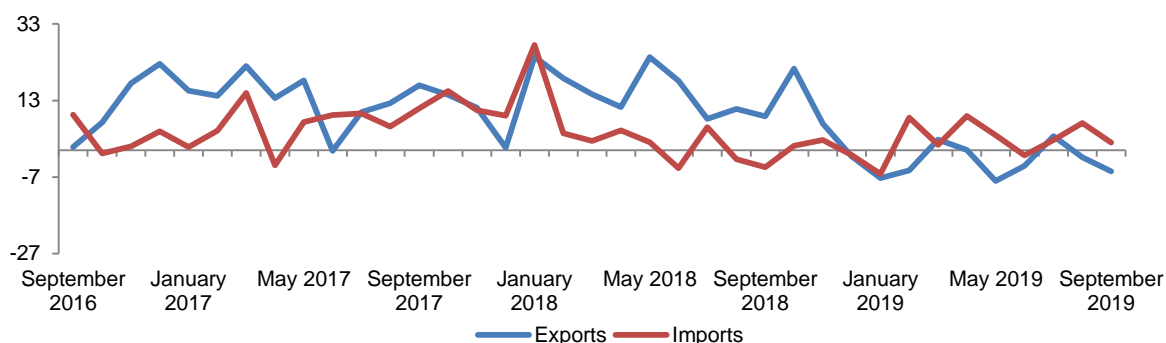


Foreign Trade in Goods

September 2019

Tirana, October 17, 2019: On September 2019 the value of exports was ALL 25 billion, decreasing by 5.5 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 23.4 % compared with August 2019. The value of imports was ALL 52 billion, increasing by 2.0 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 0.7 % compared with August 2019. This month the trade deficit is ALL 27 billion, signing an increase by 10.0 % compared with September 2018 and decreasing by 13.7 % compared with August 2019.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



In nine months of 2019, the value of exports was ALL 225 billion, decreasing by 2.8 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 481 billion, increasing by 3.0 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 256 billion, increasing by 8.8 % compared with the same period of 2018.

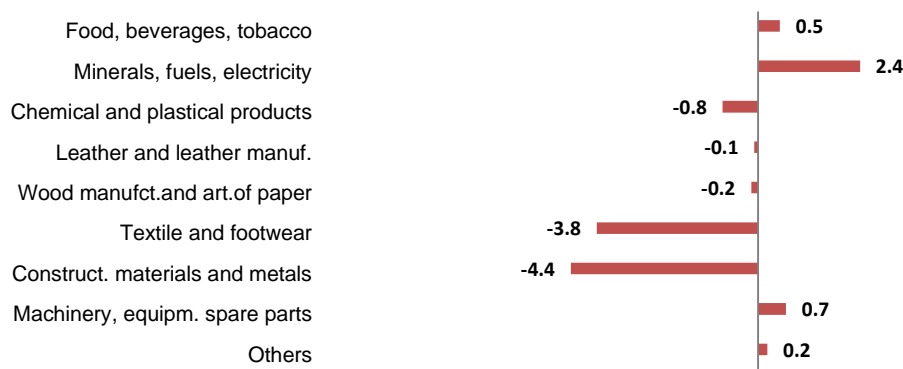
The influence of the main groups in the annual change in exports:

In annual decrease of exports by 5.5 % this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with -4.4 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -3.8 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with -0.8. percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.4 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +0.7 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.5 percentage point.

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

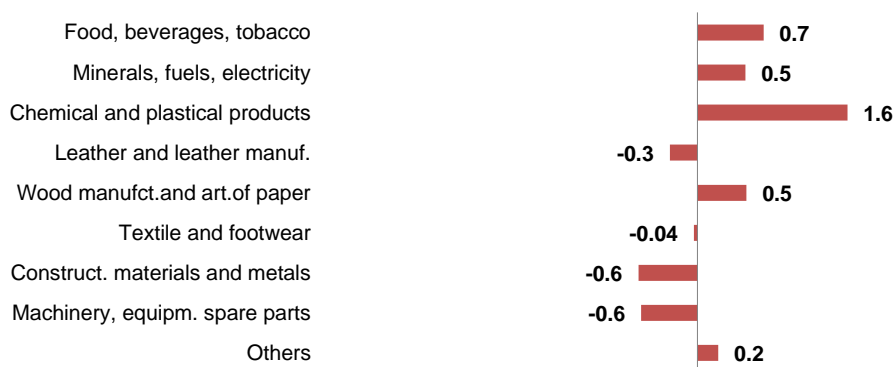


Exports in nine months of 2019 are decreased by -2.8 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -3.3 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -2.3 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -1.2 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +1.7 percentage point “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.3 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +0.6 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 2.0 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Chemical and plastical products” with +1.6 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.7 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +0.5 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the group: “Construction materials and metals” with -0.6 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -0.6 percentage point, and “Leather and leather manufactures” with -0.3 percentage point.

