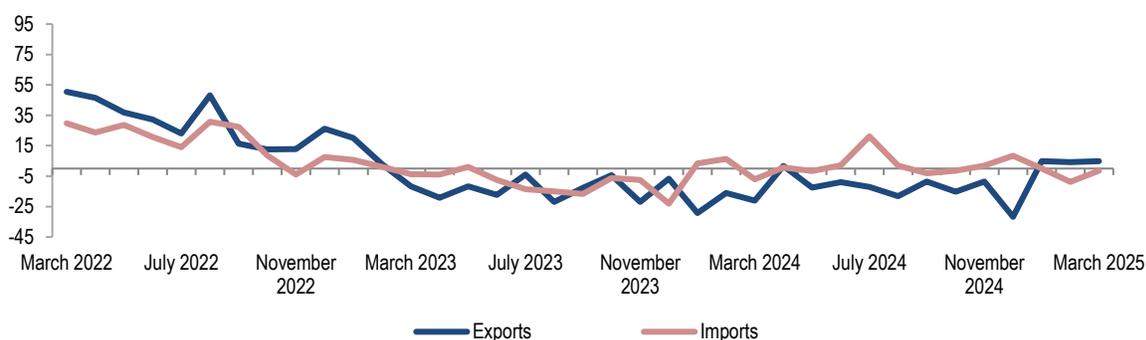


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## March 2025

**Tirana, April 17, 2025:** On March 2025 the value of exports was ALL 35 billion, increasing by 4.9 %, compared with the same period of previous year and by 4 %, compared with February 2025. The value of imports was ALL 74 billion, decreasing by 1.4 %, compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 9.3 %, compared with February 2025. This month the trade deficit is ALL 39 billion, decreasing by 6.5 %, compared with March 2024 and increasing by 14.5 %, compared with February 2025.

**Fig. 1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)**



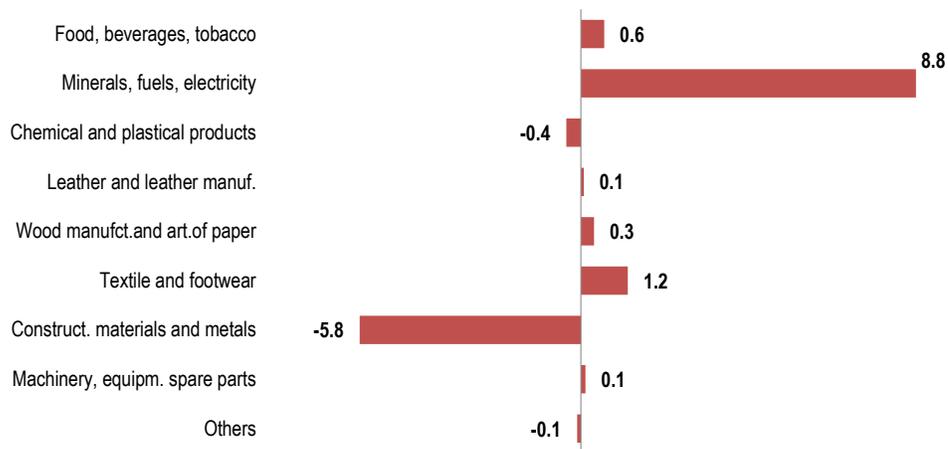
In this quarter, the value of exports was ALL 100 billion, increasing by 4.7 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 202 billion, decreasing by 3.5 %, compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 102 billion, decreasing by 10.4 %, compared with the same period of 2024.

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

In annual increase of exports by 4.9 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +8.8 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +1.2 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.6 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Constructions materials and metals” with -5.8 percentage point, “Chemical and plastic products” with -0.4 percentage point, etc.

