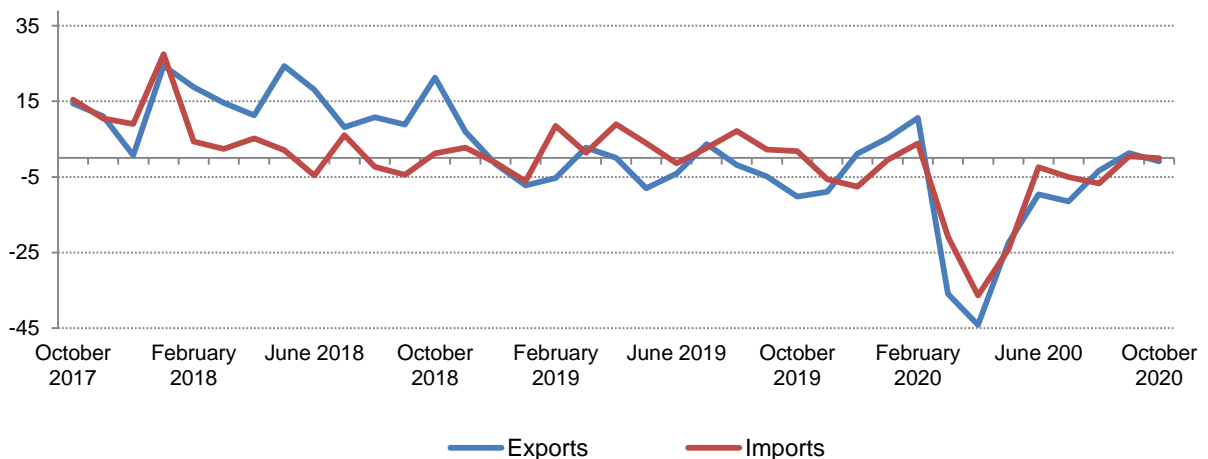


Foreign Trade in Goods

October 2020

Tirana, November 17, 2020: On October 2020 the value of exports was ALL 27 billion, decreasing by 0.9 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 6.0 % compared with September 2020. The value of imports was ALL 59 billion, decreasing by 0.01 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing 13.1 % compared with September 2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 33 billion, increasing by 0.8 % compared with October 2019 and by 19.7 compared with September 2020.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade, October 2020 (%)

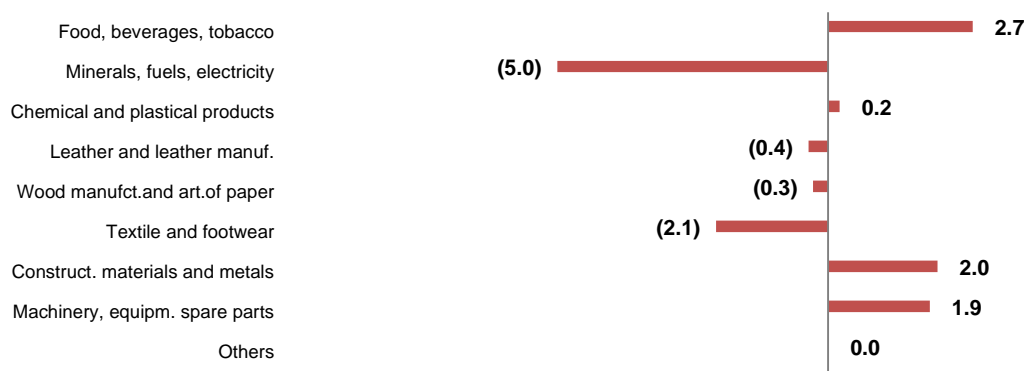


In the first ten months of 2020, the value of exports was ALL 221 billion, decreasing by 12.2 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 488 billion, decreasing by 9.7 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 267 billion, decreasing by 7.6 % compared with the same period of 2019.

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

In annual decrease of exports by 0.9 % this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -5.0 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -2.1 percentage point, “Leather and leather manufactories” with -0.4 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +2.7 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +2.0 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +1.9 percentage point.

