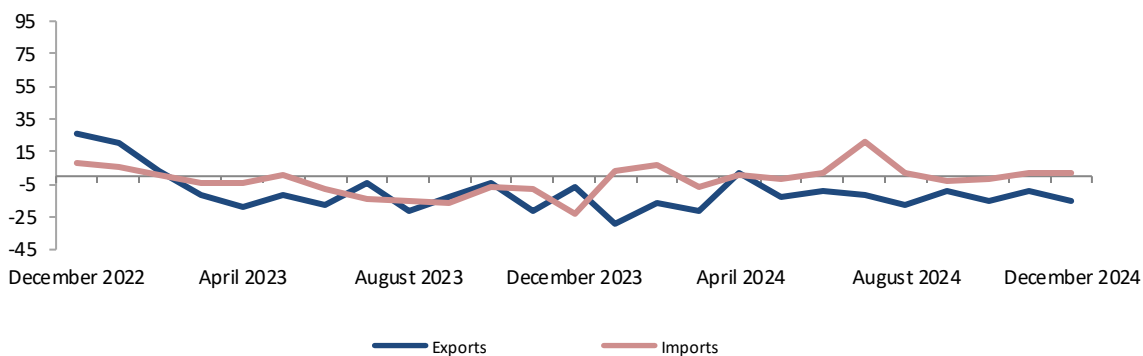


Foreign Trade in Goods

December 2024

Tirana, January 17, 2025: On December 2024 the value of exports was ALL 26 billion, decreasing by -31.7 %, compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by -14.8 %, compared with November 2024. The value of imports was ALL 79 billion, increasing by 8.3 %, compared with the previous year and increasing by 7.9 %, compared with November 2024. This month the trade deficit is ALL 53 billion, increasing by 51.1 %, compared with December 2023 and increasing by 23.8 %, compared with November 2024.

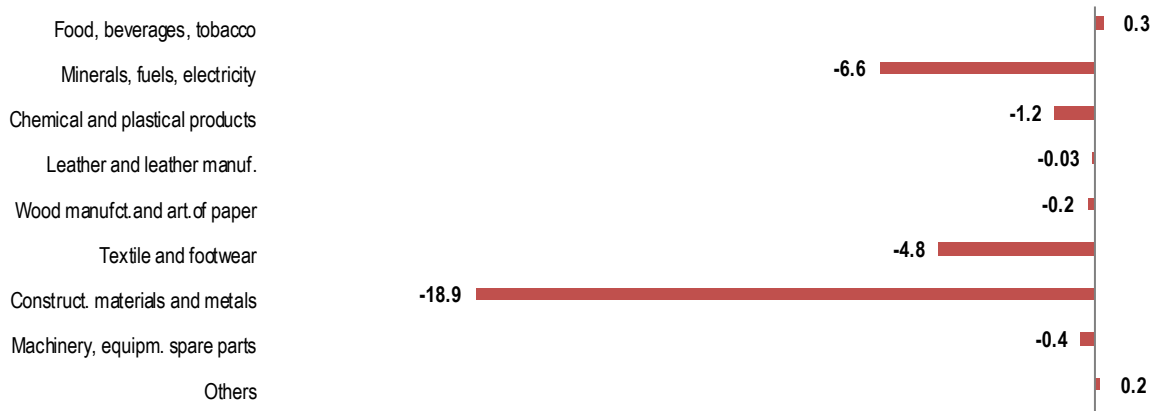
Fig. 1 Annual change in Foreign Trade(%)



During 2024, the value of exports was ALL 373 billion, decreasing by -15.4 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 894 billion, increasing by 2.5 %, compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 522 billion, increasing by 20.7 %, compared with 2023.

