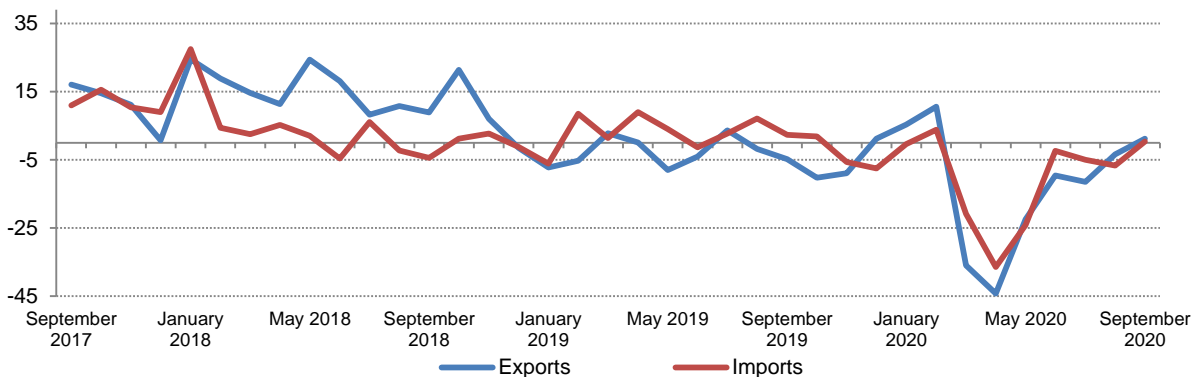


Foreign Trade in Goods

September 2020

Tirana, October 19, 2020: On September 2020 the value of exports was ALL 25 billion, increasing by 1.2 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 30.1 % compared with August 2020. The value of imports was ALL 52 billion, increasing by 0.3 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 8.6 % compared with August 2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 27 billion, decreasing by 0.5 % compared with September 2019 and by 5.9 % compared with August 2020.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



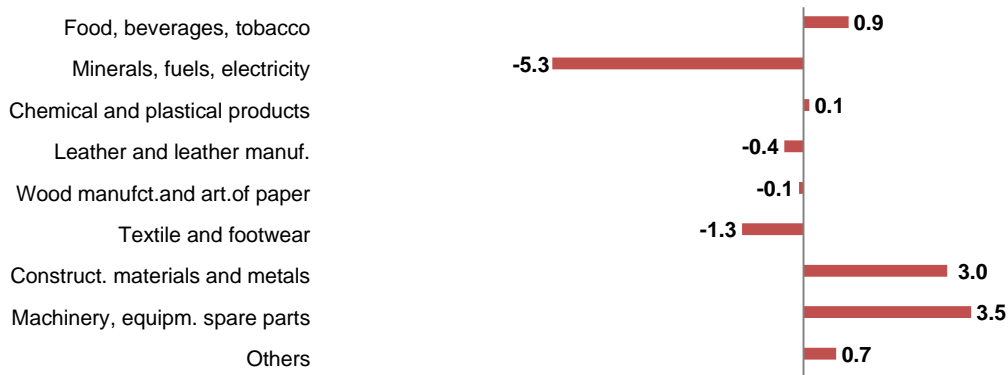
In the first nine months of 2020, the value of exports was ALL 195 billion, decreasing by 13.6 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 429 billion, decreasing by 10.9 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 234 billion, decreasing by 8.6 % compared with the same period of 2019.

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: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +3.5 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +3.0 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.9 percentage point,. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -5.3 percentage point and “Textile and footwear” with -1.3 percentage point.

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Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports, September 2020

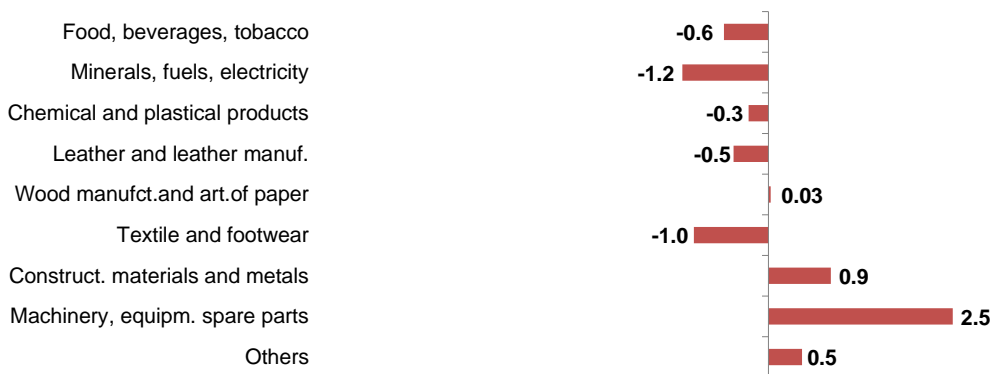


Exports during the first nine months of 2020 are decreased by -13.6 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Textile and footwear” with -6.7 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -3.7 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -2.8 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.9 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 0.3 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +2.5 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +0.9 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -1.2 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -1.0 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with -0.6 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports, September 2020



