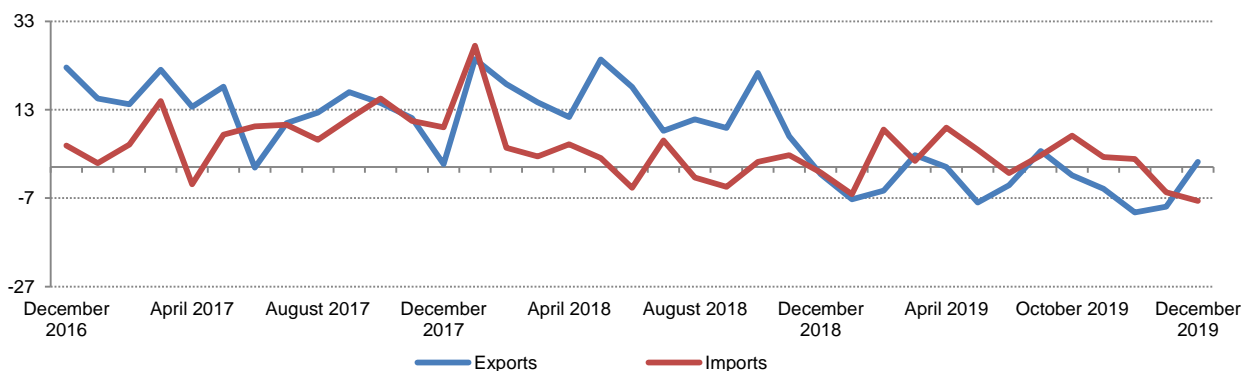


Foreign Trade in Goods

December 2019

Tirana, January 17, 2019: On December 2019 the value of exports was ALL 22 billion, increasing by 1.2 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 11.5 % compared with November 2019. The value of imports was ALL 55 billion, decreasing by 7.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 4.8 % compared with November 2019. This month the trade deficit is ALL 34 billion, decreasing by 12.6 % compared with December 2018 and increasing by 19.1 % compared with November 2019.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



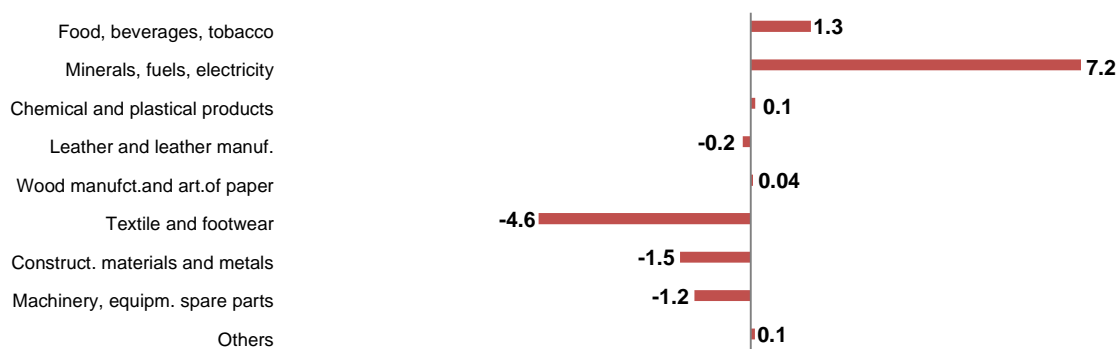
In 2019, the value of exports was ALL 299 billion, decreasing by 3.8 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 649 billion, increasing by 1.2 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 350 billion, increasing by 5.8 % compared with the same period of 2018.

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

In annual increase of exports by 1.2% this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +7.2 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +1.3 percentage point, "Chemical and plastic products" with +0.1 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the groups, "Textile and footwear" with -4.6 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -1.5 percentage point and "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -1.2 percentage point.

