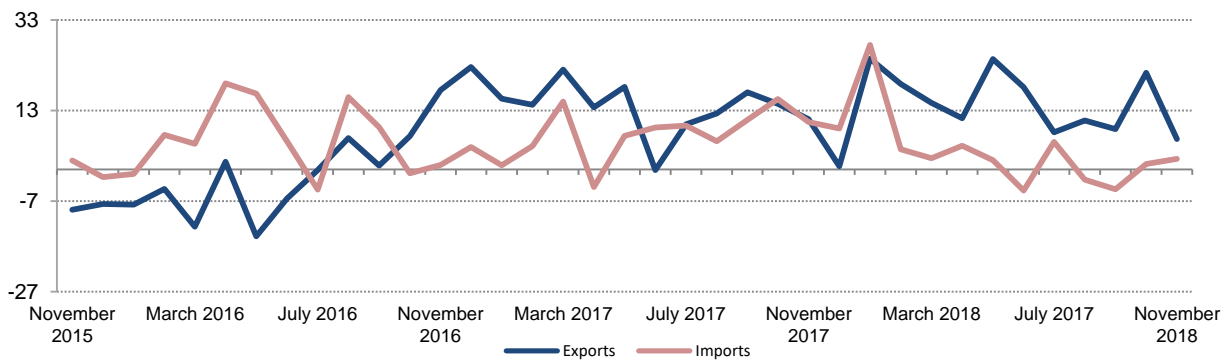


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## November 2018

**Tirana, December 17, 2018:** On November 2018 the value of exports was 27 billion lekë, increasing by 6.7 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreased by 9.9 % compared with October 2018. The value of imports was 56 billion lekë, increasing by 2.3 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreased by 3.9 % compared with October 2018. This month the trade deficit is 29 billion lekë, signing a decrease by 1.5 % compared with November 2017 and increasing by 2.5 % compared with October 2018.

**Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade (%)**

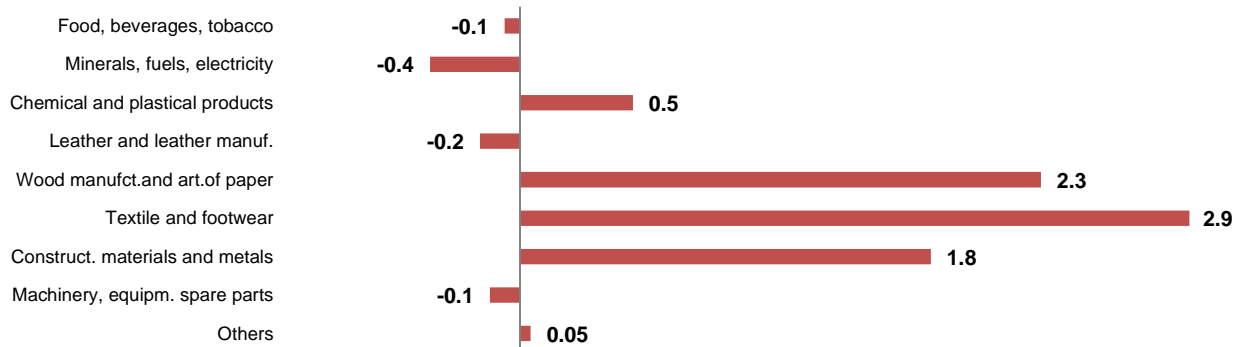


In eleven months of 2018, the value of exports was 289 billion lekë, increasing by 15.0 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 581 billion lekë, increasing by 2.8 %. Trade deficit was 292 billion lekë, decreasing by 7.0 % compared with the same period of 2017.

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

In annual increase of exports by 6.7 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Textile and footwear" with +2.9 percentage point, "Wood manufactures and articles of paper" with +2.3 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +1.8 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the group: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -0.4 percentage point.

