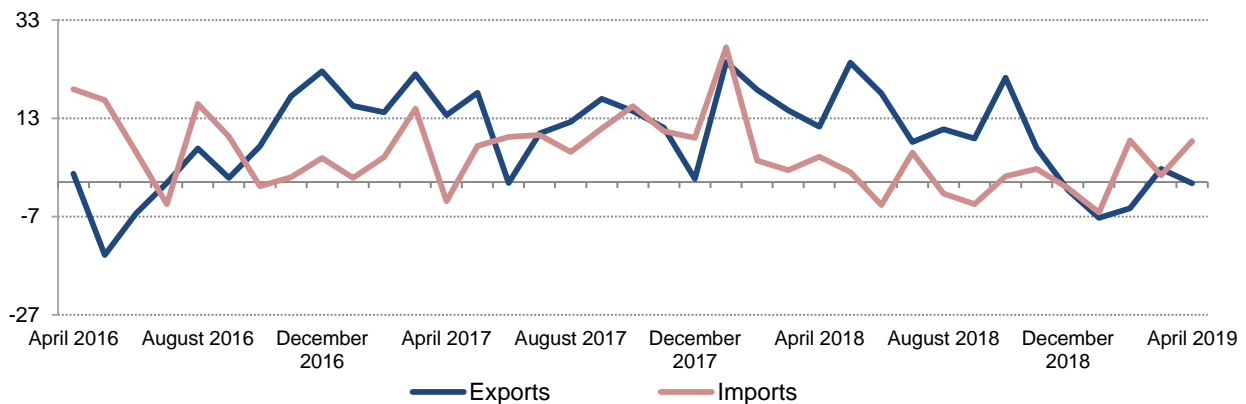


# Foreign Trade in Goods

**April, 2019**

**Tirana, May 17, 2019:** On April 2019 the value of exports was 27 billion lekë, decreasing by 0.2 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 4.1 % compared with March 2019. The value of imports was 57 billion lekë, increasing by 8.4 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 1.6 % compared with March 2019. This month the trade deficit is 30 billion lekë, signing an increase by 17.4 % compared with April 2018 and by 7.3 % compared with March 2019.

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



In the first four months of 2019, the value of exports was 99 billion lekë, decreasing by 2.3 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 205 billion lekë, increasing by 3.2 %. Trade deficit was 106 billion lekë, increasing by 8.9 % compared with the same period of 2018.

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

In annual decrease of exports by 0.2 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the group: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -8.64.6 perecentage point. “While, a pozitive contribution was given by the groups: Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +2.2 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +2.0 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.9 percentage point.

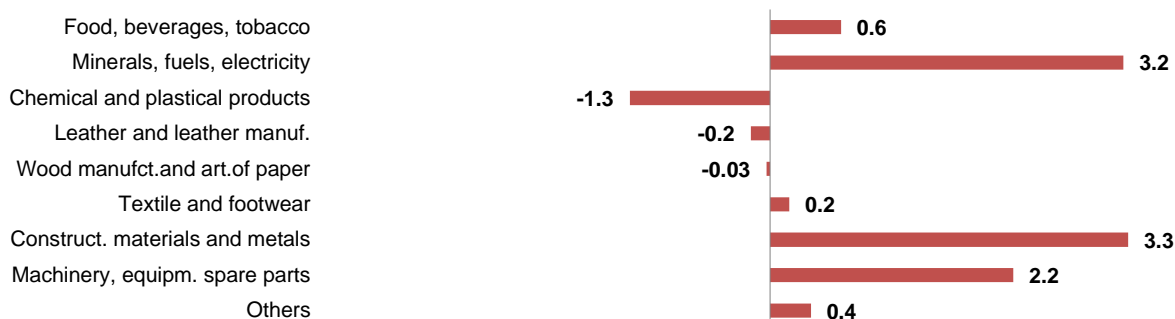
**Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports . April 2019**



Exports in the first four months of 2019 are decreased by -2.3 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -4.9 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -1.4 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -0.2 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +1.8 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 8.4 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with +3.3 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +3.2 percentage point, “Machinery. equipment spare parts” with +2.2 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Chemical and plastical products” with -1.3 percentage point.

**Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports . April 2019**

In the first four months of 2019, imports are increased by 3.2 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.8 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +1.0 percentage point and "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.3 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -0.4 percentage point.

