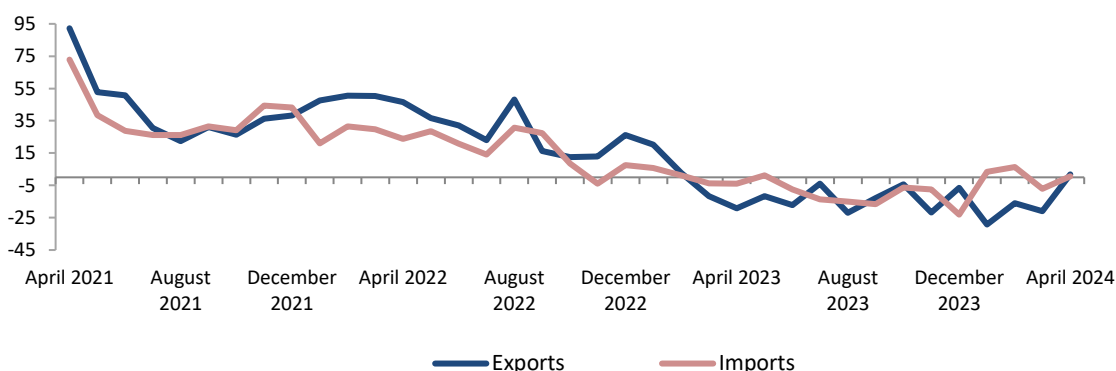


Foreign Trade in Goods

April 2024

Tirana, May 17, 2024: On April 2024 the value of exports was ALL 35 billion, increasing by 1.8 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 3.9 % compared with March 2024. The value of imports was ALL 75 billion, increasing by 0.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 0.6 % compared with March 2024. This month the trade deficit is ALL 41 billion, decreasing by -0.3 % compared with April 2023 and by -2.0 % compared with March 2024.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)

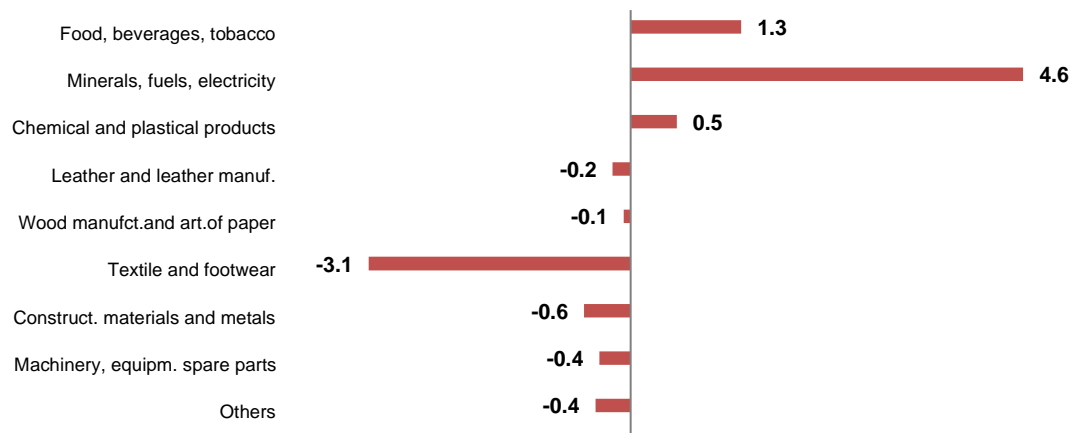


In the first four months of 2024, the value of exports was ALL 130 billion, decreasing by -17.1 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 284 billion, increasing by 0.4 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 154 billion, increasing by 22.1 % compared with the same period of 2023.

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

In annual increase of exports by 1.8 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +4.6 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.3 percentage point, and “Chemical and plastical products” with +0.5 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Textile and footwear” with -3.1 percentage point, “Constructions materials and metals” with -0.6 percentage point, ect.

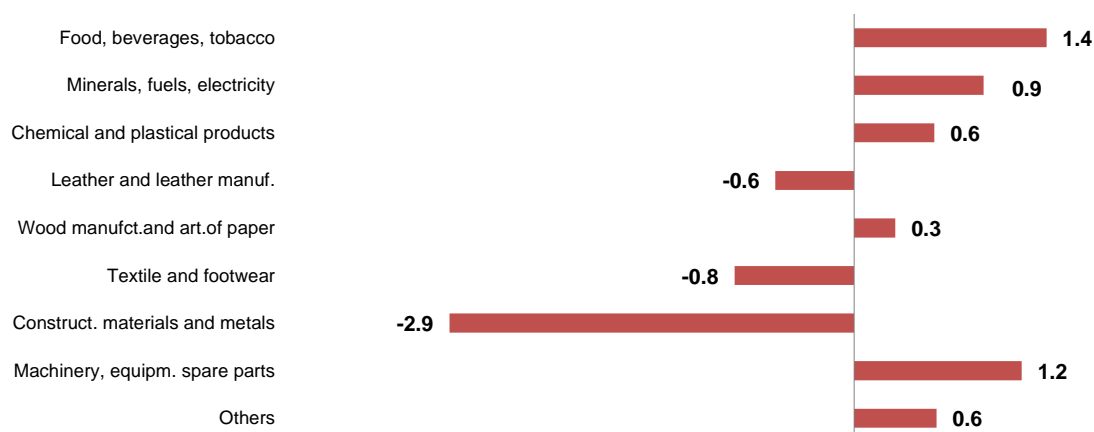
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Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports April 2024