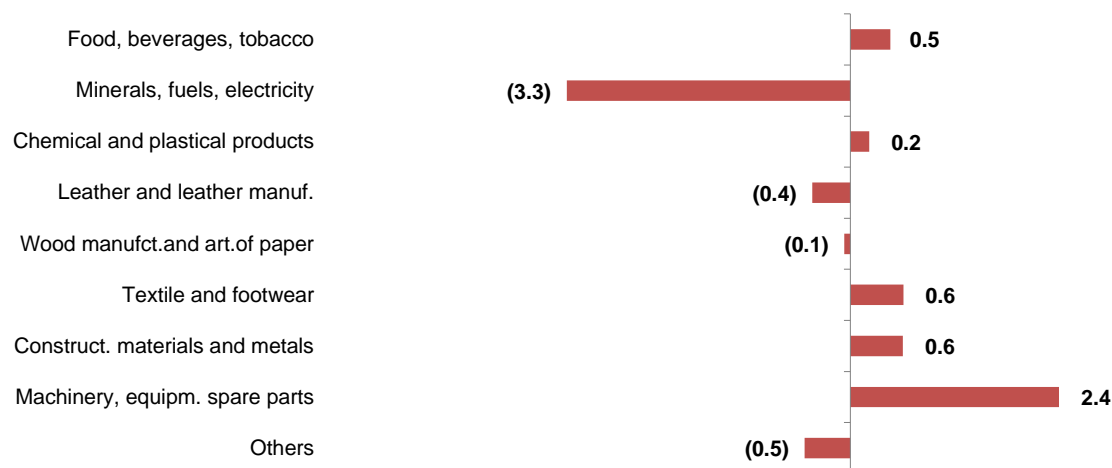
Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports, October 2020 (p.p)



Exports during the first ten months of 2020 are decreased by -12.2 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Textile and footwear” with -6.2 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -3.8 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -2.3 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.1 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 0.01 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -3.3 percentage point, “Leather and leather manufactories” with -0.4 percentage point, “Wood manufactories and article of paper” with -0.1 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +2.4 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +0.6 percentage point “Textile and footwear” with +0.6 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , October 2020 (p.p)

In the first ten months of 2020, imports are decreased by 9.7 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected negativity in annual increase of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -4.0 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -2.2 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -1.5 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

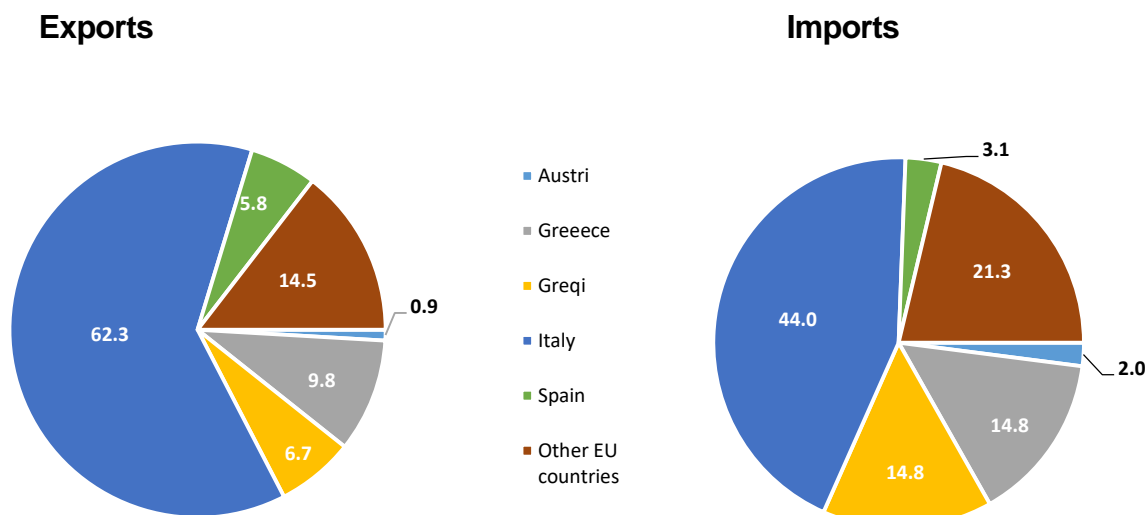
In October 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to October 2019 are: Kosovo (9.7 %), Germany (63.0 %) and Greece (22.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-0.6 %), Spain (-62.5 %), and China (-11,1 %).

