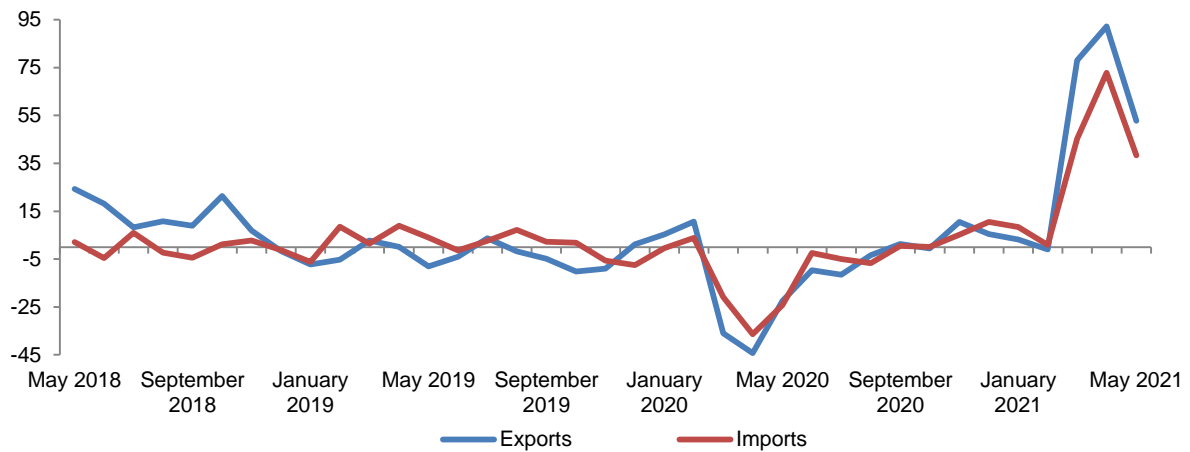


Foreign Trade in Goods

May 2021

Tirana, June 16, 2021: On May 2021 the value of exports was ALL 33 billion, increasing by 52.7 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 14.5 % compared with April 2021. During May 2021, exports increased by 24.1 % compared with monthly average for May period 2018-2020. The value of imports was ALL 62 billion, increasing by 38.4 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 1.6 % compared with April 2021. On May 2021, imports increased by 15.7 % compared with monthly average for May period 2018-2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 29 billion, increasing by 25.1 % compared with May 2020 and decreasing by 15.0 % compared with April 2021. On May 2021, trade deficit increased by 7.6 % compared with monthly average for May period 2018-2020.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade (%)



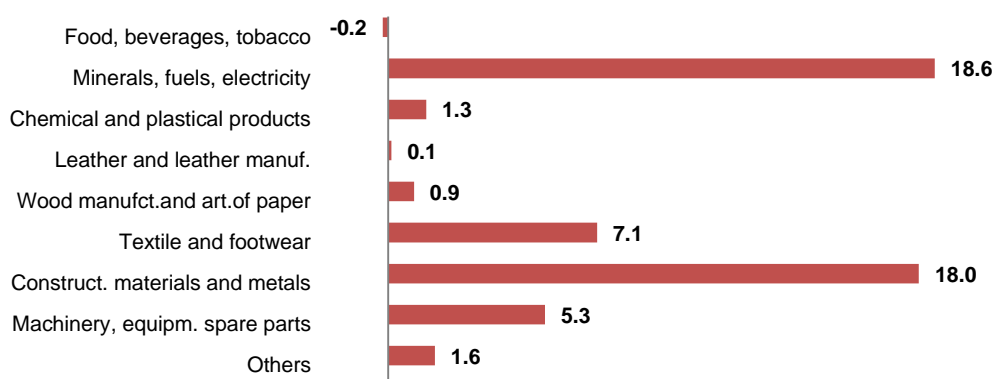
In the first five months of 2021, the value of exports was ALL 142 billion, increasing by 38.6 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 287 billion, increasing by 30.9 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 145 billion, increasing by 24.2 % compared with the same period of 2020.

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

During the month of May 2021 the increase of exports by 52.7 %, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +18.6 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +18.0 percentage point and “Textile and footwear” with +7.1 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with -0.2 percentage point.

During the month of May 2021 the increase of exports by 24.1 %, compared with the monthly average for May of three years, 2018-2020, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with +9.9 percentage point, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +7.7 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +4.0 percentage point.