Exports during the four months of 2024 are decreased by -17.1 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with -7.7 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -5.1 percentage point, and “Constructions materials and metals” with -2.9 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with 0.2 percentage point and “Chemical and plastical products” with 0.1 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 0.6 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.4 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +1.2 percentage point, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +0.9 percentage point, ect. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Constructions materials and metals” with -2.9 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -0.8 percentage point, ect.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , April 2023

In the first four months of 2024, imports are increased by 0.4 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +3.9 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.4 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -2.0 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -1.3 percentage point, ect.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

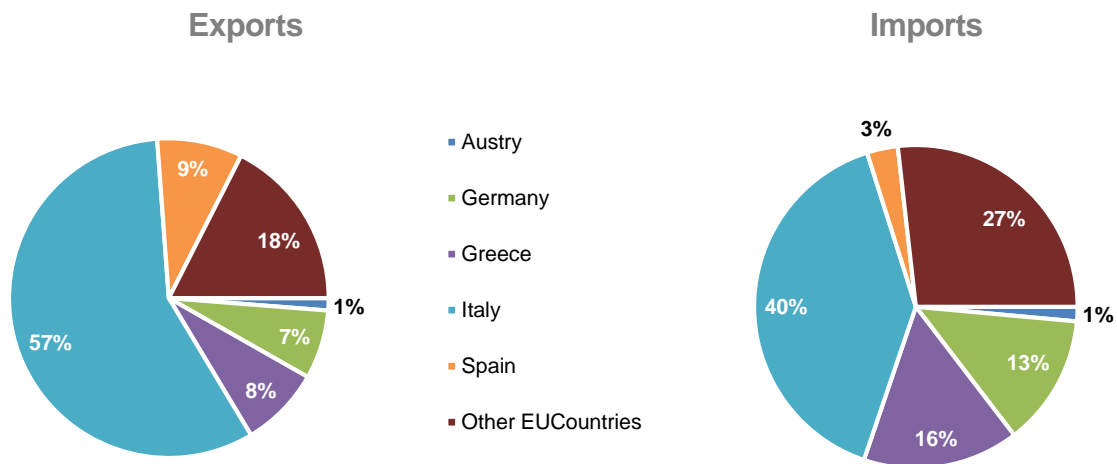
In April 2024, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to April 2023 are: Spain (84.7 %), China (155.4 %), North Macedonia (91,4 %), ect. While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (18.3 %), Greece (2.2 %), and Germany (8.1 %).

In the first four months of 2024, countries with which Albania has had a decrease of exports, compared to the same period of 2023 are: Italy (13.3 %), Kosovo (4.5 %) and Greece (31.3 %). While, country with which has had a increase of exports is: China (21.4 %).

In April 2024, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to April 2023 are: Turkey (25.0 %), China (0.2 %) and Greece (15.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (11.8 %), North Macedonia (5.9 %) and Austria (25.0 %).

In the first four months of 2024, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2023 are: Turkey (22.4 %), Greece (22.8 %), and Germany (8.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (5.6 %), China (7.2 %), and North Macedonia (15.3 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries April 2024



Trade with the EU countries is 58.4 % of total trade. In April 2024, exports to EU countries occupied 69.0 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 53.5 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (27.1 %), China (8.5 %), Turkey (8.2 %), and Greece (7.5 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first four months of 2024 is 58.7 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 73.1 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 52.2 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (28.9 %), Turkey (9.2 %), Greece (7.4 %) and China (7.1 %).

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		316	13.7	644	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	684	32.3	-432	46.1
2022		487	32.0	650	18.7	-464	51.2
2023		440	-9.5	572	-8.2	-432	50.5
2021	01 - 21	24	3.1	45	8.4	-22	52.3
	02 - 21	25	-0.9	52	0.9	-27	47.4
	03 - 21	32	78.1	64	45.3	-33	49.2
	04 - 21	29	92.3	63	72.9	-34	45.6
	Jan.-Apr.21	109	34.9	225	29.0	-116	48.4
2022	01 - 22	35	47.5	55	21.1	-20	63.6
	02 - 22	37	50.5	69	31.5	-31	54.3
	03 - 22	48	50.4	84	29.7	-36	57.1
	04 - 22	42	46.6	78	23.7	-36	54.0
	Jan.-Apr.22	162	48.8	285	26.7	-123	56.8
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
	Jan.-Apr.23	156	-3.4	283	-0.8	-127	55.3
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
	Jan.-Apr.24	130	-17.1	284	0.4	-154	45.7