In the first ten months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Germany (14.3 %), North Macedonia (0.6 %), and Serbia (43.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-16.6 %), Kosovo (-17.5 %) and Spain (-24.1 %).

In October 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to October 2019 are: Italy (9.0 %), Greece (17.6 %) and Germany (24.0 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Turkey (-16.2 %), Serbia (-3.2 %) and Switzerland (-35.1 %).

In the first ten months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Germany (0.8 %), Serbia (34.9 %) and Russia (17.7 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-11.7 %), Turkey (-4.6 %) and Greece (-5.7 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, October 2020 (%)



Trade with the EU countries is 65.0 % of total trade. In October 2020, exports to EU countries occupied 74.7 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 60.6 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (32.8 %), Germany (8.4 %), Greece (7.7 %), China (6.6 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first ten months of 2020 is 63.2 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 75.2 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 57.8 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (31.4 %), Greece (7.7 %), Germany (7.3 %) and Turkey (6.8 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL), October 2020

Years	Months	Exports (mld lekë)	Annual Change (%)	Imports (mld lekë)	Annual Change (%)	Trade Balance (mld lekë)	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		-353	43.6
2018		310	13.7	641	2.4	-331	48.4
2019		299	-3.8	649	1.2	-350	46.0
2018	01 - 18	24	24.5	45	27.5	-21	52.5
	02 - 18	24	18.8	46	4.4	-22	52.0
	03 - 18	27	14.6	55	2.5	-28	49.0
	04 - 18	27	11.3	53	5.2	-26	50.9
	05 - 18	30	24.3	57	2.1	-27	53.1
	06 - 18	27	18.1	54	-4.6	-28	49.2
	07 - 18	27	8.2	58	6.0	-31	46.0
	08 - 18	20	10.8	48	-2.3	-28	42.4
	09 - 18	26	8.9	51	-4.4	-25	51.4
	10 - 18	30	21.3	58	1.2	-28	51.7
	Januar – October	262	16.0	525	2.8	-264	49.8
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
	04 - 19	27	0.1	57	8.9	-30	46.7
	05 - 19	28	-8.0	59	4.0	-31	47.0
	06 - 19	26	-4.1	53	-1.4	-28	47.9
	07 - 19	28	3.7	60	2.7	-32	46.4
	08 - 19	20	-1.8	52	7.1	-32	38.8
	09 - 19	25	-4.9	52	2.3	-27	47.8
	10 - 19	27	-10.2	59	1.8	-32	45.6
	Januar – October 19	252	-3.6	541	2.9	-288	46.6
2020	01 - 20	23	5.3	42	-0.4	-19	54.9
	02 - 20	25	10.6	52	3.9	-27	48.3
	03 - 20	18	-36.0	44	-20.8	-27	40.1
	04 - 20	15	-44.2	36	-36.4	-21	41.0
	05 - 20	22	-22.5	45	-24.2	-23	48.1
	06 - 20	23	-9.6	52	-2.4	-29	44.3
	07 - 20	25	-11.5	57	-5.0	-32	43.3
	08 - 20	19	-3.4	48	-6.7	-29	40.2
	09 - 20	25	1.3	52	0.5	-27	48.2
	10 - 20	27	-0.9	59	(0.01)	-33	45.2
	Januar – October 20	221	-12.2	488	-9.7	-267	45.4

