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# Kosovo International Trade Statistics in goods

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**Prishtina, 20.10.2023:** The Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) has started to release data on the Import and Export of Kosovo since 2001, but the data from 2005 are considered reliable.

The publication on International Trade in goods is based on the data of the Customs Service of Kosovo.

All monthly publications are preliminary data that differ from annual (final) data. This publication contains data according to the circulation of goods, statistical procedures, sections of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), sections according to the Harmonized System (HS) and partner countries. The methodology and methods have been adapted to integrate and compare foreign trade statistics of goods at the international level.

Imports are presented according to country of origin, while exports according to destination.

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**List of Abbreviations**

KAS	-	Kosovo Agency of Statistics
F.O.B	-	Free on board
C.I.F.	-	Cost, Insurance, Freight
EU	-	European Union
CN	-	Combined Nomenclature
SITC	-	Standard International Trade Classification
SCD	-	Single Customs Document
HS	-	Harmonized System
ISO	-	International Standards of Organization
CEFTA	-	Free Trade Agreement with the States of South-Eastern Europe
EFTA	-	European Free Trade Association
s.d.t	-	Specified elsewhere
s.s	-	suspension system
d.s	-	drawback system
€	-	euro

**Symbols**

:	-	Data not available
0	-	Less than half of the unit used
–	-	Not applicable

Tab. 1: Flow of goods in international trade

*(in thousands Eur)*

Period	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Trade balance	Percent of cover
1	2	3	4=2-3	5=2/3
2005	56 283	1 157 492	-1 101 209	4,9
2006	110 774	1 305 879	-1 195 105	8,5
2007	165 112	1 576 186	-1 411 074	10,5
2008	198 463	1 928 236	-1 729 773	10,3
2009*	165 328	1 937 539	-1 772 211	8,5
2010	295 957	2 157 725	-1 861 769	13,7
2011	319 165	2 492 348	-2 173 184	12,8
2012	276 100	2 507 609	-2 231 509	11,0
2013	293 842	2 449 064	-2 155 221	12,0
2014	324 543	2 538 337	-2 213 794	12,8
2015	325 294	2 634 693	-2 309 399	12,3
2016	309 627	2 789 491	-2 479 864	11,1
2017	378 010	3 047 018	-2 669 007	12,4
2018	367 500	3 347 007	-2 979 507	11,0
2019	383 491	3 496 942	-3 113 451	11,0
2020	474 884	3 296 635	-2 821 751	14,4
2021	755 726	4 684 198	-3 928 472	16,1
2022	920 405	5 639 393	-4 718 989	16,3
01-2022	64 220	338 114	-273 894	19,0
02-2022	65 256	414 770	-349 515	15,7
03-2022	88 600	493 917	-405 317	17,9
04-2022	80 997	462 742	-381 745	17,5
05-2022	76 033	443 892	-367 859	17,1
06-2022	74 642	492 832	-418 190	15,1
07-2022	76 298	502 414	-426 116	15,2
08-2022	84 891	526 829	-441 938	16,1
09-2022	77 059	478 167	-401 109	16,1
10-2022	86 402	488 774	-402 372	17,7
11-2022	73 955	475 419	-401 464	15,6
12-2022	72 054	521 522	-449 469	13,8
01-2023	62 175	353 720	-291 545	17,6
02-2023	73 170	390 688	-317 518	18,7
03-2023	81 776	508 580	-426 804	16,1
04-2023	67 299	448 259	-380 960	15,0
05-2023	74 779	518 125	-443 347	14,4
06-2023	68 573	467 380	-398 807	14,7
07-2023	67 320	512 055	-444 735	13,1
08-2023	67 342	523 154	-455 812	12,9
09-2023	78 396	527 041	-448 645	14,9

