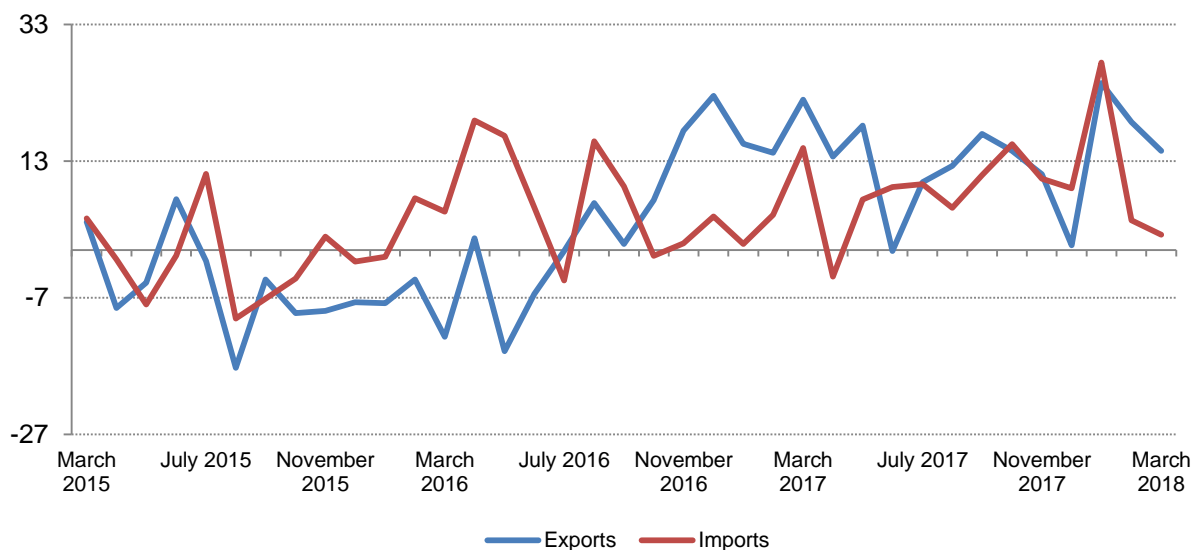


Foreign Trade in Goods

March 2018

Tirana, April 17, 2018: On March 2018 the value of exports was 27 billion lekë, increasing by 14.5 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 13.3 % compared with February 2018. The value of imports in February 2018, was 55 billion lekë, increasing by 2.2 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 20.2 % compared with February 2018. This month the trade deficit is 28 billion lekë signing an decrease by 7.3 % compared with March 2017 and an increase by 27.6 % compared with February 2018.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade (%)