Tab.2 Foreign trade in goods by partner countries (million ALL), October 2020

	Exports				Imports			
	October 2019	October 2020	Jan. - Oct. 2019	Jan. - Oct. 2020	October 2019	October 2020	Jan. - Oct. 2019	Jan. - Oct. 2020
EU countries	21,024	20,003	191,998	166,526	32,436	35,924	311,339	282,116
Austria	199	185	1,549	1,298	503	732	5,756	4,776
Germany	1,199	1,954	11,987	13,699	4,280	5,307	37,507	37,819
Greece	1,096	1,341	10,646	10,642	4,533	5,329	46,675	44,019
Italy	12,530	12,461	121,887	101,711	14,484	15,789	137,146	121,150
Spain	3,079	1,155	18,063	13,716	1,037	1,123	9,396	8,052
Croatia	135	194	923	1,369	543	498	5,747	5,283
Others of EU	2,786	2,713	26,943	24,090	7,055	7,146	69,112	61,018
United Kingdom	76	129	613	663	446	489	4,673	4,176
China	528	469	5,341	3,859	5,037	5,216	49,376	43,077
Kosovo	2,692	2,955	25,320	20,891	723	819	6,624	6,701
North Macedonia	785	906	7,062	7,102	755	818	7,119	7,347
Russia	-	-	75	13	1,259	750	9,912	11,663
USA	221	320	3,191	2,609	2,511	929	10,491	7,496
Turkey	137	240	1,746	2,145	6,263	5,248	48,605	46,390
Ukraine	8	18	128	343	150	214	2,564	3,442
Switzerland	147	50	780	600	1,786	1,159	12,881	8,691
Others	1,410	1,689	15,891	16,641	7,943	7,739	77,033	66,958
Total	27,027	26,779	252,145	221,391	59,308	59,305	540,618	488,057

Tab. 3 Foreign trade by group of goods (million ALL), October 2020

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	October 2019	October 2020	Jan. - Tet. 2019	Jan. - Tet. 2020	October 2019	October 2020	Jan. - Tet. 2019	Jan. - Tet. 2020
Total	27,027	26,779	252,145	221,391	59,308	59,305	540,618	488,057
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,656	4,382	29,076	31,918	9,356	9,630	91,760	91,616
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,820	3,458	41,415	31,828	6,790	4,842	65,168	43,505
Chemical and plastical products	654	712	6,544	6,201	8,402	8,531	73,822	73,573
Leather and leather manuf,	218	120	2,053	1,544	1,599	1,338	14,604	10,522
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	916	841	7,958	6,954	2,235	2,194	21,445	19,543
Textile and footwear	10,346	9,783	100,654	84,990	7,970	8,334	72,396	60,589
Construct, materials and metals	3,964	4,514	38,808	32,978	6,580	6,941	67,374	64,174
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,568	2,079	18,084	17,908	13,671	15,104	113,616	105,661
Others	888	889	7,553	7,069	2,706	2,391	20,432	18,875

Tab. 4 Progressive data of exports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL), October 2020

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Germany	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	121,887	101,711	25,320	20,891	18,063	13,716	11,987	13,699
Food, beverages, tobacco	7,153	7,737	2,977	3,166	1,079	1,084	1,406	1,527
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,696	1,013	6,033	3,822	14,705	11,544	811	1,126
Chemical and plastical products	1,732	1,666	1,792	1,810	49	102	54	46
Leather and leather manuf.	1,713	1,343	5	5	188	71	12	27
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	5,301	4,227	739	641	4	3	152	311
Textile and footwear	78,332	63,900	95	106	1,855	746	6,324	7,503
Construct, materials and metals	11,429	10,302	11,590	9,440	170	118	1,291	944
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	8,381	8,582	621	609	8	26	1,258	1,604
Others	3,150	2,941	1,468	1,291	5	22	678	611

Tab. 5 Progressive data of imports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL), October 2020

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		Greece		China	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	137,145	121,150	48,605	46,390	46,675	44,019	49,376	43,077
Food, beverages, tobacco	16,166	16,261	4,589	4,396	13,189	13,374	671	636
Minerals, fuels, electricity	7,196	5,164	3,208	3,070	10,652	7,760	7	7
Chemical and plastical products	15,333	15,628	6,764	6,991	6,419	6,447	4,731	4,525
Leather and leather manuf.	11,597	8,467	227	259	23	28	642	467
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	5,702	4,763	2,884	2,437	2,944	3,027	882	683
Textile and footwear	34,113	26,609	14,714	12,890	3,047	3,104	9,639	8,193
Construct, materials and metals	15,726	14,302	8,944	8,066	6,897	6,695	7,819	5,203
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	26,770	25,910	5,545	6,325	2,254	2,381	20,342	19,083
Others	4,542	4,045	1,730	1,956	1,250	1,202	4,644	4,282

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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