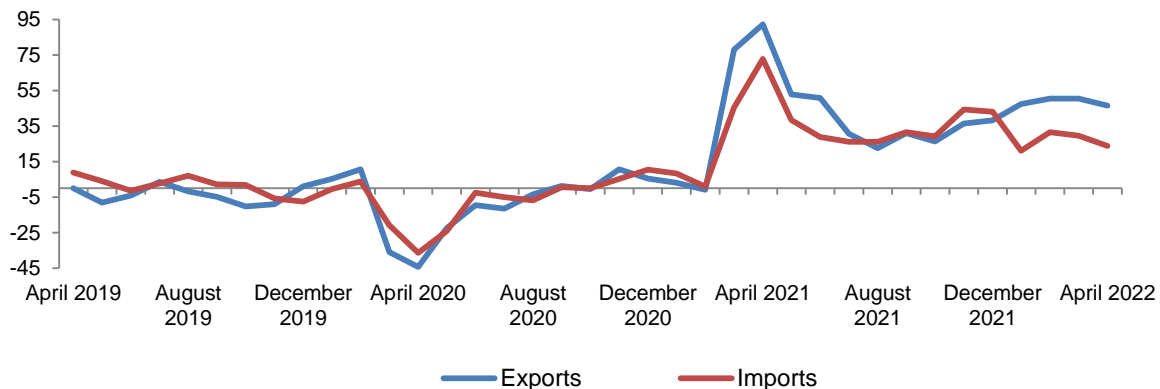


Foreign Trade in Goods

April 2022

Tirana, May 17, 2022: On April 2022 the value of exports was ALL 42 billion, increasing by 46.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 11.9 % compared with March 2022. The value of imports was ALL 78 billion, increasing by 23.7 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 6.9 % compared with March 2022. This month the trade deficit is ALL 36 billion, increasing by 4.6 % compared with April 2021 and decreasing by 0.3 % compared with March 2022.

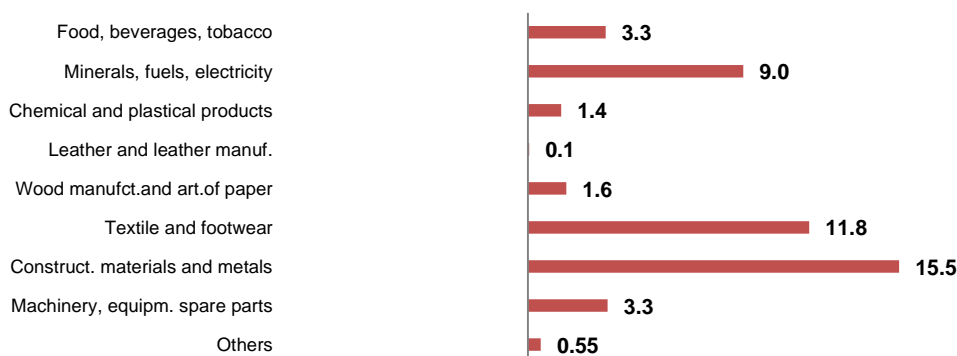
Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



In the first four months of 2022, the value of exports was ALL 162 billion, increasing by 48.8 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 285 billion, increasing by 26.7 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 123 billion, increasing by 6.0 % compared with the same period of 2021.

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

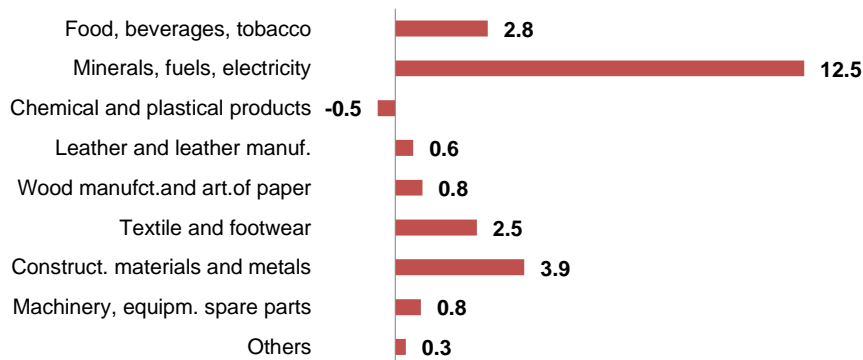
In annual increase of exports by 46.6 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Construction materials and metals” with +15.5 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +11.8 percentage point and “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +9.0 percentage point.