2022 & 2023) are preliminary data

1) Data for import in 2009 differs from earlier releases

Tab. 2: Flow of goods in international trade, cumulative

*(in thousands Eur)*

Period	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Trade balance	Percent of cover
1	2	3	4=2-3	5=2/3
01-2021	42 498	235 853	-193 356	18,0
02-2021	90 906	537 531	-446 625	16,9
03-2021	152 703	920 030	-767 327	16,6
04-2021	213 810	1 304 582	-1 090 772	16,4
05-2021	271 636	1 670 619	-1 398 984	16,3
06-2021	344 549	2 063 941	-1 719 392	16,7
07-2021	406 826	2 494 090	-2 087 263	16,3
08-2021	471 818	2 911 706	-2 439 888	16,2
09-2021	547 426	3 363 873	-2 816 447	16,3
10-2021	620 001	3 792 412	-3 172 411	16,3
11-2021	690 698	4 224 242	-3 533 544	16,4
12-2021	755 726	4 684 198	-3 928 472	16,1
01-2022	64 220	338 114	-273 894	19,0
02-2022	129 476	752 885	-623 409	17,2
03-2022	218 076	1 246 801	-1 028 726	17,5
04-2022	299 072	1 709 543	-1 410 471	17,5
05-2022	375 105	2 153 435	-1 778 330	17,4
06-2022	449 747	2 646 267	-2 196 520	17,0
07-2022	526 045	3 148 681	-2 622 636	16,7
08-2022	610 936	3 675 511	-3 064 575	16,6
09-2022	687 995	4 153 678	-3 465 683	16,6
10-2022	774 396	4 642 452	-3 868 056	16,7
11-2022	848 351	5 117 871	-4 269 520	16,6
12-2022	920 405	5 639 393	-4 718 989	16,3
01-2023	62 175	353 720	-291 545	17,6
02-2023	135 345	744 407	-609 062	18,2
03-2023	217 121	1 252 987	-1 035 866	17,3
04-2023	284 420	1 701 246	-1 416 826	16,7
05-2023	359 198	2 219 371	-1 860 173	16,2
06-2023	427 771	2 686 751	-2 258 980	15,9
07-2023	495 091	3 198 806	-2 703 715	15,5
08-2023	562 432	3 721 960	-3 159 527	15,1
09-2023	640 828	4 249 001	-3 608 172	15,1

Tab. 3: Exports and imports by statistical procedures

*(in thousands Eur)*

Statistical procedure		September - 2022		September - 2023		Indices
		Value	%	Value	%	2023/ 2022
	<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>77 059</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>78 396</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>102</b>
1	Normal exports	72 462	94,0	75 029	95,7	103,5
2	Exports covered by inward processing procedure	4 462	5,8	3 367	4,3	75,5
3	Exports covered by the customs outward processing procedure	134	0,2	:	:	:
9	Exports not recorded from customs declarations	:	:	:	:	:
	<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>478 167</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>527 041</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>110</b>
1	Importet normale	474 772	99,3	524 705	99,6	110,5
2	Imports covered by inward processing procedure	3 370	0,7	2 336	0,4	69,3
3	Imports covered by the customs outward processing procedure	25	0,0	:	:	:
9	Imports not recorded from customs declarations	:	:	:	:	:

Tab. 4: Exports and Imports by sections of SITC

*(in thousands Eur)*

Sections by SITC		September - 2022		September - 2023	
		Value	%	Value	%
<b>Export (FOB)</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>77 059</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>78 396</b>	<b>100,0</b>
0	Food and live animals	7 400	9,6	7 445	9,5
1	Beverages and tobacco	3 626	4,7	5 134	6,5
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	10 519	13,7	7 939	10,1
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3 725	4,8	2 600	3,3
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	772	1,0	605	0,8
5	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	6 161	8,0	5 826	7,4
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	18 529	24,0	18 738	23,9
7	Machinery and transport equipment	2 902	3,8	3 994	5,1
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	23 342	30,3	26 094	33,3
9	Commodities not classified elsewhere in the SITC	82	0,1	21	0,0
<b>Import (CIF)</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>478 167</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>527 041</b>	<b>100,0</b>
0	Food and live animals	74 325	15,5	75 112	14,3
1	Beverages and tobacco	21 184	4,4	26 246	5,0
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6 631	1,4	6 003	1,1
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	75 787	15,8	83 289	15,8
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	3 823	0,8	2 743	0,5
5	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	52 323	10,9	54 310	10,3
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	109 202	22,8	111 274	21,1
7	Machinery and transport equipment	83 710	17,5	110 406	20,9
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	50 432	10,5	57 254	10,9
9	Commodities not classified elsewhere in the SITC	750	0,2	406	0,1