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



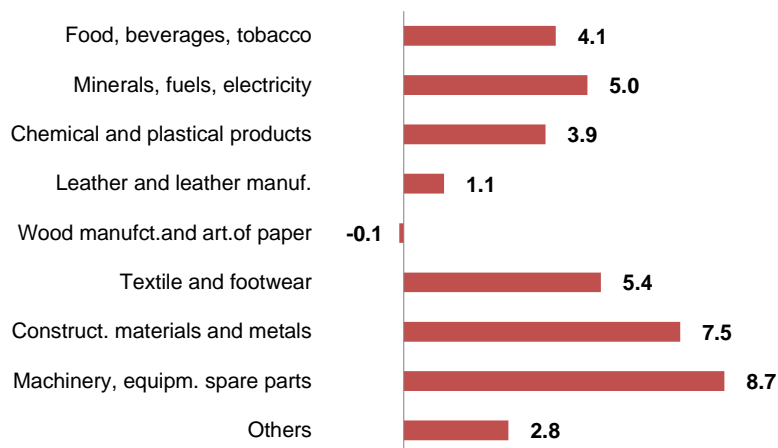
Exports during the first five months of 2021 are increased by 38.6 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: “Construction materials and metals” with +13.7 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +11.6 percentage point and “Textile and footwear” with +6.7 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Wood manufacturing and article of paper” with -0.03 percentage point.

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

During the month of May the increase of imports by 38.4 %, has mainly affected the groups: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +8.7 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +7.5 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +5.4 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Wood manufacturing and article of paper” with -0.1 percentage point.

During the month of May the increase of imports by 15.7 %, compared with the monthly average for May of three years, 2018-2020, has mainly affected the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with +3.9 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +3.4 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +3.1 percentage point.

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



In the first five months of 2021, imports are increased by 30.9 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +10.2 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +5.4 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +5.0 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

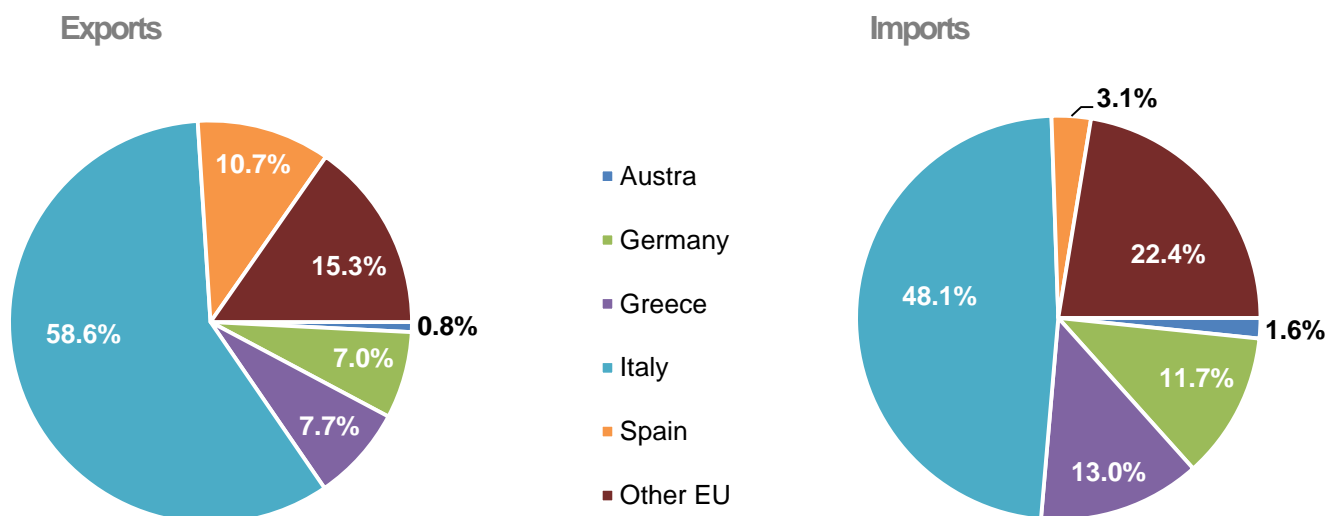
In May 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to May 2020 are: Italy (45.4 %), Kosovo (102.0 %) and Spain (5.2 times). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: China (27.7 %), United Kingdom (59.7 %) and Ukraine (85.7 %).

In the first five months of 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (32.5 %), Kosovo (72.2 %) and Spain (30.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: United Kingdom (29.4 %) and Ukraine (35.5 %).

In May 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to May 2020 are: Italy (41.9 %), Turkey (51.4 %) and Greece (5.7 times). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Switzerland (34.1 %) and Ukraine (69.2 %).

In the first five months of 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (44.2 %), Turkey (52.8 %) and China (38.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Russia (15.3 %), Switzerland (15.5 %) and Ukraine (32.0 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 61.5 % of total trade. In May 2021, exports to EU countries occupied 69.9 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 56.9 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (32.1 %), Turkey (7.3 %), Greece (6.7 %) and Germany (6.1 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first five months of 2021 is 62.2 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 73.1 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 56.8 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (31.9 %), Turkey (7.6 %), Greece (7.0 %) and China (6.7 %).

