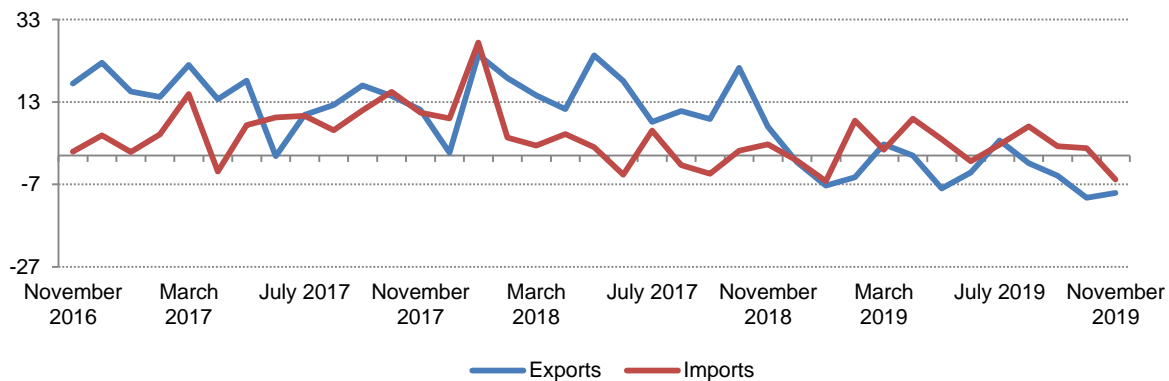


Foreign Trade in Goods

November 2019

Tirana, December 18, 2019: On November 2019 the value of exports was ALL 25 billion, decreasing by 9.1 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 8.6 % compared with October 2019. The value of imports was ALL 53 billion, decreasing by 5.8 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 10.8 % compared with October 2019. This month the trade deficit is ALL 28 billion, decreasing by 2.7 % compared with November 2018 and decreasing by 12.6 % compared with October 2019.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)

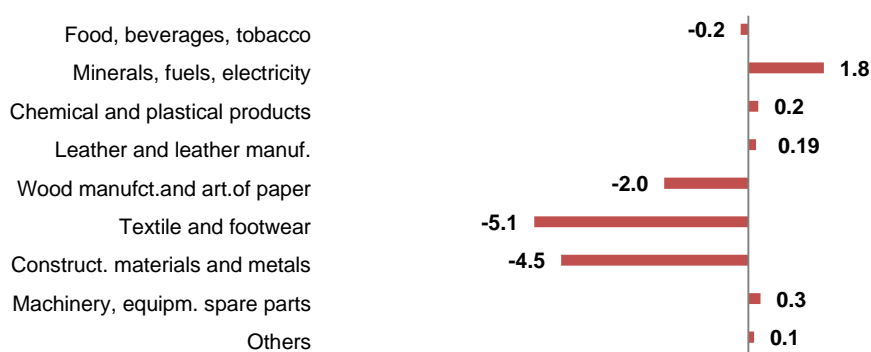


In eleven months of 2019, the value of exports was ALL 277 billion, decreasing by 4.1 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 593 billion, increasing by 2.1 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 317 billion, increasing by 8.2 % compared with the same period of 2018.

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

In annual decrease of exports by 9.1% this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Textile and footwear" with -5.1 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -4.5 percentage point and "Wood manufactures and article of paper" with -2.0 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the groups, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +1.8 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +0.3 percentage point and "Chemical and plastical products" with +0.2 percentage point.

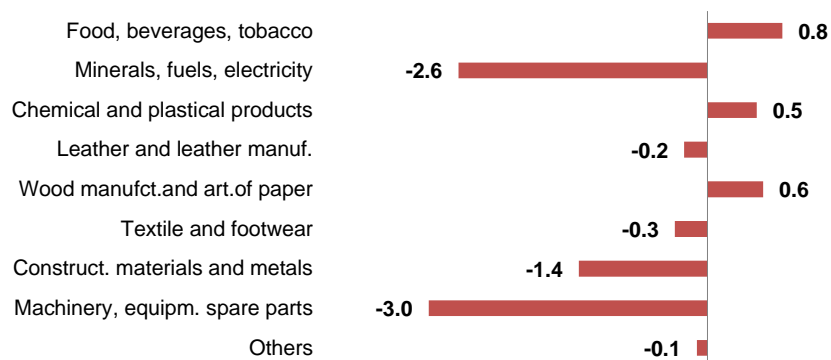
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Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , November 2019 (p.p)