Tab. 5: Exports and Imports by sections in value and percentage

*(in thousands Eur)*

Code	Sections by Harmonized System (HS)	September - 2022		September - 2023	
		Value	%	Value	%
<b>Export (FOB)</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>77 059</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>78 396</b>	<b>100,0</b>
1	Live animals; animal products	1 173	1,5	1 224	1,6
2	Vegetable products	4 310	5,6	3 715	4,7
3	Edible oils	772	1,0	605	0,8
4	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco	6 394	8,3	8 230	10,5
5	Mineral products	6 310	8,2	4 495	5,7
6	Products of chemical industries	2 020	2,6	2 450	3,1
7	Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	12 214	15,9	10 940	14,0
8	Leather and their articles	438	0,6	460	0,6
9	Wood and articles of wood	1 398	1,8	1 415	1,8
10	Paper and their articles	1 002	1,3	1 026	1,3
11	Textiles and textile articles	2 613	3,4	3 346	4,3
12	Footwear	747	1,0	535	0,7
13	Art.of stone,plaster,ceramic prod. and glass	3 053	4,0	2 870	3,7
14	Pearls,precious stones, metals etc.	503	0,7	408	0,5
15	Base metal and articles of base metal	18 205	23,6	17 077	21,8
16	Machinery,appliances and electric materials	1 966	2,6	3 175	4,0
17	Transport means	1 023	1,3	817	1,0
18	Optical,medical,potog. musical instr.	226	0,3	199	0,3
19	Arms and ammunition	:	:	0	:
20	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	12 607	16,4	15 385	19,6
21	Works of art	85	0,1	24	0,0
<b>Importet (CIF)</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>478 167</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>527 041</b>	<b>100,0</b>
1	Live animals; animal products	23 795	5,0	22 502	4,3
2	Vegetable products	15 536	3,2	16 321	3,1
3	Edible oils	4 373	0,9	3 134	0,6
4	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco	57 455	12,0	64 211	12,2
5	Mineral products	83 740	17,5	93 307	17,7
6	Products of chemical industries	30 267	6,3	33 256	6,3
7	Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	30 981	6,5	31 445	6,0
8	Leather and their articles	1 309	0,3	1 810	0,3
9	Wood and articles of wood	11 045	2,3	10 925	2,1
10	Paper and their articles	7 723	1,6	7 441	1,4
11	Textiles and textile articles	25 564	5,3	31 284	5,9
12	Footwear	5 866	1,2	7 000	1,3
13	Art.of stone,plaster,ceramic prod. and glass	18 984	4,0	17 254	3,3
14	Pearls,precious stones, metals etc.	1 308	0,3	537	0,1
15	Base metal and articles of base metal	58 505	12,2	55 965	10,6
16	Machinery,appliances and electric materials	53 544	11,2	61 516	11,7
17	Transport means	31 580	6,6	49 748	9,4
18	Optical,medical,potog. musical instr.	5 268	1,1	3 311	0,6
19	Arms and ammunition	346	0,1	1 046	0,2
20	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	10 748	2,2	14 589	2,8
21	Works of art	231	0,0	439	0,1