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
2018	05 – 18	30	24.3	57	2.1	-27	53.1
	January – May 18	131	109.8	255	91.8	-124	51.5
2019	05 – 19	28	-8.0	59	4.0	-31	47.0
	January – May 19	127	-3.5	264	3.5	-137	48.0
2020	05 - 20	22	-22.5	45	-24.2	-23	48.1
	January – May 20	102	-19.3	219	-17.0	-117	46.7
2021	05 - 21	33	52.7	62	38.4	-29	53.0
	January – May 21	142	38.6	287	30.9	-145	49.4

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

	Exports				Imports			
	May 2020	May 2021	Jan.-May 2020	Jan.-May 2021	May 2020	May 2021	Jan.-May 2020	Jan.-May 2021
EU countries	15,026	22,982	77,596	103,680	25,863	35,275	125,088	162,916
Austria	110	184	671	902	400	576	1,961	2,529
Germany	1,448	1,603	6,874	7,691	2,525	4,142	17,673	20,667
Greece	863	1,758	4,610	7,673	4,334	4,583	20,574	22,460
Italy	9,260	13,460	46,378	61,458	11,950	16,963	52,181	75,269
Spain	473	2,463	7,381	9,612	657	1,106	3,527	3,978
Croatia	138	205	759	1,177	517	663	2,118	2,809
Others of EU	2,733	3,308	10,921	15,166	5,480	7,243	27,053	35,204
United Kingdom	109	44	336	237	435	529	1,975	2,260
China	644	466	2,278	3,281	4,222	4,544	18,307	25,320
Kosovo	1,897	3,834	7,931	13,656	730	944	2,701	3,799
North Macedonia	728	1,194	3,057	4,286	697	941	3,253	3,546
Russia	-	8	6	8	1,064	2,211	7,115	6,023
USA	269	376	1,310	1,902	515	1,146	3,750	5,459
Turkey	155	560	851	2,555	4,199	6,357	19,786	30,232
Ukraine	60	9	229	147	966	298	2,163	1,470
Switzerland	34	216	345	1,060	757	499	4,683	3,956
Others	2,594	3,169	8,331	10,961	5,309	9,200	30,384	42,052
Total	21,515	32,857	102,269	141,773	44,757	61,942	219,205	287,034

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	May 2020	May 2021	Jan.-May 2020	Jan.-May 2021	May 2020	May 2021	Jan.-May 2020	Jan.-May 2021
Total	21,515	32,857	102,269	141,773	44,757	61,942	219,205	287,034
Food, beverages, tobacco	4,467	4,428	14,850	16,890	8,855	10,705	44,320	46,705
Minerals, fuels, electricity	2,619	6,614	15,579	27,484	3,175	5,410	20,992	25,145
Chemical and plastical products	544	821	2,776	3,830	7,714	9,440	34,105	45,174
Leather and leather manuf,	148	172	887	1,146	1,120	1,610	4,894	5,899
Wood manuf, and art, of paper	553	742	3,298	3,269	2,130	2,074	9,001	10,144
Textile and footwear	8,234	9,761	38,822	45,664	5,665	8,064	25,769	34,692
Construct, materials and metals	2,894	6,773	13,891	27,906	5,654	9,020	29,335	41,103
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,434	2,581	9,088	11,428	8,962	12,865	43,173	65,464
Others	622	964	3,079	4,156	1,482	2,755	7,616	12,708

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Germany	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Total	46,378	61,458	7,931	13,656	7,381	9,612	6,874	7,691
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,497	4,289	1,473	1,606	456	673	527	523
Minerals, fuels, electricity	436	685	1,124	3,233	6,332	8,657	419	2,348
Chemical and plastical products	768	975	812	1,224	65	15	23	34
Leather and leather manuf.	737	734	2	8	67	2	4	29
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	1,946	2,294	301	312	2	54	217	97
Textile and footwear	28,462	36,190	49	83	387	148	3,920	3,051
Construct, materials and metals	4,811	8,551	3,236	5,997	53	51	621	503
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	4,454	5,742	253	585	7	11	804	930
Others	1,267	1,998	682	607	13	2	338	175

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	52,181	75,269	19,786	30,232	18,307	25,320	20,574	22,460
Food, beverages, tobacco	7,822	9,112	2,305	2,730	288	369	6,450	6,474
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,418	3,954	638	1,305	4	8	3,958	3,123
Chemical and plastical products	6,891	9,734	3,307	4,242	2,173	3,695	3,030	3,667
Leather and leather manuf,	4,013	4,982	76	132	179	249	11	14
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	2,338	2,478	1,093	1,250	299	285	1,314	1,433
Textile and footwear	11,511	16,649	5,173	6,785	3,293	4,468	1,347	1,321
Construct, materials and metals	6,359	10,178	3,823	7,538	2,433	1,970	2,911	4,270
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	10,310	15,594	2,761	4,129	7,903	11,854	990	1,302
Others	1,519	2,588	609	2,120	1,735	2,423	565	854

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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Explanation of Symbols

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