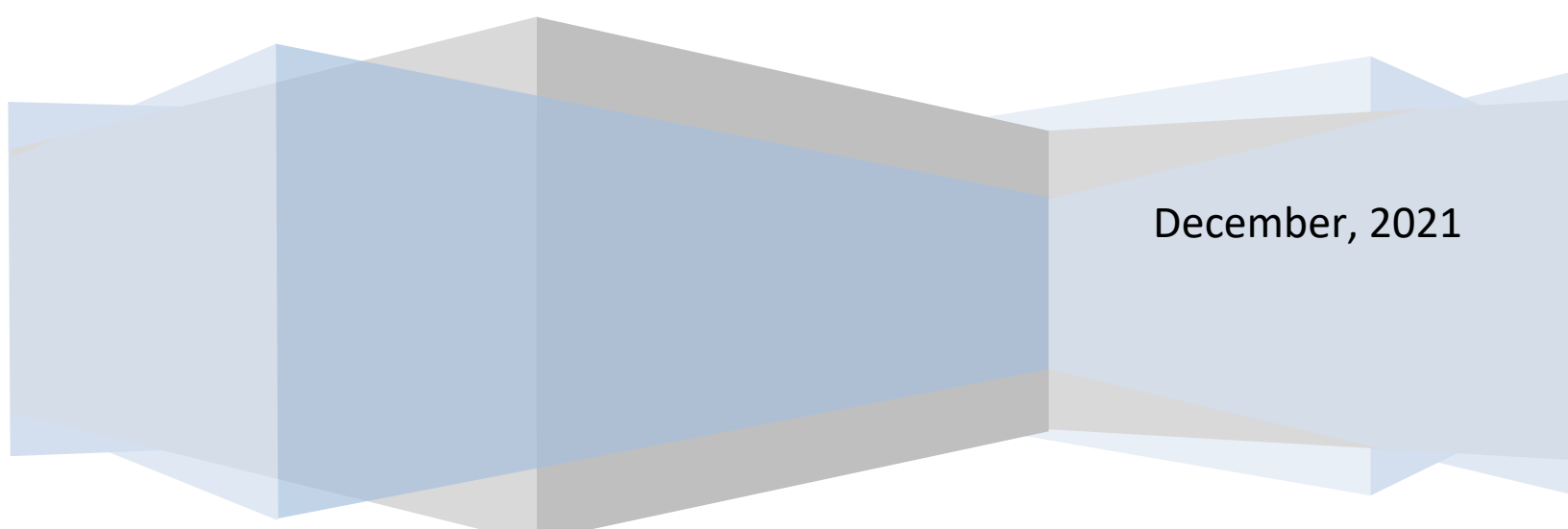


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## Introduction

The publication "Foreign Businesses in Albania" includes the data for the reference years 2018-2020.

The material is composing in four chapters.

First chapter present the number of foreign and joint enterprises operating in Albania divided by type of Ownership, country of direct investor, main economic activity and size class.

Second chapter express the role and impact of foreign and joint enterprises to Employment, Turnover and Investment indicators.

Chapter three reviews the FDI Flow and Stock by countries and activities.

Chapter four focus in structure of foreign and joint enterprises to Exports and Import in Albania economy.

Referring to the 2018-2020 period, statistics regarding foreign and joint private enterprises aim to monitor the situation, structure, intensity of trade and their performance within Albanian territory.

## A. Foreign and joint enterprises

In 2020, the number of foreign and joint enterprises covered 3.6% of total active enterprises operating in Albania (tab.1).

**Tab. 1: Foreign and joint active enterprises, 2018 -2020**

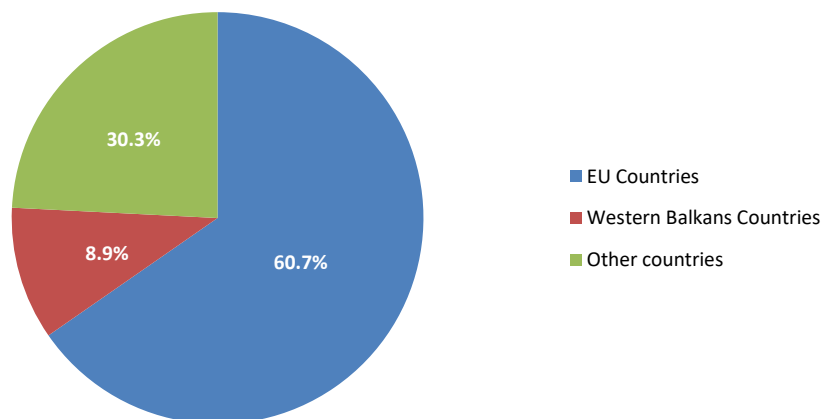
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Ownership	Year 2018		Year 2019		Year 2020	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,835</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>162,342</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>166,386</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Albanian 100%	156,576	96.2	155,899	96.0	160,351	96.4
Foreigner and Join	6,259	3.8	6,443	4.0	6,035	3.6
<i>of which</i>						
Foreigner 100%	4,109	2.5	4,269	2.6	4,433	2.7
Joint (Albanian + Foreigner )	2,150	1.3	2,174	1.3	1,602	1.0

Source: INSTAT, Statistical Business Register

During the year 2020 enterprises from European Community countries covered at average 60.7 % of the total foreign and joint enterprises while the enterprises from the Western Balkans origin represent 8.9% of these enterprises (tab.2).

