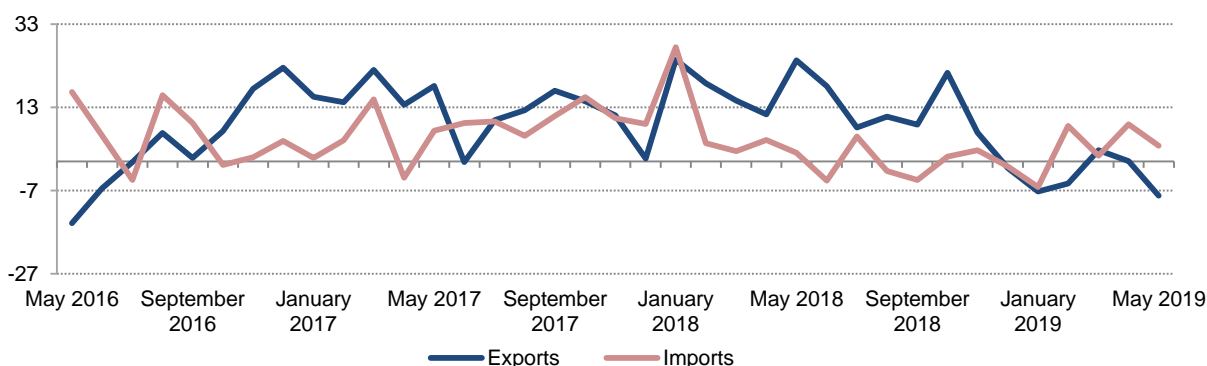


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## May 2019

**Tirana, June 17, 2019:** On May 2019 the value of exports was 28 billion lekë, decreasing by 8.2 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 3.5 % compared with April 2019. The value of imports was 59 billion lekë, increasing by 3.8 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 2.9 % compared with April 2019. This month the trade deficit is 31 billion lekë, signing an increase by 17.4 % compared with May 2018 and by 2.4 % compared with April 2019.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)

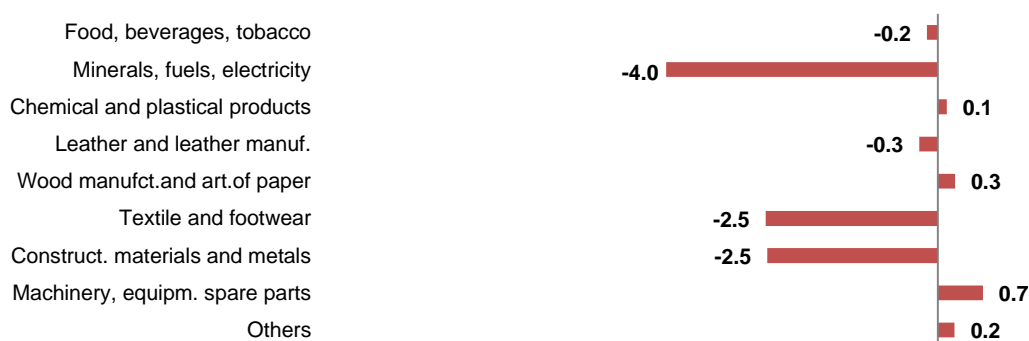


In the first five months of 2019, the value of exports was 127 billion lekë, decreasing by 3.6 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 264 billion lekë, increasing by 3.4 %. Trade deficit was 137 billion lekë, increasing by 10.9 % compared with the same period of 2018.

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

In annual decrease of exports by 8.2 % this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -4.0 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” and “Textile and footwear” with +2.5 percentage point. “While, a positive contribution was given by the group: Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +0.7 percentage point.

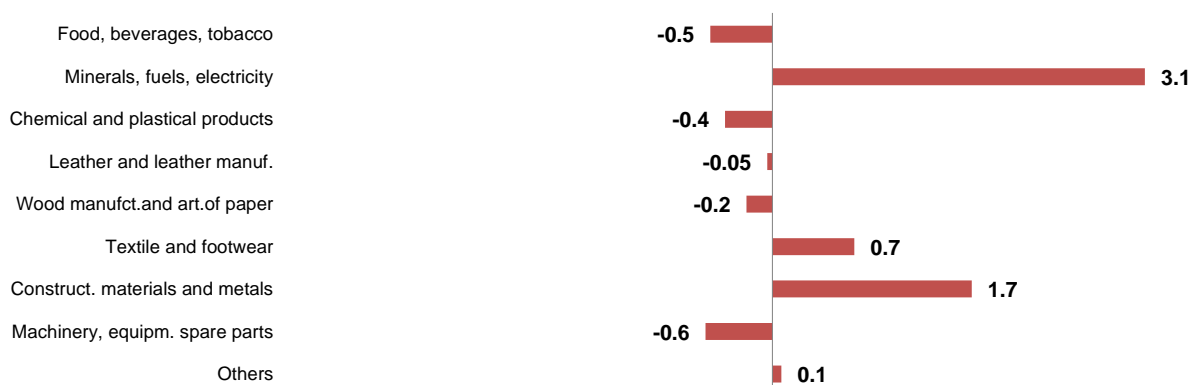
**Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , May 2019**