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



In nine months of 2019, imports are increased by 3.0 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.4 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +0.7 percentage point and "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.4 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -0.5 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactures" with -0.2 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

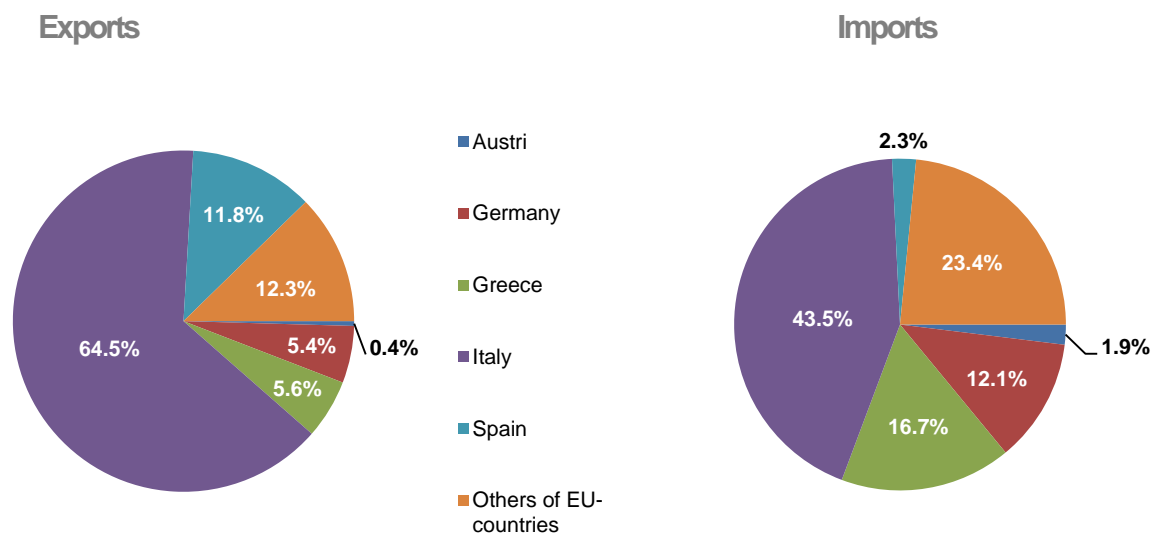
In September 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to September 2018 are: Spain (6.0 %), Germany (6.4 %) and China (165.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-5.9 %), Kosovo (-6.2 %) and Greece (-3.7%).

In nine months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: Kosovo (16.2 %), Germany (6.0 %) and China (16.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-2.1 %) Spain (-16.1 %) and Greece (-2.7 %).

In September 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to August 2018 are: Turkey (+30.2 %), Greece (+4.1 %), and China (+4.6 %) . While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-5.5 %), Germany (-8.4 %), Greece (-5.9 %) and Serbia (-28.4 %).

In nine months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: China (16.5 %), Turkey (10.0 %) and Greece (7.9 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-5.5 %), Germany (-8.4 %) and Serbia (-28.4 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 63.7 % of total trade. In September 2019, exports to EU countries occupied 77.7 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 57.1 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (33.0 %), Turkey (8.1 %), Greece (7.9 %) and Germany (6.0 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in nine months of 2019 is 64.4 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 76.2 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 58.8 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (32.9 %), Greece (7.3 %), Turkey (6.2 %) 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
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
	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
	January– September	201	28.3	453	20.5	-252	44.3
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
	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
	January– September	232	15.3	467	3.1	-236	49.6
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	26	-4.1	53	-1.4	-28	47.9
	07 - 19	28	3.7	60	2.7	-32	46.4
	08 - 19	20	-1.8	52	7.1	-32	38.8
	09 - 19	25	-5.5	52	2.0	-27	47.6
	January– September	225	-2.8	481	3.0	-256	46.8