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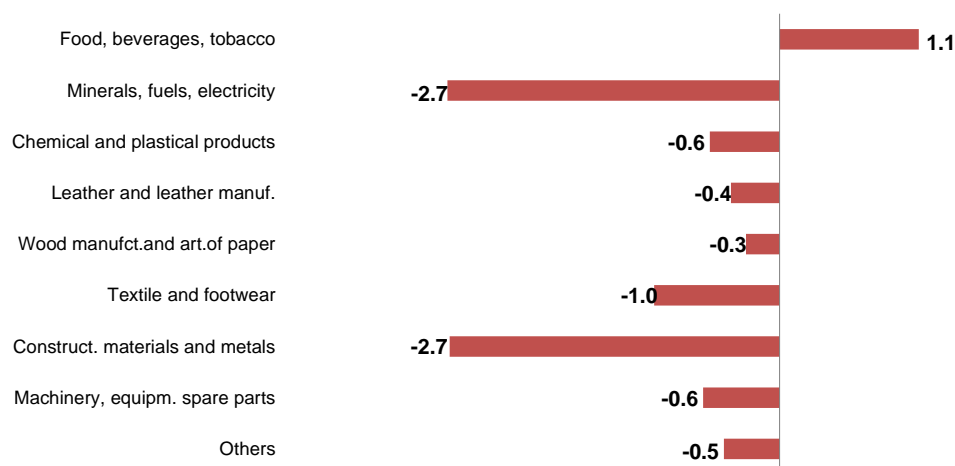
Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , November 2019



Exports during this year are decreased by -3.8 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Construction materials and metals” with -2.5 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -2.0 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -1.8 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.0 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +0.9 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 7.6 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -2.7 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -2.7 percentage point “Textile and footwear” with -1.0 percentage point and “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -0.6 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.1 percentage point.

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

In 2019, imports are increased by 1.2 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +1.4 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.6 percentage point and “Chemical and plastical products” with +0.2 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 -0.2 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

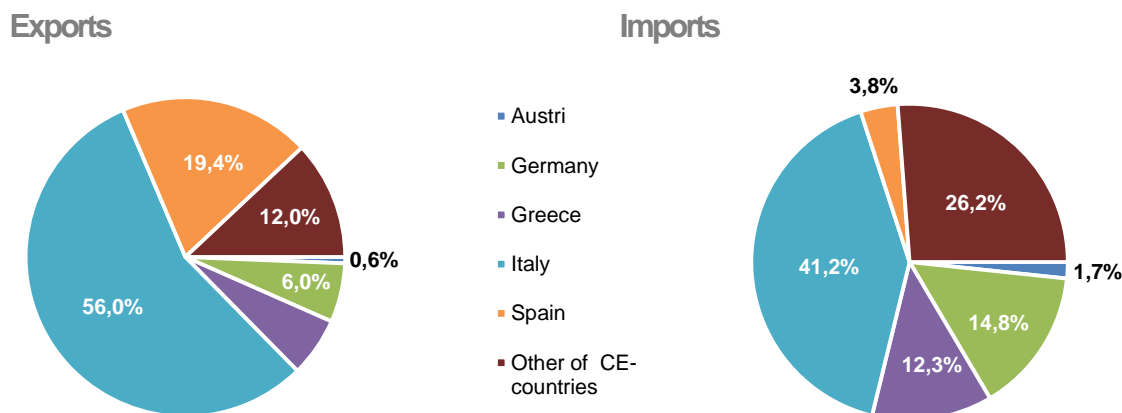
In December 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to December 2018 are: Spain (+115.7%), Kosovo (+3.0 %) and Greece (+18.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-9.8 %), China (-16.5) and USA (55.2 %).

During this year, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: Kosovo (+10.0 %), Germany (+5.6 %) and Macedonia (+0.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-4.0 %), Spain (-1.4 %) and Greece (-2.5 %).

In December 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to December 2018 are: Turkey (+23.3 %), Germany (+4.3 %), and Spain (+46.7 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-10.9 %), China (-6.0 %), and Greece (-23.2 %).

During this year, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: Turkey (+14.0 %), China (+11.0 %), and Greece (+4.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-6.3 %), Germany (-6.2 %) and Russia (-8.2 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 62.8 % of total trade. In December 2019, exports to EU countries occupied 76.7 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 57.3 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (29.1 %), Turkey (9.2 %), Germany (7.4 %) and China (7.2 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in 2019 is 68.1 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 76.6 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 63.9 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (34.4 %), Greece (7.5 %), China (7.4 %) and Turkey (7.2 %).

