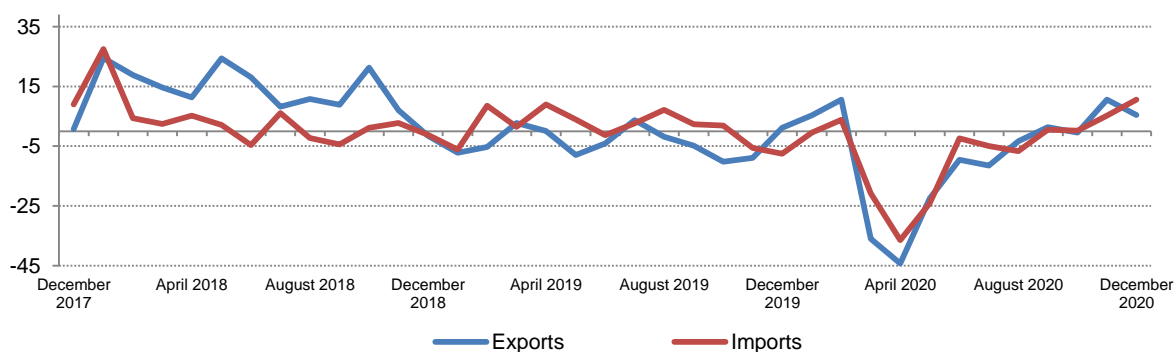


Foreign Trade in Goods

December 2020

Tirana, January 18, 2021: On December 2020 the value of exports was ALL 23 billion, increasing by 5.4 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreased by 15.6 % compared with November 2020. The value of imports was ALL 61 billion, increasing by 10.5 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 10.1 % compared with November 2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 38 billion, increasing by 13.9 % compared with December 2019 and by 34.8 compared with November 2020.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade, December 2020 (%)



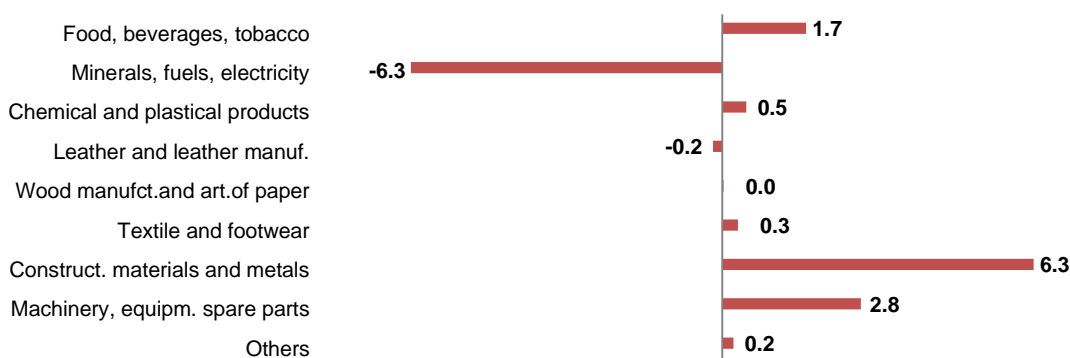
In 2020, the value of exports was ALL 272 billion, decreasing by 9.0 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 605 billion, decreasing by 6.8 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 333 billion, decreasing by 9.9 % compared with 2019.

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

In annual increase of exports by 5.4 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +6.3 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +2.8 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +1.7 percentage point. "While a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -6.3 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactories" with -0.2 percentage point.

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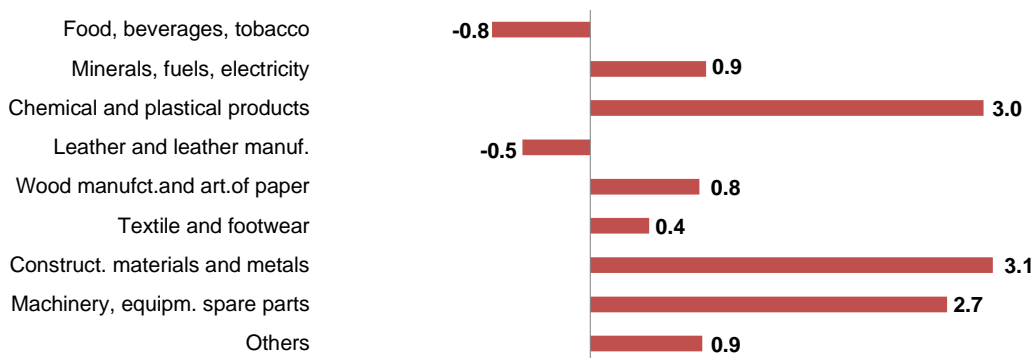
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Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports, December 2020

Exports during 2020 are decreased by -9.0 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: "Textile and footwear" with -5.3 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -3.5 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -1.2 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +1.2 percentage point and "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +0.5.

