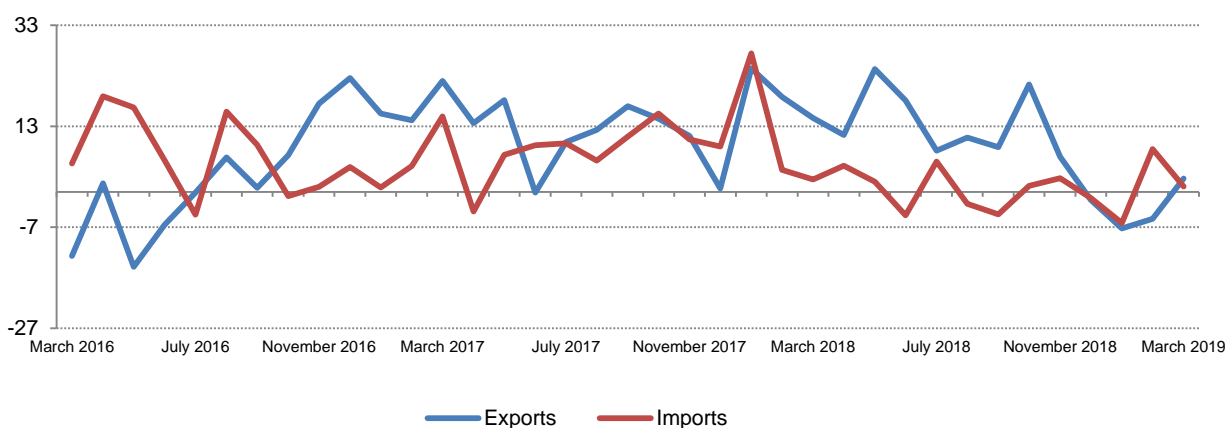


Foreign Trade in Goods

March 2019

Tirana, April 17, 2019: On March 2019 the value of exports was 28 billion lekë, increasing by 2.7 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 23.0 % compared with February 2019. The value of imports was 56 billion lekë, increasing by 1.1 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 12.1 % compared with February 2019. This month the trade deficit is 28 billion lekë, signing an decrease by 0.5 % compared with March 2018 and increase by 3.1 % compared with February 2019.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade (%)

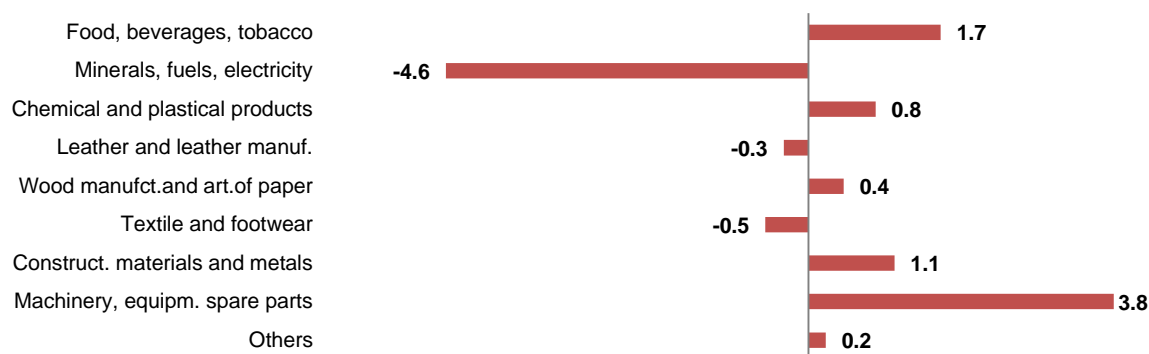


In the first quarter of 2019, the value of exports was 72 billion lekë, decreasing by 3.0 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 148 billion lekë, increasing by 1.2 %. Trade deficit was 76 billion lekë, increasing by 5.6 % compared with the same period of 2018.

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

In annual increase of exports by 2.7 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +3.8 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +1.7 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +1.1 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the group: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -4.6 percentage point.