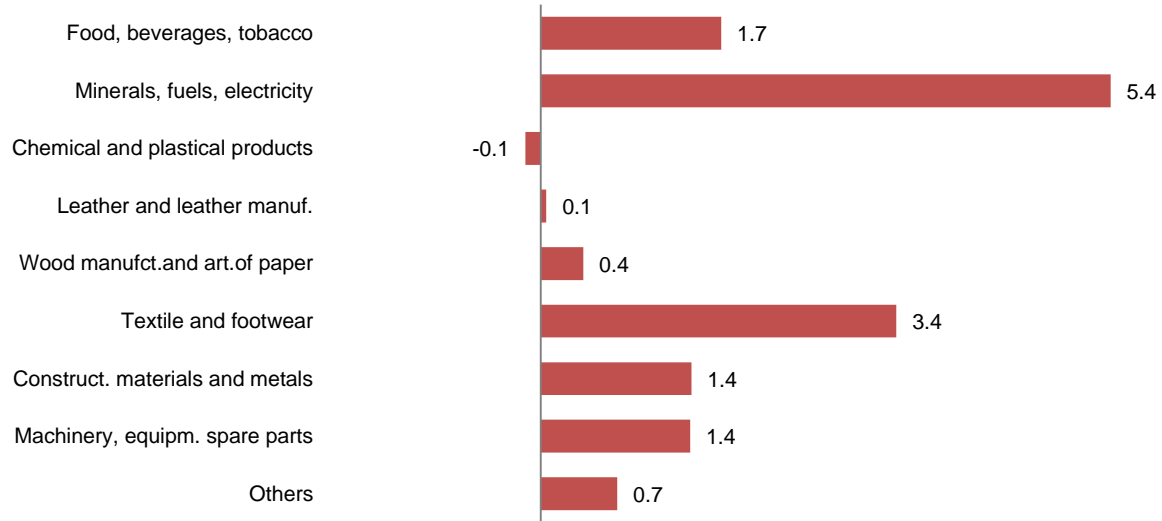


In the first quarter of 2018, the value of exports was 74 billion lekë, increasing by 18.9 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 146 billion lekë, increasing by 9.6 %. Trade deficit was 71 billion lekë, increasing by 1.4 % compared with the same period of 2017.

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

In annual increase of exports by 14.5 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +5.4 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +3.4 percentage point, "Food, beverage, tobacco" with +1.7 percentage point ".While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Chemical and plastical products" with -0.1 percentage point.

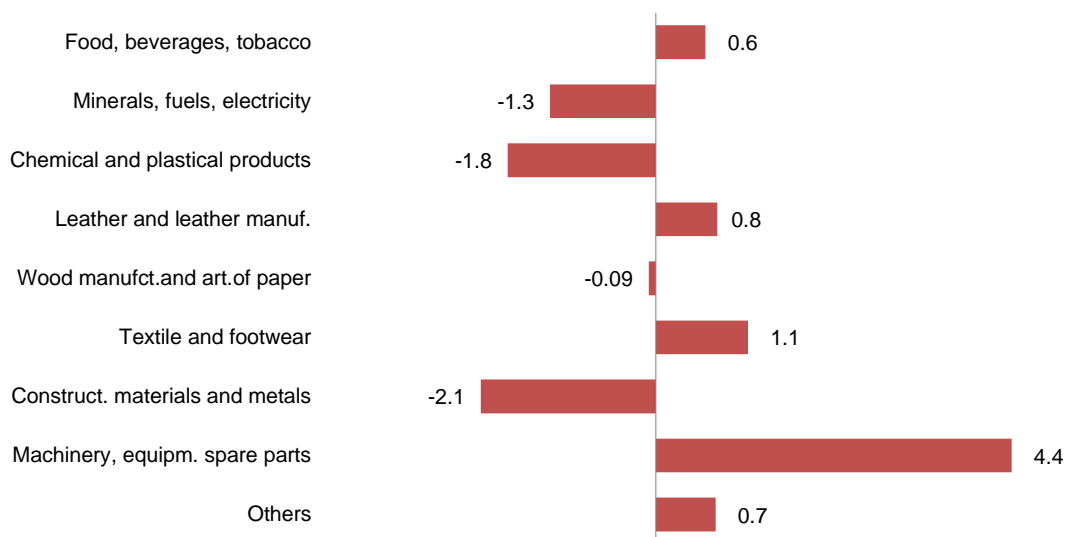
Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , March 2018



Exports in the first quarter of 2018 are increased by 18.9 % compared with the same period of previous year. All groups affected positivity in annual increase of exports, who the groups that influenced more in annual increase of imports, are: "Construction materials and metals" with +5.6 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +5.2 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.7 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 2.2 % in March 2018 a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" with +4.4 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +1.1 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactories" with +0.8 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with -2.1 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with -1.8 percentage point and "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -1.3 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , March 2018

In the first quarter of 2018, imports are increased by 9.6 % compared with the same period of previous year. During the first quarter of 2018 the groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" with +3.3 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.5 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +1.1 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Chemical and plastical products" with -0.7 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

