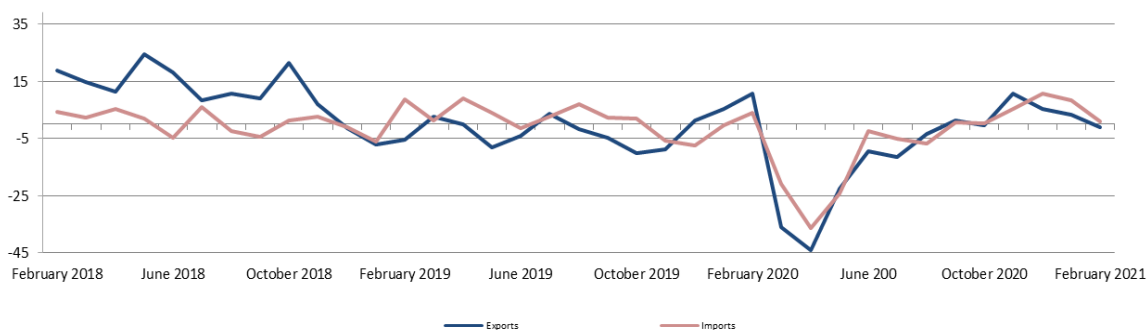


Foreign Trade in Goods

February 2021

Tirana, March 17, 2021: On February 2021 the value of exports was ALL 25 billion, decreasing by 0.9 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 4.4 % compared with January 2021. The value of imports was ALL 52 billion, increasing by 0.9 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 15.0 % compared with January 2021. This month the trade deficit is ALL 27 billion, increasing by 2.7 % compared with February 2020 and by 26.7 compared with January 2020.

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

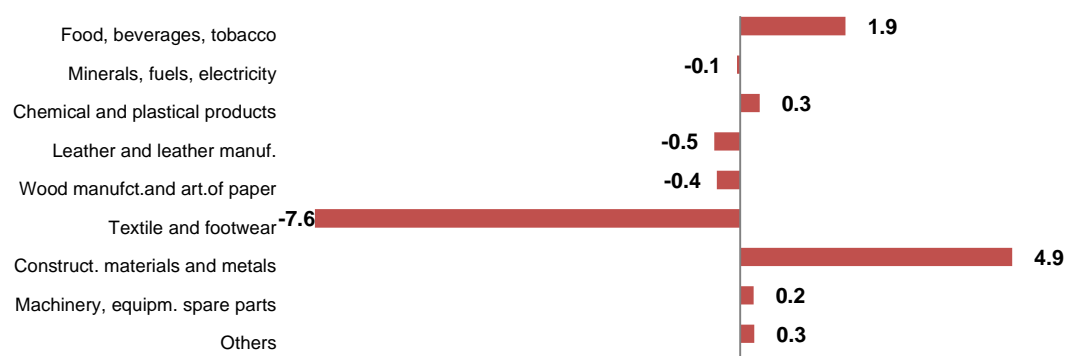


In the first two months of 2021, the value of exports was ALL 49 billion, increasing by 1.0 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 98 billion, increasing by 4.3 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 49 billion, increasing by 7.7 % compared with the same period of 2020.

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

In annual decrease of exports by 0.9 % this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Textile and footwear" with -7.6 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactories" with -0.5 percentage point, "Wood manufactories and article of paper" with -0.4 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +4.9 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +1.9 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +0.3 percentage point.

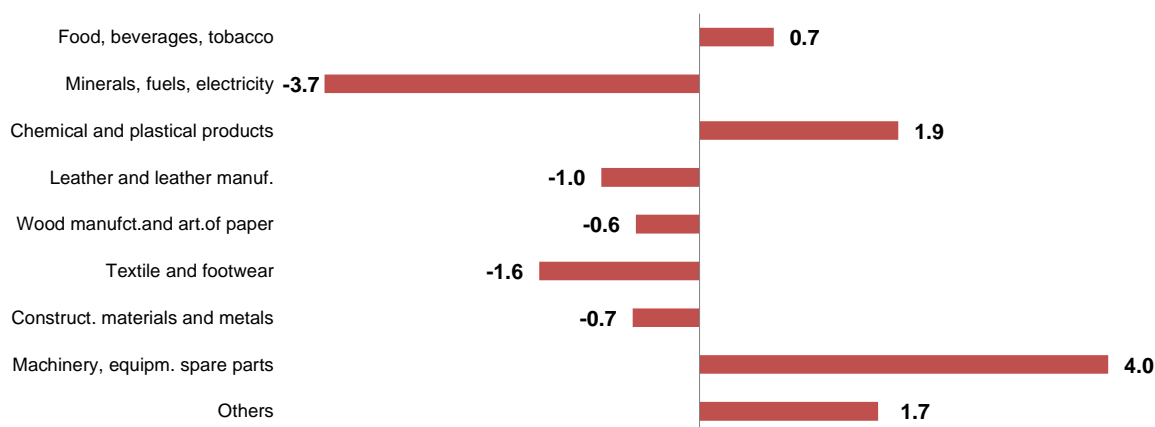
Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports, February 2021