Exports in the first five months of 2019 are decreased by -3.6 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -4.7 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -1.6 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -0.8 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +1.6 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 3.8 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +3.1 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +1.7 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +0.7 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -0.6 percentage point.

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

In the first five months of 2019, imports are increased by 3.4 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +2.9 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +1.2 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.1 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -0.5 percentage point.

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

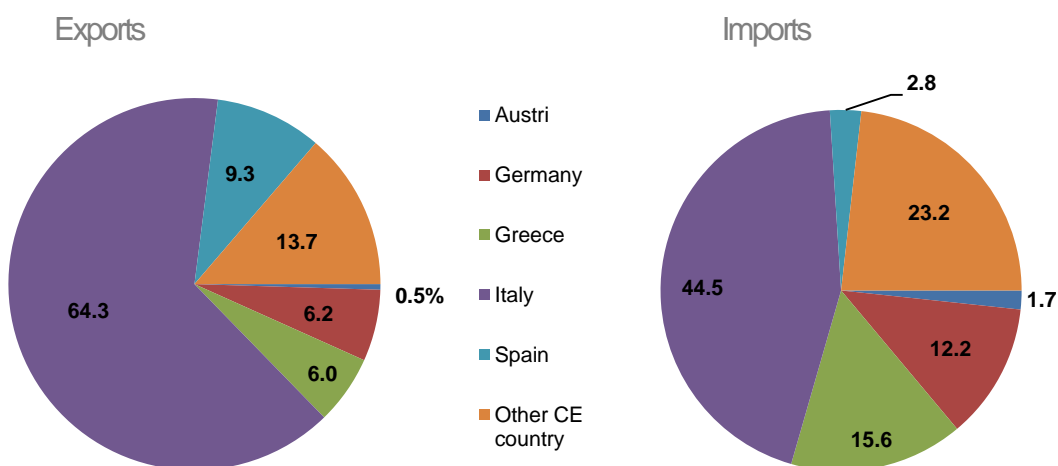
In May 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to May 2018 are: Kosovo (13.6 %), Germany (16.9 %) and China (140.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-1.3 %), Spain (-27.4 %) and Greece (-2.2 %).

In the first five months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: Kosovo (40.1 %), Germany (0.5 %) and North Macedonia (7.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-1.1 %) Spain (-25.8 %) and Greece (-7.8 %).

In May 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to May 2018 are: China (18.7 %), Turkey (96.1 %) and Greece (25.8 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-12.6 %), Spain (-43.1 %) and North Macedonia (-11.2 %).

In the first five months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: China (24.8 %), Greece (15.9 %) and Turkey (12.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-7.9 %), Germany (-14.7 %) and Spain (-11.6 %).

**Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, May 2019 (%)**



Trade with the EU countries is 63.2 % of total trade. In May 2019, exports to EU countries occupied 74.1 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 58.1 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (32.8 %), China (7.7 %), Greece ( 7.6 %) and Turkey (6.5 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first four months of 2019 is 65.1 % of total trade. In the first five months of 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 76.6 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 59.5 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (33.5 %), Greece (7.3 %), China (7.0 %) 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		273	12.1	626	8.1	-353	43.6
2019		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
	05 - 17	24	18.2	56	7.4	-31	43.6
	January– May 2017	111	16.8	239	5.0	-128	46.5
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
	January– May 2018	131	18.5	255	7.0	-124	51.5
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	0.1	57	8.9	-30	46.7
	05 - 19	28	-8.2	59	3.8	-31	47.0
	January– May 2019	127	-3.6	264	3.4	-137	48.0

