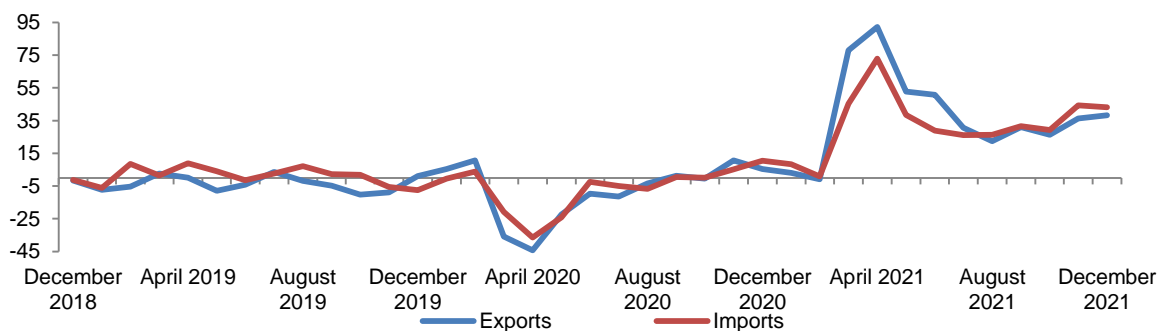


Foreign Trade in Goods

December 2021

Tirana, January 17, 2022: On December 2021 the value of exports was ALL 32 billion, increasing by 38.2 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 14.5 % compared with November 2021. The value of imports was ALL 88 billion, increasing by 43.1 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 9.1 % compared with November 2021. This month the trade deficit is ALL 56 billion, increasing by 46.1 % compared with December 2020 and by 29.5 % compared with November 2021.

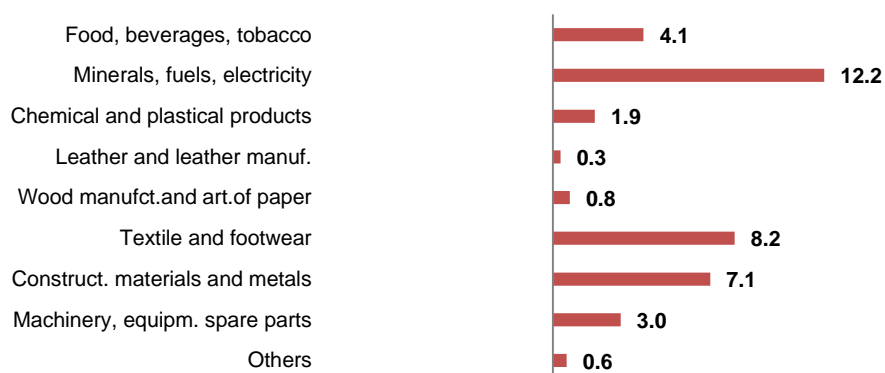
Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



In 2021, the value of exports was ALL 369 billion, increasing by 35.6 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 801 billion, increasing by 32.3 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 432 billion, increasing by 29.6 % compared with the same period of 2020.

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

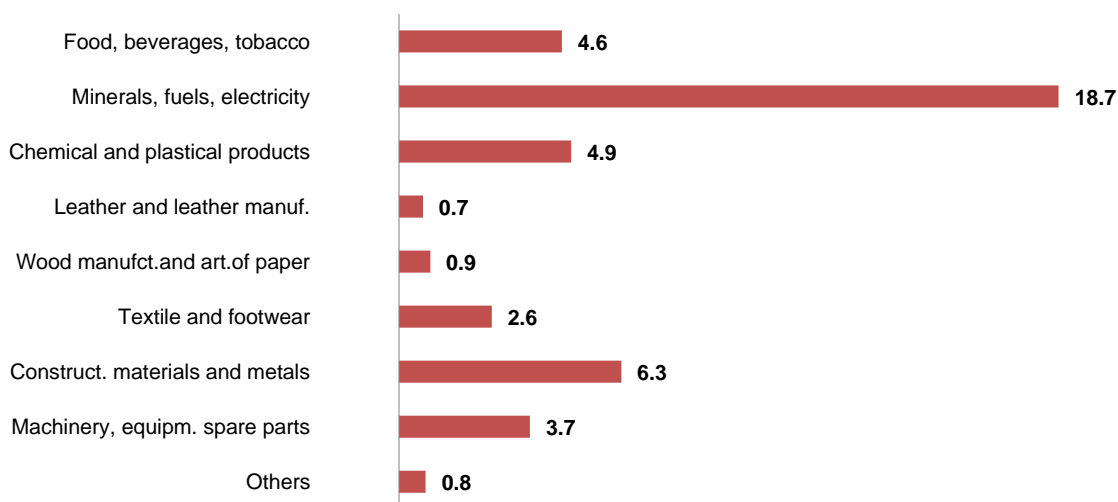
In annual increase of exports by 38.2 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +12.2 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +8.2 percentage point and “Construction materials and metals” with +7.1 percentage point.

Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports, December 2021

Exports during 2021 are increased by 35.6 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: “Construction materials and metals” with +14.1 percentage point, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +10.8 percentage point and “Textile and footwear” with +3.7 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 43.1 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +18.7 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +6.3 percentage point and “Chemical and plastical products” with 4.9 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports, December 2021

In 2021, imports are increased by 32.3 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: "Mineral, fuels, electricity" with +8.4 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +6.0 percentage point, and "Construction materials and metals" with +5.5 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

In December 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to December 2020 are: Italy (46.4 %), Kosovo (0.1 %) and Germany (140.9 %). While, countries with which had a decrease of exports are: Turkey (51.6 %) and Russia (100.0 %).

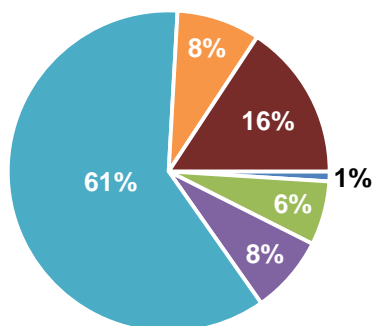
In 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (26.1 %), Kosovo (43.6 %) and Spain (42.0 %). While, countries with which had a decrease of exports are: Ukraine (14.7 %) and Russia (49.3 %).

In December 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to December 2020 are: Italy (24.0 %), Turkey (52.4 %) and Greece (46.6 %). While, the country with which has had a decrease of imports is: SHBA (30.4 %).

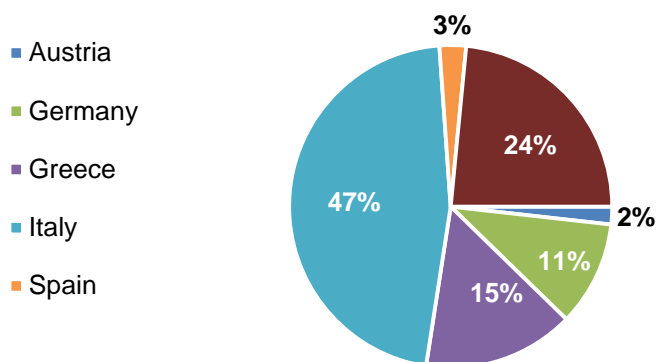
In 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (27.9 %), Turkey (48.6 %) and China (20.7 %). While, the country with which has had a decrease of imports is: Ukraine (6.6 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries December 2021

Exports



Imports



Trade with the EU countries is 58.0 % of total trade. In December 2021, exports to EU countries occupied 70.8 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 52.1 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (30.1 %), Turkey (8.0 %), Greece (7.2 %) and China (5.6 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in 2021 is 60.2 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 72.0 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 54.6 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (30.1 %), Turkey (7.8 %), Greece (7.2 %) and Germany (6.5 %).

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
2020		272	-9.0	605	-6.8	-333	44.9
2018	12 - 18	22	-1.6	60	-1.2	-38	36.0
	January - December 18	310	23.7	641	13.5	-331	48.4
2019	12 - 19	22	1.2	56	-7.6	-34	39.4
	January - December 19	299	-3.8	649	1.2	-350	46.0
2020	12 - 20	23	5.4	61	10.5	-38	37.6
	January - December 20	272	-9.0	605	-6.8	-333	44.9
2021	12 - 21	32	38.2	88	43.1	-56	36.3
	January - December 21	369	35.6	801	32.3	-432	46.1

