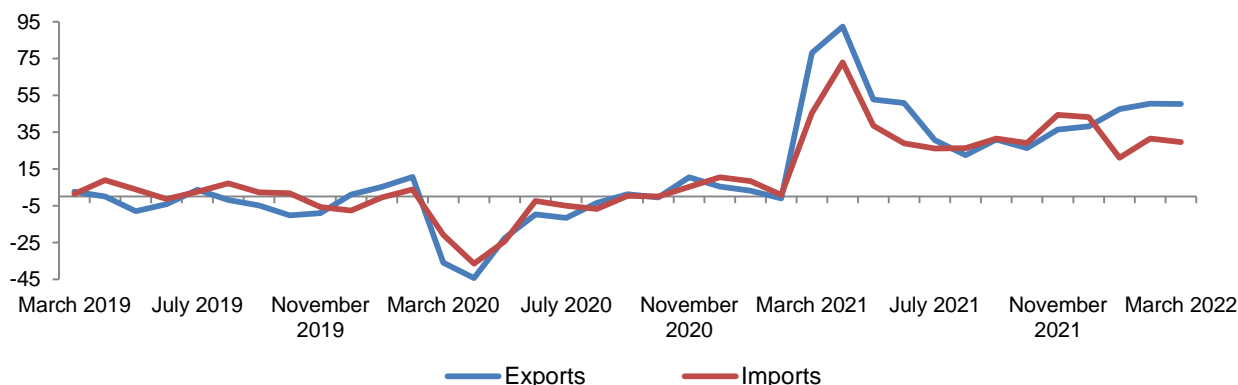


Foreign Trade in Goods

March 2022

Tirana, April 19, 2022: On March 2022 the value of exports was ALL 48 billion, increasing by 50.4 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 28.0 % compared with February 2022. The value of imports was ALL 84 billion, increasing by 29.7 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 21.7 % compared with February 2022. This month the trade deficit is ALL 36 billion, increasing by 9.7 % compared with March 2021 and by 14.4 % compared with February 2022.

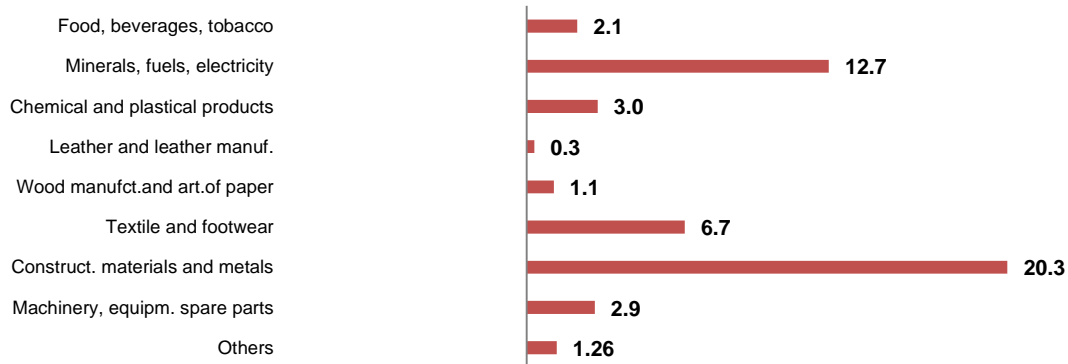
Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



In the first three months of 2022, the value of exports was ALL 120 billion, increasing by 49.6 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 207 billion, increasing by 27.9 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 87 billion, increasing by 6.6 % compared with the same period of 2021.

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

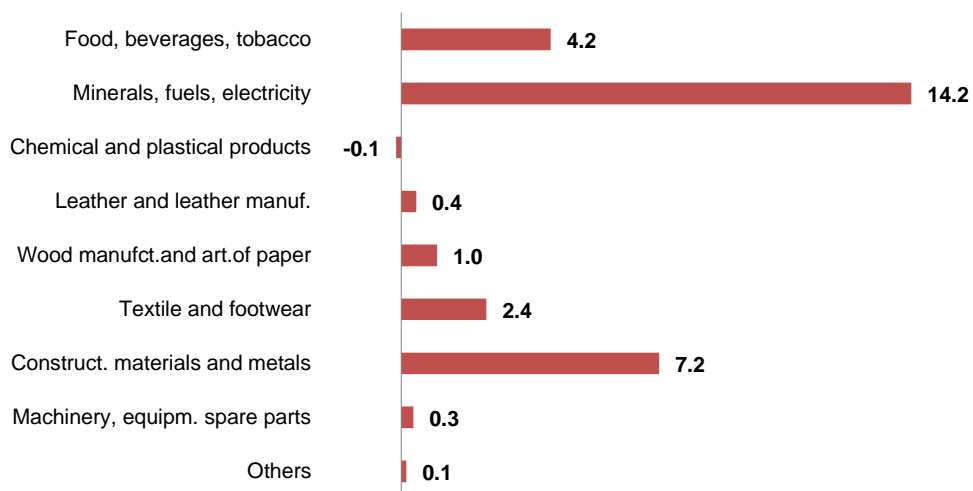
In annual increase of exports by 50.4 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +20.3 percentage point, "Mineral, fuels, electricity" with +12.7 percentage point and "Textile and footwear" with +6.7 percentage point.

Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports March 2022

Exports during the first three months of 2022 are increased by 49.6 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +18.5 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +14.4 percentage point, and “Textile and footwear” with +6.4 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 29.7 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +14.2 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +7.2 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +4.2 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Chemical and plastical products” with -0.1 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , March 2022

In the first three months of 2022, imports are increased by 27.9 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +10.7 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +7.3 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +4.3 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

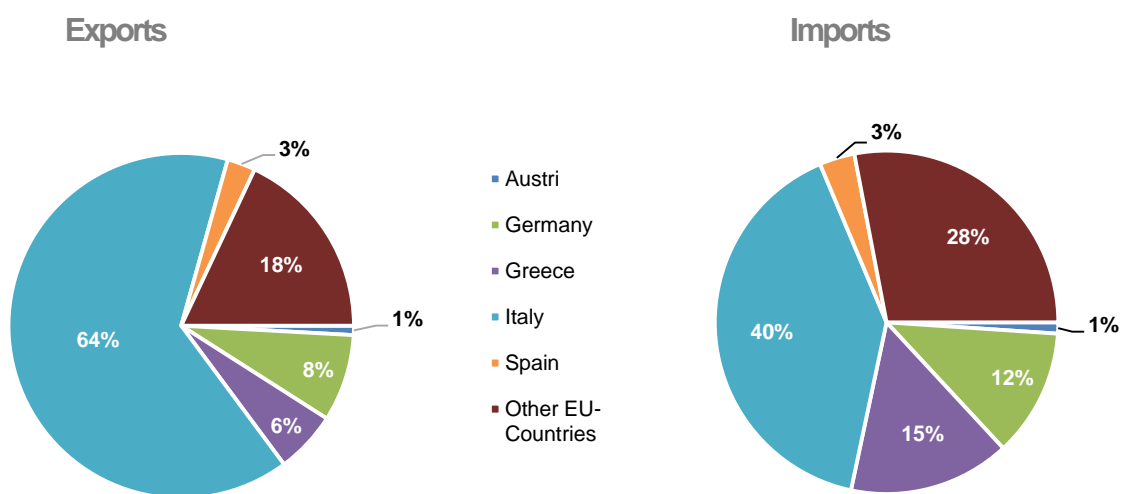
In March 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to March 2021 are: Italy (67.1 %), Kosovo (25.2 %) and USA (9 times) While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Greece (6.0 %) and Spain (44.6 %).

In the first three months of 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2021 are: Italy (54.5 %), Kosovo (52.0 %) and Germany (123.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Spain (66.8 %) and Turkey (19.7 %).

In March 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to March 2021 are: Italy (0.8 %), Turkey (53.5 %) and Greece (29.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: USA (9.5 %), Croatia (22.0 %) and Switzerland (19.0 %).

In the first three months or 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2021 are: Italy (12.7 %), Turkey (52.7 %) and China (9.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: USA (20.2 %) and Switzerland (29.4 %),

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries March 2022



Trade with the EU countries is 59.8 % of total trade. In March 2022, exports to EU countries occupied 71.3 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 53.2 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (30.4 %), Turkey (9.0 %), Greece (6.7 %) and China (6.5 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first three months of 2022 is 60.9 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 73.0 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 54.0 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (31.8 %), Turkey (8.3 %), Germany (7.0 %) and Greece (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			12.1		8.1	-353	43.6
2018		310	13.7		2.4	-331	48.4
2019		299	-3.8	649	1.2	-350	46.0
2021		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
	03 - 19	28	2.7	56	1.4	-28	49.6
	January – March 19	72	-3.0	148	1.3	-76	48.8
2020	01 – 20	23	5.3	42	-0.4	-19	54.9
	02 - 20	25	10.6	52	3.9	-27	48.3
		18	-36.0	44	-20.8	-27	40.1
	January – March 20	66	-8.9	138	6.7	-72	47.7
2021	01 - 21	24	3.1	45	8.4	-22	52.3
	02 - 21	25	-0.9	52	0.9	-27	47.4
		32	78.1	64	45.3	-33	49.2
	January – March 21	80	21.9	162	17.5	-82	49.5
2022	01 - 22	35	47.5	55	21.1	-20	63.6
	02 - 22	37	50.5	69	31.5	-31	54.3
	03 - 22	48	50.4	84	29.7	-36	57.1
	January – March 22	120	49.6	207	27.9	-87	57.9