Tab. 6: Exports by country in value and percentage

*(in thousands Eur)*

Country	September - 2022		September - 2023	
	Value	%	Value	%
	<b>Export (FOB)</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>77 059</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>78 396</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>27 EU countries</b>	<b>28 980</b>	<b>37,6</b>	<b>25 297</b>	<b>32,3</b>
Austria	1 417	1,8	1 065	1,4
Belgium	1 381	1,8	1 791	2,3
Denmark	24	0,0	310	0,4
France	1 369	1,8	1 664	2,1
Germany	9 817	12,7	9 229	11,8
Greece	452	0,6	450	0,6
Netherlands	2 986	3,9	2 237	2,9
Hungary	327	0,4	269	0,3
Ireland	24	0,0	73	0,1
Italy	4 431	5,8	3 853	4,9
Luxembourg	20	0,0	122	0,2
Poland	1 263	1,6	334	0,4
Czech Republic	89	0,1	83	0,1
Slovakia	249	0,3	230	0,3
Slovenia	2 516	3,3	276	0,4
Spain	308	0,4	454	0,6
Sweden	436	0,6	700	0,9
Romania	225	0,3	400	0,5
Bulgaria	854	1,1	622	0,8
Croatia	726	0,9	985	1,3
Other of EU	66	0,1	149	0,2
<b>Cefta</b>	<b>28 181</b>	<b>36,6</b>	<b>29 078</b>	<b>37,1</b>
Albania	8 826	11,5	10 198	13,0
North Macedonia	9 138	11,9	9 792	12,5
Montenegro	3 189	4,1	4 413	5,6
Serbia	5 911	7,7	3 721	4,7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1 116	1,4	943	1,2
Moldova	1	:	11	0,0
<b>EFTA</b>	<b>6 771</b>	<b>8,8</b>	<b>8 356</b>	<b>10,7</b>
Switzerland	6 641	8,6	8 135	10,4
Iceland	1	0,0	:	:
Norway	130	0,2	209	0,3
Liechtenstein	:	:	12	0,0
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>3 805</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>2 587</b>	<b>3,3</b>
Turkey	1 759	2,3	1 486	1,9
Ukraine	15	0,0	10	0,0
Great Britain	2 030	2,6	1 091	1,4
<b>Other non-European countries</b>	<b>7 931</b>	<b>10,3</b>	<b>11 140</b>	<b>14,2</b>
USA	7 906	10,3	10 971	14,0
Canada	24	0,0	42	0,1
Brazil	:	:	91	0,1
Mexico	1	0,0	35	0,0
<b>Other countries of Asia</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>0,1</b>
Japan	19	0,0	12	0,0
China	43	0,1	54	0,1
India	25	0,0	30	0,0
<b>Others</b>	<b>1 305</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>1 842</b>	<b>2,3</b>

Tab. 7: Imports by country in value and percentage

(in thousands Eur)

Country	September - 2022		September - 2023	
	Value	%	Value	%
	Import (CIF)			
<b>Total</b>	<b>478 167</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>527 041</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>27 EU countries</b>	<b>193 621</b>	<b>40,5</b>	<b>218 425</b>	<b>41,4</b>
Austria	7 554	1,6	7 117	1,4
Belgium	1 752	0,4	2 296	0,4
Denmark	761	0,2	793	0,2
France	5 774	1,2	5 929	1,1
Germany	48 512	10,1	64 226	12,2
Greece	31 571	6,6	29 111	5,5
Netherland	3 110	0,7	4 551	0,9
Hungary	7 060	1,5	6 668	1,3
Ireland	452	0,1	1 345	0,3
Italy	21 754	4,5	23 236	4,4
Luxembourg	201	0,0	211	0,0
Poland	10 890	2,3	13 684	2,6
Czech Republic	5 619	1,2	7 154	1,4
Slovakia	1 318	0,3	1 561	0,3
Slovenia	14 712	3,1	10 131	1,9
Spain	6 717	1,4	7 308	1,4
Sweden	895	0,2	1 557	0,3
Romania	6 088	1,3	7 375	1,4
Bulgaria	7 526	1,6	10 243	1,9
Croatia	8 944	1,9	11 864	2,3
Other of EU	2 410	0,5	2 064	0,4
<b>Cefta</b>	<b>85 169</b>	<b>17,8</b>	<b>96 541</b>	<b>18,3</b>
Albania	19 122	4,0	34 388	6,5
North Macedonia	22 083	4,6	42 656	8,1
Montenegro	2 567	0,5	2 827	0,5
Serbia	33 678	7,0	10 447	2,0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7 649	1,6	6 171	1,2
Moldova	70	0,0	52	0,0
<b>EFTA</b>	<b>3 522</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>3 642</b>	<b>0,7</b>
Switzerland	3 308	0,7	3 485	0,7
Icelanda	:	:	0	0,0
Norway	189	0,0	102	0,0
Liechtensten	25	0,0	54	0,0
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>80 700</b>	<b>16,9</b>	<b>71 512</b>	<b>13,6</b>
Turkey	76 100	15,9	65 538	12,4
Ukraine	1 624	0,3	2 578	0,5
Great Britain	2 976	0,6	3 397	0,6
<b>Other non-European count</b>	<b>16 425</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>12 752</b>	<b>2,4</b>
USA	5 474	1,1	4 995	0,9
Canada	79	0,0	269	0,1
Brazili	10 608	2,2	6 985	1
Mexico	264	0,1	504	0,1
<b>Other countries of Asia</b>	<b>54 319</b>	<b>11,4</b>	<b>96 656</b>	<b>18,3</b>
Japonia	1 905	0,4	2 270	0,4
China	48 307	10,1	63 834	12,1
India	4 107	1	30 552	5,8
<b>Others</b>	<b>44 412</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>27 512</b>	<b>5,2</b>