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

	Exports				Imports			
	May 2018	May 2019	Jan.- May 2018	Jan.- May 2019	May 2018	May 2019	Jan.- May 2018	Jan.- May 2019
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>22,492</b>	<b>20,504</b>	<b>101,768</b>	<b>97,055</b>	<b>35,580</b>	<b>34,252</b>	<b>159,348</b>	<b>157,207</b>
Austria	177	100	767	894	752	578	2,809	3,051
United Kingdom	123	60	362	330	606	498	2,358	2,103
Germany	1,091	1,276	5,848	5,877	4,060	4,180	21,114	18,007
Greece	1,259	1,231	5,722	5,275	4,236	5,331	20,111	23,314
Italy	13,353	13,186	63,868	63,162	17,456	15,256	73,635	67,853
Spain	2,619	1,901	10,635	7,887	1,681	956	5,277	4,665
Croatia	105	94	360	461	469	678	2,210	2,737
Others of EU	3,765	2,655	14,207	13,168	6,319	6,774	31,833	35,478
China	300	721	3,104	2,721	5,046	5,988	19,745	24,649
Kosovo	2,735	3,107	8,612	12,064	781	840	3,158	3,020
North Macedonia	972	756	3,314	3,571	937	832	3,545	3,514
Russia	1	12	11	70	1,261	569	4,485	4,719
USA	250	244	1,941	1,766	580	1,148	3,882	4,531
Turkey	181	87	626	882	4,099	5,578	20,473	22,942
Ukraine	18	6	94	94	201	126	882	1,189
Switzerland	446	47	2,190	335	717	1,458	4,365	7,143
Others	2,771	2,199	9,426	8,153	7,571	8,123	35,481	35,212
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,166</b>	<b>27,683</b>	<b>131,413</b>	<b>126,713</b>	<b>56,773</b>	<b>58,914</b>	<b>255,367</b>	<b>264,127</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	May 2018	May 2019	Jan.- May 2018	Jan.- May 2019	May 2018	May 2019	Jan.- May 2018	Jan.- May 2019
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,166</b>	<b>27,683</b>	<b>131,413</b>	<b>126,713</b>	<b>56,773</b>	<b>58,914</b>	<b>255,367</b>	<b>264,127</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,786	3,736	12,771	14,342	9,488	9,195	42,999	43,258
Minerals, fuels, electricity	6,141	4,928	25,997	19,800	5,286	7,038	26,240	33,610
Chemical and plastical products	631	671	2,318	2,962	7,909	7,686	35,599	35,249
Leather and leather manuf,	318	235	1,250	1,073	1,934	1,910	8,126	7,776
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	748	825	3,611	3,943	2,522	2,400	9,710	9,837
Textile and footwear	11,198	10,429	52,640	51,651	8,121	8,506	36,102	36,154
Construct, materials and metals	5,141	4,379	22,515	20,381	7,041	7,978	30,099	33,142
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,446	1,647	6,787	8,854	12,262	11,948	56,708	55,535
Others	758	833	3,525	3,707	2,211	2,253	9,784	9,567

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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>63,868</b>	<b>63,162</b>	<b>8,612</b>	<b>12,064</b>	<b>10,635</b>	<b>7,887</b>	<b>5,848</b>	<b>5,877</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,208	3,338	1,097	1,521	448	553	523	509
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,440	2,884	1,223	2,925	8,886	6,286	1,078	508
Chemical and plastical products	640	796	509	804	21	14	12	29
Leather and leather manuf.	955	856	1	4	100	100	3	6
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	2,529	2,765	187	322	3	3	59	60
Textile and footwear	40,978	40,415	49	32	1,069	823	3,109	3,085
Construct, materials and metals	8,194	6,192	4,741	5,516	95	102	287	675
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	4,229	4,285	302	302	4	3	528	658
Others	1,695	1,631	502	640	9	2	250	346

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>73,635</b>	<b>67,853</b>	<b>19,745</b>	<b>24,649</b>	<b>20,473</b>	<b>22,942</b>	<b>20,111</b>	<b>23,314</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	7,323	7,791	243	349	2,458	2,330	6,352	6,183
Minerals, fuels, electricity	6,007	3,053	3	1	352	358	2,550	6,135
Chemical and plastical products	7,375	7,522	1,940	2,155	3,053	3,086	3,104	3,116
Leather and leather manuf.	6,236	6,236	297	325	140	103	37	16
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	2,990	2,790	415	402	1,203	1,267	1,219	1,297
Textile and footwear	18,238	17,373	3,937	4,597	6,434	7,113	1,585	1,545
Construct, materials and metals	8,834	8,039	2,469	4,174	2,878	4,844	3,454	3,293
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	14,072	12,979	8,533	10,418	3,011	2,988	1,086	1,078
Others	2,562	2,070	1,908	2,228	946	852	724	651

# 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**

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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