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

In annual increase of imports by 10.5 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +3.1 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +3.0 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +2.7 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with -0.8 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactories" with -0.5 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports, December 2020

In 2020, imports are decreased by 6.8 % compared with previous year. The groups affected negatively in annual decrease of imports, are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -3.5 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -1.8 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -0.8 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Chemical and plastic products" with +0.4 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.1 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

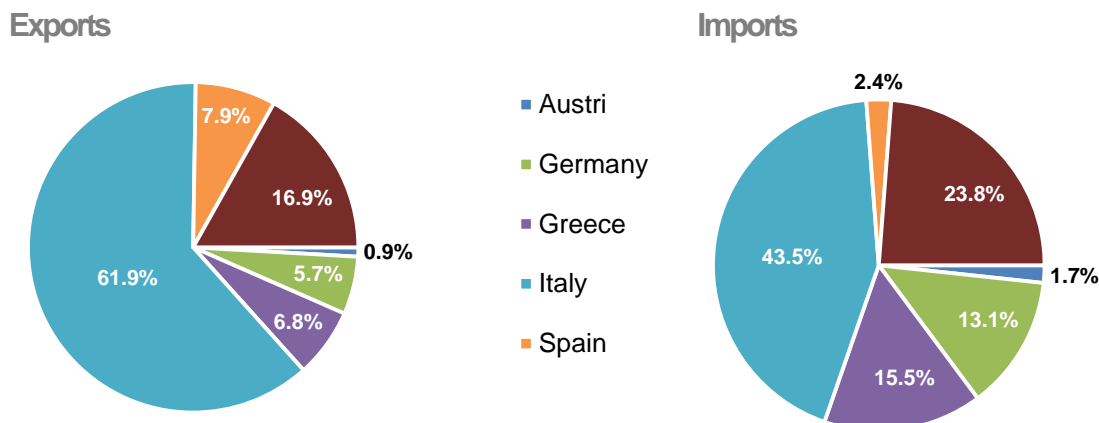
In December 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to December 2019 are: Italy (4.8 %), Kosovo (21.1 %) and Greece (6.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Spain (61.4 %), Germany (10.2 %) and Montenegro (15.1 %).

In 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to 2019 are: Germany (12.8 %), Greece (3.4 %) and North Macedonia (3.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (13.7 %), Kosovo (12,0 %) and Spain (30.4 %).

In December 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to December 2019 are: Italy (19.1 %), Greece (42.1 %) and China (1.0 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Turkey (9.4 %), Germany (0.4 %) and USA (7.1 %).

In 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to 2019 are: Greece (0.2 %), Germany (0.3 %) dhe Serbia (77.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (7.4 %), Turkey (6.2 %) and China (9.5 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, December 2020



Trade with the EU countries is 61.3 % of total trade. In December 2020, exports to EU countries occupied 68.9 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 58.5 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (30.1 %), Turkey (8.2 %), Greece (7.9 %) and China (7.0 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in 2020 is 63.1 % of total trade. During this year, the share of exports to EU countries was 74.7 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 58.0 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (31.4 %), Greece (7.7 %), Germany (7.1 %) and Turkey (7.0 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL), December 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	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
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
	11 - 18	27	7.0	56	2.7	-29	48.4
	12 - 18	22	-1.6	60	-1.2	-38	36.0
	January – December 18	310	13.7	641	2.4	-331	48.4
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
	11 - 19	25	-9.0	53	-5.6	-28	46.7
	12 - 19	22	1.2	56	-7.6	-34	39.4
	January – December 19	299	-3.8	649	1.2	-350	46.0
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	-0.5	59	0.1	-32	45.3
	11 - 20	27	10.6	56	5.2	-28	49.1
	12 - 20	23	5.4	61	10.5	-38	37.6
	January – December 20	272	-9.0	605	-6.8	-333	44.9