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

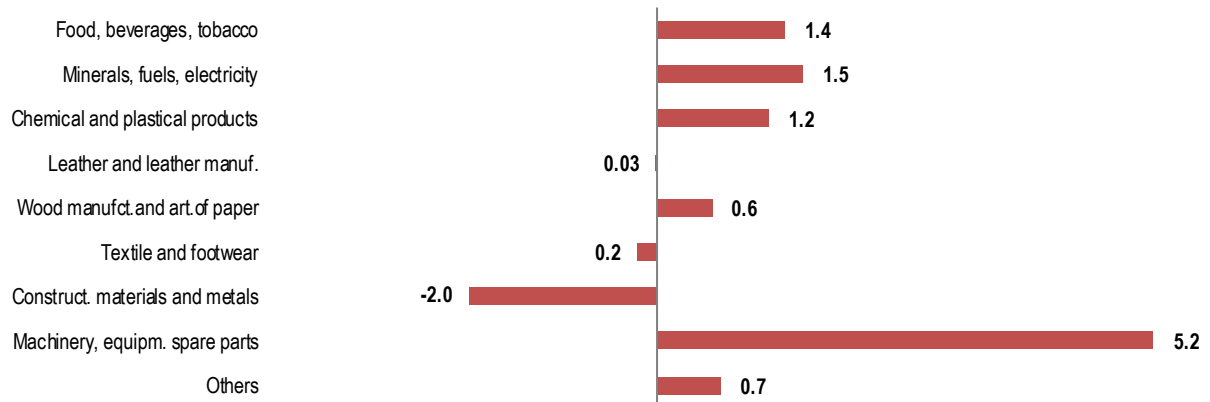
In annual decrease of exports by -31.7 % this month, a contribution was given by the groups: "Constructions materials and metals" with -18.9 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -6.6 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -4.8 percentage point, etc. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.3 percentage point.

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

Exports during 2024 are decreased by -15.4 %, compared with previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -5.3 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -4.8 percentage point, “Constructions materials and metals” with -4.1 percentage point.

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

In December 2024 the increasing of imports by +8.3 %, compared with the same month of the previous year, was positively affected by the groups: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +5.2 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +1.5 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.4 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Constructions materials and metals” with -2.0 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -0.2 percentage point, “Leather and leather manuf.” with -0.3 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , December 2024

During 2024, imports are increased by 2.5 %, compared with previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with +2.9 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.2 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -1.0 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -0.9 percentage point, “Constructions materials and metals” with -0.3 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

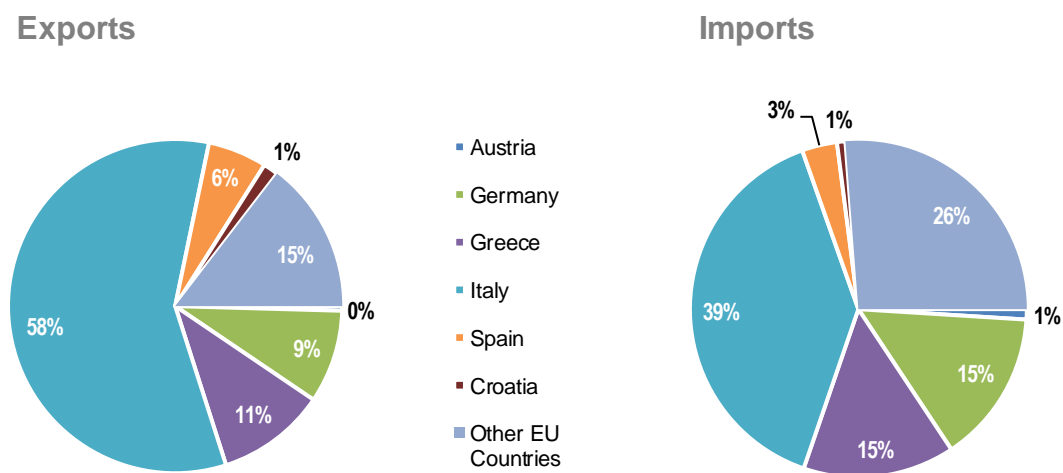
In December 2024, countries with which Albania has had the highest decrease of exports, compared to December 2023 are: Italy (18.0 %), Kosovo (15.8 %), Greece (8.4 %), etj. While, countries with which has had an increase of exports are: North Macedonia (17,3 %), Turkey (60,5 %), United Kingdom (37,4 %).