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

	Exports				Imports			
	April 2023	April 2024	Jan.-Feb. 2023	Jan.-Feb. 2024	April 2023	April 2024	Jan.-Feb. 2023	Jan.-Feb. 2024
EU countries	25,605	23,839	115,773	94,863	39,803	40,297	145,783	148,258
Austria	206	296	1,380	913	778	584	2,498	2,380
Germany	1,809	1,663	9,357	7,450	5,198	5,297	19,589	21,200
Greece	1,994	1,950	11,432	7,851	5,433	6,291	18,423	22,633
Italy	16,756	13,692	67,925	58,890	18,233	16,086	64,493	60,906
Spain	1,116	2,061	6,773	4,414	1,058	1,244	4,185	4,208
Croatia	458	303	2,269	1,716	524	248	2,071	1,028
Others of EU	3,266	3,875	16,636	13,629	8,579	10,547	34,525	35,903
United Kingdom	131	133	567	529	775	1,245	2,778	3,143
China	597	1,526	2,521	3,061	7,780	7,797	28,407	26,365
Kosovo	3,017	3,171	13,230	12,640	808	1,012	3,490	3,678
North Macedonia	837	1,603	8,091	5,006	1,102	1,037	4,477	3,790
Russia	1	-	4	5	157	516	1,873	1,131
USA	276	472	1,539	1,538	1,630	2,172	5,887	7,722
Turkey	354	405	1,731	1,534	6,894	8,617	30,028	36,749
Ukraine	60	3	496	168	647	259	1,361	1,487
Switzerland	124	262	2,219	713	461	515	4,454	2,460
Others	2,970	3,155	10,326	9,727	14,770	11,836	54,484	49,469
Total	33,972	34,569	156,497	129,785	74,825	75,303	283,022	284,251

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	April 2023	April 2024	Jan.-Apr. 2023	Jan.-Apr. 2024	April 2023	April 2024	Jan.-Apr. 2023	Jan.-Apr. 2024
Total	33,972	34,569	156,497	129,785	74,825	75,303	283,022	284,251
Food. beverages. tobacco	4,662	5,105	16,903	17,239	11,712	12,735	43,446	47,342
Minerals. fuels. electricity	5,971	7,545	37,867	25,795	7,079	7,767	32,531	26,871
Chemical and plastical products	1,260	1,444	4,993	5,160	9,814	10,241	39,353	38,333
Leather and leather manuf.	287	214	1,106	827	1,456	1,037	5,153	4,140
Wood manufact.and art. of paper	909	882	4,027	3,369	2,313	2,532	9,467	9,341
Textile and footwear	10,422	9,371	44,713	36,772	8,211	7,575	31,476	27,668
Construct. materials and metals	6,311	6,124	29,199	24,589	12,225	10,073	43,267	40,510
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	3,138	3,012	13,777	12,523	18,957	19,847	66,881	77,799
Others	1,013	872	3,913	3,509	3,058	3,496	11,448	12,247

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Greece		Germany	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Total	67,925	58,890	13,230	12,640	11,432	7,851	9,357	7,450
Food. beverages. tobacco	4,698	5,115	1,795	1,777	1,489	1,416	661	504
Minerals. fuels. electricity	4,102	5,048	2,822	2,994	4,643	854	4,176	2,536
Chemical and plastical products	2,030	2,025	1,329	1,247	356	316	12	11
Leather and leather manuf.	1,052	688	4	1	10	101	2	1
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	2,410	1,832	356	381	624	531	50	37
Textile and footwear	34,953	27,876	74	61	2,257	2,742	3,236	3,055
Construct. materials and metals	9,690	7,709	5,551	5,193	1,681	1,528	468	229
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	7,112	6,753	748	581	32	78	631	940
Others	1,880	1,844	551	404	342	286	121	139

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		China		Greece	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Total	64,493	60,906	30,028	36,749	28,407	26,365	18,423	22,633
Food. beverages. tobacco	8,291	9,385	2,070	1,876	603	638	5,508	6,241
Minerals. fuels. electricity	2,244	1,352	4,629	5,571	15	6	1,893	3,272
Chemical and plastical products	8,027	7,627	4,176	3,880	2,533	2,154	3,270	4,102
Leather and leather manuf.	4,184	3,245	131	103	239	301	10	93
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	2,198	1,952	1,698	1,627	547	541	1,199	1,262
Textile and footwear	15,202	12,165	4,782	3,609	3,834	4,255	1,721	2,259
Construct. materials and metals	9,268	7,490	7,192	10,039	3,659	3,667	2,895	3,322
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	12,493	14,642	3,957	8,840	14,917	12,395	1,259	1,239
Others	2,586	3,049	1,392	1,203	2,061	2,409	669	843

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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