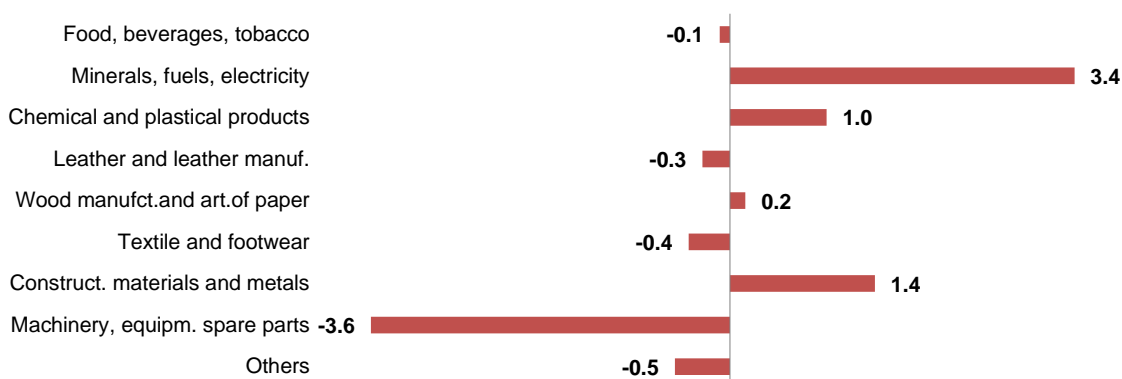
Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , March 2019



Exports in the first quarter of 2019 are decreased by -3.0 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -3.6 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -2.6 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -0.7 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +1.7 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 1.1 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +3.4 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +1.4 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +1.0 percentage point,. While, a negative contribution was given by the group: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -3.6 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , March 2019

In the first quarter of 2019, imports are increased by 1.2 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +2.6 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +0.3 percentage point and “Construction materials and metals” with +0.2 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -1.4 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

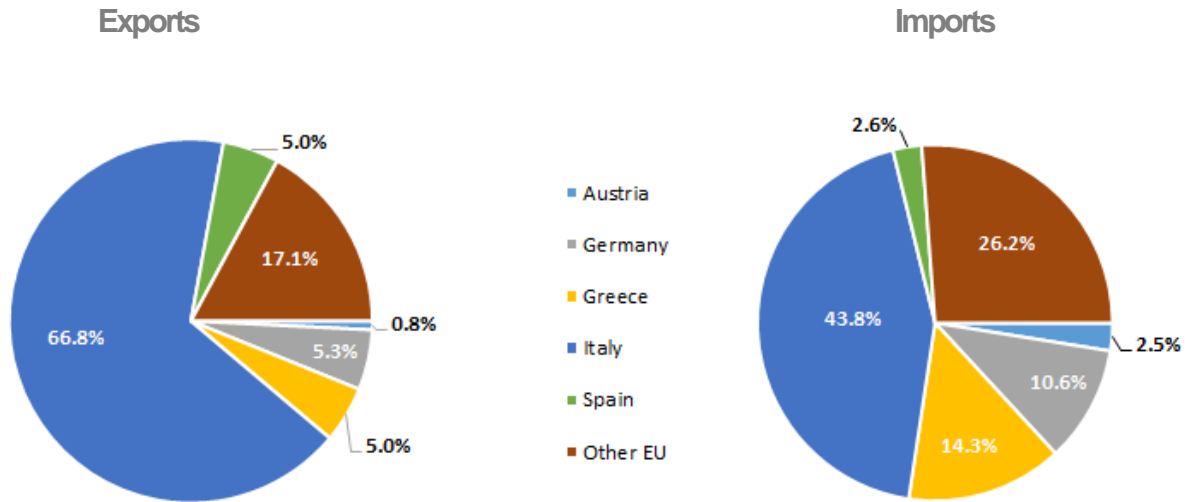
In March 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to March 2018 are: Italy (7.3 %), Kosovo (86.8 %) and Macedonia (45.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Germany (-13.5 %), Spain (-54.4 %) and Greece (-14.8 %).

In the first quarter of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: Italy (0.4 %), Kosovo (43.7 %) and Macedonia (20.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Germany (-6.7 %) Greece (-13.4 %) and China (-43.6 %).

In March 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to March 2018 are: Greece (18.0 %), China (17.0 %) and USA (19.4 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-1.6 %), Turkey (-7.4 %) and Germany (-44.4 %).

In the first two months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: China (16.6 %), Greece (5.4 %) and Turkey (0.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-6.5 %), Germany (-23.6 %) and Spain (-23.7 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 67.0 % of total trade. In March 2019, exports to EU countries occupied 74.7 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 63.1 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (35.0 %), Greece (7.3 %), China (6.7 %) and Germany(5.8 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first quarter of 2019 is 66.5 % of total trade. In the first quarter of 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 79.2 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 60.4 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (34.7 %), Greece (7.0 %), China (6.7 %) and Germany (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			12.1		8.1	-353	43.6
2019			13.7		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
	January- March 2017	63	17.5	133	7.7	-70	47.1
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
	January- March 2018	75	18.9	146	9.7	-72	51.0
2019	01 - 19	22	-7.3	42	-6.2	-20	51.9
	02 - 19	23	-5.3	50	8.5	-27	45.4
	03 - 19	28	2.7	56	1.1	-28	49.8
	January- March 2019	72	-3.0	148	1.2	-76	48.9

