

The Minister Ahmetaj in the Employment Fair: “Together with the business we can do it”



On May 3, the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, Arben Ahmetaj, had a meeting with the business participating in the Employment Fair. Visiting the business on the Fair, the Minister was acquainted by participating companies, their requirements for employment and the number of applications received. In his speech, Minister Ahmetaj said that: “This is very important moment for Albania, because the employment is one of the main priorities of the government and the ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, and the Ministry of Social Welfare are closely collaborating in this area. We must all understand that the increase in the number of new jobs opportunities cannot come from the government, but from the private sector”. The government is doing all the efforts in encouraging employment, said the Minister, highlighting that the government is tripling the fund for employment promotion. The Employment Fair offered around 6.200 job opportunities.

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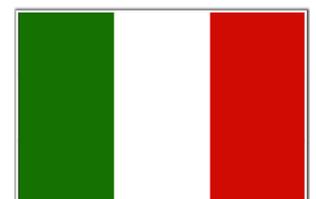
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The Italian Week in Albania welcomes 170 business from Italy

On May 5, the Prime Minister Edi Rama and the President of Italian Senat, Pietro Grasso, opened the Italian Business Week in Albania, an event organized for the first time as collaboration between the Italian embassy in Tirana and the Ministry Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship. This activity aimed at presenting the opportunities that Albania offers for business and investments in the priority sectors of national development and with interest for the expansion of Italian entrepreneurship. During the three days of Italian Business Week, Italian and Albanian entrepreneurs discussed in various panels on the prospect of expanding cooperation in energy, tourism, agribusiness and manufacturing. In his speech, the Minister Ahmetaj stressed that: “This Italian Week proves ones again that between our countries exist all the possibilities to further deepen cooperation. Especially I want to greet the Italian entrepreneurs who came to watch closely the change in Albania. There are 170 businesses participating in the Italian Week in Albania, of which 140 new. The Albanian government is a a dedicated partner that will help you with everything and in Albania you may find yourself treated like in your home country”.



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On May 13, at the conclusion of the visit in Tirana of IMF Mission, the chief mission Mr. Nadeem Ilahi, the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, Arben Ahmetaj, and the Minister of Finance, Shkëlqim Cani, had a joint press conference. The Minister Ahmetaj expressed appreciation of the Albanian government for the IMF mission and its leader, Nadeem Ilahi, "for their support in the materialization of the agreement between IMF and Albania". The chief of IMF mission said that the "economic program of Albania is progressing according to plan". The IMF team has reached to an agreement at staff levels with authorities on the policies needed to complete the first review of EFF (Extended Fund Facility), after are fulfilled all the performance criteria and the structural benchmarks set for the end of March. According to him, the authorities have made good progress in drafting the strategy focused on the pension reform. "The mission of IMF supports the policies and the work of authorities on structural reforms, including those to improve the business climate and considers them as a reliable basis for the recovery of economic growth and maintaining macroeconomic and financial stability", concludes Ilahi.



"Albania - Go your own way", the new slogan promoting Albania in the world

On May 27, 2014 was announced the winner of the Contest "Branding Albania", for the image, the logo and the slogan of Albania. The winning company selected by a professional international jury is "Strawberry Frog" with the slogan "Albania-Go your own way".



Participating in this event, the Minister of Economic development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, Arben Ahmetaj appreciated this initiative of the Albanian government and stressed that this is the moment for Albania to present her new face to the world.

The structural reforms, the minister said, are changing for good the old reality in some key sectors of the economy, as the energy sector and the pension system or entirely a new approach of work in fiscal administration. "The Albanian Government is committed to completely change the reality that found in September, not only because after 22 years it is imperative for the country to adapt to new realities and EU markets, but above all because it is imperative for economic model to adapt with regional and global situations" the Minister said.

According to the Minister, in this regard Albania needs a new presentation to friends and to international partners, as it is important to note that Albania is no longer the country of problems, but is the country of great economic opportunities.