**Fig.1 Structure of the foreign and joint enterprises by regions. 2020**



Source: INSTAT, Statistical Business Register

**Tab. 2: Foreign and Joint (Albanian + Foreign) active enterprises by countries, 2018-2020**

End of the year

Country	2018			2019			2020		
	Total	Foreign 100%	Joint (Albanian + Foreign)	Total	Foreign 100%	Joint (Albanian + Foreign)	Total	Foreign 100%	Joint (Albanian + Foreign)
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,259</b>	<b>4,109</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>6,443</b>	<b>4,269</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>6,035</b>	<b>4,433</b>	<b>1,602</b>
<b>EU Countries (27)</b>									
Austria	57	32	25	59	40	19	79	60	19
Germany	172	124	48	184	126	58	166	117	49
Greece	453	249	204	430	256	174	367	238	129
Netherland	51	34	17	41	29	12	71	53	18
Italy	2,853	1,821	1,032	3,011	2,058	953	2,553	1,911	642
Spain	24	15	9	24	15	9	16	10	6
Other EU Countries	357	235	122	377	250	127	413	313	100
<b>Total EU Countries (27)</b>	<b>3,967</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>4,126</b>	<b>2,774</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>3,665</b>	<b>2,702</b>	<b>963</b>
<b>Western Balkan Countries</b>									
Bosnia&Herzegovina	11	8	3	12	5	7	11	c	c
Kosovo	423	290	133	447	303	144	389	298	91
Montenegro	23	17	6	29	22	7	21	15	6
Macedonia	146	103	43	143	91	52	112	81	31
Serbia	42	26	16	43	25	18	7	c	c
<b>Total Balkan</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>Other countries</b>									
United Kingdom	89	55	34	84	46	38	86	60	26
United Arab Emirates	36	19	17	22	12	10	c	c	c
Canada	27	21	6	32	20	12	c	c	c
China	77	59	18	91	67	24	62	48	14
USA	113	72	41	135	80	55	120	73	47
Turkey	374	242	132	385	253	132	357	277	80
Switzerland	48	37	11	57	44	13	77	60	17
Other countries	883	650	233	837	527	310	1,098	781	317
<b>Total other countries</b>	<b>1,647</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>505</b>

Source: INSTAT, Statistical Business Register

**Tab. 3: Active enterprises by ownership and regions, 2018 -2020**

End of the year

Ownership	2018				2019				2020			
	Total	EU (27) Countries	Western Balkans Countries	Other countries	Total	EU(27) Countries	Western Balkans Countries	Other countries	Total	EU(27) Countries	Western Balkans Countries	Other countries
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,259</b>	<b>3,967</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>1,647</b>	<b>6,443</b>	<b>4,126</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>6,035</b>	<b>3,665</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>1,830</b>
Foreigner 100%	4,109	2,510	444	1,155	4,269	2,774	446	1,049	4,433	2,702	406	1,325
Joint (Albanian + Foreigner)	2,150	1,457	201	492	2,174	1,352	228	594	1,602	963	134	505

Source: INSTAT, Statistical Business Register

In Albanian economy, the enterprises from EU countries are dominant in other services activity (24.0%), trade (13.8%) and industry (10.8 %) of the total foreign and joint enterprises, (tab.4).

**Tab. 4: Foreign and joint active enterprises by economic activity and regions, 2018-2020**

End of the year

Economic Activity		Total	Producers of goods	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Industry	Construction	Producers of services	Trade	Transport and storage	Accommodation and food service activities	Information and communication	Other Services
2018	<b>Total</b>	<b>6259</b>	<b>1477</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>4782</b>	<b>1721</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>2269</b>
	EU Countries(27)	4056	1055	50	681	324	3001	991	75	114	252	1569
	Western Balkans Countries	645	143	6	90	47	502	245	18	94	29	116
	Other countries	1558	279	17	171	91	1279	485	22	96	92	584
2019	<b>Total</b>	<b>6443</b>	<b>1468</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>4975</b>	<b>1720</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>2417</b>
	EU Countries(27)	4210	1020	45	684	291	3190	977	70	125	287	1731
	Western Balkans Countries	674	141	10	87	44	533	249	24	101	31	128
	Other countries	1559	307	20	152	135	1252	494	22	99	79	558
2020	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,035</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>4,535</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>2,192</b>
	EU Countries(27)	3,665	940	40	653	247	2,725	834	70	85	286	1,450
	Western Balkans Countries	540	102	7	60	35	438	214	19	68	38	99
	Other countries	1,830	458	18	183	257	1,372	491	27	104	107	643

Source: INSTAT, Statistical business register

During the 2020, enterprises from EU countries with 1-9 employed covered 81.1 % of all EU enterprises, while enterprises with 250+ employed covered 1.4 %, (tab.5).

