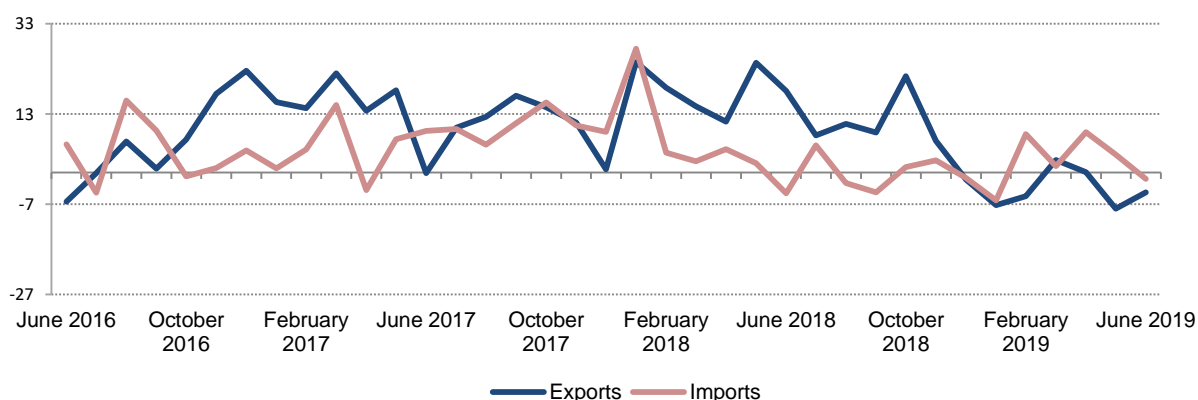


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## June 2019

**Tirana, July 17, 2019:** On June 2019 the value of exports was 25 billion lekë, decreasing by 4.4 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 8.2 % compared with May 2019. The value of imports was 53 billion lekë, decreasing by 1.5 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 9.6 % compared with May 2019. This month the trade deficit is 28 billion lekë, signing an increase by 1.4 % compared with June 2018 and decreasing by 10.8 % compared with May 2019.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



In the first six months of 2019, the value of exports was 152 billion lekë, decreasing by 3.7 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 318 billion lekë, increasing by 2.6 %. Trade deficit was 165 billion lekë, increasing by 9.2 % 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 4.4 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -3.8 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -2.7 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" and "Textile and footwear" with -0.4 percentage point. "While, a positive contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +1,1 percentage point.

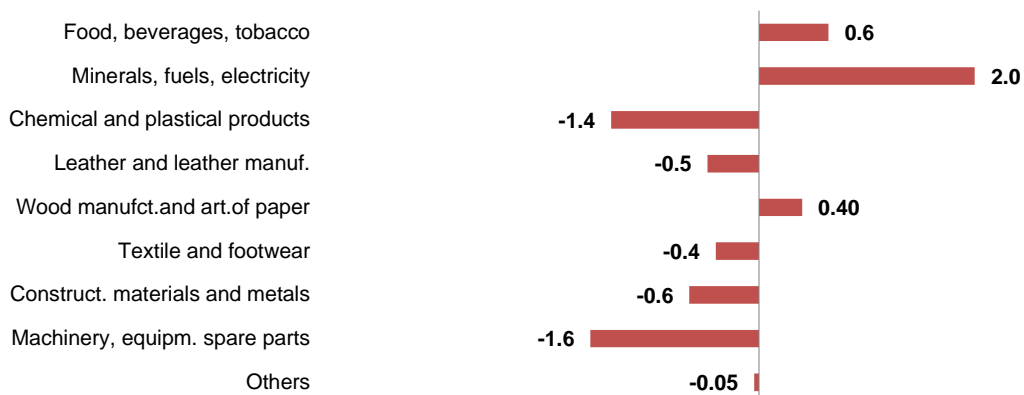
**Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , May 2019**



Exports in the first six months of 2019 are decreased by -3.7 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -4.5 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -1.8 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -0.7 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +1.2 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 1.5 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -1.6 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with -1.4 percentage point "Construction materials and metals" with -0.6 percentage point,. While, a negative contribution was given by the group: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.0 percentage point.

