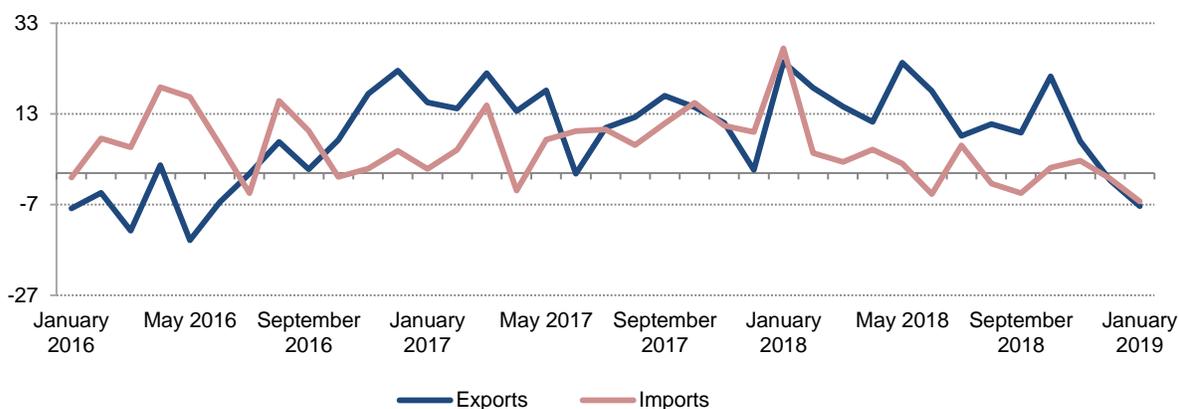


Foreign Trade in Goods

January 2019

Tirana, February 18, 2019: On January 2019 the value of exports was 22 billion lekë, decreasing by 7.3 % compared with the same period of previous year and increased by 0.9 % compared with December 2018. The value of imports was 42 billion lekë, decreasing by 6.3 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 30.0 % compared with December 2018. This month the trade deficit is 20 billion lekë, signing a decrease by 5.2 % compared with January 2018 and by 47.5 % compared with December 2018.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)

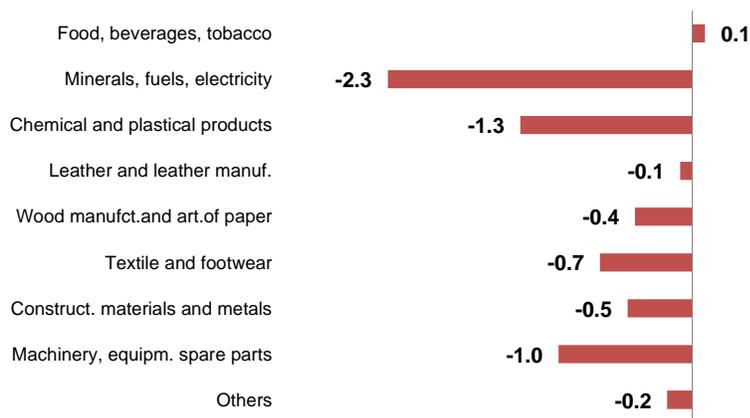


The influence of the main groups in the annual change in exports:

In annual decrease of exports by 7.3 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with -6.6 percentage point. "Textile and footwear" with -1.4 percentage point. "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -1.1 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: "Chemical and plastical products" with +0.8 percentage point.

Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports . January 2019**The influence of the main groups in the annual change in imports:**

In annual decrease of imports by 6.3 %. this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals. fuels. electricity” with -2.3 percentage point. “Chemical and plastical products” with -1.3 percentage point. “Machinery. equipment. spare parts” with -1.0 percentage point. While. a positive contribution was given by the group: “Food. beverages. tobacco” with +0.1 percentage point.

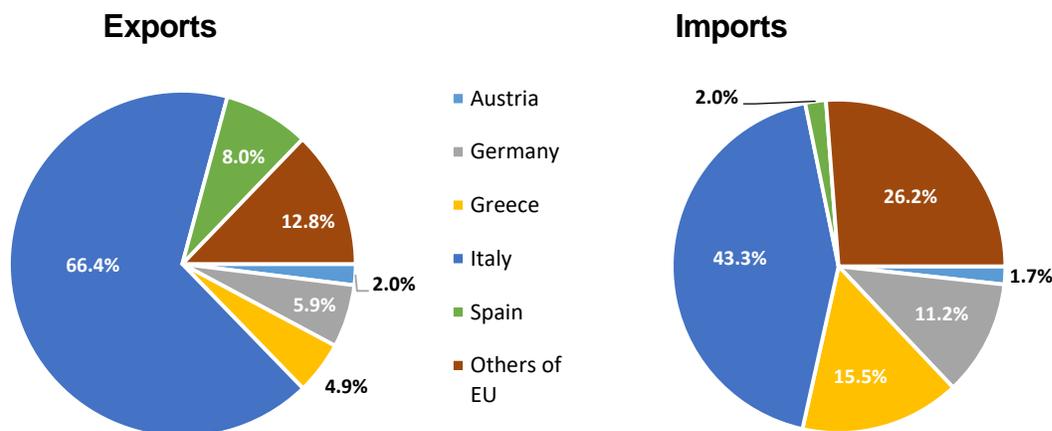
Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports . January 2019

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

In January 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to January 2018 are: Turkey (175.3 %), Austria (104.4) and United Kingdom (34.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-2.4 %), Spain (-22.2 %) and Kosovo (-19.7 %).