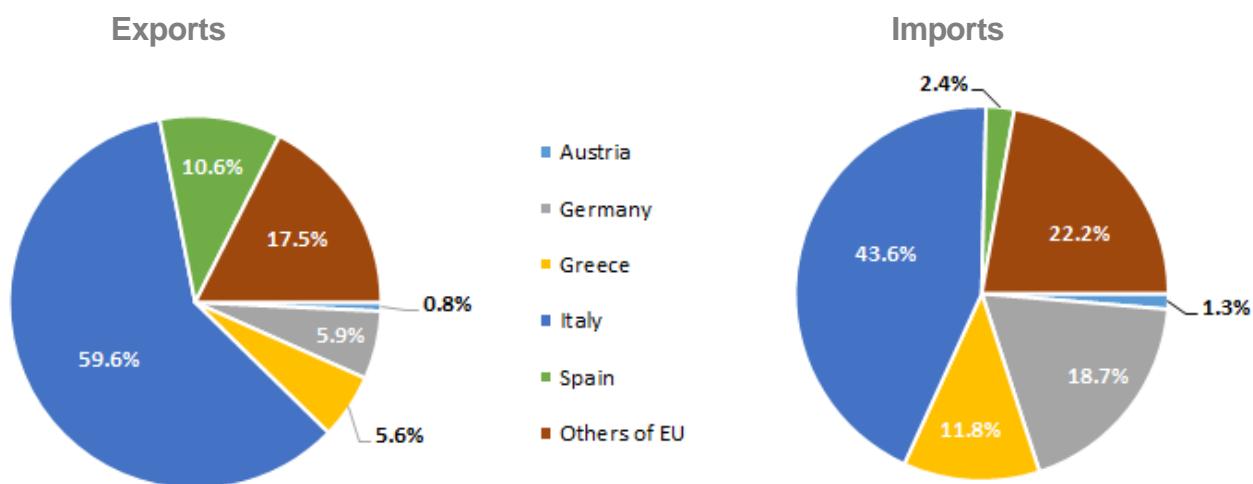
In March 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to March 2017 are: Italy with (1.1 %), Spain with (182.1 %) and Germany with (25.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Kosovo with (-13.2 %), China with (-35.2 %) and Macedonia with (-20.2 %).

During the first quarter of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy with (5.4 %), Spain with (138.2 %) and Germany with (37.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Kosovo with (-1.2 %), China with (-4.5 %) and Macedonia with (-7.1 %).

In March 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to March 2017 are: Italy with (1.7 %), Germany with (18.6 %) and China with (15.9 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Turkey with (-4.0 %), Greece with (-2.5 %) and Serbia with (-38.7 %).

During the first quarter of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy with (6.7 %), Germany with (9.8 %) and Greece with (14.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Serbia with (-16.1 %), Spain with (-0.4 %) and Egypt with (-17.3 %).

Fig. 4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, March 2018



Trade with the EU countries is 70.2 % of total trade. In March 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 80.0 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 65.3 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (34.8 %), Germany (9.7 %), Greece (6.7 %) and China (6.1 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first quarter 2018 is 68.5 % of total trade. In the first quarter of 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 80.2 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 62.5 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (35.8 %), Germany (7.6 %), Greece (6.9 %) and China (6.3 %).

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
2016	01 - 16	16	-7.8	35	-1.0	-18	47.0
	02 - 16	18	-4.4	42	7.6	-24	42.0
	03 - 16	19	-12.7	47	5.6	-28	41.2
	January – March 2016	53	-8.6	124	4.3	-70	43.1
2017	01 - 17	19	15.6	35	0.9	-16	53.8
	02 - 17	20	14.2	44	5.1	-24	45.7
	03 - 17	24	22.0	54	14.9	-30	43.8
	January – March 2017	63	17.5	133	7.7	-70	47.1
2018	01 – 18	24	24.4	45	27.5	-21	52.5
	02 - 18	24	18.7	46	4.3	-22	52.0
	03 - 18	27	14.5	55	2.2	-28	49.0
	January – March 2018	74	18.9	146	9.6	-71	51.0

