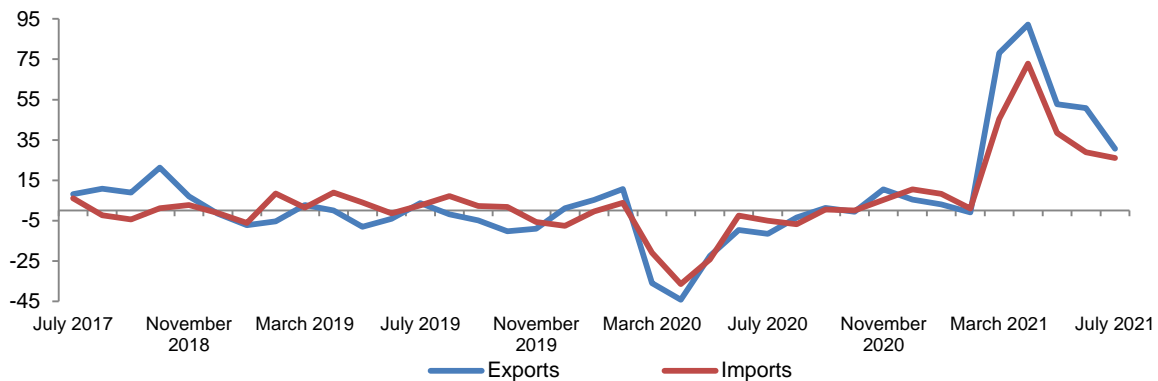


Foreign Trade in Goods

July 2021

Tirana, August 19, 2021: On July 2021 the value of exports was ALL 32 billion, increasing by 30.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 7.9 % compared with June 2021. During July 2021, exports increased by 21.7 % compared with monthly average for July period 2018-2020. The value of imports was ALL 72 billion, increasing by 26.1 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 6.6 % compared with June 2021. On July 2021, imports increased by 22.9 % compared with monthly average for July period 2018-2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 39 billion, increasing by 22.6 % compared with July 2020 and by 22.2 % compared with June 2021. On July 2021, trade deficit increased by 23.9 % compared with monthly average for July period 2018-2020.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



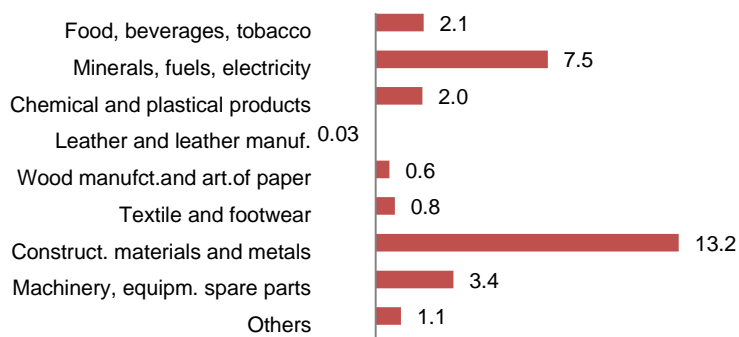
In the first seven months of 2021, the value of exports was ALL 209 billion, increasing by 39.2 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 426 billion, increasing by 29.8 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 217 billion, increasing by 21.8 % compared with the same period of 2020.

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

In annual increase of exports by 30.6 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with +13.2 percentage point, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +7.5 percentage point, and “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +3.4 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Leather and leather manufactures” with -0.03 percentage point.

In annual increase of exports by 21.7 % this month, compared with the monthly average for July period 2018-2020, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with +10.7 percentage point, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +5.4 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +3.6 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Textile and footwear” with -4.3 percentage point.

Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports July 2021

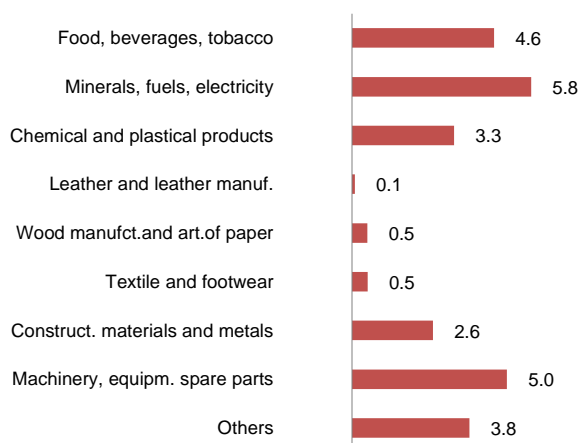


Exports during the first seven months of 2021 are increased by 39.2 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: “Construction materials and metals” with +13.8 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +12.3 percentage point and “Textile and footwear” with +5.4 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 26.1 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +5.8 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +5.0 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +4.6 percentage point.