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

	Exports				Imports			
	September 2018	September 2019	Jan.- Sept 2018	Jan.- Sept 2019	September 2018	September 2019	Jan.- Sept 2018	Jan.- Sept 2019
EU countries	20,096	19,261	176,805	171,454	31,217	29,700	287,771	283,083
Austria	151	87	1,300	1,350	578	578	5,026	5,253
United Kingdom	85	56	697	537	485	438	4,322	4,227
Germany	978	1,041	10,183	10,788	3,475	3,586	36,269	33,223
Greece	1,122	1,081	9,812	9,544	4,760	4,957	39,051	42,138
Italy	13,188	12,414	111,734	109,351	13,665	12,925	129,782	122,653
Spain	2,141	2,270	17,861	14,984	2,059	692	11,020	8,358
Croatia	65	69	645	787	480	536	4,779	5,204
Others of EU	2,365	2,244	24,574	24,113	5,714	5,989	57,523	62,027
China	243	644	4,140	4,813	4,300	4,496	38,027	44,317
Kosovo	2,609	2,446	19,465	22,625	849	759	6,441	5,900
North Macedonia	756	739	6,483	6,276	935	758	7,023	6,364
Russia	2	1	31	75	1,034	880	10,399	8,603
USA	738	209	3,925	2,970	906	981	6,709	7,978
Turkey	177	251	1,556	1,607	4,582	5,964	38,503	42,343
Ukraine	20	5	178	120	173	147	1,981	2,414
Switzerland	51	74	2,783	633	626	933	6,824	11,094
Others	1,522	1,143	16,138	14,379	6,402	7,437	63,329	69,069
Total	26,213	24,774	231,504	224,951	51,022	52,054	467,007	481,166

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	September 2018	September 2019	Jan.- Sept 2018	Jan.- Sept 2019	September 2018	September 2019	Jan.- Sept 2018	Jan.- Sept 2019
Total	26,213	24,774	231,504	224,951	51,022	52,054	467,007	481,166
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,553	2,685	22,335	25,418	8,827	9,192	80,278	82,316
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,092	4,716	44,065	36,447	5,249	5,515	47,272	58,378
Chemical and plastical products	901	684	4,583	5,890	6,754	7,584	65,014	65,410
Leather and leather manuf,	229	205	2,145	1,835	1,505	1,351	13,992	13,002
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	851	808	6,464	7,042	1,972	2,242	18,412	19,209
Textile and footwear	10,879	9,890	93,023	90,297	7,526	7,505	63,925	64,416
Construct, materials and metals	4,628	3,480	40,167	34,843	6,586	6,258	57,660	60,780
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,442	1,612	12,597	16,516	10,862	10,550	102,217	99,932
Others	637	693	6,126	6,663	1,742	1,857	18,236	17,724

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	111,734	109,351	19,465	22,625	17,861	14,984	10,183	10,788
Food, beverages, tobacco	5,533	6,108	2,038	2,723	917	947	1,060	1,199
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,765	4,474	4,396	5,479	14,233	12,079	1,684	806
Chemical and plastical products	1,161	1,555	968	1,574	44	47	23	53
Leather and leather manuf,	1,577	1,530	6	5	189	159	6	10
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	4,488	4,720	342	649	5	4	121	122
Textile and footwear	71,639	70,316	85	76	2,294	1,583	5,301	5,667
Construct, materials and metals	13,296	10,296	10,026	10,279	139	154	572	1,233
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	7,438	7,534	641	547	30	6	1,004	1,123
Others	2,837	2,819	963	1,292	10	4	412	575

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
Total	129,782	122,653	38,027	44,317	38,503	42,343	39,051	42,138
Food, beverages, tobacco	13,199	14,503	518	610	4,248	4,169	11,594	11,919
Minerals, fuels, electricity	9,717	6,788	6	5	583	1,778	6,416	9,761
Chemical and plastical products	13,685	13,671	3,582	4,250	6,033	5,946	5,765	5,807
Leather and leather manuf,	10,719	10,327	570	585	234	205	47	22
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	5,449	5,031	840	773	2,447	2,547	2,530	2,628
Textile and footwear	31,424	30,365	7,456	8,607	11,910	13,031	2,752	2,708
Construct, materials and metals	15,405	14,201	5,194	7,153	5,668	8,098	6,442	6,131
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	25,802	23,774	16,190	18,204	5,591	5,006	2,143	2,029
Others	4,380	3,994	3,672	4,130	1,788	1,563	1,362	1,133

Methodology

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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