During 2024, countries with which Albania has had the highest decrease of exports, compared to 2023 are: Italy (13.9 %), Kosovo (9.8 %), Greece (18.2 %), etc. While, countries with which has had an increase of exports are: China (3.5 %), etc.

In December 2024, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to December 2023 are: : Italy (2.4 %), China (33.3%), Turkey (8.2 %), etc. While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are North Macedonia (16.4 %), Switzerland (15.7%), Austria (19.1 %), etc.

During 2024, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to 2023 are: China (4.2 %), Turkey (14.2 %), Greece (19.7 %), etc. While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (2.3 %), North Macedonia (14.9%), Switzerland (29.8%), etc.

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



Trade with the EU countries is 55.5 % of total trade. In December 2024, exports to EU countries occupied 70.8 % of total exports and imports from EU countries occupied 50.5 % of total imports.

The main trade partners remain: Italy (25.1 %), China (10.4 %), Turkey (8.2%), Greece (7.4 %).

Trade with the EU countries, for 2024 is 57.4 % of total trade. During this year, the share of exports to EU countries was 71.7 % of total exports and share of imports from EU countries was 51.5 % of total imports.

The main trade partners are: Italy (27.8 %), China (8.5 %), Turkey (8.0 %) and Greece (7.2 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)

Years	Months	Exports	Annual Change (%)	Imports	Annual Change (%)	Trade Balance	Coverage (%)
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
2021		369	35.6	801	32.3	-432	46.1
2022		487	32.0	950	18.7	-464	51.2
2023		440	-9.5	873	-8.2	-432	50.5
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
	05 - 22	45	36.8	80	28.6	-35	56.4
	06 - 22	46	32.2	81	20.8	-35	56.8
	07 - 22	39	23.0	82	14.1	-42	48.3
	08 - 22	35	48.1	80	30.8	-44	44.2
	09 - 22	39	52.5	88	67.6	-49	43.8
	10 - 22	38	12.5	83	8.6	-45	45.9
	11 - 22	42	12.9	77	-3.9	-35	54.4
	12 - 22	40	26.1	95	7.7	-54	42.5
	Jan-Dec 22	487	34.9	950	21.2	-464	51.2
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
	05 - 23	40	-11.7	81	1.2	-41	49.2
	06 - 23	38	-17.3	75	-7.5	-37	50.7
	07 - 23	38	-4.0	71	-13.6	-33	53.7
	08 - 23	27	-21.9	68	-15.0	-40	40.6
	09 - 23	34	-12.8	73	-16.6	-40	45.8
	10 - 23	37	-4.3	78	-6.3	-42	46.8
	11 - 23	33	-21.8	72	-7.4	-39	46.0
	12 - 23	38	-6.6	73	-23.1	-35	51.7
	Jan-Dec 23	440	-9.5	873	-8.2	-432	50.5
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
	05 - 24	35	-12.4	79	-1.6	-45	43.8
	06 - 24	35	-8.9	77	2.1	-42	45.3
	07 - 24	33	-12.0	85	21.1	-52	39.0
	08 - 24	22	-18.2	69	1.9	-46	32.6
	09 - 24	31	-8.5	71	-3.1	-40	43.3
	10 - 24	31	-15.2	77	-1.5	-46	40.3
	11 - 24	30	-8.5	73	2.0	-43	41.2
	12 - 24	26	-31.7	79	8.3	-53	32.6
	Jan-Dec 24	373	-15.4	894	2.5	-522	41.7