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
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
	12 - 18	22	-1.6	60	-1.2	-38	36.0
	January- December 2018	310	13.7	641	2.4	-331	48.4
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
	12 - 19	22	1.2	55	-7.6	-34	39.4
	January- December 2019	299	-3.8	649	1.2	-350	46.0

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

	Exports				Imports			
	December 2018	December 2019	Jan.-Dec. 2018	Jan.-Dec. 2019	December 2018	December 2019	Jan.-Dec. 2018	Jan.-Dec. 2019
EU countries	16,356	16,787	236,919	228,738	34,296	31,817	390,779	379,192
Austria	232	107	1,947	1,790	569	530	6,686	6,830
United Kingdom	64	60	1,145	738	623	544	5,938	5,639
Germany	905	1,003	13,437	14,190	4,526	4,721	49,561	46,476
Greece	856	1,010	13,115	12,781	5,100	3,916	52,101	54,336
Italy	10,408	9,393	149,101	143,099	14,706	13,098	175,279	164,179
Spain	1,509	3,255	24,174	23,845	823	1,208	16,068	11,529
Croatia	123	91	946	1,118	732	779	6,675	7,219
Others of EU	2,261	1,869	33,053	31,177	7,218	7,022	78,471	82,985
China	415	347	5,693	6,211	5,588	5,255	53,817	59,716
Kosovo	2,141	2,205	27,093	29,812	823	602	8,909	7,735
North Macedonia	586	728	8,543	8,566	852	735	9,591	8,571
Russia	30	0	92	75	932	1,129	12,652	11,617
USA	567	254	5,353	3,667	997	1,189	9,176	12,330
Turkey	127	140	2,153	2,055	5,650	6,964	54,191	61,797
Ukraine	7	15	246	172	193	267	3,080	3,016
Switzerland	69	46	2,933	890	1,783	942	10,238	15,337
Others	1,342	1,369	21,411	18,593	8,964	2,591	89,033	89,755
Total	21,641	21,891	310,436	298,778	60,079	55,492	641,466	649,066

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	Dec-18	Dec-19	Jan.- Dec. 2018	Jan.- Dec. 2019	Dec.-18	Dec.-19	Jan.-Dec. 2018	Jan.-Dec. 2019
Total	21,641	21,891	310,436	298,778	60,079	55,492	641,466	649,066
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,595	2,876	32,334	35,374	9,577	10,263	106,508	110,363
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,141	4,691	56,398	50,274	7,763	6,127	68,385	77,235
Chemical and plastical products	459	480	6,191	7,653	8,130	7,788	87,748	88,725
Leather and leather manuf,	199	161	2,727	2,444	1,488	1,248	18,896	17,327
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	728	738	9,627	9,592	2,056	1,891	25,156	25,817
Textile and footwear	8,879	7,882	123,742	118,191	7,516	6,899	88,222	87,198
Construct, materials and metals	3,595	3,263	53,194	45,385	7,088	5,463	78,396	78,438
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,390	1,125	18,002	20,891	13,657	13,281	142,335	138,734
Others	655	674	8,222	8,974	2,805	2,532	25,819	25,229

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	149,101	143,099	27,093	29,812	24,174	23,845	13,437	14,190
Food, beverages, tobacco	8,136	8,651	2,889	3,739	1,297	1,249	1,444	1,672
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,554	4,967	6,741	6,768	19,043	19,844	1,899	839
Chemical and plastical products	1,642	2,021	1,304	2,144	58	50	43	70
Leather and leather manuf.	2,005	2,071	9	5	245	212	11	13
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	6,879	6,340	512	913	6	4	164	182
Textile and footwear	95,368	91,903	123	115	3,315	2,273	6,897	7,539
Construct, materials and metals	17,019	13,451	13,318	13,613	160	198	993	1,591
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	9,725	9,935	825	751	32	8	1,393	1,492
Others	3,772	3,761	1,372	1,763	18	6	594	792

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	175,279	164,179	54,191	61,797	53,817	59,716	52,101	54,336
Food, beverages, tobacco	17,687	19,540	5,496	5,528	642	803	15,004	15,764
Minerals, fuels, electricity	11,221	7,630	777	7,192	8	8	8,720	11,097
Chemical and plastical products	19,078	18,686	8,169	8,096	5,253	5,562	7,793	7,750
Leather and leather manuf.	14,724	13,734	306	270	778	766	56	30
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	7,359	6,919	3,521	3,369	1,117	1,061	3,389	3,534
Textile and footwear	42,566	40,679	17,032	18,126	10,886	11,796	3,662	3,689
Construct, materials and metals	20,901	18,972	8,530	10,361	7,168	9,021	8,682	8,229
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	35,775	32,436	7,804	6,756	22,477	24,794	2,989	2,711
Others	5,969	5,581	2,556	2,098	5,488	5,906	1,806	1,530

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.

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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