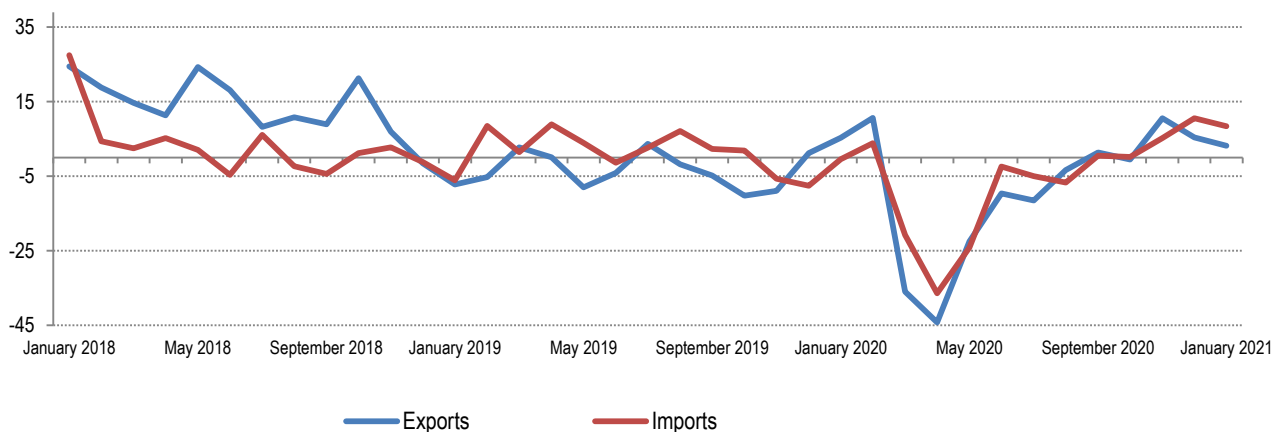


Foreign Trade in Goods

January 2021

Tirana, February 17, 2021: On January 2021 the value of exports was ALL 24 billion, increasing by 3.1 % compared with January 2020 and 2.8 % compared with December 2020. The value of imports was ALL 45 billion, increasing by 8.4 % compared with January 2020 and decreasing by 26.0 % compared with December 2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 22 billion, increasing by 14.7 % compared with January 2020 and decreasing by 43.4 % compared with December 2020.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%), January 2021

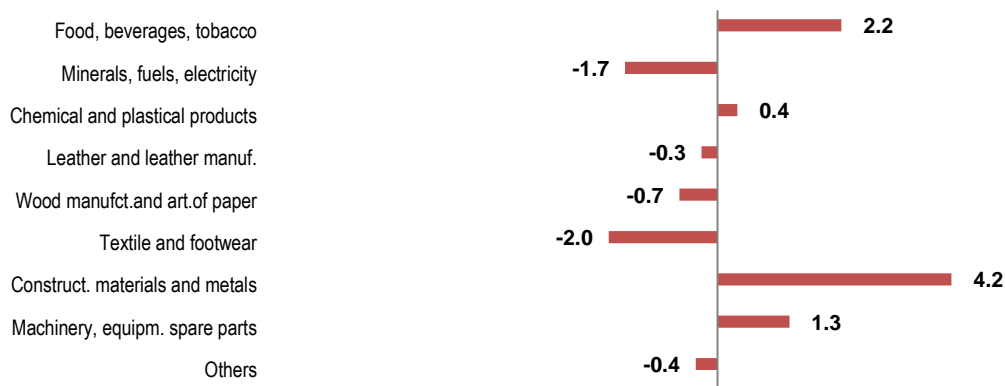


The influence of the main groups in the annual change in exports:

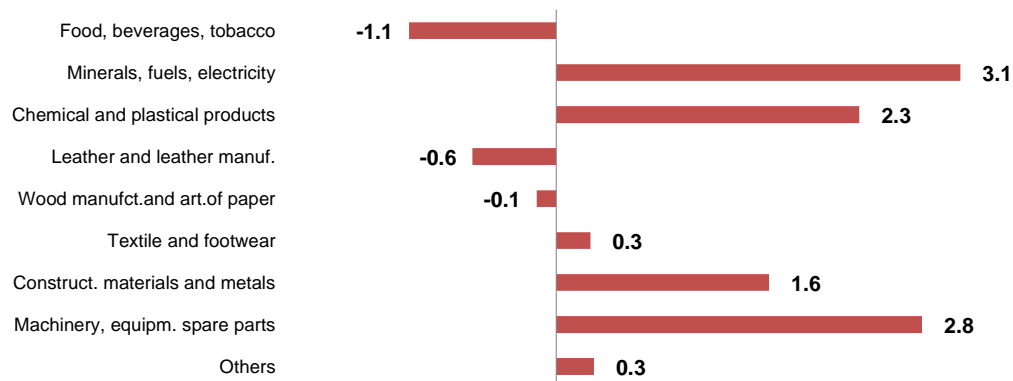
During January 2021, in increase of exports by 3.1 %, compared with January 2020, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +4.2 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +2.2 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +1.3 percentage point. "While a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Textile and footwear" with -2.0 percentage points, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -1.7 percentage point, "Wood manufactories and article of paper" with -0.7 percentage point.

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Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports, January 2021**The influence of the main groups in the annual change in imports:**

During January 2021, in increase of imports by 8.4 %, compared with January 2020, has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +3.1 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +2.8 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +2.3 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with -1.1 percentage point, “Leather and leather manufactories” with -0.6 percentage point, “Wood manufactories and article of paper” with -0.1 percentage point.

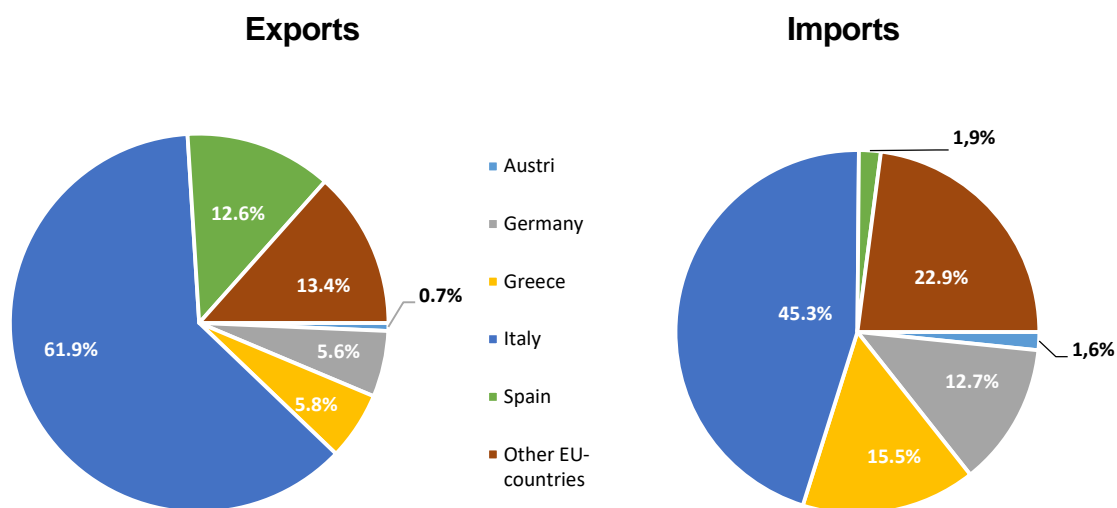
Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , January 2021

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

In January 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to January 2020 are: Italy (4.5 %), Greece (1.3 %) and China (132.7 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Spain (3.0 %), Kosovo (15.2 %) and Germany (25.8 %).

In January 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to January 2020 are: Italy (13.1 %), China (18.6 %) and Turkey (1.4 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Greece (12.4 %), Germany (0.5 %) and USA (6.6 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, January 2021



Trade with the EU countries is 63.3 % of total trade. In January 2021, exports to EU countries occupied 81.0 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 54.1 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (33.3 %), China (8.1 %), Turkey (7.2 %) and Greece (7.1 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL), January 2021