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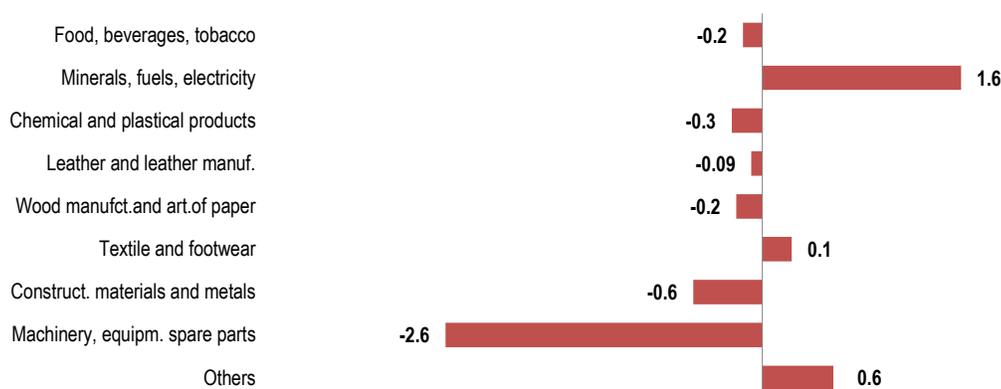
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**Fig. 2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports March 2025**

Exports during this quarter are increased by 4.7 %, compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +10.8 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.9 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +0.2 percentage points. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Constructions materials and metals” with -6.1 percentage point, “Chemical and plastic products” with -0.8 percentage point and “Textile and footwear” with -0.6 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 1.4 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with -2.6 percentage point, “Constructions materials and metals” with -0.6 percentage point and “Chemical and plastic products” with -0.3 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals fuels Electricity” with +1.6 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +0.1 percentage point.

**Fig. 3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports, February 2025**

In this quarter, imports are decreased by 3.5 %, compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected negatively in annual decrease of imports, are: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with -4.5 percentage point, “Constructions materials and metals” with -1 percentage point and “Wood manufact.and art. of paper” with -0.3 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +1.8 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.4 percentage point and “Chemical and plastic products” with +0.2 percentage point.

### **The performance of trade in goods by partner countries**

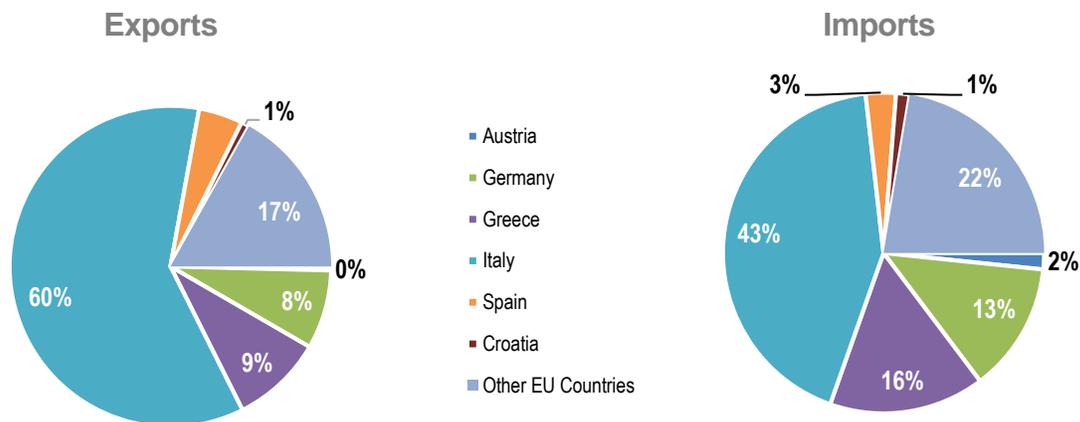
In March 2025, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to March 2024 are: Kosovo (83.1 %), Greece (13.2 %), Germany (11.3 %), etc. While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (10.2 %), North Macedonia (41.2 %), and Turkiye (0.6 %).

In the first quarter of 2025, countries with which Albania has had an increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2024 are: Kosovo (79 %), Greece (8.6 %) and Germany (5.5 %). While countries with which has had a decrease are: Italy (13.9 %), North Macedonia (23.7 %), etc.

In March 2025, countries with which Albania has had the highest decrease of imports, are: Italy (2.8 %), Turkiye (19.7 %), Germany (12.2 %), etc. While, countries with which has had an increase of imports are: China (25.3 %), Greece (6.7 %), etc.