## Methodological explanations

- **Data source**

The statistics of trade are compiled mainly from the documents supplied by importers and exporters (or their agents) to the Customs authority. The document is the Single Administrative Document (SAD) used for Customs clearance purposes. The information on the document is captured by the Customs Information System.

- **Responsibility for data collection, compilation and publication**

The Customs administration is responsible for the collection, data entry and processing of the data from customs statements. Data regarding the field of statistics are registered within this documents (SAD), and they are reported to the Kosovo Agency of Statistics in monthly bases by the Customs Administration via electronically. KAS is responsible for external trade data processing, compilation and publication. These statistics include data by the type of customs procedures. Additional work involves editing and validation (or approval) of customs data.

- **Coverage / scope**

Kosovo International Trade Statistics (or external trade) does not cover temporary imports and exports of goods which will be returned in an unchanged condition after a certain period of time, as are: services, repairs, money as means of payment, money in gold, fuel supply of Kosovo's vehicles abroad, imports of goods for foreign liaisons offices and other diplomatic missions in Kosovo, travelers personal baggage, commercial samples and postal packages of minor value.

- **Recording system**

Kosovo International Trade Statistics are compiled in accordance with the 'special' system (facilitating definition) of international trade recording or registration. By this system, imports and exports are recorded at the time when goods move across the territory (or area) under the free flow which is the part when goods may be sold without any customs restriction. The facilitating definition means that beside regular export and import transactions, both external and internal processing is included.

Special exports include exports of goods: exports after inward processing, exports for outward processing and exports that are not registered in customs.

Special imports consist of imports of goods from: inward processing imports (S.S), imports after outward processing and imports that are not registered at customs.

Excluded are goods that are in transit.

- **Valuation**

For imports, the "cif" value is used (including the cost, insurance and transport of goods at the entry point in Kosovo). The export value is "fob" (free on board). This is the cost of goods purchased abroad, including packaging, transport within the country, the charge cost, insurance, and other costs incurred when the goods are placed on the vessel for export, on airplanes or transported to remote areas. The value of the invoice is recalculated to the value of the Kosovo border by adding or subtracting, in whole or in part, the costs of transport, loading, unloading, which depend on the terms of supply specified in the contract.

The value excludes:

- any sum or amount received by the exporter on the way of refund, reimbursement of customs duty, subversion or any other aid.
- any foreign customs duty or change of cargo of goods other than at the customs point or at the point of exportation.

The value is in euros. For transactions where the value is denominated in another currency, the euro exchange rate is made by using the weekly exchange rate.

- **Reference period**

The calendar month is a basic period to collect the data. Based on customs data, the date of delivery of the customs statement or other valid dates for the implementation of the customs rules, it is time to register the import / export transactions.

- **Units of quantity**

The quantity of imported and exported goods is shown in net weight, if it can be determined, taking into account the nature of the product as well as the additional unit when described by the nomenclature of the customs tariff. Net weight is the usual unit of the given quantity. The weight of containers, luggage, jars and packaging materials are excluded.

Other units of quantity used for some of the most important goods such as: live animals, motor vehicles, local equipment, watches, clothes (where the numbering unit is used), shoes (where number of pairs is used), floor coverings (where square meters are used) and beverages (where volume is used).

- **Partner country**

In this publication, imports are recorded by country of origin (as opposed to the country of destination). Goods obtained or produced in a country of origin but from the same country. A product, in the manufacture of which two or more countries are involved, such as the country of origin, is considered the place where the last major processing occurred. Packaging, repackaging, classification are not considered as manufacturing processes.

Exports are classified by country of final destination. The last destination of goods is considered the last state for which the goods are intended. This does not mean that it is the country where the goods will be unloaded or where the final consumption will be made.

- **Country classification**

The country nomenclature is the classification of countries (Geo-nomenclature) according to the Official Gazette of the European Commission published in annual basis. Since January 1999, this follows the United Nations' ISO alpha-2 coding system in which each country is identified by a two-letter code.

