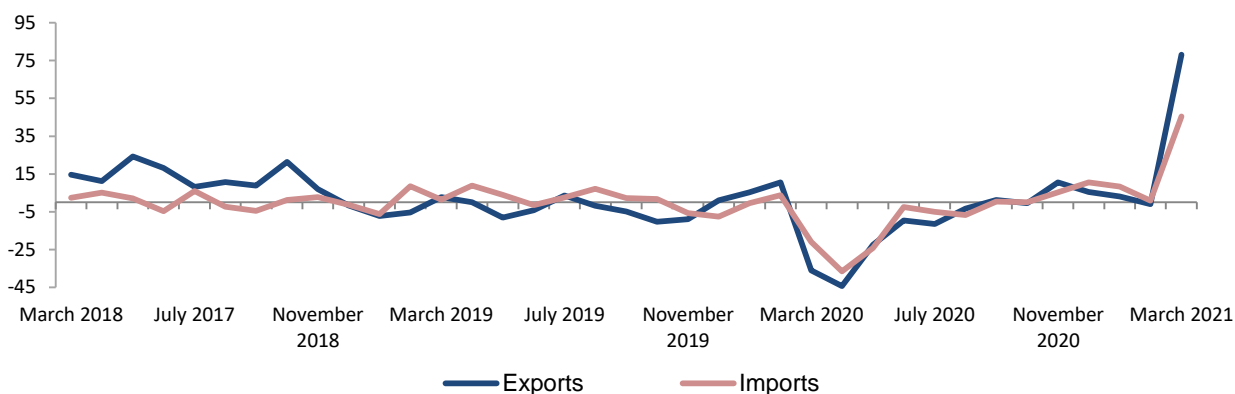


Foreign Trade in Goods

March 2021

Tirana, April 20, 2021: On March 2021 the value of exports was ALL 32 billion, increasing by 78.1 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 28.0 % compared with February 2021. During March 2021, exports increased by 30.9 % compared with monthly average for march period 2018-2020. The value of imports was ALL 64 billion, increasing by 45.3 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 23.4 % compared with February 2021. On March 2021, imports increased by 24.3 % compared with monthly average for march period 2018-2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 33 billion, increasing by 23.4 % compared with March 2020 and by 19.3 % compared with February 2021. On March 2021, trade deficit increased by 18.5 % compared with monthly average for march period 2018-2020.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



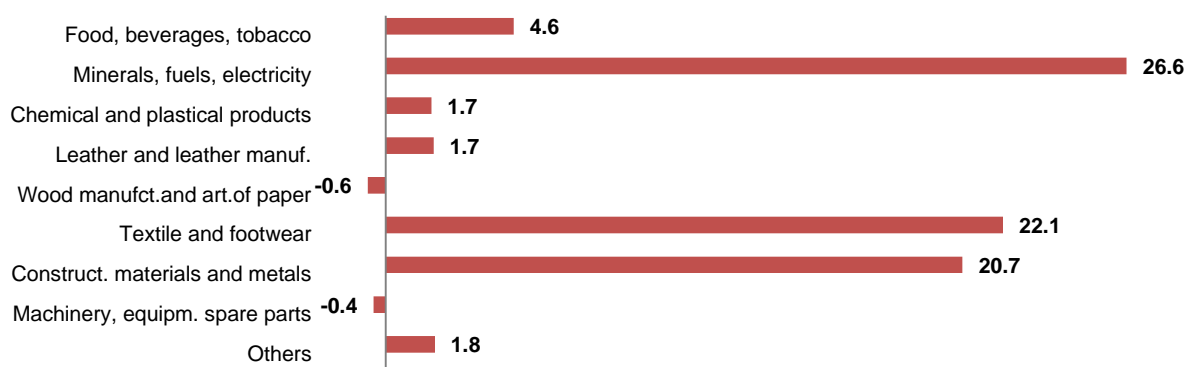
In the first three months of 2021, the value of exports was ALL 80 billion, increasing by 21.9 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 162 billion, increasing by 17.5 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 82 billion, increasing by 13.5 % compared with the same period of 2020.

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

In annual increase of exports by 78.1 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Mineral, fuels, electricity" with +26.6 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +22.1 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +20.7 percentage point,. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Wood manufactories and article of paper" with -0.6 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -0.4 percentage point.

In annual increase of exports by 30.9 % this month, compared with the monthly average for march period 2018-2020, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Mineral, fuels, electricity" with +12.9 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +8.8 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +2.0 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Wood manufactories and article of paper" with -0.9 percentage point.