"In the recent IMF mission, one of the most important points that we discussed was exactly the return of the confidence in the economy and the economy has already taken the turn. I am confident that this re-branding campaign for Albania is a necessary qualitative step for the new reality that we are creating in Albania. We have to show that the change is sustainable", concluded his speech the Minister Ahmetaj.

The entrepreneurship must pass on another economic level

On May 21, the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, Arben Ahmetaj, attended the activity organized by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), were was presented the "Enterprise Expansion Fund" (ENEF). Present in this conference was also the Head of EBRD Office in Tirana, Fabio Serri, the Head of Operations of European Union delegation in Albania, Yngve Engstrom, the Director of EBRD for Western Balkans, Claudio Viezzoli and representatives of small and medium enterprises operating in our country.



In his speech, the Minister Ahmetaj said that the "Enterprise Expansion Fund" is an innovative and challenging instrument and stressed that is time for the Albanian entrepreneurship to pass in another economic level, from that of the last 20 years to innovation ideas that help in "economic jumping".

The Minister Ahmetaj said that the Ministry of Economic Development will become a marketing agent for the "Enterprise Expansion Fund", which he considered as a financial instrument that comes at the right moment in the Albanian economy, for supplying ideas, innovation and finance. The head of EBRD Office in Tirana said that the "Enterprise Expansion Fund" is for the businesses and for the Albanian entrepreneurship. He expressed the willingness of the EBRD to collaborate with banks in this regard. The value of the Enterprise Expansion Fund" is 60 million euros and is intended to complement the growing financing needs of local small and medium enterprises, not sufficiently supported by other financing source.

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The annual meeting of Board Governors of the EBRD



The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) held in Warsaw the annual meeting of Boards Governors of the EBRD. In this meeting participated also Albania, with a delegation led by Ms. Brunilda Paskali, Vice Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship. In her speech at the meeting, the Deputy Minister Paskali stressed that Albania fully supports the priorities proposed by EBRD in the medium term directions.

She mentioned the reform undertaken by the Albanian government in order to improve the business climate, the performance in the energy sector, the support of SME-s, etc., that are similar with the medium term directions of the EBRD. "This Memorandum aims to improve and develop the private sector, the business climate based in the principles of good governance, in order to facilitate the investment climate, strengthen the legal framework and to promote transparency", concluded her speech Ms. Paskali.

The Minister Ahmetaj and the ambassador of Italy visited the "Lufra" company

On May 30, the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, Arben Ahmetaj and the ambassador of Italy in Tirana, Massimo Gaiani, visited the "Lufra" company, which for a part of the investments is financed by the Credit Line of 25 million euro of the Italian-Albanian Programme for SME development in Albania.

The Minister and the Ambassador Gaiani were closely acquainted with the factory and the technology used by the company in the labour process. The Minister Ahmetaj expressed his pleasure for the support of the Italian Government under the Programme for the Development of SMEs in Albania. "The financial access for small and medium enterprises is one of the main instruments for the operations and their further development, and is exactly the Italo-Albanian program which helps SMEs through soft Credit Line in both its phases, providing a total funding of 44 million Euros," the Minister Ahmetaj said.

The Minister stressed that for the country's economy is important that among the beneficiaries of the program lending are also milk production and processing enterprises, intended primarily for the domestic market. This help fulfill in a significant level a priority program of the Albanian government, which is the development of the private sector, particularly SMEs. On his part, the Italian ambassador in our country, Massimo Gaiani expressed his pleasure for what the "Lufra" company had realized with funding from the loan obtained by Italo-Albanian Programme and stressed that Italy will continue to support further development of the Albanian entrepreneurship.