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

	Exports				Imports			
	March 2021	March 2022	Jan.-March 2021	Jan.-March 2022	March 2021	March 2022	Jan.-March 2021	Jan.-March 2022
EU countries	23,229	34,003	60,691	87,612	37,239	44,498	92,457	111,880
Austria	233	296	528	993	635	468	1,438	1,533
Germany	2,266	2,774	4,326	9,659	4,488	5,360	11,859	13,344
Greece	2,106	1,979	4,594	5,673	5,230	6,773	13,230	16,041
Italy	13,127	21,928	36,172	55,902	17,795	17,943	42,621	48,042
Spain	1,620	898	5,537	1,838	852	1,477	2,027	3,430
Croatia	208	1,023	734	2,048	1,062	828	1,644	1,651
Others of EU	3,670	5,104	8,801	11,499	7,177	11,648	19,639	27,839
United Kingdom	72	116	147	318	577	588	1,228	1,605
China	775	1,963	2,257	3,769	5,612	6,606	14,734	16,072
Kosovo	3,072	3,844	6,557	9,965	856	1,522	2,015	3,479
North Macedonia	1,074	1,228	1,982	4,909	951	1,795	2,261	3,663
Russia	-	-	-	2	786	972	2,167	3,223
USA	291	2,809	1,182	3,623	1,147	1,038	3,434	2,740
Turkey	450	552	1,478	1,187	7,332	11,256	17,051	26,043
Ukraine	56	97	125	177	186	115	718	1,373
Switzerland	409	412	642	1,035	791	641	2,908	2,055
Others	2,289	2,690	5,162	7,415	9,021	14,601	23,190	35,210
Total	31,717	47,715	80,225	120,012	64,497	83,631	162,163	207,343

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	March 2021	March 2022	Jan.-March 2021	Jan.-March 2022	March 2021	March 2022	Jan.-March 2021	Jan.-March 2022
Total	31,717	47,715	80,225	120,012	64,497	83,631	162,163	207,343
Food. beverages. tobacco	3,492	4,170	8,808	10,484	10,373	13,056	26,085	33,070
Minerals. fuels. electricity	7,333	11,376	15,561	30,406	4,637	13,796	14,501	31,871
Chemical and plastical products	914	1,864	2,234	4,654	10,843	10,751	25,442	26,078
Leather and leather manuf.	182	286	473	759	1,364	1,630	2,924	4,159
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	799	1,160	2,076	3,143	2,350	2,992	5,604	7,708
Textile and footwear	9,615	11,732	27,283	32,435	7,351	8,878	19,310	22,810
Construct. materials and metals	6,076	12,509	14,975	26,566	9,807	14,441	23,118	34,884
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	2,447	3,358	6,473	8,706	14,893	15,116	37,906	39,447
Others	859	1,259	2,342	2,858	2,878	2,970	7,271	7,316

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Greece	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Total	36,172	55,902	6,557	9,965	4,326	9,659	4,594	5,673
Food. beverages. tobacco	2,650	2,796	781	1,134	397	462	915	924
Minerals. fuels. electricity	407	9,535	1,607	2,053	1,241	5,807	1,382	933
Chemical and plastical products	563	1,072	667	1,237	10	10	176	238
Leather and leather manuf.	391	715	4	3	24	1	4	4
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	1,387	1,825	175	383	58	74	245	485
Textile and footwear	21,731	25,265	53	50	1,718	2,048	1,278	1,469
Construct. materials and metals	4,744	8,569	2,586	4,413	240	515	451	1,427
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	3,142	4,671	356	387	559	597	31	31
Others	1,157	1,454	328	306	79	143	111	162

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		China		Greece	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Total	42,621	48,042	17,051	26,043	14,734	16,072	13,230	16,041
Food. beverages. tobacco	5,215	6,323	1,548	1,488	202	345	3,637	4,212
Minerals. fuels. electricity	3,113	2,288	317	1,365	5	1	2,375	3,415
Chemical and plastical products	5,575	5,546	2,296	2,619	1,922	1,684	2,071	2,076
Leather and leather manuf.	2,392	3,387	83	125	159	172	9	5
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	1,382	1,701	805	1,162	203	226	770	1,012
Textile and footwear	8,894	11,451	3,844	4,218	2,627	2,531	723	959
Construct. materials and metals	5,747	6,190	4,267	11,521	1,295	1,887	2,518	3,235
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	8,965	9,471	2,461	2,389	6,866	7,709	639	781
Others	1,339	1,686	1,430	1,155	1,455	1,517	488	347

DEFINITIONS

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.

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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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