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

In the first six months of 2019, imports are increased by 2.6 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +2.7 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +0.9 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.2 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -0.7 percentage point.

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

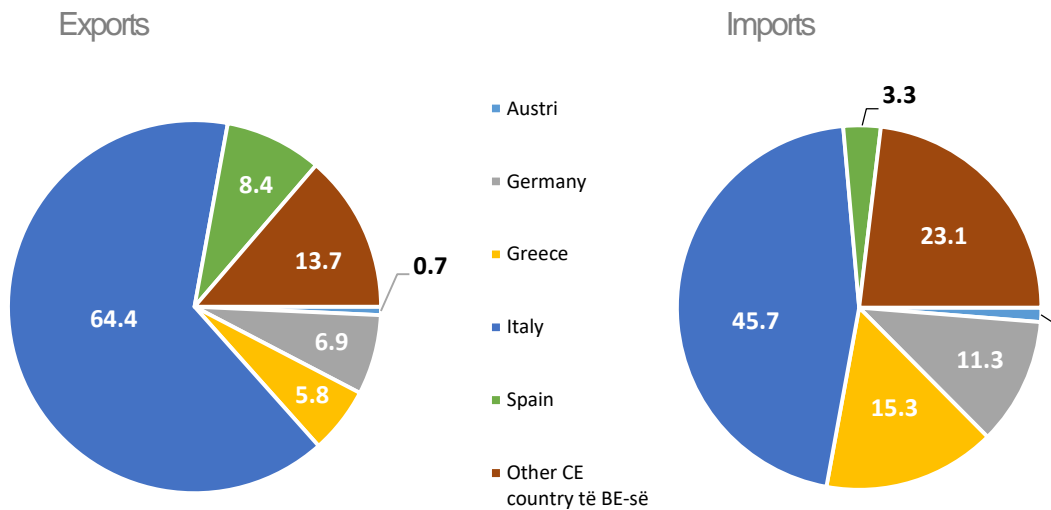
In June 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to June 2018 are: Italy (0.3 %), Germany (12.6 %) and China (37.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Kosovo (-10.0 %), Spain (-18.8 %) and Greece (-1.8 %).

In the first six months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: Kosovo (28.7 %), Germany (2.8 %) and North Macedonia (4.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-0.9 %) Spain (-24.7 %) and Greece (-6.5 %).

In June 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to June 2018 are: China (11.4 %), USA (12.7 %) and Spain (73.6 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-8.9 %), Greece (-10.6 %) and Turkey (-17.9 %).

In the first six months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: China (22.5 %), Greece (10.2 %) and Turkey (6.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-8.0 %), Germany (-12.9 %) and Spain (-12.1 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 65.7 % of total trade. In June 2019, exports to EU countries occupied 76.4 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 60.6 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (34.7 %), Greece ( 7.7 %), China (6.6 %) and Germany (6.3 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first four months of 2019 is 65.2 % 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 59.7 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (33.7 %), Greece (7.4 %), China (6.9 %) and Germany (6.2 %).

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
	06 - 17	23	-0.1	57	9.2	-34	39.7
	January-- June 2017	134	13.5	296	5.7	-162	45.2
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
	January-- June 2018	158	18.4	310	4.7	-151	51.1
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	-8.0	59	4.0	-31	47.0
	06 - 19	25	-4.4	53	-1.5	-28	47.7
	January-- June 2019	152	-3.7	318	2.6	-165	47.9