In the first nine months of 2020, imports are decreased by 10.9 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected negatively in annual increase of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -4.1 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -2.5 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -2.0 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

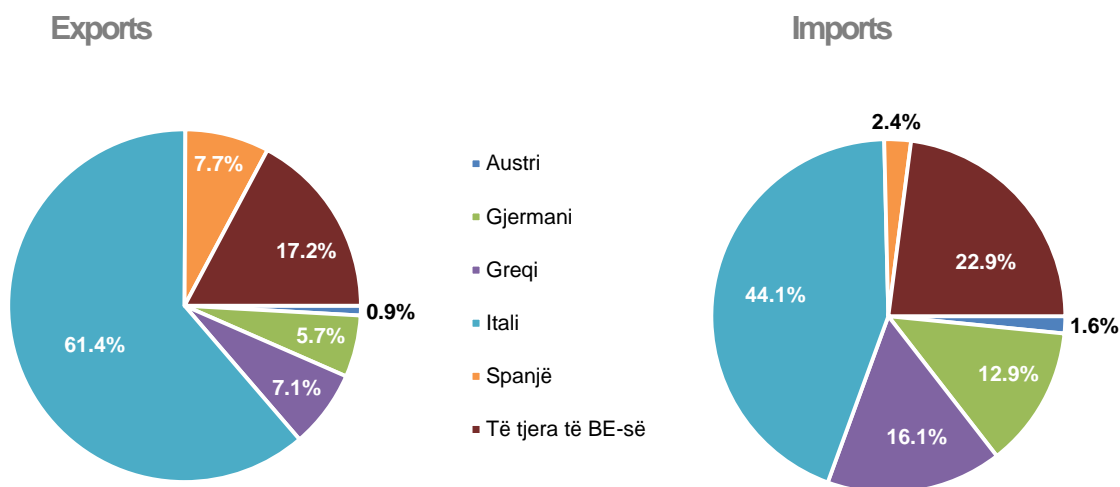
In September 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to September 2019 are: Kosovo (12.1 %), Greece (25.9 %), and France (226.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-5.3 %), Spain (-34.9 %) and Montenegro (-1.1 %).

In the first nine months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Germany (8.9 %), Serbia (7.0 %), and France (13.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-18.4 %), Kosovo (-20.7 %) and Spain (-16.2 %).

In September 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to September 2019 are: Italy (2.2 %), China (5.1 %) and Germany (8.1 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Turkey (-14.2 %), Greece (-2.9 %) and Poland (-1.2 %).

In the first nine months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Russia (26.1 %), North Macedonia (2.6 %) and Netherland (7.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-14.1 %), Turkey (-2.8 %) and Greece (-8.3 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, September 2020



Trade with the EU countries is 63.3 % of total trade. In September 2020, exports to EU countries occupied 75.9 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 57.3 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (32.2 %), Greece (8.0 %), Turkey (6.9 %), Germany (6.4 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first nine months of 2020 is 63.0 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 75.3 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 57.4 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (31.2 %), Greece (7.7 %), Germany (7.1 %) and Turkey (6.9 %).

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
2019		299	-3.8	649	1.2	-350	46.0
2018	18-Jan	24	24.5	45	27.5	-21	52.5
	18-Feb	24	18.8	46	4.4	-22	52.0
	18-Mar	27	14.6	55	2.5	-28	49.0
	18-Apr	27	11.3	53	5.2	-26	50.9
	18-May	30	24.3	57	2.1	-27	53.1
	18-Jun	27	18.1	54	-4.6	-28	49.2
	18-Jul	27	8.2	58	6.0	-31	46.0
	18-Aug	20	10.8	48	-2.3	-28	42.4
	18-Sep	26	8.9	51	-4.4	-25	51.4
	January – September 18	232	15.3	467	3.1	-236	49.6
2019	19-Jan	22	-7.3	42	-6.2	-20	51.9
	19-Feb	23	-5.3	50	8.5	-27	45.4
	19-Mar	28	2.7	56	1.4	-28	49.6
	19-Apr	27	0.1	57	8.9	-30	46.7
	19-May	28	-8.0	59	4.0	-31	47.0
	19-Jun	26	-4.1	53	-1.4	-28	47.9
	19-Jul	28	3.7	60	2.7	-32	46.4
	19-Aug	20	-1.8	52	7.1	-32	38.8
	19-Sep	25	-4.9	52	2.3	-27	47.8
	January – September 19	225	-2.8	481	3.1	-256	46.8
2020	20-Jan	23	5.3	42	-0.4	-19	54.9
	20-Feb	25	10.6	52	3.8	-27	48.3
	20-Mar	18	-36	44	-20.8	-27	40.1
	20-Apr	15	-44.2	36	-36.4	-21	41.0
	20-May	22	-22.5	45	-24.2	-23	48.1
	20-Jun	23	-9.6	52	-2.4	-29	44.3
	20-Jul	25	-11.5	57	-5.0	-32	43.3
	20-Aug	19	-3.4	48	-6.7	-29	40.2
	20-Sep	25	1.2	52	0.3	-27	48.2
	January – September 20	195	-13.6	429	-10.9	-234	45.4