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

	Exports				Imports			
	December 2020	December 2021	Jan.-December 2020	Jan.-December 2021	December 2020	December 2021	Jan.-December 2020	Jan.-December 2021
EU countries	15,912	23,830	203,178	266,411	35,900	45,986	350,752	435,197
Austria	144	157	1,653	2,565	612	617	5,832	6,971
Germany	901	2,171	16,008	20,157	4,708	5,066	46,601	54,952
Greece	1,079	1,733	13,211	21,401	5,564	8,154	54,454	64,024
Italy	9,849	14,422	123,510	155,757	15,608	19,353	151,978	194,443
Spain	1,255	1,487	16,601	23,578	867	1,033	9,787	11,521
Croatia	110	413	1,774	3,353	452	904	6,143	7,899
Others of EU	2,574	3,447	30,420	39,600	8,090	10,858	75,957	95,387
United Kingdom	58	78	757	922	520	692	5,125	6,538
China	613	684	5,003	9,058	5,309	6,395	54,038	65,202
Kosovo	2,672	2,674	26,247	37,696	863	2,796	8,306	15,441
North Macedonia	862	871	8,855	12,536	931	1,612	9,075	13,675
Russia	10	-	23	12	913	1,970	13,513	15,037
USA	344	496	3,252	4,925	1,112	774	9,401	14,570
Turkey	626	303	3,073	5,294	6,312	9,616	57,943	86,104
Ukraine	36	46	392	334	250	364	4,008	3,742
Switzerland	10	224	632	2,540	976	1,810	10,229	12,743
Others	1,946	2,695	20,543	29,042	8,283	15,829	82,873	132,469
Total	23,088	31,902	271,955	368,769	61,369	87,844	605,262	800,718

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	December 2020	December 2021	Jan.-December 2020	Jan.-December 2021	December 2020	December 2021	Jan.-December 2020	Jan.-December 2021
Total	23,088	31,902	271,955	368,769	61,369	87,844	605,262	800,718
Food. beverages. tobacco	3,250	4,191	39,050	44,469	9,848	12,680	110,927	130,017
Minerals. fuels. electricity	3,308	6,123	39,915	69,327	6,617	18,090	54,552	105,103
Chemical and plastical products	587	1,023	7,409	10,681	9,456	12,448	91,016	114,702
Leather and leather manuf.	120	200	1,811	2,470	961	1,375	12,631	14,921
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	744	920	8,643	9,855	2,352	2,896	24,006	28,894
Textile and footwear	7,964	9,849	102,344	112,455	7,150	8,763	75,457	90,831
Construct. materials and metals	4,648	6,282	41,809	80,072	7,168	11,034	78,259	111,818
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	1,743	2,447	22,396	28,887	14,808	17,087	133,820	170,093
Others	724	868	8,577	10,554	3,008	3,472	24,595	34,341

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Greece	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Total	123,510	155,757	26,247	37,696	16,601	23,578	13,211	21,401
Food. beverages. tobacco	9,699	11,407	4,076	4,728	1,370	1,487	3,464	3,820
Minerals. fuels. electricity	1,232	2,741	4,889	8,089	13,697	21,034	971	7,131
Chemical and plastical products	2,017	3,201	2,199	3,105	103	28	557	794
Leather and leather manuf.	1,592	1,941	10	15	71	2	10	17
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	5,263	6,284	778	936	4	77	1,396	1,510
Textile and footwear	77,003	88,207	146	166	1,100	703	5,066	5,009
Construct. materials and metals	12,718	22,899	11,824	17,429	204	210	1,309	2,428
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	10,379	14,127	803	1,718	30	34	55	122
Others	3,608	4,949	1,522	1,512	22	4	385	569

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		China		Greece	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Total	151,978	194,443	57,943	86,104	54,038	65,202	54,454	64,024
Food. beverages. tobacco	19,906	24,504	5,408	6,861	805	1,052	15,853	16,289
Minerals. fuels. electricity	6,645	12,239	3,487	4,790	7	12	10,069	14,668
Chemical and plastical products	19,720	24,047	8,697	11,112	5,546	8,293	7,999	9,354
Leather and leather manuf.	10,277	12,266	295	444	560	717	35	35
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	5,744	6,692	2,994	4,287	846	817	3,675	4,114
Textile and footwear	33,354	42,916	16,306	19,397	10,115	11,680	3,744	3,581
Construct. materials and metals	18,117	25,839	9,676	23,086	6,215	5,586	8,564	10,742
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	32,928	38,841	8,522	11,254	24,313	30,428	2,912	3,435
Others	5,285	7,099	2,558	4,874	5,631	6,616	1,602	1,806

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

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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