**Tab. 5: Active enterprises by size class of enterprises, 2018-2020**

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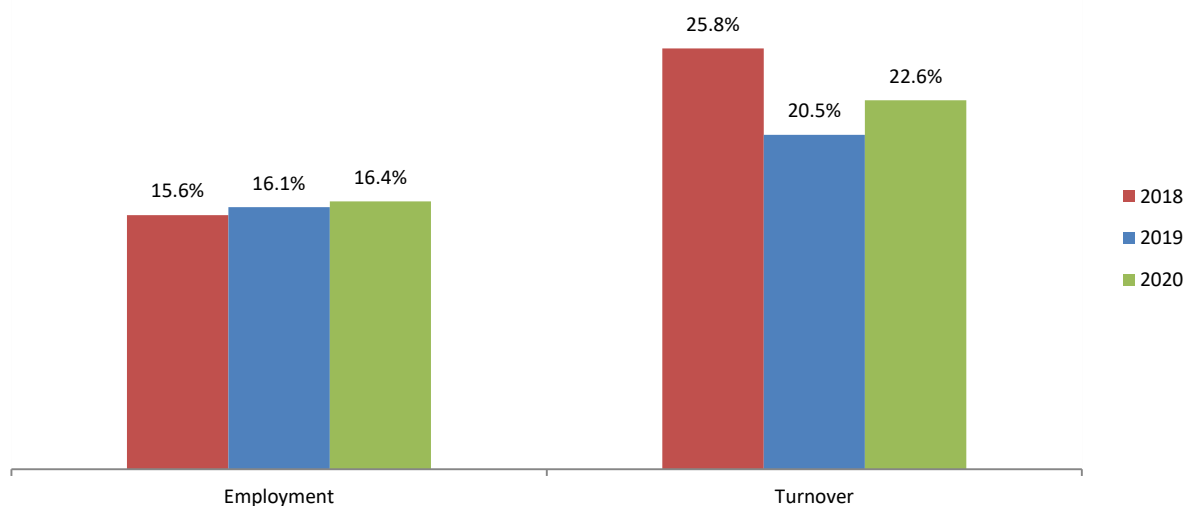
Size of enterprises	2018				2019				2020			
	Total	EU Countries(27)	Western Balkans Countries	Other countries	Total	EU Countries(27)	Western Balkans Countries	Other countries	Total	EU Countries(27)	Western Balkans Countries	Other countries
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,259</b>	<b>3,967</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>1,647</b>	<b>6,443</b>	<b>4,126</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>6,035</b>	<b>3,665</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>1,830</b>
01-09	5,499	3,412	610	1,477	5,565	3,502	617	1,446	4,974	2,973	472	1,529
10-49	504	356	30	118	542	359	43	140	720	447	54	219
50-249	198	154	5	39	267	210	c	c	272	192	c	c
250+	58	45		13	69	55	c	c	69	53	c	c

Source: INSTAT, Statistical business register

## B. Main economic indicators of foreign and joint enterprises<sup>1</sup>

In 2020, the foreign and joint enterprises have employed 16.4 % of total employment and turnover realized by foreign enterprises comprises 22.6 % of total turnover of resident enterprises (fig.2).

**Fig.2: Share of the main indicators of foreign and joint enterprises in total resident enterprises, 2018-2020**



Source: INSTAT, Structural Business Statistics Survey

In 2020, in EU countries, Italy comprises 48.0 % of employment and 21.2 % of turnover. In Western Balkan countries, Kosovo covers 2.9 % of employment and 3.5 % of turnover during the same time period (tab.6).

<sup>1</sup> Structural Business Statistics Survey cover all active enterprises in Albania, all legal forms that provide goods or services for the market, but exclude agriculture, hunting and fishing, financial and insurance, public and defense administration, compulsory social security and extraterritorial organizations and bodies which are not part of the survey.

Tab. 6: Structure of main indicators for Foreign and joint enterprises by countries, 2018-2020