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

Exports during the first four months of 2022 are increased by 48.8 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +16.0 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +14.7 percentage point, and “Textile and footwear” with +7.8 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 23.7 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +12.5 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +3.9 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +2.8 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Chemical and plastical products” with -0.5 percentage point.

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

In the first four months of 2022, imports are increased by 26.7 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +11.2 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +6.3 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +3.9 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

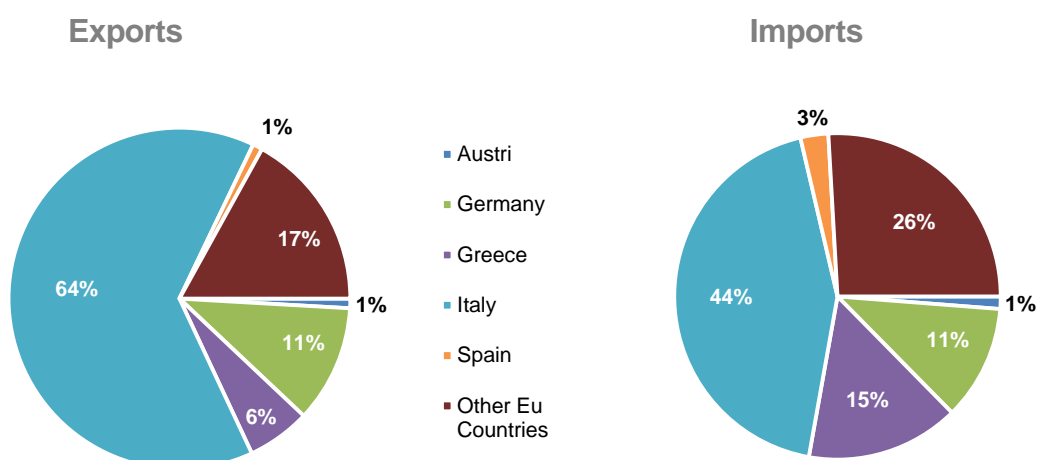
In April 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to April 2021 are: Italy (70.1 %), Germany (98.2 %) and Greece (42.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Kosovo (12.9 %), Spain (82.0 %) and Switzerland (20.1 %).

In the first four months of 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2021 are: Italy (58.4 %), Germany (116.0 %) and Kosovo (30.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Spain (70.2 %) and Turkey (2.1 %).

In April 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to April 2021 are: Italy (16.5 %), Turkey (75.2 %) and Greece (37.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: China (10.6 %), USA (29.1 %) and Switzerland (3.6 %).

In the first four months of 2022, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2021 are: Italy (13.7 %), Turkey (59.2 %) and Greece (25.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Russia (6.4 %), USA (22.0 %) and Switzerland (25.3 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 61.0 % of total trade. In April 2022, exports to EU countries occupied 74.5 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 53.7 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (32.0 %), Turkey (10.6 %), Germany (6.9 %) and Greece (6.9 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first four months of 2022 is 61.0 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 73.4 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 53.9 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (31.8 %), Turkey (8.9 %), Germany (7.0 %) and Greece (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
2021		272	-9.0	605	-6.8	-333	44.9
2019		22	-7.3	42	-6.2	-20	51.9
		23	-5.3	50	8.5	-27	45.4
		28	2.7	56	1.4	-28	49.6
		27	0.1	57	8.9	-30	46.7
		99	1.0	205	1.0	-106	48.3
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
		15	-44.2	36	-36.4	-21	41.0
	January - April	81	-18.5	174	-15.0	-94	46.3
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
		29	92.3	63	72.9	-34	45.6
	January - April	109	34.9	225	29.0	-116	48.4
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
		42	46.6	78	23.7	-36	54.0
	January - April	162	48.8	285	26.7	-123	56.8