Exports in eleven months of 2019 are decreased by -4.1 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -2.7 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -2.6 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -1.6 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +1.1 percentage point “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.0 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +0.5 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 5.8 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -0.3 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -2.6 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -1.4 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.8 percentage point, “Wood manufactures and article of paper” with +0.6 percentage point and “Chemical and plastical products” with +0.5 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , November 2019 (p.p)

In eleven months of 2019, imports are increased by 2.1 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +1.8 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.5 percentage point, and "Construction materials and metals" with +0.3 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -0.6 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactures" with -0.2 percentage point and "Textile and footwear" with -0.1 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

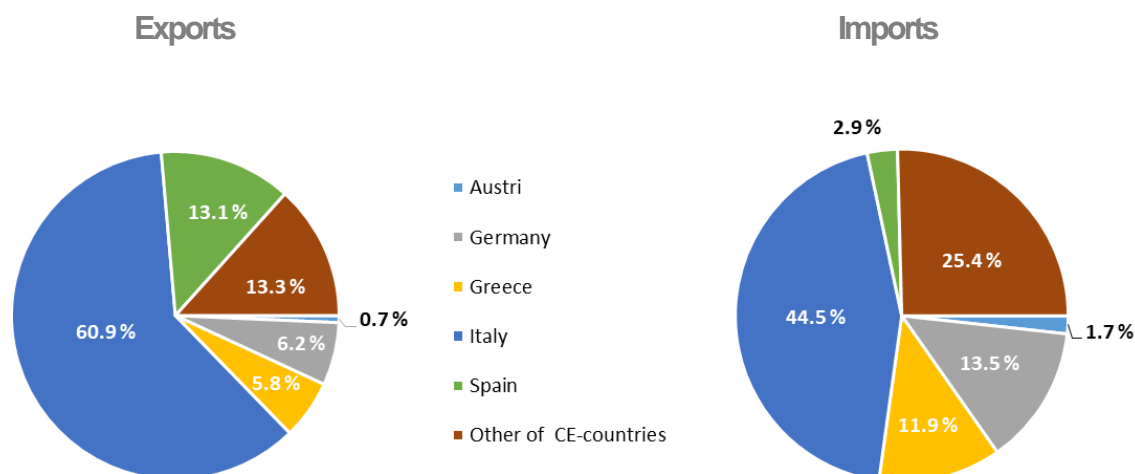
In November 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to November 2018 are: Spain (37.8 %), Germany (0.1 %) and Greece (1.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-12.8 %), Kosovo (-9.6 %) and China (-10.0).

In eleven months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: Kosovo (10.6 %), Germany (5.2 %) and China (11.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-3.6 %) Spain (-9.2 %) and Greece (-4.0 %).

In November 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to November 2018 are: Turkey (+28.2 %), Switzerland (+58.4 %), and Poland (+12.7 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-5.1 %), China (-0.8 %), and Germany (-5.8 %).

In eleven months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: Turkey (12.9 %), China (12.9 %), and Greece (7.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-5.9 %), Germany (-7.3 %) and Serbia (-39.4 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 65.3 % of total trade. In November 2019, exports to EU countries occupied 78.3 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 59.3 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (33.2 %), Turkey (8.2 %), China (7.2 %) and Germany (7.0 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in eleven months of 2019 is 64.3 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 76.5 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 58.5 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (32.7 %), Greece (7.1 %), China (6.9 %) and Turkey (6.5 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)

Years	Months	Annual Change		Annual Change		Trade Balance	Percentage of cover
		Exports	(%)	Imports	(%)		
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		310	12.1	641	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
	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
	10 - 17	25	14.5	58	15.5	-33	43.1
	11 - 17	25	11.1	55	10.4	-29	46.5
	January– November 2017	251	13.2	565	8.0	-314	44.4
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
	10 - 18	30	21.3	58	1.2	-28	51.7
	11 - 18	27	7.0	56	2.7	-29	48.4
	January– November 2018	289	15.1	581	2.8	-293	49.7
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	-4.9	52	2.3	-27	47.8
	10 - 19	27	-10.2	59	1.8	-32	45.6
	11 - 19	25	-9.1	53	-5.8	-28	46.7
	January– November 2019	277	-4.1	593	2.1	-317	46.6