%

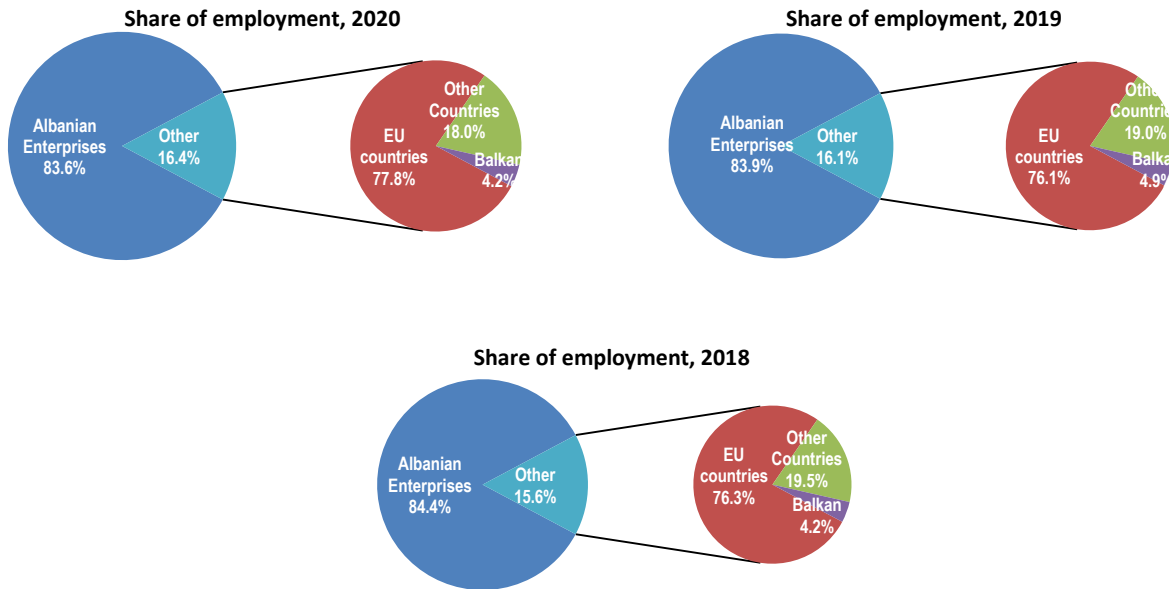
Foreign and joint enterprises indicators by countries		Employment			Turnover		
		2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
EU Countries (27)	Austria	0,9	1,0	2,5	1,2	2,2	5,7
	Germany	4,0	4,7	4,5	6,1	6,9	2,7
	Netherlands	3,3	1,3	4,9	2,3	1,8	8,6
	Greece	10,2	7,6	6,1	10,3	7,0	5,3
	Italy	50,4	53,3	48,0	27,3	24,6	21,2
	Other EU Countries	7,6	8,2	11,7	15,2	14,5	23,9
	<b>Total EU Countries (27)</b>	<b>76,3</b>	<b>76,1</b>	<b>77,8</b>	<b>62,4</b>	<b>57,0</b>	<b>67,4</b>
	Western Balkan Countries	Bosnia & Herzegovina	0,0	0,2	0,2	0,0	0,2
Serbia		0,5	0,5	0,0	1,0	1,0	0,1
Kosovo		2,8	3,3	2,9	4,5	3,2	3,5
Montenegro		0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,1
North Macedonia		0,9	0,7	0,9	1,9	1,1	1,1
<b>Western Balkan Countries</b>		<b>4,2</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>7,5</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>5,1</b>
Other countries	United Kingdom	0,5	0,4	1,0	1,0	0,5	0,7
	United Arab Emirates	1,4	0,4	0,0	1,1	0,9	0,0
	Canada	0,5	0,3	0,2	0,5	0,4	0,1
	China	1,6	1,3	0,8	6,1	7,4	3,3
	USA	0,4	1,0	1,1	1,0	1,7	0,8
	Turkey	8,2	9,5	6,9	10,9	15,2	12,1
	Switzerland	1,9	1,9	1,9	2,7	3,4	3,4
	Other countries	5,1	4,2	6,0	6,8	7,8	7,2
	<b>Total other countries</b>	<b>19,5</b>	<b>19,0</b>	<b>18,0</b>	<b>30,1</b>	<b>37,3</b>	<b>27,5</b>

Source: INSTAT, Structural Business Statistics Survey

EU countries have the largest share of employments in the foreign and joint enterprises. In 2020 EU countries have employed 77.8 % (fig 3).



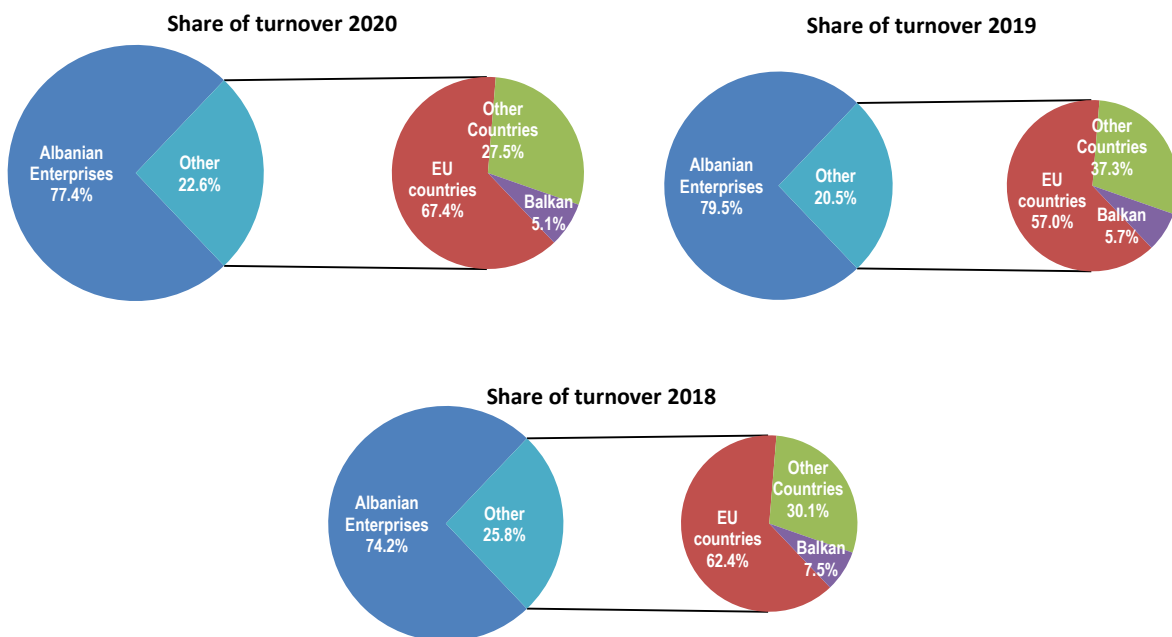
**Fig. 3: Structure of the employments in the foreign and joint enterprises by region**