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

	Exports				Imports			
	March 2018	March 2019	Jan.- Mar. 2018	Jan.- Mar. 2019	March 2018	March 2019	Jan.- Mar. 2018	Jan.- Mar. 2019
EU countries	21,665	20,774	59,786	57,236	36,064	35,271	91,176	89,200
Austria	163	163	495	676	482	891	1,393	1,746
United Kingdom	77	59	158	164	373	463	1,194	1,217
Germany	1,282	1,108	3,614	3,372	6,723	3,735	13,099	10,005
Greece	1,219	1,038	3,360	2,911	4,261	5,030	11,860	12,501
Italy	12,926	13,871	37,742	37,898	15,702	15,451	41,117	38,464
Spain	2,284	1,042	6,393	4,223	897	927	2,687	2,049
Croatia	65	111	183	256	334	554	1,274	1,407
Others of EU	3,648	3,381	7,840	7,738	7,291	8,221	18,552	21,810
China	781	613	2,401	1,354	4,243	4,964	11,488	13,390
Kosovo	1,489	2,781	4,059	5,833	732	644	1,613	1,452
Macedonia	595	866	1,513	1,817	734	777	1,768	1,909
Russia	0	37	6	58	822	842	2,484	2,775
USA	457	514	1,309	1,166	923	1,101	2,280	2,694
Turkey	144	127	354	636	4,436	4,109	11,780	11,869
Ukraine	37	41	62	77	146	125	541	601
Switzerland	98	172	765	258	625	803	3,140	4,474
Others	1,489	1,878	3,932	3,830	6,550	7,232	19,778	19,425
Total	27,081	27,804	74,512	72,263	55,275	55,867	146,048	147,791

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	March 2018	March 2019	Jan.- Mar. 2018	Jan.- Mar. 2019	March 2018	March 2019	Jan.- Mar. 2018	Jan.- Mar. 2019
Total	27,081	27,804	74,512	72,263	55,275	55,867	146,048	147,791
Food, beverages,	2,413	2,863	6,004	7,093	9,488	9,431	24,545	24,729
Minerals, fuels,	5,644	4,409	13,629	10,914	4,184	6,080	15,698	19,561
Chemical and plactical	380	608	1,178	1,598	7,372	7,904	19,495	19,940
Leather and leather	265	180	730	616	1,722	1,570	4,343	4,081
Wood manufact, and	713	833	2,147	2,334	1,983	2,067	5,165	5,430
Textile and footwear	10,921	10,774	31,534	30,979	7,773	7,545	20,727	20,262
Construct, materials	4,559	4,852	13,220	11,306	6,170	6,967	17,027	17,257
Machinery, equipm,	1,482	2,521	4,070	5,341	14,176	12,200	33,379	31,330
Others	704	763	2,001	2,082	2,406	2,102	5,668	5,201

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Germany	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Total	37,742	37,898	4,059	5,833	6,393	4,223	3,614	3,372
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,902	2,131	430	610	252	369	294	326
Minerals, fuels, electricity	561	1,777	336	1,596	5,256	3,216	591	377
Chemical and plastical products	348	479	208	371	11	10	7	18
Leather and leather manuf.	588	511	1	1	61	35	3	4
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	1,525	1,691	101	184	1	1	39	30
Textile and footwear	24,333	24,271	23	19	740	498	2,042	1,716
Construct, materials and metals	4,904	3,622	2,571	2,558	63	91	213	361
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	2,523	2,435	145	144	2	2	291	379
Others	1,058	982	244	349	6	1	133	161

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

Group of goods	Italy		China		Greece		Turkey	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Total	41,117	38,464	11,488	13,390	11,860	12,501	11,780	11,869
Food, beverages, tobacco	4,396	4,469	127	231	3,630	3,485	1,298	1,330
Minerals, fuels, electricity	2,758	1,803	1	1	1,913	2,826	112	168
Chemical and plastical products	3,996	4,238	1,177	1,236	1,656	1,813	1,823	1,637
Leather and leather manuf.	3,385	3,308	185	213	27	9	70	67
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	1,685	1,546	244	188	691	689	617	670
Textile and footwear	10,379	9,828	2,448	2,459	963	921	3,691	3,966
Construct, materials and metals	5,102	4,818	1,483	1,904	1,994	1,810	1,977	2,266
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	7,968	7,256	4,730	5,976	647	575	1,584	1,391
Others	1,448	1,199	1,093	1,183	336	373	608	375

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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