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
2020		272	-9.0	605	-6.8	-333	44.9
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	-9.0	53	-5.6	-28	46.7
	12 - 19	22	1.2	56	-7.6	-34	39.4
	January – December 19	299	-3.8	649	1.2	-350	46.0
2020	01 - 20	23	5.3	42	-0.4	-19	54.9
	02 - 20	25	10.6	52	3.9	-27	48.3
	03 - 20	18	-36.0	44	-20.8	-27	40.1
	04 - 20	15	-44.2	36	-36.4	-21	41.0
	05 - 20	22	-22.5	45	-24.2	-23	48.1
	06 - 20	23	-9.6	52	-2.4	-29	44.3
	07 - 20	25	-11.5	57	-5.0	-32	43.3
	08 - 20	19	-3.4	48	-6.7	-29	40.2
	09 - 20	25	1.3	52	0.5	-27	48.2
	10 - 20	27	-0.5	59	0.1	-32	45.3
	11 - 20	27	10.6	56	5.2	-28	49.1
	12 - 20	23	5.4	61	10.5	-38	37.6
	January – December 20	272	-9.0	605	-6.8	-333	44.9
2021	01 - 21	24	3.1	45	8.4	-22	52.3

Tab.2 Foreign trade in goods by partner countries (million ALL), January 2021

	Exports		Imports	
	January 2020	January 2021	January 2020	January 2021
EU countries	18,837	19,238	23,042	24,556
Austria	166	131	283	394
Germany	1,465	1,087	3,145	3,128
Greece	1,105	1,119	4,347	3,809
Italy	11,394	11,902	9,833	11,118
Spain	2,490	2,415	716	476
Croatia	181	290	440	277
Others of EU	2,036	2,294	4,278	5,353
United Kingdom	82	49	448	263
China	302	704	4,122	4,888
Kosovo	1,584	1,344	464	539
North Macedonia	494	413	602	555
Russia	6	-	1,358	698
USA	180	467	826	771
Turkey	198	575	4,322	4,383
Ukraine	5	20	483	153
Switzerland	92	21	341	1,490
Others	1,232	906	5,903	7,125
Total	23,012	23,736	41,911	45,420

Tab. 3 Foreign trade by group of goods (million ALL), January 2021

Group of goods	Exports		Imports	
	December2019	December2020	December2019	December2020
Total	23,012	23,736	41,911	45,420
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,079	2,596	7,592	7,126
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,959	3,574	4,683	5,963
Chemical and plastical products	538	621	5,044	6,004
Leather and leather manuf.	209	143	966	701
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	776	618	1,519	1,457
Textile and footwear	9,752	9,299	5,774	5,883
Construct, materials and metals	3,275	4,250	5,381	6,056
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,708	2,009	9,375	10,534
Others	716	626	1,576	1,696

Tab. 4 Progressive data of exports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL), January 2021

Group of goods	Italy		Spain		Kosovo		Greece	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	11,394	11,902	2,490	2,415	1,584	1,344	1,105	1,119
Food, beverages, tobacco	690	823	100	128	188	235	220	304
Minerals, fuels, electricity	142	169	2,168	2,233	132	186	66	38
Chemical and plastical products	167	177	44	1	130	125	35	53
Leather and leather manuf,	170	130	19	0	0	0	3	1
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	555	399	-	1	49	55	94	74
Textile and footwear	7,283	7,400	131	36	2	12	531	482
Construct, materials and metals	1,122	1,477	14	7	870	528	112	132
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	951	959	4	10	80	134	14	9
Others	313	368	10	0	133	69	30	26

Tab. 5 Progressive data of imports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL), January 2021

Group of goods	Italy		China		Turkey		Greece	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	9,833	11,118	4,122	4,888	4,322	4,383	4,347	3,809
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,306	1,387	67	88	471	407	1,117	996
Minerals, fuels, electricity	181	763	0	0	186	83	1,345	883
Chemical and plastical products	1,069	1,485	442	574	367	393	525	457
Leather and leather manuf,	795	588	46	29	19	21	2	3
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	491	320	66	98	171	225	246	212
Textile and footwear	2,566	2,706	730	801	1,242	1,248	301	255
Construct, materials and metals	1,236	1,314	686	514	792	1,185	587	704
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,934	2,292	1,701	2,314	943	607	126	171
Others	255	263	383	469	130	214	98	128

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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Explanation of Symbols

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