In the first quarter of 2025, countries with which Albania has had the highest decrease of imports, compared to the same period of 2024 are: Italy (0.3 %), Turkey (26.9 %), and Germany (9.4 %). While, countries with which has had an increase of imports are: China (29 %), Greece (6.4 %) and Spain (8.8 %).

**Fig. 4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries March 2025**



Trade with the EU countries is 58.4 % of total trade. In March 2025, exports to EU countries occupied 68.8 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 53.5 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (28.9 %), China (8.5 %), Greece (7.7 %), Turkiye (7.2 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first quarter of 2025 is 58.1 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 68.4 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 53.1 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (27.7 %), China (8.6 %), and Greece (7.9 %).

**Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)**

Years	Months	Exports	Annual Change (%)	Imports	Annual Change (%)	Trade balance (mld lekë)	Coverage (%)
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
2021		369	35.6	801	32.3	-432	46.1
2022		487	32.0	950	18.7	-464	51.2
2023		440	-9.5	873	-8.2	-432	50.5
2024		373	-15.4	894	2.5	-522	41.7
2023	01 - 23	42	20.2	58	5.8	-16	72.3
	02 - 23	38	2.8	69	1.1	-31	55.2
	03 - 23	42	-11.7	81	-3.7	-38	52.3
	04 - 23	34	-19.2	75	-3.9	-41	45.4
	05 - 23	40	-11.7	81	1.2	-41	49.2
	06 - 23	38	-17.3	75	-7.5	-37	50.7
	07 - 23	38	-4.0	71	-13.6	-33	53.7
	08 - 23	27	-21.9	68	-15.0	-40	40.6
	09 - 23	34	-12.8	73	-16.6	-40	45.8
	10 - 23	37	-4.3	78	-6.3	-42	46.8
	11 - 23	33	-21.8	72	-7.4	-39	46.0
	12 - 23	38	-6.6	73	-23.1	-35	51.7
	Jan-Dec 23	440	-9.5	873	-8.2	-432	50.5
2024	01 - 24	30	-29.2	60	3.4	-30	49.5
	02 - 24	32	-16.1	74	6.4	-42	43.5
	03 - 24	33	-21.0	75	-7.0	-42	44.4
	04 - 24	35	1.8	75	0.6	-41	45.9
	05 - 24	35	-12.4	79	-1.6	-45	43.8
	06 - 24	35	-8.9	77	2.1	-42	45.3
	07 - 24	33	-12.0	85	21.1	-52	39.0
	08 - 24	22	-18.2	69	1.9	-46	32.6
	09 - 24	31	-8.5	71	-3.1	-40	43.3
	10 - 24	31	-15.2	77	-1.5	-46	40.3
	11 - 24	30	-8.5	73	2.0	-43	41.2
	12 - 24	26	-31.7	79	8.3	-53	32.6
	Jan-Dec 24	373	-15.4	894	2.5	-522	41.7
2025	01 - 25	31	4.9	60	0.1	-29	51.8
	02 - 25	34	4.3	68	-8.6	-34	49.7
	03 - 25	35	4.9	74	-1.4	-39	47.3
	Jan-March 25	100	4.7	202	-3.5	-102	49.4