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

	Exports				Imports			
	Mar-17	Mar-18	Jan-Mar2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Mar-17	Mar-18	Jan-Mar2017	Jan-Mar 2018
EU countries	17,643	21,639	49,087	59,747	34,341	36,034	82,312	91,138
Austria	139	163	294	495	448	482	1,089	1,393
United Kingdom	18	77	71	158	492	373	1,190	1,194
Germany	1,023	1,278	2,635	3,611	5,667	6,723	11,925	13,099
Greece	1,083	1,218	2,739	3,359	4,369	4,260	10,370	11,859
Italy	12,759	12,905	35,785	37,708	15,432	15,694	38,524	41,102
Spain	871	2,284	2,684	6,393	1,260	877	2,678	2,667
Croatia	60	65	151	183	324	334	905	1,492
Others of EU	1,691	3,648	4,728	7,840	6,350	7,290	15,630	18,332
China	1,205	781	2,515	2,401	3,649	4,229	10,560	11,472
Kosovo	1,713	1,488	4,106	4,058	740	732	1,596	1,613
Macedonia	743	595	1,629	1,513	787	734	1,690	1,768
Russia	-	0	6	6	577	822	1,891	2,484
USA	461	457	705	1,309	840	922	2,264	2,279
Turkey	203	144	482	354	4,610	4,424	10,899	11,767
Ukraine	49	37	171	62	310	146	850	541
Switzerland	16	98	284	765	1,151	624	2,341	2,921
Others	1,587	1,806	3,661	4,247	6,947	6,492	18,721	19,909
Total	23,622	27,044	62,646	74,462	53,951	55,158	133,125	145,893

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	Mar-17	Mar-18	Jan-Mar2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Mar-17	Mar-18	Jan-Mar2017	Jan-Mar 2018
Total	23,622	27,044	62,646	74,462	53,951	55,158	133,125	145,893
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,005	2,412	4,846	6,002	9,135	9,464	22,992	24,519
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,356	5,643	11,945	13,628	4,885	4,184	12,420	15,698
Chemical and plastical products	414	380	958	1,178	8,341	7,360	20,441	19,482
Leather and leather manuf.	252	265	635	730	1,316	1,722	3,572	4,343
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	617	713	1,792	2,147	2,030	1,983	4,790	5,165
Textile and footwear	10,084	10,887	28,221	31,488	7,156	7,766	19,158	20,686
Construct, materials and metals	4,218	4,558	9,730	13,218	7,309	6,150	15,692	17,007
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,144	1,482	3,025	4,070	11,769	14,123	28,907	33,324
Others	531	704	1,493	2,001	2,011	2,406	5,154	5,667

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

Group of goods	Italy		Spain		Kosovo		Germany	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Total	35,785	37,708	2,684	6,393	4,106	4,058	2,635	3,611
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,509	1,902	227	252	419	429	364	294
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,519	561	1,922	5,256	1,333	336	467	591
Chemical and plastical products	309	348	1	11	257	208	3	7
Leather and leather manuf.	494	588	4	61	-	1	0	3
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	1,310	1,525	1	282	81	101	26	39
Textile and footwear	22,284	24,299	448	475	29	23	1,298	2,039
Construct, materials and metals	3,674	4,904	76	48	1,629	2,570	290	213
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,906	2,523	0	2	128	145	153	291
Others	780	1,058	3	6	229	244	34	133

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

Group of goods	Italy		Germany		Greece		Turkey	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Total	38,524	41,102	11,925	13,099	10,370	11,859	10,899	11,767
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,954	4,395	890	951	3,069	3,630	1,370	1,298
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,858	2,758	157	119	1,355	1,913	276	112
Chemical and plastical products	4,313	3,995	1,706	1,804	1,905	1,656	1,593	1,812
Leather and leather manuf.	2,780	3,385	1	38	9	27	69	70
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	1,407	1,685	159	161	546	691	730	617
Textile and footwear	9,557	10,368	540	597	845	963	3,459	3,690
Construct, materials and metals	4,047	5,101	1,905	379	1,703	1,994	1,238	1,977
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	7,330	7,966	6,164	8,662	534	647	1,675	1,584
Others	1,278	1,448	402	388	404	336	489	608

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,

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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