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

	Exports				Imports			
	April 2021	April 2022	Jan.-April 2021	Jan.-April 2022	April 2021	April 2022	Jan.-April 2021	Jan.-April 2022
EU countries	19,778	31,325	80,469	118,937	34,583	41,805	127,040	153,685
Austria	189	284	717	1,278	515	517	1,953	2,050
Germany	1,762	3,493	6,088	13,152	4,673	4,780	16,532	18,123
Greece	1,321	1,884	5,915	7,556	4,647	6,378	17,877	22,419
Italy	11,826	20,112	47,998	76,014	15,685	18,267	58,306	66,309
Spain	1,612	290	7,149	2,128	846	1,158	2,872	4,588
Croatia	238	1,001	972	3,050	505	617	2,149	2,267
Others of EU	2,829	4,261	11,630	15,760	7,711	10,089	27,350	37,929
United Kingdom	46	196	194	514	504	600	1,732	2,206
China	558	1,488	2,816	5,257	6,042	5,404	20,777	21,476
Kosovo	3,265	2,844	9,822	12,808	841	1,262	2,856	4,741
North Macedonia	1,109	1,224	3,092	6,133	1,099	1,156	3,360	4,819
Russia	0	3	-	4	1,575	279	3,742	3,501
USA	344	443	1,526	4,066	879	623	4,312	3,364
Turkey	517	766	1,995	1,953	6,825	11,959	23,875	38,002
Ukraine	13	28	139	206	454	140	1,173	1,512
Switzerland	201	161	844	1,196	549	529	3,457	2,584
Others	2,859	3,570	8,021	10,985	9,579	14,105	32,769	49,315
Total	28,691	42,049	108,916	162,061	62,929	77,862	225,092	285,205

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	April 2021	April 2022	Jan.-April 2021	Jan.-April 2022	April 2021	April 2022	Jan.-April 2021	Jan.-April 2022
Total	28,691	42,049	108,916	162,061	62,929	77,862	225,092	285,205
Food. beverages. tobacco	3,654	4,589	12,462	15,074	9,915	11,696	36,000	44,766
Minerals. fuels. electricity	5,308	7,895	20,869	38,302	5,234	13,101	19,735	44,972
Chemical and plastical products	775	1,177	3,009	5,831	10,292	9,955	35,734	36,033
Leather and leather manuf.	209	227	681	986	1,365	1,712	4,290	5,871
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	743	1,207	2,819	4,349	2,467	2,990	8,070	10,698
Textile and footwear	8,620	11,999	35,903	44,434	7,318	8,888	26,628	31,697
Construct. materials and metals	6,158	10,614	21,133	37,180	8,965	11,449	32,084	46,334
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	2,374	3,333	8,847	12,040	14,693	15,187	52,599	54,634
Others	850	1,007	3,192	3,866	2,681	2,884	9,952	10,200

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Germany		Greece	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Total	47,998	76,014	9,822	12,808	6,088	13,152	5,915	7,556
Food. beverages. tobacco	3,359	3,691	1,145	1,612	473	595	1,211	1,227
Minerals. fuels. electricity	533	12,240	2,380	2,314	1,835	7,903	1,640	1,011
Chemical and plastical products	752	1,471	972	1,555	27	12	229	343
Leather and leather manuf.	567	926	6	5	29	2	8	6
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	1,840	2,615	256	469	77	107	351	647
Textile and footwear	28,452	34,742	64	71	2,425	2,852	1,649	1,875
Construct. materials and metals	6,520	11,860	4,010	5,811	361	673	638	2,166
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	4,394	6,526	491	536	726	845	41	37
Others	1,581	1,943	499	436	134	163	147	244

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	58,306	66,309	23,875	38,002	20,777	21,476	17,877	22,419
Food. beverages. tobacco	7,062	8,657	2,179	2,204	283	439	5,054	5,681
Minerals. fuels. electricity	3,606	2,509	567	3,206	5	2	2,707	5,030
Chemical and plastical products	7,492	7,988	3,464	3,816	3,015	2,247	2,927	2,972
Leather and leather manuf.	3,586	4,787	109	173	203	251	12	7
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	1,949	2,373	1,031	1,895	251	312	1,112	1,422
Textile and footwear	12,398	15,940	5,320	5,926	3,598	3,337	1,025	1,395
Construct. materials and metals	7,969	8,681	6,130	15,225	1,607	2,586	3,396	4,124
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	12,275	12,989	3,341	3,878	9,900	10,269	951	1,306
Others	1,970	2,385	1,732	1,680	1,915	2,033	694	482

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.

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Monthly revisions

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Explanation of Symbols

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