903	31,042	33,704
Food, beverages, tobacco	12,086	11,839	9,290	10,411	3,911	3,846	409	443
Minerals, fuels, electricity	10,073	9,139	5,546	5,215	1,259	537	6	6
Chemical and plastical products	12,153	12,148	5,305	5,129	4,890	5,552	3,331	3,233
Leather and leather manuf.	9,602	9,535	48	45	236	205	502	508
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	4,134	4,831	2,134	2,249	2,234	2,180	736	751
Textile and footwear	27,830	27,986	2,539	2,399	9,889	10,246	6,824	6,499
Construct, materials and metals	12,968	13,765	6,139	5,675	3,943	4,613	4,042	4,562
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	22,088	22,853	1,640	1,908	4,754	5,062	11,787	14,483
Others	4,107	4,014	1,158	1,260	1,554	1,662	3,405	3,220

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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Monthly revisions

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Explanation of Symbols

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