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

	Exports				Imports			
	December 2023	December 2024	Jan.-Dec. 2023	Jan.-Dec. 2024	December 2023	December 2024	Jan.-Dec. 2023	Jan.-Dec. 2024
EU countries	22,403	18,165	316,163	267,158	35,742	39,830	444,412	460,253
Austria	156	81	4,162	2,323	488	395	7,952	7,586
Germany	1,691	1,640	23,103	22,024	5,563	5,851	61,605	64,365
Greece	2,102	1,925	28,658	23,447	4,621	5,809	56,929	68,124
Italy	12,890	10,571	189,000	162,799	15,301	15,664	193,803	189,389
Spain	1,886	1,038	18,898	13,001	820	1,343	13,150	13,428
Croatia	707	265	5,034	3,978	477	322	9,148	4,914
Others of EU	2,971	2,645	47,306	39,586	8,473	10,446	101,825	112,445
United Kingdom	84	116	6,382	1,483	883	916	8,860	9,658
China	1,559	503	10,074	10,430	7,805	10,407	93,750	97,723
Kosovo	3,197	2,693	40,921	36,899	1,200	1,319	11,807	15,766
North Macedonia	591	694	15,996	11,828	1,390	1,163	14,172	12,064
Russia	2	-	10	7	327	225	4,356	3,847
USA	5,682	502	9,779	7,054	1,401	2,506	17,300	20,503
Turkey	322	517	5,148	4,847	7,458	8,073	84,598	96,644
Ukraine	50	106	1,130	3,201	339	259	4,267	3,890
Switzerland	610	90	5,072	2,130	1,132	954	13,922	9,775
Others	3,088	2,284	29,633	27,562	15,075	13,160	175,232	164,257
Total	37,588	25,669	440,308	372,600	72,752	78,812	872,676	894,381

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	December 2023	December 2024	Jan.-Dec. 2023	Jan.-Dec. 2024	December 2023	December 2024	Jan.-Dec. 2023	Jan.-Dec. 2024
Total	37,588	25,669	440,308	372,600	72,752	78,812	872,676	894,381
Food. beverages. tobacco	4,748	4,843	55,667	53,287	12,424	13,408	145,778	156,127
Minerals. fuels. electricity	7,661	5,188	94,034	70,814	7,901	9,021	101,961	93,157
Chemical and plastic products	1,548	1,090	16,347	15,257	9,410	10,268	114,053	116,103
Leather and leather manuf.	167	155	2,614	2,030	873	851	13,656	11,555
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	794	706	11,179	9,930	2,368	2,788	30,045	29,866
Textile and footwear	9,025	7,236	126,308	105,081	7,351	7,194	94,191	86,681
Construct. materials and metals	10,018	2,926	83,243	65,210	10,244	8,811	122,815	120,003
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	2,724	2,563	39,071	37,581	18,455	22,255	212,947	238,362
Others	904	962	11,845	13,411	3,724	4,214	37,229	42,527

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	189,000	162,799	40,921	36,899	28,658	23,447	23,103	22,024
Food. beverages. tobacco	15,260	13,863	6,591	6,456	4,759	4,544	2,029	1,908
Minerals. fuels. electricity	9,551	13,609	8,169	9,707	8,571	3,001	7,506	5,897
Chemical and plastic products	6,622	5,528	4,030	3,995	1,051	902	54	79
Leather and leather manuf.	2,373	1,678	9	6	93	158	22	1
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	6,491	5,178	1,206	1,230	1,764	1,586	125	141
Textile and footwear	97,654	78,619	207	181	7,016	8,075	9,634	9,158
Construct. materials and metals	24,850	20,850	16,879	12,005	4,287	4,185	1,486	1,025
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	20,802	18,213	2,158	1,998	151	240	1,875	3,359
Others	5,397	5,260	1,671	1,320	966	756	370	457

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

Group of goods	Italy		China		Turkey		Greece	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Total	193,803	189,389	84,598	96,644	93,750	97,723	56,929	68,124
Food. beverages. tobacco	29,099	32,076	5,757	5,429	1,949	1,777	17,269	19,015
Minerals. fuels. electricity	6,375	4,568	9,460	10,408	41	22	6,284	11,700
Chemical and plastic products	23,672	23,599	11,854	12,457	8,204	7,740	9,602	11,245
Leather and leather manuf.	10,989	8,897	319	371	878	979	84	142
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	6,842	6,149	4,754	4,838	1,946	2,098	3,983	4,016
Textile and footwear	42,309	35,770	14,435	12,302	14,179	14,489	5,481	6,293
Construct. materials and metals	24,661	21,818	21,127	28,930	13,397	12,827	8,401	9,004
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	41,198	44,056	12,698	17,701	45,508	49,001	3,982	4,381
Others	8,659	12,456	4,195	4,208	7,647	8,789	1,841	2,328

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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