Albania, an open gate for the Austrian investment



In May 27, 2014 was held in Tirana the Economic Forum between Albania and Austria. In this Forum participated the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, Arben Ahmetaj, the President of the Federal Economic Chamber of Austria, Cristoph Leitl, the Minister of Social Welfare, Erion Veliaj, the Deputy Advantage Austria, Karl Hatleb, the Executive Director of AIDA, Manjola Gjoni, the representatives of Austrian business operating in our country, and the business representatives from both countries. In his speech, the Minister Ahmetaj expressed his pleasure for the organization of the Forum and the participation of about 70 Austrian companies, which shows that Albania is a interesting market and country, and that Albania is at a very important moment in its economy. The Minister Ahmetaj said that the challenge of the government and the economy relates to the economic growth, from which benefit the Albanian citizens. Before the start of the Forum, the Minister Ahmetaj and Dr. Cristoph Leitl had a joint press conference. In this conference, the Minister Ahmetaj made an overview of recent economic developments in the country and listed the facilities that Albania offers to foreign investors, as the simple and direct tax system, the tax rate 15 % on corporate, the automatic procedures of VAT refunds, the reducing of the number of licenses and the technical authorizations required, and the creating on a new climate for attracting investments.

SMEs need to return to the first generators of employment and economic development

The Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr. Arben Ahmetaj and the ambassador of Germany in Tirana, Hellmut Hoffman, signed on May 23 a Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Agreement for the creation of "Nucleus Albania", a non-governmental organization attended by various business associations, in order to further development of the sector of Small and Medium Enterprises.



Minister Ahmetaj said that "Nucleus", this merger is likely to be innovation in the way of thinking and management of small and medium enterprises.

This initiative relies on the method "nucleus", widely used in Germany. "Nucleus Albania" will be supported in the first two years by GIZ and the main objective for the first year is gathering around to 350 small and medium enterprises. In his speech, the Minister Ahmetaj said that "Nucleus", this merger is likely to be innovation in the way of thinking and management of small and medium enterprises. Small and medium enterprises, said the Minister, must return to the generators of employment and economic development. "I want to individualize this initiative as an initiative that takes all the ideas, innovations and takes all the attempts to establish a new level of structure, management and development of small and medium enterprises", said the Minister. The ambassador of Germany in Tirana, Hellmut Hoffman said that is important that "Nucleus Albania" works as a single association, to train people that will work today and in the future for the small and medium enterprises, because they can generate the employment in the country. First the agreement was signed from the Minister Ahmetaj and the ambassador Hoffman, and after by the head of businesses associations that are part of "Nucleus Albania".

Deputy Minister Paskali: The economic collaboration, the opportunity of joint development of the region

The Agriculture Fair and Potential Investment in Bujanocë

The Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, Brunilda Paskali attended at the seventh Fair of Agriculture and Potential Investments organized in the Municipality of Bujanoca, in the Presevo valley, with the support of Austrian embassy. At the Fair held in 7-11 May participated representatives of Economic Chambers of Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia, as well as the ambassadors of European states accredited in Beograd. In her speech, the Deputy Minister Paskali expressed her pleasure for organization of the Fair and said that is important attracting foreign investments in our country, the reduction of unemployment and increasing the standards of living of citizens.

"The Albanian government is very interested in improving trade relationships with Albanians through the entire region. The fact that we all are members of CEFTA, the free trade agreement in Balkan region, facilitates some of the main barriers to trade. However, we must have a constant interest for a commercial space throughout Albanian", the Deputy Minister said. At the end of her speech, Brunilda Paskali said that is necessary to support the setting in motion of all joint economic potential.



Supporting women entrepreneurs, MEDTE learns about the Portuguese experience

In 18-22 May, 2014 the deputy minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, Brunilda Paskali, led a delegation of the Albanian government in a study visit in Portugal, with the theme "Support of Female Entrepreneurship Program", with the objective increasing the capacity in developing and implementing of policies and services to support women entrepreneurs in Albania. The main objectives of the visit were the knowledge of institutional framework on women entrepreneurs, focusing on the legal form, supporting actors, etc.; the exploration of existing policies and programs in support of women entrepreneurs that are taking place in Portugal; the knowledge of financing programs for women entrepreneurs, in loan or grant; the vocational education and training needs; concrete history of successful women entrepreneurs in Portugal that have benefited from specific programs of government. policies. The ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship is working to develop policies for women entrepreneurs in Albania, in accordance with the main directions of the 2014-2020 Action Plan for women entrepreneurs.