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

	Exports				Imports			
	March 2024	March 2025	Jan.-Mar. 2024	Jan.-Mar. 2025	March 2024	March 2025	Jan.-Mar. 2024	Jan.-Mar. 2025
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>24,063</b>	<b>23,995</b>	<b>71,024</b>	<b>68,133</b>	<b>41,099</b>	<b>39,502</b>	<b>107,961</b>	<b>106,998</b>
Austria	154	95	617	511	508	648	1,797	1,720
Germany	1,713	1,907	5,787	6,105	5,887	5,167	15,903	14,403
Greece	1,961	2,220	5,901	6,410	5,803	6,193	16,342	17,391
Italy	16,112	14,464	45,198	38,923	17,402	16,910	44,820	44,668
Spain	289	1,064	2,353	4,795	1,360	1,201	2,964	3,225
Croatia	434	196	1,413	498	284	543	780	1,324
Others of EU	3,400	4,048	9,754	10,891	9,854	8,839	25,356	24,268
United Kingdom	154	108	395	311	687	752	1,898	1,930
China	605	686	1,535	1,968	6,853	8,586	18,568	23,947
Kosovo	3,331	6,100	9,469	16,951	1,007	1,015	2,666	2,701
North Macedonia	1,434	843	3,403	2,596	1,036	1,027	2,753	2,807
Russia	5	-	5	6	222	37	615	536
USA	317	344	1,066	997	1,239	1,862	5,550	4,571
Turkey	317	315	1,129	1,336	9,350	7,505	28,131	20,569
Ukraine	52	35	165	295	351	370	1,228	1,162
Switzerland	204	98	451	257	854	825	1,945	2,289
Others	2,780	2,360	6,572	6,817	12,149	12,306	37,633	34,064
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,264</b>	<b>34,885</b>	<b>95,216</b>	<b>99,668</b>	<b>74,848</b>	<b>73,786</b>	<b>208,948</b>	<b>201,574</b>

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

Grup of goods	Eksporte				Importe			
	March 2024	March 2025	Jan. – Mar. 2024	Jan. – Mar. 2025	March 2024	March 2025	Jan. – Mar. 2024	Jan. – Mar. 2025
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,264</b>	<b>34,885</b>	<b>95,216</b>	<b>99,668</b>	<b>74,848</b>	<b>73,786</b>	<b>208,948</b>	<b>201,574</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	4,721	4,923	12,135	13,037	13,414	13,296	34,607	35,490
Minerals. fuels. electricity	6,604	9,517	18,250	28,580	6,335	7,554	19,104	22,805
Chemical and plastical products	1,279	1,153	3,716	2,982	10,486	10,299	28,093	28,479
Leather and leather manuf.	207	231	613	518	1,238	1,171	3,103	2,780
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	870	984	2,487	2,551	2,495	2,336	6,809	6,291
Textile and footwear	8,805	9,213	27,401	26,783	7,607	7,788	20,093	20,357
Construct. materials and metals	6,433	4,511	18,465	12,648	10,530	10,107	30,437	28,278
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	3,326	3,366	9,511	9,710	19,740	17,797	57,951	48,461
Others	1,019	985	2,638	2,858	3,004	3,439	8,751	8,634

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Greece		Germany	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,198</b>	<b>38,923</b>	<b>9,469</b>	<b>16,951</b>	<b>5,901</b>	<b>6,410</b>	<b>5,787</b>	<b>6,105</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	3,940	3,543	1,228	1,333	1,074	1,187	417	426
Minerals. fuels. electricity	4,788	1,477	2,398	13,169	689	928	2,035	1,615
Chemical and plastical products	1,533	1,082	843	622	219	197	6	13
Leather and leather manuf.	521	419	1	10	66	48	1	0
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,346	1,490	295	246	348	387	36	28
Textile and footwear	20,703	19,675	42	25	2,058	2,186	2,339	2,760
Construct. materials and metals	5,868	5,316	3,902	683	1,183	1,144	174	246
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	5,120	4,494	447	593	48	64	674	871
Others	1,379	1,427	313	270	215	268	106	147

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		China		Greece	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,820</b>	<b>44,668</b>	<b>28,131</b>	<b>20,569</b>	<b>18,568</b>	<b>23,947</b>	<b>16,342</b>	<b>17,391</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	7,087	7,568	1,457	1,442	455	523	4,496	4,648
Minerals. fuels. electricity	322	2,824	3,601	1,445	4	5	2,406	3,730
Chemical and plastical products	5,806	5,566	2,939	2,839	1,452	2,086	3,037	3,048
Leather and leather manuf.	2,437	2,173	73	85	233	231	67	32
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	1,475	1,462	1,162	969	360	427	856	928
Textile and footwear	8,939	8,699	2,565	2,348	3,065	3,383	1,673	1,606
Construct. materials and metals	5,595	5,320	7,459	7,926	2,685	4,455	2,338	2,012
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	10,892	8,934	7,965	2,529	8,677	10,790	828	957
Others	2,269	2,122	909	988	1,637	2,046	640	430

# 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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