Exports during the first two months of 2021 are increased by 1.0 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: "Construction materials and metals" with +4.6 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +2.1 percentage point and "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +0.8 percentage point. "While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Textile and footwear" with -4.9 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -0.8 percentage point, "Wood manufactories and article of paper" with -0.5 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 0.9 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +4.0 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +1.9 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.7 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -3.7 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -1.6 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactories" with -1.0 percentage point.

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

In the first two months of 2021, imports are increased by 4.3 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +3.4 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +2.1 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +0.4 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Leather and leather manufactories" with -0.8 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -0.7 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -0.7 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

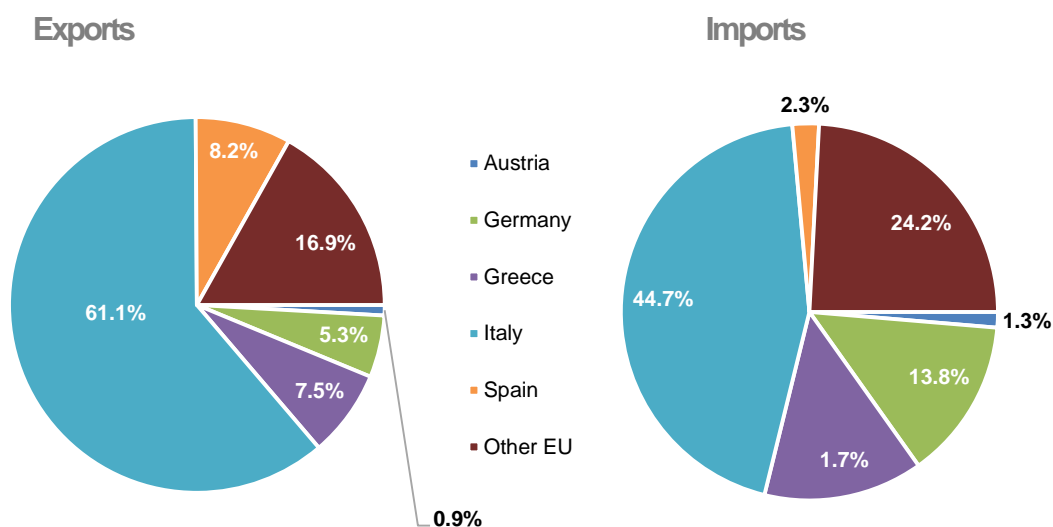
In February 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to February 2020 are: Kosovo (29.0 %), Greece (23.2 %) and China (9.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (11.1 %), Spain (45.6 %) and Germany (26.4 %).

In the first two months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Kosovo (7.4 %), Greece (12.3 %) and China (46.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (3.7 %), Spain (25.4 %) and Germany (26.1 %).

In February 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to February 2020 are: Italy (7.2 %), Turkey (11.6 %) and Germany (12.8 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Greece (4.2 %), Poland (4.3 %) and Spain (33.9 %).

In the first two months of 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (9.8 %), Turkey (6.8 %) and China (9.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Greece (8.3 %), Switzerland (6.8 %) and Russia (52.8 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 63.5 % of total trade. In February 2021, exports to EU countries occupied 73.6 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 58.7 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (32.3 %), Turkey (7.5 %), Greece (7.2 %) and Germany (6.8 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first two months of 2021 is 63.4 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 77.2 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 56.5 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (32.7 %), Turkey (7.4 %), China (7.3 %) and Greece (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
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
	January - February 19	44	-6.3	92	1.3	-47	48.4
2020	01 - 20	23	5.3	42	-0.4	-19	54.9
	02 - 20	25	10.6	52	3.9	-27	48.3
	January - February 20	48	8.0	94	1.9	-46	51.3
2021	01 - 21	24	3.1	45	8.4	-22	52.3
	02 - 21	25	-0.9	52	0.9	-27	47.4
	January - February 21	49	1.0	98	4.3	-49	49.7