Source: INSTAT, Structural Business Statistics Survey

Regarding to the turnover, the situation appears to be similar to that of the employments, EU countries have the largest share of turnover in foreign owned enterprises with 67.4 % (fig 4).

**Fig. 4: Structure of the turnover on foreign and joint enterprises by regions**



Source: INSTAT, Structural Business Statistics Survey

For the employment the largest share of foreign and joint enterprises, for the year 2020, is in Manufacturing by 38.9 % (tab.7).

Regarding to the turnover the largest share of foreign foreign and joint enterprises, for the year 2020, is in Trade by 30.0 % (tab.7).

**Tab. 7: Structure of main indicators by economic activity, 2018-2020**

%

Year	Indicators	Economic Activities	Mining & quarrying	Manufacturing	Electricity gas, water	Construction	Trade	Accommodation & food services	Transport & communication	Services
		Nace Rev.2	05-09	10-32	35-39	41-43	45; 46; 47	55; 56	49-53; 58-63	33; 68-82; 85-96 Pěrj. 94
2018	Employment		2.0	41.7	1.1	4.7	10.2	1.7	8.0	30.6
	Turnover		6.0	17.0	6.7	12.8	24.5	2.0	11.5	19.5
2019	Employment		2.5	39.0	1.5	4.4	11.0	2.9	7.1	31.6
	Turnover		9.8	19.5	5.5	9.5	21.7	1.0	13.5	19.6
2020	Employment		2.3	38.9	1.5	4.3	10.4	2.3	7.8	32.6
	Turnover		5.3	20.3	4.3	8.6	30.0	0.6	11.6	19.3

Source: INSTAT, Structural Business Statistics Survey

In table 8 is presented the structure of turnover realized in each economic activity by main countries during 2020 for foreign and joint enterprises.

In Mining and quarrying industry, the largest share of turnover is realized by enterprises owned from other countries (82.9 %) where China is the dominant country with 59.2 %. In other sectors, the largest share of turnover is realized in EU-countries; Manufacturing (61.0 %), Electricity, gas & water (73.3 %), Construction (70.6 %), Trade (70.8 %), Transport & communication (65.8 %) and other Services (81.9 %).

In EU countries, Italy dominates in Manufacturing (35.4 %), Construction (20.5 %), Accommodation & food services (11.8 %) and other Services (28.1 %).

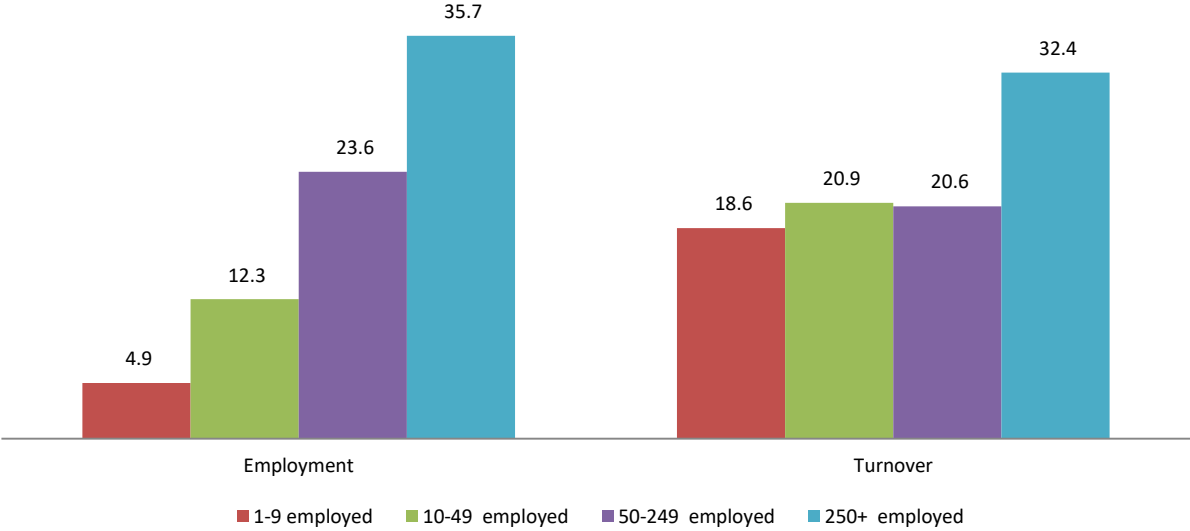
Tab. 8: Structure of turnover for foreign owned enterprises in each economic activity by countries, 2020