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

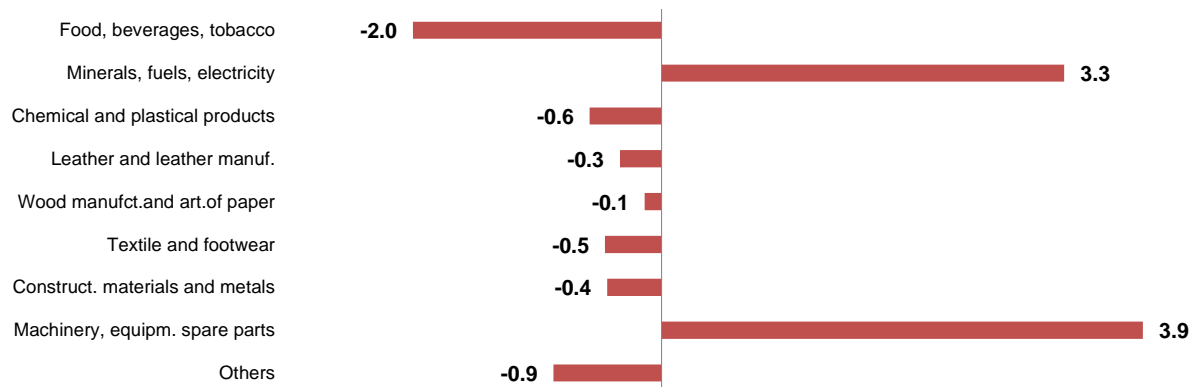


Exports in eleven months of 2018 are increased by 15.0 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups that influenced more in annual increase of imports are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +5.3 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +3.8 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +2.7 percentage point. While a negative contribution give the group: “Leather and leather manufacture” with -0.1 point percent.

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

In annual increase of imports by 2.3 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” with +3.9 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +3.3 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the group: “Food, beverage and tobacco” with -2.0 percentage point.

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



In eleven months of 2018, imports are increased by 2.8 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" with +1.6 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +0.6 percentage point, "Wood manufactures and articles of paper" with +0.2 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group "Food, beverage and tobacco" with -0.02 percentage point.

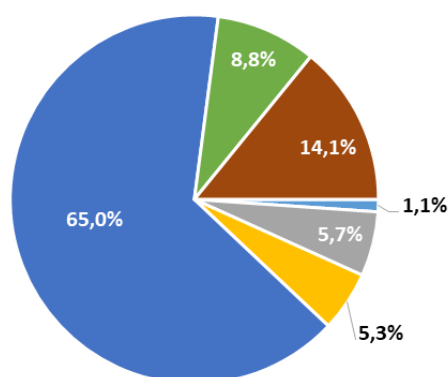
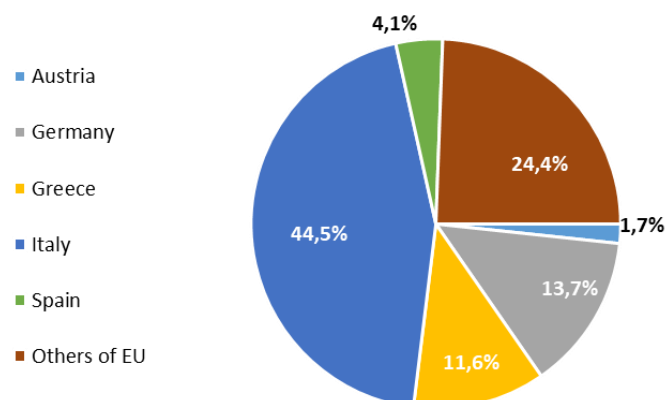
### **The performance of trade in goods by partner countries**

In November 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to November 2017 are: Kosovo (34.9 %), Spain (63.9 %) and Germany (22.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-2.3 %), China (-21.5 %) and USA (-14.4 %).

In eleven months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy (3.2 %), Kosovo (28.2 %) and Spain (66.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: China (-34.3 %), Ukraine (-47.1 %) and Russia (-24.1 %).

In November 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to November 2017 are: Turkey (1.6 %), China (3.3 %) and Germany (5.8 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-7.4 %), Russia (-64.6 %) and Switzerland (-27.8 %).

In eleven months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Turkey (4.4 %), Greece (3.6 %) and China (9.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-1.1 %), Germany (-2.8 %), and Switzerland (-27.7 %).

**Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, November 2018****Exports****Imports**

Trade with the EU countries is 64.6 % of total trade. In November 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 76.7 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 58.8 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (33.9 %), China and Germany (6.8 %), Turkey (6,0 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in eleven months of 2018 is 66.3 % of total trade. In the first eleven months of 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 76.4 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 61.3 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (34.4 %), Greece (6.8 %), Germany (6.6 %) and China (6.1 %).

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

Years	Months	Exports (mld lekë)	Annual Change (%)	Imports (mld lekë)	Annual Change (%)	Trade Balance (mld lekë)	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	4.9
	08 - 16	16	6.9	47	15.9	-30	35.3
	09 - 16	21	0.9	48	9.3	-28	42.8
	10 - 16	22	7.3	50	-0.8	-28	43.5
	11 - 16	23	17.5	50	1.0	-27	46.2
	Janar - Nëntor16	222	-1.6	523	6.5	-302	42.3
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
	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
	Janar - Nëntor17	251	13.2	565	8.0	-314	44.4
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	10.8	48	-2.3	-28	42.4
	09 - 18	26	8.9	51	-4.4	-25	51.4
	10 - 18	30	21.3	58	1.2	-28	51.7
	11 - 18	27	6.7	56	2.3	-29	48.5
	Janar - Nëntor18	289	15.0	581	2.8	-292	49.7