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

	Exports				Imports			
	February 2020	February 2021	Jan.- Feb. 2020	Jan.- Feb. 2021	February 2020	February 2021	Jan.- Feb. 2020	Jan.- Feb. 2021
EU countries	19,971	18,224	38,808	37,462	29,283	30,662	52,324	55,218
Austria	129	164	295	295	401	409	684	804
Germany	1,321	973	2,787	2,060	3,761	4,243	6,906	7,371
Greece	1,111	1,369	2,216	2,488	4,374	4,191	8,722	8,000
Italy	12,536	11,143	23,930	23,045	12,781	13,708	22,614	24,826
Spain	2,762	1,502	5,252	3,917	1,056	698	1,771	1,174
Croatia	177	236	358	526	354	305	793	582
Others of EU	1,934	2,837	3,970	5,131	6,556	7,108	10,834	12,461
United Kingdom	49	26	131	75	298	389	746	651
China	710	778	1,012	1,482	4,203	4,235	8,325	9,123
Kosovo	1,660	2,141	3,244	3,485	584	619	1,048	1,159
North Macedonia	597	496	1,091	909	682	754	1,285	1,310
Russia	-	-	6	-	1,569	684	2,927	1,382
USA	281	425	461	892	843	1,516	1,669	2,287
Turkey	244	452	441	1,027	4,781	5,336	9,103	9,719
Ukraine	63	50	67	69	174	380	656	532
Switzerland	77	213	169	234	1,930	627	2,272	2,117
Others	1,360	1,967	2,592	2,873	7,416	7,044	13,319	14,169
Total	25,009	24,772	48,021	48,508	51,762	52,247	93,673	97,667

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	February 2020	February 2021	Jan.- Feb. 2020	Jan.- Feb. 2021	February 2020	February 2021	Jan.- Feb. 2020	Jan.- Feb. 2021
Total	25,009	24,772	48,021	48,508	51,762	52,247	93,673	97,667
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,249	2,720	4,328	5,316	8,211	8,586	15,803	15,713
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,668	4,654	8,627	8,228	5,796	3,901	10,479	9,864
Chemical and plastical products	613	700	1,150	1,320	7,590	8,595	12,634	14,599
Leather and leather manuf.	263	148	471	290	1,357	860	2,323	1,561
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	763	660	1,539	1,277	2,118	1,796	3,637	3,253
Textile and footwear	10,270	8,369	20,022	17,668	6,887	6,076	12,661	11,959
Construct, materials and metals	3,434	4,650	6,709	8,899	7,594	7,256	12,975	13,311
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,957	2,017	3,665	4,026	10,415	12,480	19,790	23,013
Others	793	856	1,509	1,483	1,795	2,698	3,371	4,393

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

Group of goods	Italy		Spain		Kosovo		Greece	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	23,930	23,045	5,252	3,917	3,244	3,485	2,216	2,488
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,390	1,602	152	269	397	472	438	579
Minerals, fuels, electricity	250	240	4,688	3,531	336	909	165	369
Chemical and plastical products	369	341	44	1	287	357	75	109
Leather and leather manuf,	374	258	44	0	2	1	9	2
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	1,064	842	1	1	105	112	222	157
Textile and footwear	15,330	14,139	270	83	14	26	995	900
Construct, materials and metals	2,286	2,927	38	19	1,675	1,210	229	273
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	2,193	1,943	5	11	164	211	17	28
Others	673	752	10	1	266	188	66	71

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		China		Greece	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	22,614	24,826	9,103	9,719	8,325	9,123	8,722	8,000
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,795	3,100	862	850	112	141	2,433	2,244
Minerals, fuels, electricity	501	1,787	287	177	3	0	2,014	1,594
Chemical and plastical products	2,541	3,204	1,052	1,187	864	1,017	1,215	1,118
Leather and leather manuf,	1,926	1,263	44	45	102	83	6	6
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	1,028	819	452	495	167	159	519	464
Textile and footwear	5,677	5,579	2,665	2,362	1,601	1,620	677	465
Construct, materials and metals	2,864	3,194	2,117	2,346	1,304	944	1,317	1,404
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	4,529	5,141	1,410	1,405	3,362	4,223	334	392
Others	754	740	215	852	810	936	207	313

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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