Regions	Economic Activities	Mining & quarrying	Manufacturing	Electricity, gas & water	Construction	Trade	Accommodation & food services	Transport & communication	Services
	Nace Rev.2	05-09	10-32	35-39	41-43	45; 46; 47	55; 56	49-53; 58-63	33; 68-82; 85-96 excl 94
EU Countries (27)	Austria	0.0	0.5	8.7	17.6	4.2	17.9	2.2	10.8
	Germany	0.0	0.8	0.3	2.6	4.2	1.8	4.3	2.7
	Netherlands	12.0	0.8	21.7	0.2	7.1	0.0	25.1	9.4
	Greece	1.0	4.1	3.7	11.1	6.6	0.0	1.7	5.7
	Italy	1.1	35.4	16.7	20.5	15.8	11.8	10.5	28.1
	Other EU Countries	2.8	19.4	22.2	18.6	32.9	0.5	22.0	25.1
	<b>Total EU Countries (27)</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>81.9</b>
Western Balkan Countries	Bosnia&Herzegovina	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.0
	Serbia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Kosovo	0.0	0.1	0.0	5.0	8.1	17.7	0.9	2.2
	Montenegro	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.4
	Macedonia	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.3	1.8	0.0	3.0	0.6
	<b>Western Balkan Countries</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Other countries	United Kingdom	0.0	0.2	4.9	0.1	0.2	8.1	0.6	1.3
	United Arab Emirates	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Canada	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.1
	China	59.2	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	USA	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.8	2.2	0.1	2.4
	Turkey	20.3	25.9	19.0	7.9	5.1	9.1	18.0	3.1
	Switzerland	0.9	0.4	1.4	0.0	7.5	0.0	1.7	3.8
	Other Countries	1.1	12.0	1.5	14.6	4.5	24.4	9.1	4.1
	<b>Total other countries</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>14.9</b>

Source: INSTAT, Structural Business Statistics Survey

During 2020, enterprises with 250 and more employees cover 35.7 % of total employment and have realized 32.4 % of turnover (fig 5).

Fig.5: Share of main indicators by size class of enterprises, 2020 (%)



Source: INSTAT, Structural Business Statistics Survey

## C. Direct Investments

At the end of 2020, EU countries comprised the majority of DI stock (54.4%), with dominant countries Netherland and Italy, by 16.3% and 10.2%, respectively (tab. 9).

**Tab.9: Direct Investments, stock by countries (mil Euro)**

Direct investment	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total DI stock</b>	<b>7.455,2</b>	<b>7.974,0</b>	<b>8.480,5</b>
EU-27	3.947,0	4.298,0	4.612,5
Austria	516,7	549,7	597,7
Germany	126,7	133,2	148,6
Greece	1.071,6	474,2	460,9
Italy	690,9	753,2	864,8
Netherland	1.017,0	1.209,3	1.383,8
Other EU countries	524,2	1.178,3	1.156,3
United Kingdom	61,5	76,3	80,0
Switzerland	1.315,5	1.492,1	1.665,9
Canada	1.000,6	1.114,9	1.118,6
USA	69,4	81,8	88,8
Other	1.061,2	910,9	915,1

Source: Bank of Albania

In 2020, Netherland and Switzerland dominated DI flow, by 21.5% and 19.8%, respectively, but a downward flow compared to 2019 (tab.10).

**Tab. 10: Foreign Direct Investments, flow by countries (mil Euro)**

Direct investment	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total DI stock</b>	<b>1.019,6</b>	<b>1.072,3</b>	<b>936,6</b>
EU-27	412,6	569,0	502,5
Austria	56,1	43,4	64,2
Germany	21,2	19,1	17,2
Greece	- 27,8	- 9,2	22,6
Italy	52,9	118,8	129,9
Netherland	169,8	260,4	201,0
Other EU countries	140,3	136,5	67,7
United Kingdom	7,9	17,5	1,1
Switzerland	355,1	196,8	185,4
Canada	83,4	156,5	58,0
USA	13,7	20,0	15,3
Other	147,0	112,5	174,2

Source: Bank of Albania

The “Electricity, gas and water supply” sector and “Mining and quarrying” sector continue to comprise the highest values of DI stock also at the end of 2020, by 30.3% and 14.5%, respectively (tab.11).