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

	Exports				Imports			
	September 2019	September 2020	Jan.- Sept 2019	Jan.- Sept 2020	September 2019	September 2020	Jan.- Sept 2019	Jan.- Sept 2020
EU countries	19,218	19,160	170,974	146,507	29,302	29,994	278,903	246,119
Austria	87	170	1,350	1,113	578	469	5,253	4,044
Germany	1,041	1,087	10,788	11,745	3,590	3,879	33,227	32,495
Greece	1,087	1,368	9,550	9,300	4,961	4,819	42,142	38,639
Italy	12,420	11,760	109,357	89,245	12,927	13,216	122,662	105,360
Spain	2,270	1,478	14,984	12,561	692	731	8,359	6,928
Croatia	69	107	788	1,174	536	493	5,204	4,785
Others of EU	2,244	3,191	24,157	21,368	6,019	6,387	62,057	53,868
United Kingdom	56	63	537	534	438	341	4,227	3,685
China	644	190	4,813	3,390	4,516	4,744	44,339	37,860
Kosovo	2,449	2,746	22,628	17,936	761	751	5,902	5,883
North Macedonia	740	896	6,278	6,186	758	836	6,364	6,529
Russia	1	0	75	13	930	1,009	8,654	10,913
USA	209	292	2,970	2,288	981	638	7,980	6,561
Turkey	253	236	1,609	1,905	5,964	5,115	42,342	41,142
Ukraine	5	13	120	325	147	379	2,414	3,228
Switzerland	74	33	633	551	934	511	11,095	7,532
Others	1,291	1,614	14,481	14,952	7,456	8,035	69,089	59,203
Total	24,940	25,242	225,117	194,586	52,185	52,352	481,309	428,655

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

Group of goods	Exports							
	Sep. 19	Sep. 20	Jan.- Sept 2019	Jan.- Sep.2020	Sep.19	Sep-20	Jan.- Sep. 2019	Jan.- Sep. 2020
Total	24,940	25,242	225,117	194,586	52,185	52,352	481,309	428,655
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,687	2,923	25,420	27,534	9,280	8,964	82,404	81,985
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,865	3,545	36,596	28,370	5,515	4,905	58,378	38,614
Chemical and plactical products	684	714	5,890	5,488	7,594	7,453	65,421	65,040
Leather and leather manuf,	205	103	1,835	1,424	1,352	1,104	13,005	9,185
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	808	784	7,042	6,113	2,243	2,259	19,210	17,348
Textile and footwear	9,903	9,579	90,309	75,207	7,512	6,982	64,425	52,252
Construct, materials and metals	3,482	4,236	34,844	28,454	6,270	6,715	60,795	57,226
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,613	2,493	16,517	15,827	10,562	11,872	99,945	90,541
Others	694	866	6,665	6,169	1,858	2,097	17,727	16,465

Tab. 4 Progressive data of exports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Germany	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	109,357	89,245	22,628	17,936	14,984	12,561	10,788	11,745
Food, beverages, tobacco	6,108	6,466	2,724	2,804	947	937	1,199	1,283
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,474	890	5,479	3,034	12,079	10,724	806	861
Chemical and plastical products	1,555	1,469	1,574	1,604	47	84	53	40
Leather and leather manuf,	1,530	1,235	5	5	159	71	10	21
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	4,720	3,666	649	558	4	3	122	274
Textile and footwear	70,321	56,702	77	82	1,583	590	5,667	6,480
Construct, materials and metals	10,296	8,799	10,280	8,140	154	106	1,233	854
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	7,534	7,488	548	550	6	26	1,123	1,391
Others	2,821	2,531	1,291	1,160	4	20	575	541

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		Greece		China	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	122,662	105,360	42,342	41,142	42,142	38,639	44,339	37,860
Food, beverages, tobacco	14,503	14,418	4,169	3,987	11,921	12,009	610	584
Minerals, fuels, electricity	6,788	4,116	1,778	2,954	9,761	6,843	5	6
Chemical and plastical products	13,671	13,701	5,946	6,206	5,807	5,649	4,254	4,080
Leather and leather manuf,	10,330	7,378	205	202	22	25	585	427
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	5,032	4,239	2,547	2,129	2,628	2,637	773	613
Textile and footwear	30,369	23,123	13,030	11,036	2,709	2,677	8,607	6,977
Construct, materials and metals	14,201	12,342	8,098	7,359	6,131	5,679	7,165	4,761
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	23,774	22,571	5,006	5,577	2,029	2,097	18,208	16,686
Others	3,994	3,472	1,563	1,691	1,133	1,024	4,132	3,726

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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