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

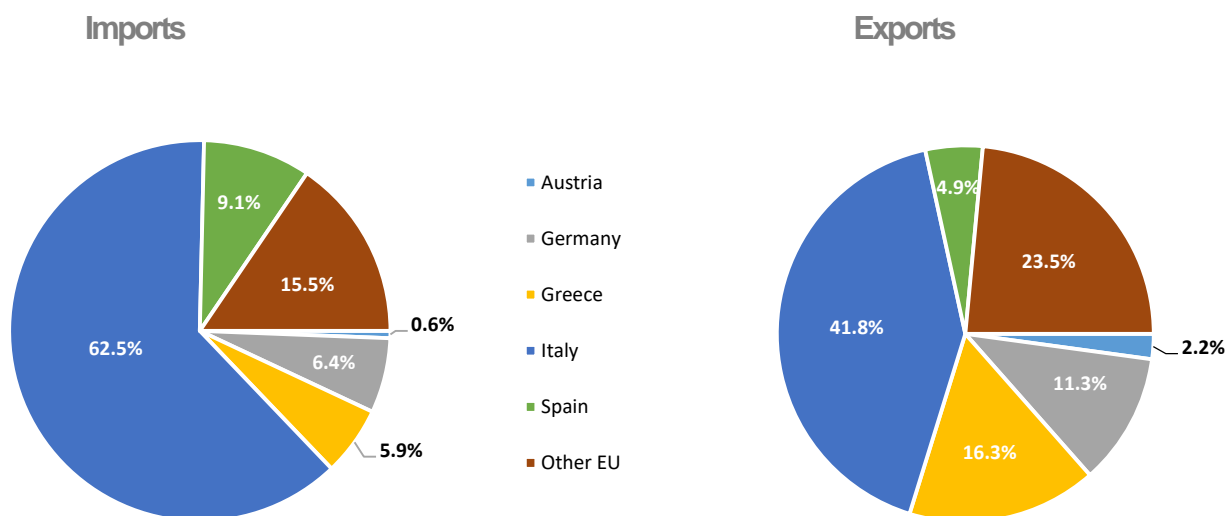
In April 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to April 2018 are: Kosovo (70.4 %), Spain (8.7 %) and Germany (7.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-5.7 %), USA (-6.7 %) and Switzerland (-96.9 %).

In the first four months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: Kosovo (52.0 %), North Macedonia (20.1 %) and Turkey (79.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-1.1 %), Spain (-25.3 %) and Germany (-3.3 %).

In April 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to April 2018 are: Turkey (19.4 %), Greece (36.5 %) and China (62.9 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-6.7 %), Germany (-3.6 %) and North Macedonia (-8.0 %).

In the first four months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: China (26.8 %), Greece (13.3 %) and Turkey (6.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-6.4 %), Germany (-18.9 %) and Kosovo (-8.3 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 63.3 % of total trade. In April 2019, exports to EU countries occupied 72.2 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 59.1 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (31.2 %), Greece (7.9 %), China (7.0 %) and Turkey (6.8 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first four months of 2019 is 65.6 % of total trade. In the first quarter of 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 77.3 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 60.0 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (33.7 %), Greece (7.2 %), China (6.8 %) and Germany (6.1 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)

Years	Months	Exports (mld lekë)	Annual Change (%)	Imports (mld lekë)	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
2018		310	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
	January -April 17	87	16.4	183	4.2	-96	47.3
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
	January -April 18	101	16.8	199	8.5	-97	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	1.4	-28	49.6
	04 - 19	27	-0.2	57	8.4	-30	46.8
	January -April 19	99	-2.3	205	3.2	-106	48.3