**Tab.11: Direct Investments, stock by activities (mil Euro)**

Direct investment	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total DI stock</b>	<b>7.455,2</b>	<b>7.974,0</b>	<b>8.480,5</b>
B-Mining and quarrying	1.023,5	1.157,1	1.228,3
C-Manufacturing	661,7	666,0	719,4
(D+E)-Electricity, gas and water supply	2.051,1	2.364,8	2.565,4
J-Information and communication	1.083,3	1.020,5	1.065,8
K-Financial and insurance activities	1.072,3	1.063,2	1.113,4
Other	1.563,2	1.702,6	1.788,3

Source: Bank of Albania

The “Electricity, gas and water supply” sector, “Mining and quarrying” sector, and “Financial and insurance activities” sector comprised the highest values of DI flow during 2020, respectively by 27.5%, 14.2% and 14.1% (tab.12)

**Tab. 12: Direct Investments, flow by activities (mil Euro)**

Direct investment	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total DI flow</b>	<b>1.019,6</b>	<b>1.072,3</b>	<b>936,6</b>
B-Mining and quarrying	176,8	258,7	132,6
C-Manufacturing	34,0	43,4	87,4
(D+E)-Electricity, gas and water supply	454,0	333,9	258,0
J-Information and communication	-66,1	12,1	66,1
K-Financial and insurance activities	96,6	117,1	132,0
Other	324,3	307,1	260,6

Source: Bank of Albania

## D. Trade of goods by enterprises

In 2020, the foreign and joint Italian enterprises and foreign and joint Greek enterprises are the main foreign and joint private enterprises for both export and import of goods. During this year the number of foreign and joint Italian exporting enterprises is 356 and the number of foreign and joint Greek exporting enterprises is 69. Regarding imports of goods the number of foreign and joint Italian importing enterprises is 555 and the number of foreign and joint Greek importing enterprises is 136 (tab. 13).

**Tab.13 Number of foreign and joint enterprises by countries of ownership, 2018-2020**

	Exports			Imports			
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	
EU Countries (27)	Austria	13	11	14	16	23	38
	France	11	15	15	19	23	23
	Germany	20	22	22	55	64	58
	Greece	78	78	69	156	140	136
	Italy	338	383	356	613	634	555
	Netherlands	9	8	16	14	13	23
	Others of EU	37	41	43	85	84	111
Western Balkan Countries	Bosnia & Herzegovina	c	c	-	c	5	5
	Kosovo	34	43	37	97	110	107
	North Macedonia	12	14	10	36	37	35
	Montenegro	c	c	-	5	c	c
	Serbia	4	3	c	22	17	c
Other countries	United Kingdom	4	5	5	19	19	14
	Canada	c	4	-	5	4	c
	China	7	7	7	23	35	27
	Switzerland	11	6	9	19	26	21
	Turkey	29	44	36	96	120	109
	United Emirate Arab	12	5	c	13	9	c
	USA	7	11	8	25	34	22
	Others	40	36	42	105	88	85

Source: INSTAT, International Trade in Goods

In 2020, the foreign and joint Italian enterprises has the main share of exports of goods for foreign and joint enterprises with 46.5 %, the foreign and joint Turkish enterprises with 14.7 % and the foreign and joint Chinese enterprises with 9.7 %. Regarding the imports of goods foreign and joint Italian enterprises has the main share of imports of goods for foreign and joint enterprises with 35.7 %, the foreign and joint Turkish enterprises with 14.4 % and the foreign and joint Greek enterprises with 7.4 % (tab. 14).

Tab. 14: External trade in goods of foreign and joint enterprises by countries of ownership, 2018-2020

%

	Exports			Imports		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
EU Countries (27)	Austria	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	3.0
	France	1.7	3.1	3.8	2.2	2.3
	Germany	2.9	3.3	3.8	6.4	5.0
	Greece	5.2	4.8	3.8	12.0	7.4
	Italy	47.1	48.7	46.5	41.2	35.7
	Netherlands	1.4	0.9	2.8	2.5	6.0
	Others of EU	4.0	2.1	5.0	5.4	10.2
Western Balkan Countries	Bosnia & Herzegovina	c	c	-	0.4	0.4
	Kosovo	4.2	1.7	2.2	2.8	2.8
	North Macedonia	0.02	0.2	0.2	1.6	0.4
	Montenegro	c	c	-	0.04	c
	Serbia	0.01	0.02	c	1.5	0.9
Other countries	United Kingdom	0.01	0.03	0.1	0.2	0.7
	Canada	c	0.01	-	0.01	c
	China	13.5	14.4	9.7	3.2	1.4
	Lebanon	2.3	c	2.9	c	c
	Switzerland	0.1	2.2	c	3.1	4.8
	Turkey	12.5	14.5	14.7	12.5	14.4
	United Emirate Arab	2.5	0.1	c	0.9	c
	USA	0.1	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.3
	Others	2.2	1.0	3.8	2.1	4.3

Source: INSTAT, International Trade in Goods

In 2020, the share of exported goods of foreign and joint enterprises is 53.0 % in total exports of goods; while for imports of goods the share of these enterprises is 27.4 % in total imports of goods (tab. 15).