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

	Exports				Imports			
	June 2018	June 2019	Jan.- Jun 2018	Jan.- Jun 2019	June 2018	June 2019	Jan.- Jun 2018	Jan.- Jun 2019
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>20,324</b>	<b>19,472</b>	<b>122,092</b>	<b>116,577</b>	<b>34,553</b>	<b>32,361</b>	<b>193,902</b>	<b>189,589</b>
Austria	148	141	915	1,035	494	411	3,303	3,462
United Kingdom	70	43	432	373	579	539	2,937	2,642
Germany	1,198	1,349	7,046	7,243	3,769	3,654	24,883	21,662
Greece	1,142	1,122	6,864	6,418	5,547	4,960	25,658	28,278
Italy	12,514	12,548	76,382	75,722	16,250	14,801	89,885	82,661
Spain	2,022	1,643	12,656	9,529	1,252	1,072	6,529	5,738
Croatia	67	138	426	599	365	634	2,575	3,371
Others of EU	3,163	2,489	17,370	15,657	6,298	6,289	38,131	41,775
China	265	364	3,369	3,085	4,312	4,804	24,057	29,459
Kosovo	2,562	2,306	11,175	14,380	699	677	3,857	3,698
North Macedonia	717	630	4,031	4,201	836	756	4,381	4,271
Russia	7	-	18	70	886	835	5,371	4,719
USA	462	158	2,402	1,923	642	724	4,525	5,258
Turkey	254	99	880	981	4,707	3,863	25,180	26,809
Ukraine	31	15	125	109	430	280	1,312	1,469
Switzerland	24	73	2,214	410	607	1,068	4,972	8,211
Others	2,012	2,366	11,438	10,525	6,492	8,003	41,973	43,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,657</b>	<b>25,481</b>	<b>158,070</b>	<b>152,263</b>	<b>54,164</b>	<b>53,372</b>	<b>309,530</b>	<b>317,618</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	June 2018	June 2019	Jan.- June 2018	Jan.- June 2019	May 2018	May 2019	Jan.- June 2018	Jan.- June 2019
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,657</b>	<b>25,481</b>	<b>158,070</b>	<b>152,263</b>	<b>54,164</b>	<b>53,372</b>	<b>309,530</b>	<b>317,618</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,911	3,208	15,682	17,554	8,685	9,035	51,684	52,302
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,776	3,768	30,773	23,602	4,704	5,790	30,944	39,400
Chemical and plastical products	463	634	2,780	3,596	7,788	7,045	43,387	42,300
Leather and leather manuf,	267	274	1,518	1,347	1,930	1,671	10,056	9,447
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	678	778	4,289	4,721	2,041	2,259	11,752	12,102
Textile and footwear	10,696	10,600	63,336	62,261	7,951	7,733	44,052	43,888
Construct, materials and metals	4,589	3,862	27,104	24,244	7,402	7,051	37,501	40,277
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,635	1,516	8,422	10,390	11,525	10,676	68,233	66,218
Others	641	841	4,166	4,548	2,137	2,113	11,922	11,684

**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>76,382</b>	<b>75,722</b>	<b>11,175</b>	<b>14,380</b>	<b>12,656</b>	<b>9,529</b>	<b>7,046</b>	<b>7,243</b>
<b>Food, beverages, tobacco</b>	3,784	4,037	1,447	1,884	557	694	658	651
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,793	3,109	2,010	3,452	10,487	7,566	1,306	653
Chemical and plastical products	760	965	619	968	25	15	13	34
Leather and leather manuf,	1,154	1,087	4	4	132	131	3	7
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	2,991	3,278	219	370	3	3	74	79
Textile and footwear	49,092	48,627	53	45	1,330	1,006	3,746	3,822
Construct, materials and metals	9,661	7,397	5,861	6,501	107	109	346	851
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	5,160	5,205	346	354	4	5	627	759
Others	1,986	2,017	615	803	9	2	274	387

**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>89,885</b>	<b>82,661</b>	<b>24,057</b>	<b>29,459</b>	<b>25,180</b>	<b>26,809</b>	<b>25,658</b>	<b>28,278</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	8,818	9,387	326	433	2,902	2,716	7,670	7,554
Minerals, fuels, electricity	6,995	3,456	3	2	406	385	3,968	7,341
Chemical and plastical products	9,114	9,057	2,356	2,674	3,830	3,598	3,851	3,746
Leather and leather manuf,	7,737	7,565	361	390	157	117	40	17
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	3,599	3,375	506	509	1,484	1,475	1,505	1,594
Textile and footwear	22,446	21,349	4,621	5,477	7,842	8,562	1,925	1,867
Construct, materials and metals	10,829	9,892	3,123	5,030	3,661	5,503	4,356	4,038
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	17,291	16,030	10,430	12,227	3,687	3,398	1,424	1,316
Others	3,057	2,550	2,329	2,717	1,212	1,056	921	805

# 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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