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

	Exports				Imports			
	November 2018	November 2019	Jan.- Nov 2018	Jan.- Nov 2019	November 2018	November 2019	Jan.- Nov 2018	Jan.- Nov 2019
EU countries	20,839	19,360	220,562	211,924	32,934	31,347	356,482	347,345
Austria	225	134	1,715	1,683	552	544	6,117	6,300
United Kingdom	72	65	1,082	678	463	421	5,315	5,085
Germany	1,198	1,199	12,532	13,186	4,500	4,241	45,035	41,748
Greece	1,109	1,126	12,259	11,772	3,816	3,743	47,001	50,418
Italy	13,532	11,794	138,693	133,680	14,676	13,934	160,572	151,073
Spain	1,835	2,528	22,665	20,590	1,346	924	15,245	10,320
Croatia	67	105	824	1,027	580	693	5,943	6,440
Others of EU	2,801	2,409	30,792	29,308	7,001	6,848	71,253	75,960
China	580	523	5,277	5,864	5,123	5,084	48,228	54,459
Kosovo	2,529	2,287	24,953	27,607	710	509	8,086	7,133
North Macedonia	717	776	7,957	7,838	834	716	8,739	7,835
Russia	28	-	62	75	490	574	11,719	10,486
USA	473	222	4,786	3,412	555	646	8,179	11,137
Turkey	142	170	2,025	1,916	4,843	6,207	48,542	54,813
Ukraine	37	29	239	157	404	185	2,887	2,749
Switzerland	50	64	2,864	843	956	1,514	8,455	14,395
Others	1,785	1,280	20,069	17,217	9,297	6,118	80,069	83,145
Total	27,179	24,709	288,795	276,852	56,146	52,900	581,386	593,496

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	November 2018	November 2019	Jan.- Nov 2018	Jan.- Nov 2019	November 2018	November 2019	Jan.- Nov 2018	Jan.- Nov 2019
Total	27,179	24,709	288,795	276,852	56,146	52,900	581,386	593,496
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,470	3,422	29,739	32,498	7,891	8,337	96,931	100,093
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,676	4,167	53,257	45,582	7,402	5,915	60,622	71,083
Chemical and plastical products	564	629	5,732	7,173	6,819	7,113	79,618	80,935
Leather and leather manuf.	179	230	2,528	2,283	1,614	1,475	17,408	16,076
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	1,440	896	8,899	8,854	2,144	2,476	23,101	23,921
Textile and footwear	11,019	9,631	114,863	110,285	8,097	7,902	80,707	80,295
Construct, materials and metals	4,518	3,304	49,599	42,112	6,367	5,599	71,308	72,972
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,601	1,681	16,612	19,765	13,485	11,820	128,678	125,425
Others	712	749	7,567	8,300	2,328	2,264	23,014	22,696

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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
Total	138,693	133,680	24,953	27,607	22,665	20,590	12,532	13,186
Food, beverages, tobacco	7,469	7,943	2,560	3,288	1,166	1,189	1,366	1,579
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,348	4,867	6,131	6,489	17,943	16,835	1,833	829
Chemical and plastical products	1,509	1,910	1,212	2,009	54	49	36	68
Leather and leather manuf.	1,843	1,922	9	5	243	204	11	12
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	6,409	5,906	443	820	6	4	149	166
Textile and footwear	88,466	85,724	107	107	3,051	2,102	6,396	7,019
Construct, materials and metals	16,048	12,559	12,487	12,599	160	195	874	1,352
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	9,092	9,361	771	687	32	8	1,319	1,422
Others	3,510	3,487	1,232	1,603	11	5	549	739

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		China		Greece	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Total	160,572	151,073	48,542	54,813	48,228	54,459	47,001	50,418
Food, beverages, tobacco	16,115	17,731	5,122	4,987	601	725	13,775	14,418
Minerals, fuels, electricity	10,706	7,443	690	5,130	7	7	7,203	10,875
Chemical and plastical products	17,138	16,971	7,433	7,404	4,608	5,141	7,012	7,029
Leather and leather manuf.	13,529	12,766	286	249	698	712	51	28
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	6,779	6,406	3,092	3,101	1,030	973	3,156	3,270
Textile and footwear	39,177	37,804	15,429	16,417	9,787	10,756	3,413	3,380
Construct, materials and metals	19,251	17,428	7,145	9,561	6,323	8,520	8,027	7,586
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	32,518	29,543	7,097	6,064	20,246	22,322	2,716	2,444
Others	5,360	4,983	2,248	1,901	4,928	5,301	1,648	1,388

Methodology

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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