Tab.15: The goods exports / imports share of foreign and joint enterprises in total enterprises, 2018-2020

%

Size of enterprises	Economic Activity (NACE Rev.2)											
	2018				2019				2020			
	Total	B-E	G	Others	Total	B-E	G	Others	Total	B-E	G	Others
<b>Exports</b>												
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>63.2</b>
1-9	53.2	66.3	46.0	38.0	43.6	46.4	41.6	46.4	41.8	45.9	41.3	29.0
10-49	37.0	26.8	42.3	79.1	37.5	34.0	32.9	64.6	41.4	41.6	25.1	72.3
50-249	39.8	41.8	c	c	45.2	47.9	c	c	50.7	55.2	c	c
250+	65.8	66.3	c	c	63.8	64.4	c	c	63.7	64.2	c	c
<b>Imports</b>												
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>32.3</b>
1-9	17.3	37.4	13.2	20.0	21.1	58.9	12.7	22.0	17.1	36.3	12.8	21.3
10-49	20.9	51.2	11.9	32.0	11.4	23.4	7.7	19.6	19.9	29.9	16.3	22.6
50-249	24.7	34.1	c	c	24.4	44.1	c	c	28.4	47.6	c	c
250+	48.8	61.0	c	c	45.7	55.3	c	c	46.3	63.2	c	c

Source: INSTAT, International Trade in Goods

In 2020, the share of goods exported value of foreign and joint enterprises from EU countries is 65.7 % of total exports of goods for foreign and joint enterprises. While, the share of goods imported value of foreign and joint enterprises from EU countries is 69.6 % of total imports of goods for foreign and joint enterprises (tab. 16).

Tab.16: The goods exports / imports share of foreign and joint enterprises from EU in total enterprises, 2018-2020

%

Size of enterprises	Economic Activity (NACE Rev.2)											
	2018				2019				2020			
	Total	B-E	G	Others	Total	B-E	G	Others	Total	B-E	G	Others
<b>Exports</b>												
<b>Total</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>89.3</b>
1-9	90.1	95.0	86.8	73.4	74.8	68.5	78.0	76.8	79.4	86.5	75.4	80.5
10-49	50.2	64.1	23.4	70.2	59.9	71.2	25.5	82.4	77.0	73.7	77.5	85.4
50-249	76.8	77.5	c	c	90.5	92.2	c	c	81.8	84.7	c	c
250+	54.3	53.7	c	c	45.2	43.9	c	c	46.6	44.0	c	c
<b>Imports</b>												
<b>Total</b>	<b>66.8</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>85.4</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>68.2</b>	<b>79.9</b>
1-9	72.0	81.4	67.4	71.0	57.7	38.8	72.8	74.1	71.6	72.9	71.4	69.8
10-49	59.0	57.4	57.0	74.5	68.7	74.9	66.5	59.7	64.0	63.5	63.9	66.9
50-249	75.9	77.7	c	c	88.0	92.8	c	c	85.0	88.2	c	c
250+	62.4	56.1	c	c	58.6	56.3	c	c	57.9	52.9	c	c

Source: INSTAT, International Trade in Goods

# Methodology

Albanian Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) compiled a separate publication for foreign enterprises in collaboration with Bank of Albania. This publication includes statistics from different units of the two institutions.

The statistics include all the enterprises that operate in Albania. Population is based in enterprises which are active in december of reference year. The clasification of enterprises is by Nomenclature of Economic Activities, NACE Rev.2. The data are based on calendar year. Fiscal year coresponds with calendar year. The clasification of enterprises by size class is based by number of employess (calculated as employed full time).

**By 2020, the United Kingdom is no longer part of the European Union. The data in this publication presents the United Kingdom as part of other countries in order to preserve the time series.**

Small and medium enterprises are treated for statistical purposes according to the number of employed (measured as employed on a full-time basis), which are classified as follows:

- micro enterprises: enterprises with 1 to 9 employed;
- small enterprises: enterprises with 10 to 49 employed;
- medium enterprises: enterprises with 50 to 249 employed;
- large enterprises: enterprises with 250 and more employed.

For more information please refer to the below links:

## **Business Register**

<http://instat.gov.al/en/themes/industry-trade-and-services/business-register/>

## **Structural Business Survey**

<http://instat.gov.al/en/themes/industry-trade-and-services/structural-business-statistics/>

## **Bank of Albania**

[https://www.bankofalbania.org/Statistics/External\\_sector\\_statistics/Foreign\\_Direct\\_Investments/](https://www.bankofalbania.org/Statistics/External_sector_statistics/Foreign_Direct_Investments/)

## **International Trade in Goods**

<http://instat.gov.al/en/themes/international-trade/international-trade-in-goods/>

## **Main definitions**

**Export-Goods** in general are goods destined to be send to a third country subject to customs regime or outside processing arrangements, or re-exported following inside processing.

**Import-Goods** in general are goods coming from a third country and are directly unloaded or placed to a warehouse according to the customs procedures to accomplish free zones processing, active or customs processing.

**Direct investment** is defined as the category of international investment related to a resident in an economy who has control or a certain degree of influence over the management of an enterprise which is resident in another economy. Direct investments require that the direct investor must own 10% or more of the common stock or voting power in the management of an enterprise.

**Enterprise** is the smallest combination of legal units that is an organisational unit producing goods or services which benefits from a certain degree of autonomy in decision-making, especially for the allocation of its current resources. An enterprise carries out one or more activities at one or more locations (local unit).

**Employed** is defined as the total number of persons who work in the observation unit including proprietors, employees and unpaid family workers.

**Turnover** comprises the totals amount invoiced by the observation unit during the reference period, and this corresponds to market sales of goods or services supplied to third parties.