In annual increase of imports by 22.9% this month, compared with the monthly average for July period 2018-2020, has mainly affected the groups: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +6.2 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +4.0 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +3.4 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Leather and leather manufactures” with -0.3 percentage point.

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

In the first seven months of 2021, imports are increased by 29.8 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +8.9 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +4.8 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +4.4 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

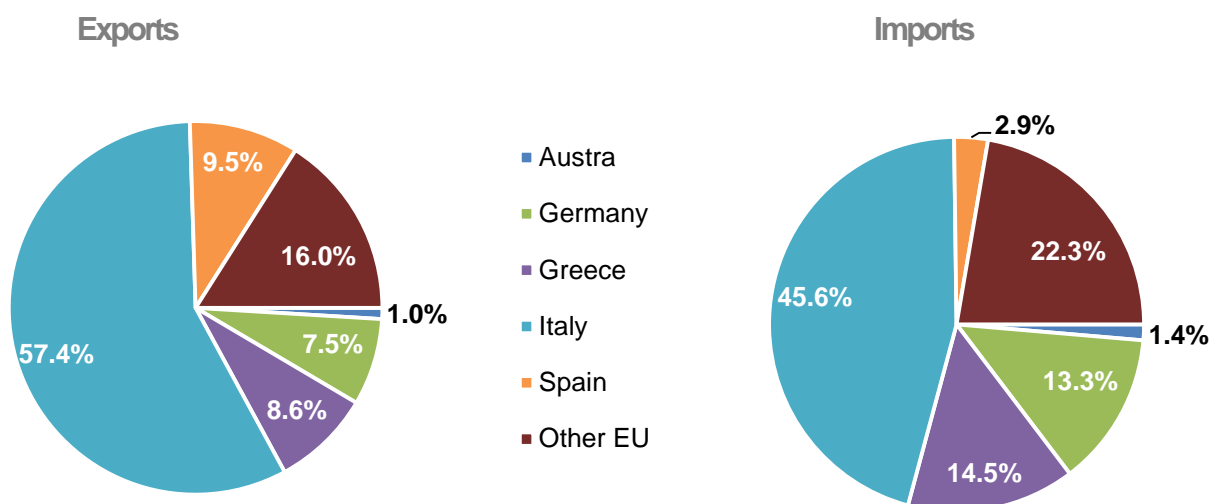
In July 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to July 2020 are: Italy (15.1 %), Kosovo (17.9 %) and Spain (44.1 %). While, country with which has had a decrease of exports is: China (15.7 %).

In the first seven months of 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (29.0 %), Kosovo (56.8 %) and Spain (40.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: United Kingdom (7.8 %) and Ukraine (30.5 %).

In July 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to July 2020 are: Italy (16.5 %), Turkey (14.2 %) and China (16.8 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Croatia (11.8 %), Switzerland (27.4 %) and Austria (12.2 %).

In the first seven months of 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (343 %), Turkey (48.3 %) and China (31.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Russia (8.6 %), Switzerland (25.5 %) and Ukraine (16.8 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 59.9 % of total trade. In July 2021, exports to EU countries occupied 73.5 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 53.8 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (30.0 %), Greece (7.3 %), Turkey (7.1 %) and Germany (6.7 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first seven months of 2021 is 61.5 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 72.7 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 56.0 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (31.2 %), Turkey (7.8 %), Greece (7.1 %) and Germany (6.6 %).

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	07 - 18	27	8.2	58	6.0	-31	46.0
	January - July 18	185	195.1	368	176.2	-183	50.3
2019	07 - 19	28	3.7	60	2.7	-32	46.4
	January - July 19	180	-2.6	377	2.6	-197	47.7
2020	07 - 20	25	-11.5	57	-5.0	-32	43.3
	January - July 20	150	-16.7	328	-13.1	-178	45.7
2021	07 - 21	32	30.6	72	26.1	-39	44.8
	January - July 21	209	39.2	426	29.8	-217	49.0