- **Classification of goods**

Statistics are collected by using the 8-digit Combined Nomenclature (CN) – the EU tariffs and statistical nomenclature. This nomenclature is managed and upgraded annually by the Commission in cooperation with the Member States. CN is consistent with the 6-digit Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) - Nomenclature of the Customs Cooperation Council which is used around the world for the application of customs tariffs and the compilation of external trade statistics. The CN contains about 10,400 8-digit sub-headings, the first six digits of which are the same as those of the Harmonized System (SH).

Kosovo International Trade Statistics March 2023 12 The Standard Trade Classification (STC), revised version no. 3 (SITC Rev 3), was developed by the United Nations for the advancement of the international comparability of statistics on external trade.

Standard External Trade Classification (SETC), revised version no. 3, contains about 3,100 basic headings (5-digit). These are combined in 261 groups (3-digits), 98 divisions (2-digits) and 10 sections (1-digit). For example, Section 6 (Manufactured goods classified mainly by material) consists of 9 divisions, 61 to 69. Division 64 (paper, paperboard and articles thereof) consists of two groups, 641 and 642, which together consist of 72 basic headings, such as 642.94 (paper handkerchiefs, towels, tablecloths, garments etc.).

SETC revised version no. 3 is identical with the structure of the Harmonized System. Each category of SETC (including all the basic headings) is equivalent to the combination of HS headings (and therefore the combination of CN headings).

- **Data publication**

Monthly data are provisional and published 24 days after the reference month.

Annual data are published in June.

- **Publication**

Released data for external trade statistics are:

Aggregated data are published on the KAS web page 24 days after the reference period.

- **Monthly:**

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- **Annually:**

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## • Flow of Export and Import in September 2023

The data from the International Trade in goods in Kosovo indicate a higher trade deficit by (11.9%) in September 2023, in relation to the same period of 2022, namely in the amount of 448.6 million euros compared to the deficit 401.1 million euros in 2022. Export covers import (14.9%).

The export of goods in September 2023 was worth 78.3 million euros, while the import was 527.0 million euros, which is an increase by (1.7%) for export as well as (10.2%) for import compared to the same period of the year 2022.

According to the data of the main groups for export: (21.8%) base metals and articles thereof, (19.6%) various manufactured articles, (14.0%) plastics, rubber and articles thereof, (10.5%) prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco, (5.7%) mineral products, etc.

While according to the data of the main groups for import, it consists of: (17.7%) mineral products, (12.2%) prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco, (11.7%) machinery, mechanical and electrical equipment, (10.6%) basic metals and articles thereof, (9.4%) means of transport, (6.3%) products of the chemical industry, (6.0%) plastics, rubber and articles thereof, etc.

## • Trade in goods with EU 27 countries

Kosovo's exports to EU countries reached 25.2 million euros, or about (32.3%) of the total exports, with a decrease by (12.7%). The main partners for the export of goods to the EU are: Germany (11.8%), Italy (4.9%), the Netherlands (2.9%), etc.

Kosovo's imports from EU countries were around 218.4 million euros, or (41.4%) of the total imports, with an increase by (12.8%). The highest shares of imports were from: Germany (12.2%), Greece (5.5%), Italy (4.4%), etc.

## • Trade with CEFTA countries

In September 2023, Kosovo's exports with CEFTA countries reached 29.0 million euros, or (37.1%) of total exports, with an increase by (3.2%). The main export partner from the CEFTA countries are: Albania (13.0%), North Macedonia (12.5%), Montenegro (5.6%), Serbia (4.7%).

Whereas, imports from CEFTA countries in September 2023 reached 96.5 million euros, or (18.3%) of total imports, with a decrease by (13.4%). The countries with the highest import share were: North Macedonia (8.1%), Albania (6.5%), Serbia (2.0%).

## • Trade with other countries of the world

Kosovo's exports to other countries reached 24.0 million euros, or (30.6%). As the most important partners for export are: USA (14.0%), and Switzerland (10.4%).

While Kosovo's imports with other countries reached 212.0 million euros, or (40.2%). The countries with the highest import share in this group were: Turkey (12.4%), and China (12.1%).

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