The Department of Innovation, Technology and Statistics in collaboration with the Council of Ministries held on Friday, May 30, a roundtable discussion about the inventory of public services for citizens in Albania. During the opening remarks, Mr. Sidrit Malevi, Coordinator in the Department of European and ICT Agenda, highlighted the cooperation of all institutions for the successful preparation of this project. The Coordinator at Prime Minister's Delivery Unit, Mrs. Elora Kokalari, made a presentation of the inventory delivery service in Albania. The preparation on the Inventory Service Delivery in Albania will enable an assessment an improved system to increase citizens' satisfaction toward the government and ending the corruption. The inventory of services will be prepared by ministries, national agencies, another public administration. Mrs. Kokalari raised some issues for discussion, as the needing for a center for public services, the importance of better access to citizens. During the meeting, Prime Minister's advisors, Mrs. Susan Valaskovic expressed the necessity of improving service delivery channels. The meeting was attended by directors of agencies depending on MZHETS, AIDA, NRC, NLC, GDS, GDA, DGPT and DPS.



The change in Student City



The Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, Arben Ahmetaj, participated in May 28 in the inauguration of a park in Student City, surface that previously was occupied by an illegal construction. In his speech during the inauguration, the Minister Ahmetaj appreciated the activity as very significant for the Student City, although modest. This inauguration, the Minister said, is special because the surface was previously occupied by an illegal construction. According to the Minister of Economic Development, this little park is a sign of the changes that have occurred in Student City and the changes occurring in Albania.

The minister Arben Ahmetaj said that Student City deserves attention and the government already has turned its attention to, because there is much to do. On the occasion of the inauguration of the park was also presented an exhibition of paintings by students of Student City. The Minister Ahmetaj and the director of University Student Residence no. 1, Anila Shehu looked closely these paintings and appreciated the works of the students. Mrs. Shehu expressed her gratitude for the support of the Ministry of Economic Development and the donors for the assistance they have given to restore the surface in Student City.

GDM surpassed the calibration services plan at 180 %

On May 2014, the General Directorate of Metrology (Directory of Scientific Metrology and Industry) surpassed the calibration services plan at 180 %. Also, during this month DGM did extensive work on preparing a draft guideline for metrological services; also on draft law on metrology.

On May 20, 2014 the General Directorate of Metrology celebrated the Metrology Day. This day is celebrated every year in memory of the signing of the Meter Convention on which was for the first time on May 20th 1875, from 17 countries. Our country has signed and is a member of this convention since 2008.



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GDPT and DDC organize the workshop "Progress and Challenges in the field of Intellectual Property"



On May 22, 2014, within the project "EU Twinning AL2011/IB/FI/01, General Directorate of Customs in collaboration of GDPT organized at the premises of Agna Group, a workshop with the theme: "Progress and Challenges in the field of Intellectual Property.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the European Union in Tirana, the Italian Deputy Ambassador, Mr. Cavalcaselle Marcello, The General Director of Customs, Ms. Elisa Spiropali, the project manager Mr. Admir Abrija and the representatives from business and rights holders. GDPT was represented by Ms. Lindita Mëneri, head of trademark section, which held a presentation on the topic: "The IP rights-Strategy of IP (2010-2015) - its objectives - Achievements of GDPT in 2013-2014 years. The lawyers dealing with IP issues and rights holders discussed how to fight against counterfeited products.



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The Commissions of Parliament discuss on the amendments to the law "On Industrial Property"



The Commission on Legal Affairs, Public Administration and Human Rights, in its meeting on 14 May, 2014 reviewed the draft law "On Amendments to the Law nr.9947 dated. 07.07.2008 "On Industrial Property", amended.

Its aim is to approximate Albanian legislation in IP field with European legislation and with requirements of the European Patent Convention. The changes reflect the needs identified during the implementation of the law in practice.

The draft law is fully aligned with Directive 98/44/KE, "The legal protection of biotechnological inventions"; 98/71/KE Directive, "The legal protection of industrial designs"; 2008/95/KE Directive, "On trademarks"; Directive 2004/48/EC, "On the protection of industrial property rights." On 20 and 21 May 2014 the draft law has passed by the Parliamentary Commission of European Integration and by the Parliamentary Commission of Manufacturing Activity. After the approvals by these Parliamentary Commissions the draft law is expected to pass in Parliament.