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

	Exports				Imports			
	July 2020	July 2021	Jan.-July 2020	Jan.-July 2021	July 2020	July 2021	Jan.-July 2020	Jan.-July 2021
EU countries	18,530	23,599	113,205	151,679	33,705	38,532	189,564	238,316
Austria	65	226	832	1,361	596	523	2,986	3,681
Germany	1,182	1,777	9,437	11,287	3,961	5,129	25,025	30,759
Greece	1,237	2,028	6,940	12,055	4,830	5,590	30,087	32,695
Italy	11,775	13,549	68,873	88,829	15,089	17,574	81,102	108,989
Spain	1,554	2,239	9,992	14,015	898	1,121	5,220	6,196
Croatia	86	184	1,017	1,667	901	794	3,735	4,380
Others of EU	2,632	3,596	16,114	22,464	7,430	7,799	41,409	51,615
United Kingdom	26	109	453	418	456	798	2,862	3,627
China	373	314	2,962	4,130	5,410	6,316	28,550	37,387
Kosovo	2,643	3,117	12,986	20,368	861	1,548	4,424	6,680
North Macedonia	678	1,129	4,567	6,881	903	1,082	4,989	5,697
Russia	-	-	6	8	948	1,040	8,917	8,153
USA	179	637	1,636	2,762	680	4,040	4,974	10,187
Turkey	225	586	1,325	3,614	5,932	6,772	30,951	45,915
Ukraine	19	36	289	201	155	264	2,534	2,108
Switzerland	45	175	461	1,517	886	643	6,173	4,599
Others	1,849	2,390	12,057	17,145	6,830	10,542	44,169	63,119
Total	24,567	32,093	149,947	208,723	56,767	71,578	328,106	425,787

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	July 2020	July 2021	Jan.-July 2020	Jan.-July 2021	July 2020	July 2021	Jan.-July 2020	Jan.-July 2021
Total	24,567	32,093	149,947	208,723	56,767	71,578	328,106	425,787
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,392	3,906	21,892	25,301	9,590	12,186	63,535	69,971
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,524	5,360	21,997	40,373	4,221	7,492	29,058	38,893
Chemical and plastical products	659	1,158	4,018	5,879	8,315	10,182	50,252	64,667
Leather and leather manuf,	180	172	1,229	1,480	1,193	1,248	7,263	8,527
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	749	896	4,692	4,991	2,110	2,394	12,924	15,133
Textile and footwear	9,846	10,050	58,111	66,269	7,386	7,673	40,020	50,439
Construct, materials and metals	3,857	7,090	21,243	41,941	7,551	9,028	44,500	60,317
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,552	2,381	12,180	16,418	13,965	16,796	68,335	97,638
Others	808	1,079	4,586	6,070	2,435	4,579	12,218	20,204

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Greece	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Total	68,873	88,829	12,986	20,368	9,992	14,015	6,940	12,055
Food, beverages, tobacco	5,041	6,184	2,308	2,655	687	883	1,648	2,129
Minerals, fuels, electricity	729	1,010	2,055	4,894	8,567	12,707	424	4,011
Chemical and plastical products	1,113	1,553	1,188	1,768	73	19	304	449
Leather and leather manuf.	1,052	1,031	3	11	71	2	9	9
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	2,776	3,340	442	455	2	58	779	762
Textile and footwear	43,215	52,088	66	112	474	260	2,857	3,066
Construct, materials and metals	6,953	12,363	5,555	8,761	89	74	689	1,257
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	6,080	8,410	429	843	10	11	29	61
Others	1,914	2,851	941	869	19	2	201	310

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	81,102	108,989	30,951	45,915	28,550	37,387	30,087	32,695
Food, beverages, tobacco	11,165	13,449	3,198	4,001	398	544	9,399	9,440
Minerals, fuels, electricity	2,629	6,113	1,693	3,228	4	9	5,470	4,793
Chemical and plastical products	10,618	13,656	4,840	6,260	3,146	5,629	4,476	5,427
Leather and leather manuf,	5,926	7,033	129	197	289	404	19	21
Wood manufct. and art, of paper	3,322	3,567	1,649	1,797	440	415	1,960	2,188
Textile and footwear	18,317	24,298	8,128	9,948	4,956	6,456	2,055	2,005
Construct, materials and metals	9,650	14,422	5,964	11,374	3,798	3,002	4,208	5,770
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	16,828	22,576	4,314	6,230	12,635	17,385	1,689	1,940
Others	2,647	3,876	1,037	2,881	2,884	3,544	812	1,111

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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