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

	Exports				Imports			
	November-17	November-18	Jan-November 2017	Jan-November 2018	November-17	November-18	Jan-November 2017	Jan-November 2018
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>19,893</b>	<b>20,807</b>	<b>193,355</b>	<b>220,512</b>	<b>32,952</b>	<b>32,861</b>	<b>348,040</b>	<b>356,404</b>
Austria	194	225	1,524	1,714	458	552	6,073	6,117
United Kingdom	43	72	388	1,081	617	461	4,982	5,314
Germany	961	1,176	10,016	12,510	4,242	4,486	46,341	45,022
Greece	944	1,100	10,722	12,246	3,536	3,815	45,358	47,000
Italy	13,856	13,532	134,323	138,687	15,808	14,638	162,356	160,535
Spain	1,120	1,835	13,619	22,665	1,051	1,344	12,355	15,156
Croatia	94	67	785	824	372	580	4,076	6,161
Others of EU	2,682	2,800	21,977	30,785	6,868	6,984	66,499	71,100
China	739	580	8,028	5,277	4,932	5,097	44,226	48,192
<b>Kosovo</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>2,507</b>	<b>19,442</b>	<b>24,930</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>7,696</b>	<b>8,085</b>
Macedonia	617	711	7,784	7,950	813	832	7,993	8,737
Russia	0	28	82	62	1,383	490	10,891	11,719
USA	552	473	2,920	4,785	463	542	7,814	8,165
Turkey	199	142	1,991	2,025	4,746	4,820	46,496	48,519
Ukraine	34	37	452	239	176	404	2,919	2,887
Switzerland	77	49	1,047	2,887	1,325	956	11,396	8,234
Others	1,435	1,781	15,900	20,051	7,119	9,221	77,906	80,190
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,406</b>	<b>27,114</b>	<b>251,001</b>	<b>288,720</b>	<b>54,663</b>	<b>55,933</b>	<b>565,377</b>	<b>581,134</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	November-17	November-18	Jan-November 2017	Jan-November 2018	November-17	November-18	Jan-November 2017	Jan-November 2018
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,406</b>	<b>27,114</b>	<b>251,001</b>	<b>288,720</b>	<b>54,663</b>	<b>55,933</b>	<b>565,377</b>	<b>581,134</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,484	3,468	27,519	29,734	8,969	7,868	97,018	96,899
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,768	3,669	39,923	53,250	5,604	7,389	57,396	60,592
Chemical and plastical products	438	562	4,409	5,730	7,133	6,815	79,130	79,611
Leather and leather manuf.	223	179	2,699	2,528	1,798	1,614	17,313	17,407
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	866	1,440	7,470	8,899	2,217	2,142	21,768	23,098
Textile and footwear	10,250	10,988	108,071	114,826	8,325	8,074	79,406	80,684
Construct, materials and metals	4,047	4,500	40,112	49,582	6,519	6,279	71,026	71,220
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,633	1,600	13,886	16,610	11,305	13,437	119,675	128,629
Others	697	708	6,913	7,561	2,794	2,315	22,643	22,994

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Germany	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
<b>Total</b>	134,323	138,687	19,442	24,930	13,619	22,665	10,016	12,510
Food, beverages, tobacco	7,659	7,469	2,540	2,558	761	1,166	1,313	1,366
Minerals, fuels, electricity	7,323	4,348	4,744	6,126	10,054	17,943	919	1,833
Chemical and plastical products	1,274	1,509	1,130	1,210	14	54	21	36
Leather and leather manuf,	2,032	1,843	7	9	84	243	14	11
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	5,298	6,409	392	443	6	287	96	149
Textile and footwear	84,279	88,461	114	107	2,419	2,786	5,305	6,374
Construct, materials and metals	14,858	16,048	8,754	12,474	270	145	934	874
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	8,413	9,092	669	771	2	32	1,086	1,319
Others	3,187	3,510	1,092	1,232	9	10	328	549

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		Grecce		China	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
<b>Total</b>	162,356	160,535	46,496	48,519	45,358	47,000	44,226	48,192
Food, beverages, tobacco	16,504	16,113	5,108	5,121	12,578	13,775	623	601
Minerals, fuels, electricity	15,096	10,704	1,570	690	6,753	7,203	8	7
Chemical and plastical products	17,099	17,138	6,592	7,433	7,209	7,012	4,380	4,608
Leather and leather manuf,	13,453	13,529	328	286	75	51	680	698
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	6,089	6,779	3,161	3,092	2,997	3,156	950	1,029
Textile and footwear	39,419	39,172	14,762	15,425	3,601	3,412	10,203	9,778
Construct, materials and metals	18,147	19,230	5,791	7,127	8,331	8,028	5,695	6,321
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	31,073	32,512	7,077	7,097	2,187	2,716	16,583	20,239
Others	5,475	5,358	2,105	2,247	1,628	1,649	5,104	4,911

# 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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