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

	Exports				Imports			
	December2019	December2020	Jan.- Dec2019	Jan.- Dec 2020	December2019	December2020	Jan.- Dec2019	Jan.- Dec 2020
EU countries	16,731	15,912	228,052	203,177	31,360	35,900	373,649	350,752
Austria	107	144	1,790	1,654	530	612	6,830	5,832
Germany	1,004	901	14,190	16,008	4,726	4,708	46,482	46,601
Greece	1,010	1,079	12,781	13,211	3,916	5,564	54,336	54,454
Italy	9,396	9,849	143,105	123,510	13,100	15,608	164,188	151,978
Spain	3,255	1,255	23,845	16,601	1,211	867	11,534	9,788
Croatia	91	110	1,119	1,774	779	452	7,219	6,143
Others of EU	1,869	2,574	31,221	30,419	7,097	8,090	83,060	75,957
United Kingdom	60	58	738	757	545	520	5,641	5,125
China	347	613	6,211	5,003	5,259	5,309	59,727	54,038
Kosovo	2,205	2,672	29,812	26,247	602	863	7,735	8,305
North Macedonia	728	862	8,567	8,855	736	931	8,571	9,074
Russia	0	10	75	23	1,129	913	11,617	13,513
USA	254	344	3,667	3,252	1,197	1,112	12,338	9,401
Turkey	140	626	2,055	3,073	6,966	6,312	61,798	57,943
Ukraine	15	36	172	392	267	250	3,016	4,008
Switzerland	53	10	897	631	942	976	15,337	10,228
Others	1,369	1,946	18,547	20,544	6,520	8,283	89,690	82,874
Total	21,902	23,088	298,792	271,955	55,524	61,369	649,118	605,262

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	December2019	December2020	Jan.- Dec2019	Jan.- Dec 2020	December2019	December2020	Jan.- Dec2019	Jan.- Dec 2020
Total	21,902	23,088	298,792	271,955	55,524	61,369	649,118	605,262
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,876	3,250	35,374	39,050	10,265	9,848	110,365	110,927
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,691	3,308	50,274	39,915	6,127	6,617	77,235	54,552
Chemical and plastical products	480	587	7,653	7,409	7,793	9,456	88,729	91,016
Leather and leather manuf,	161	120	2,444	1,811	1,249	961	17,329	12,631
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	738	744	9,592	8,643	1,891	2,352	25,818	24,006
Textile and footwear	7,893	7,964	118,202	102,344	6,901	7,150	87,203	75,457
Construct, materials and metals	3,263	4,648	45,385	41,809	5,464	7,168	78,441	78,259
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,126	1,743	20,892	22,396	13,299	14,808	138,753	133,820
Others	674	724	8,976	8,577	2,535	3,008	25,244	24,595

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Germany	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	143,105	123,510	29,812	26,247	23,845	16,601	14,190	16,008
Food, beverages, tobacco	8,651	9,699	3,739	4,076	1,249	1,370	1,672	1,818
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,967	1,232	6,768	4,889	19,844	13,697	839	1,436
Chemical and plastical products	2,021	2,017	2,144	2,199	50	103	70	64
Leather and leather manuf,	2,071	1,592	5	10	212	71	13	31
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	6,340	5,263	913	778	4	4	182	349
Textile and footwear	91,906	77,003	115	146	2,273	1,100	7,539	8,628
Construct, materials and metals	13,451	12,718	13,613	11,824	198	204	1,591	1,066
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	9,936	10,379	751	803	8	30	1,492	1,912
Others	3,763	3,608	1,763	1,522	6	22	792	702

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		Greece		China	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	164,188	151,978	61,798	57,943	54,336	54,454	59,727	54,038
Food, beverages, tobacco	19,540	19,906	5,529	5,408	15,764	15,853	803	805
Minerals, fuels, electricity	7,630	6,645	7,192	3,487	11,097	10,069	8	7
Chemical and plastical products	18,688	19,720	8,096	8,697	7,750	7,999	5,562	5,546
Leather and leather manuf,	13,736	10,277	270	295	30	35	766	560
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	6,920	5,744	3,369	2,994	3,534	3,675	1,061	846
Textile and footwear	40,683	33,354	18,126	16,306	3,689	3,744	11,796	10,115
Construct, materials and metals	18,972	18,117	10,361	9,676	8,229	8,564	9,021	6,215
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	32,438	32,928	6,756	8,522	2,711	2,912	24,796	24,313
Others	5,581	5,285	2,098	2,558	1,530	1,602	5,915	5,631

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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