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



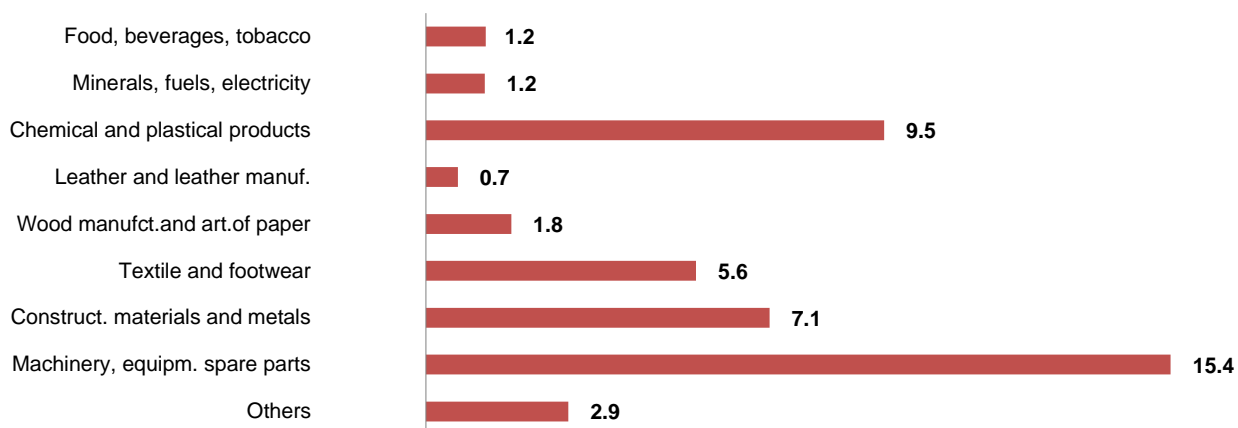
Exports during the first three months of 2021 are increased by 21.9 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: "Construction materials and metals" with +8.9 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +6.6 percentage point and "Textile and footwear" with +2.4 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Wood manufactories and article of paper" with -0.6 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 45.3 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +15.4 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +9.5 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +7.1 percentage point. While, there are no group of products that have negative contribution.

In annual increase of imports by 24.3 % this month, compared with the monthly average for march period 2018-2020, has mainly affected the groups: "Chemical and plastical products" with +6.8 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +6.6 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +6.1 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Leather and leather manufacture" with -0.3 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -0.1 percentage point.

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



In the first three months of 2021, imports are increased by 17.5 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +7.3 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +4.5 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +2.5 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Leather and leather manufactories" with -0.3 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -0.1 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

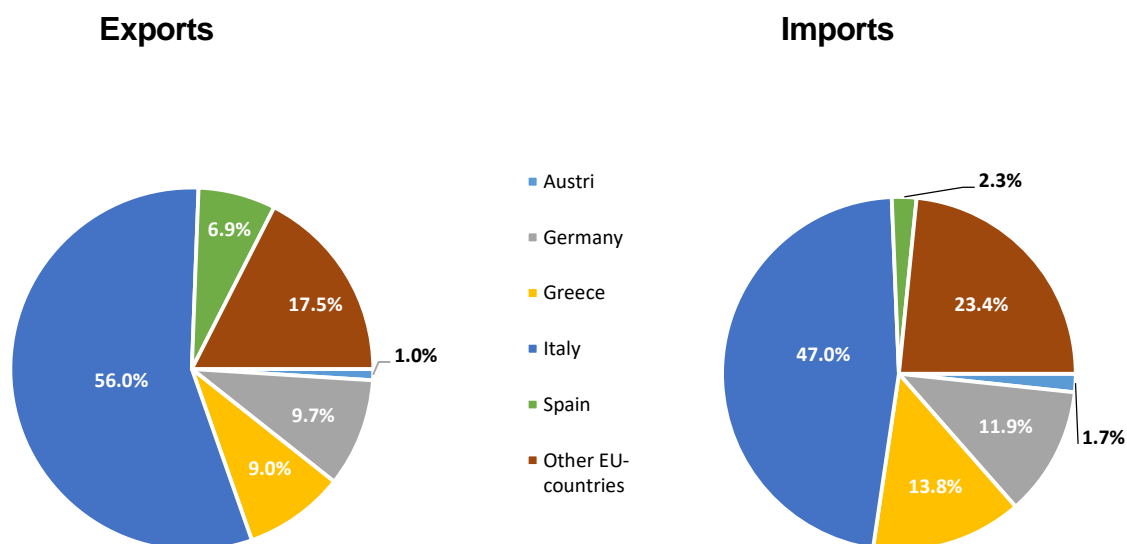
In March 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to March 2020 are: Italy (83.7 %), Kosovo (92.8 %) and Germany (85.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Ukraine (30.1 %), France (44.7 %) and Japan (49.0 %).

In the first three months of 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (16.4 %), Kosovo (35.5 %) and Greece (53.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Spain (15.6 %), United Kingdom (27.2 %) and Ukraine (14.9 %).

In March 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to March 2020 are: Italy (63.4 %), Turkey (118.5 %) and China (95.6 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Germany (20.2 %), Switzerland (23.3 %) and Russia (53.9 %).

In the first three months of 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (27.2 %), Turkey (36.9 %) and China (31.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Germany (5.4 %), Switzerland (11.9 %) and Russia (51.7 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 63.7 % of total trade. In March 2021, exports to EU countries occupied 74.0 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 58.7 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (32.1 %), Turkey (8.1 %), Greece (7.6 %) and Germany (7.0 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first three months of 2021 is 63.5 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 75.9 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 57.4 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (32.5 %), Turkey (7.6 %), Greece (7.4 %) and China (7.0 %).