In January 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to January 2018 are: China (18.8 %), Russia (59.9 %) and Croatia (3.8 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-14.1 %), Greece (-1.6 %) and Turkey (-8.3 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries. January 2019



Trade with the EU countries is 65.3 % of total trade. In January 2019, exports to EU countries occupied 84.0 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 55.6 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (34.9 %), China (8.0 %), Greece (7.1 %) and Turkey (6.0 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)

Years	Months	Exports (mld lekë)	Annual Change (%)	Importe (mld lekë)	Annual Change (%)	Trade Balance (mld lekë)	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
2018			13.7	641	2.4	-331	48.4
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
	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
	12 - 17	22	0.7	61	9.0	-39	36.2
	Janar - Dhjetor 17	273	12.1	626	8.1	-353	43.6
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	-4.6	-28	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	7.0	56	2.7	-29	48.4
	12 - 18	22	-1.6	60	-1.2	-38	36.0
	Janar - Dhjetor 18	310	13.7	641	2.4	-331	48.4
2019	01 - 19	22	-7.3	42	-6.3	-20	51.5

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

	Exports		Imports	
	January 18	January 19	January 18	January 19
EU countries	19,214	18,337	26,636	23,347
Austria	176	359	371	407
United Kingdom	42	56	350	332
Germany	1,227	1,075	3,009	2,615
Greece	1,193	902	3,683	3,623
Italy	12,479	12,181	11,763	10,106
Spain	1,887	1,467	945	467
Croatia	55	48	415	431
Others of EU	2,155	2,249	6,098	5,365
China	730	547	3,845	4,569
Kosovo	1,353	1,086	409	270
Macedonia	491	376	476	501
Russia	0	0	628	1,004
USA	457	321	752	823
Turkey	104	285	3,870	3,548
Ukraine	-	16	74	417
Switzerland	105	52	1,772	1,451
Others	1,101	815	6,387	6,094
Total	23,557	21,836	44,849	42,025

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

Group of goods	Exports		Imports	
	January 2018	January 2019	January 2018	January 2019
Total	23,557	21,836	44,849	42,025
Food. beverages. tobacco	1,782	1,968	7,387	7,430
Minerals. fuels. electricity	3,606	3,342	7,226	6,212
Chemical and plastical products	325	515	5,845	5,272
Leather and leather manuf.	256	222	1,192	1,152
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	710	773	1,634	1,444
Textile and footwear	10,566	10,228	6,257	5,949
Construct. materials and metals	4,355	2,805	4,792	4,577
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	1,324	1,402	9,023	8,578
Others	632	581	1,493	1,410

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

	Italy		Spain		Kosovo		Germany	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Total	12,479	12,181	1,887	1,467	1,353	1,086	1,227	1,075
Food. beverages. tobacco	619	603	82	131	110	172	117	95
Minerals. fuels. electricity	413	593	1,492	1,149	80	291	153	126
Chemical and plastical products	123	152	6	3	49	118	6	4
Leather and leather manuf.	209	193	9	6	-	0	0	1
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	521	563	-	-	32	57	7	14
Textile and footwear	8,084	8,001	281	158	12	6	734	550
Construct. materials and metals	1,330	1,090	16	18	965	297	80	107
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	798	714	0	2	39	37	91	129
Others	382	272	0	-	67	106	40	49

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

	Italy		Turkey		China		Grecce	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Total	11,763	10,106	3,870	3,548	3,845	4,569	3,683	3,623
Food. beverages. tobacco	1,289	1,229	387	407	66	144	1,017	902
Minerals. fuels. electricity	1,281	541	43	26	0	0	804	1,065
Chemical and plastical products	977	1,061	546	456	453	415	446	408
Leather and leather manuf	925	954	16	19	64	43	2	2
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	492	400	217	179	107	47	199	176
Textile and footwear	3,118	2,777	1,168	1,223	775	862	284	251
Construct. materials and metals	1,225	1,060	809	695	563	535	668	589
Makineri, pajisje dhe pjesë këmbimi	2,101	1,802	482	451	1,472	2,187	159	149
Others	355	282	201	92	345	335	104	81

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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