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

	Exports				Imports			
	April 2018	April 2019	Jan.- Prill. 2018	Jan.- April 2019	Prill 2018	Prill 2019	Jan.- Prill. 2018	Jan.- Prill 2019
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>19,490</b>	<b>19,267</b>	<b>79,276</b>	<b>76,512</b>	<b>32,593</b>	<b>33,650</b>	<b>123,769</b>	<b>122,937</b>
Austria	94	119	589	794	664	727	2,057	2,473
United Kingdom	81	105	239	270	559	386	1,752	1,603
Germany	1,143	1,226	4,757	4,598	2,055	3,812	17,054	13,825
Greece	1,103	1,133	4,464	4,044	4,046	5,481	15,875	17,982
Italy	12,773	12,044	50,515	49,944	15,063	14,060	56,179	52,586
Spain	1,622	1,763	8,016	5,985	940	1,653	3,596	3,708
Croatia	71	111	254	367	467	651	1,741	2,058
Others of EU	2,602	2,766	10,442	10,509	6,062	6,881	25,514	28,702
China	403	646	2,804	2,000	2,242	5,233	14,699	18,644
Kosovo	1,819	3,100	5,878	8,937	764	727	2,377	2,180
North Macedonia	828	996	2,341	2,813	944	773	2,608	2,682
Russia	5	-	10	58	740	1,286	3,224	4,062
USA	382	356	1,691	1,522	1,022	683	3,302	3,381
Turkey	90	159	444	796	4,504	5,487	16,374	17,361
Ukraine	15	10	76	88	140	462	680	1,063
Switzerland	979	30	1,744	288	508	1,211	3,648	5,685
Others	2,724	2,103	6,655	5,932	9,122	7,440	27,910	26,928
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,734</b>	<b>26,668</b>	<b>101,246</b>	<b>98,945</b>	<b>52,546</b>	<b>56,952</b>	<b>198,594</b>	<b>204,924</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	April 2018	April 2019	Jan - April 2018	Jan. - April 2019	April 2018	April 2019	Jan.- April 2018	Jan.- April 2019
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,734</b>	<b>26,668</b>	<b>101,246</b>	<b>98,945</b>	<b>52,546</b>	<b>56,952</b>	<b>198,594</b>	<b>204,924</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,981	3,489	8,985	10,587	8,966	9,306	33,511	34,039
Minerals, fuels, electricity	6,228	3,931	19,857	14,847	5,256	6,941	20,954	26,524
Chemical and plastical products	509	692	1,687	2,290	8,194	7,527	27,689	27,470
Leather and leather manuf,	202	222	932	838	1,849	1,757	6,192	5,867
Wood manuf and art, of paper	716	784	2,863	3,118	2,023	2,007	7,189	7,437
Textile and footwear	9,908	10,213	41,442	41,192	7,254	7,347	27,981	27,647
Construct, materials and metals	4,155	4,693	17,374	15,999	6,031	7,739	23,058	25,054
Machinery, equip, spare parts	1,271	1,853	5,340	7,202	11,067	12,228	44,446	43,580
Others	765	791	2,766	2,874	1,905	2,100	7,573	7,307

**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,515</b>	<b>49,944</b>	<b>5,878</b>	<b>8,937</b>	<b>8,016</b>	<b>5,985</b>	<b>4,757</b>	<b>4,598</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,616	2,724	692	958	368	473	383	443
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,342	1,878	599	2,315	6,631	4,675	869	410
Chemical and plastical products	480	633	347	555	17	13	9	25
Leather and leather manuf,	730	666	1	3	69	63	3	5
Wood manuf and art, of paper	2,024	2,221	140	253	2	3	46	44
Textile and footwear	32,200	32,271	33	24	837	663	2,585	2,381
Construct, materials and metals	6,385	4,891	3,496	4,120	83	92	270	535
Machinery, equip, spare parts	3,369	3,374	212	219	2	3	399	530
Others	1,368	1,286	356	489	7	1	194	226

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

Group of goods	Italy		China		Turkey		Greece	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,179</b>	<b>52,586</b>	<b>14,699</b>	<b>18,644</b>	<b>16,374</b>	<b>17,361</b>	<b>15,875</b>	<b>17,982</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	5,792	6,044	167	268	1,895	1,846	5,019	4,908
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,739	2,414	2	1	195	276	2,265	4,336
Chemical and plastical products	5,575	5,804	1,460	1,706	2,424	2,441	2,349	2,578
Leather and leather manuf,	4,817	4,774	233	260	110	84	33	14
Wood manuf and art, of paper	2,286	2,103	294	304	959	894	945	974
Textile and footwear	14,153	13,264	3,027	3,275	4,972	5,536	1,264	1,225
Construct, materials and metals	6,855	6,394	1,718	3,026	2,480	3,382	2,626	2,552
Machinery, equip, spare parts	10,975	10,151	6,401	8,223	2,588	2,294	839	880
Others	1,988	1,637	1,397	1,582	752	609	537	516

# 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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