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			12.1		8.1	-353	
2018			13.7		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
2018	03	27	14.6	55	2.5	-28	49.0
	January –	75	18.9	146	9.7	-72	51.0
2019	03 – 19	28	2.7	56	1.4	-28	49.6
	January – March 19	72	-3.0	148	1.3	-76	48.8
2020	03 - 20	18	-36.0	44	-20.8	-27	40.1
	January – March 20	66	-8.9	138	-6.7	-72	47.7
2021	03 - 21	32	78.1	64	45.3	-33	49.2
	January – March 21	80	21.9	162	17.5	-82	49.5

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

	Exports				Imports			
	March 2020	March 2021	Jan.- Mar. 2020	Jan.- Mar. 2021	March 2020	March 2021	Jan.- Mar. 2020	Jan.- Mar. 2021
EU countries	13,486	23,458	52,293	60,920	27,325	37,851	79,649	93,069
Austria	143	233	437	528	478	635	1,162	1,438
Germany	1,222	2,266	4,008	4,326	5,627	4,488	12,532	11,859
Greece	783	2,106	2,998	4,594	3,816	5,230	12,538	13,230
Italy	7,147	13,127	31,077	36,172	10,892	17,795	33,506	42,621
Spain	1,310	1,620	6,562	5,537	490	852	2,261	2,027
Croatia	142	208	500	734	305	1,062	1,099	1,644
Others of EU	2,740	3,899	6,710	9,030	5,717	7,789	16,550	20,250
United Kingdom	72	72	202	147	425	577	1,171	1,228
China	222	775	1,234	2,257	2,869	5,612	11,193	14,734
Kosovo	1,594	3,072	4,838	6,557	459	856	1,507	2,015
North Macedonia	559	1,074	1,650	1,982	558	951	1,842	1,506
Russia	-	-	6	-	1,704	786	4,631	2,238
USA	285	291	747	1,182	687	1,147	2,355	3,434
Turkey	160	450	601	1,478	3,355	7,332	12,458	17,051
Ukraine	80	56	147	125	281	186	938	718
Switzerland	20	409	189	642	1,031	791	3,303	2,908
Others	1,334	2,060	3,926	4,933	5,681	8,409	19,000	23,262
Total	17,811	31,717	65,832	80,225	44,374	64,497	138,046	162,163

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	March 2020	March 2021	Jan.- Mar. 2020	Jan.- Mar. 2021	March 2020	March 2021	Jan.- Mar. 2020	Jan.- Mar. 2021
Total	17,811	31,717	65,832	80,225	44,374	64,497	138,046	162,163
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,674	3,492	7,002	8,808	9,825	10,373	25,628	26,085
Minerals, fuels, electricity	2,599	7,333	11,226	15,561	4,098	4,637	14,577	14,501
Chemical and plastical products	620	914	1,770	2,234	6,643	10,843	19,277	25,442
Leather and leather manuf,	168	475	639	765	1,072	1,364	3,395	2,924
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	620	506	2,159	1,783	1,569	2,350	5,205	5,604
Textile and footwear	5,671	9,615	25,693	27,283	4,875	7,351	17,536	19,310
Construct, materials and metals	2,391	6,076	9,100	14,975	6,655	9,807	19,630	23,118
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	2,524	2,447	6,189	6,473	8,065	14,893	27,855	37,906
Others	544	859	2,053	2,342	1,572	2,878	4,943	7,271

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

Group of goods	Italy		Spain		Kosovo		Greece	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Total	31,077	36,172	6,562	5,537	4,838	6,557	2,998	4,594
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,964	2,650	250	387	778	781	620	915
Minerals, fuels, electricity	357	407	5,834	4,970	559	1,607	243	1,382
Chemical and plastical products	506	563	61	8	485	667	123	176
Leather and leather manuf,	522	391	45	0	2	4	9	4
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	1,380	1,387	1	1	184	175	338	245
Textile and footwear	19,481	21,731	311	117	23	53	1,267	1,278
Construct, materials and metals	3,107	4,744	45	42	2,202	2,586	290	451
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	2,900	3,142	5	11	193	356	18	31
Others	861	1,157	10	1	411	328	89	111

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		China		Greece	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Total	33,506	42,621	12,458	17,051	11,193	14,734	12,538	13,230
Food, beverages, tobacco	4,676	5,215	1,357	1,548	149	202	3,906	3,637
Minerals, fuels, electricity	848	3,113	327	317	3	5	2,532	2,375
Chemical and plastical products	3,922	5,575	1,747	2,296	1,137	1,922	1,820	2,071
Leather and leather manuf,	2,785	2,392	65	83	144	159	8	9
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	1,508	1,382	642	805	209	203	769	770
Textile and footwear	8,067	8,894	3,587	3,844	2,158	2,627	862	723
Construct, materials and metals	3,965	5,747	2,575	4,267	1,594	1,295	1,776	2,518
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	6,667	8,965	1,767	2,461	4,715	6,866	555	639
Others	1,068	1,339	391	1,430	1,084	1,455	310	488

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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