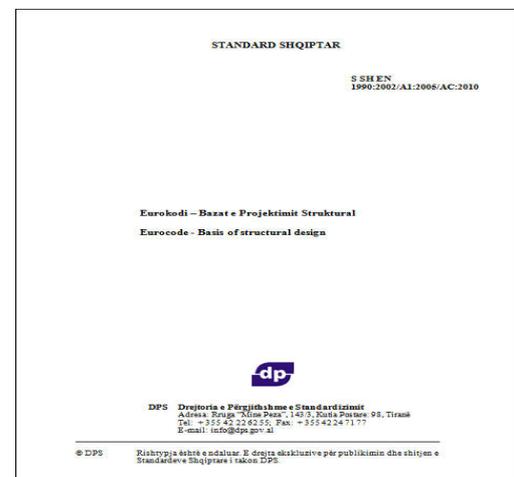
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The adoption of Structural Eurocodes

In May 2014, the General Directorate of Standardization (DPS) adopted structural design standards, with full translation.

- S SH EN 1990 – Eurocode - Basis of structural design.
- SH EN 1991 (all parts) – Eurocode 1 - Actions on structures.
- S SH EN 1992 (all parts) – Eurocode 2 - Design of concrete structures.
- S SH EN 1993 (all parts) – Eurocode 3 - Design of steel structures.
- S SH EN 1998 (part 1, 2 and 5) – Eurocode 8 - Design of structures for earthquake resistance.

The adoption of these standards makes possible the design of structures based on European standards, enhancing their security and facilitating international professional and economic relations in the construction sector. After more than two decades, the Albanian designer engineers have already written material in Albanian language in the form of a design code, which contains the techniques and latest developments in the field of structural design. In order to accomplish the full implementation of these standards is necessary: The determination of national parameters (National Annexes); The fulfillment of legal framework in accordance with the strategy for full adoption of Structural Eurocode in Albania.



The NRC electronic signature, a tool for secure communication

Within the Week of Innovation, Director of NRC, Ms.Vasilika Vjero, participated on May 14, 2014 in the event organized by the Ministry of Innovation and the National Agency of Electronic Certification (NAEC) by topic: "The electronic signature, a tool for secure communication". In this activity was introduced new service to the public by the NRC, he extracts the issuance of registration signed electronically.

Currently, the National Registration Center, has signed 12 agreements with private entities for the issuance of electronic extracts, and other entities invited to be part of this service. National Registration Center in May 2014, has started issuing certificates of cancellation electronically signed, the central and local tax administration.



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NRC- Statistical data-May 2014

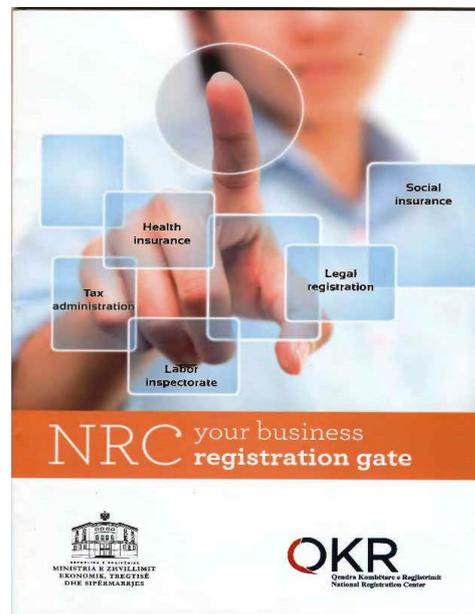
Registrations	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Total	%
Year 2014							
Physical Persons	2566	1785	1172	1186	1069	7,778	88.11
Limited liabilities	206	206	213	182	189	996	11.28
Joint stock companies	1	1	2	1	4	9	0.10
Other	9	7	14	7	8	45	0.51
Total	2782	1999	1401	1376	1270	8,828	100
Written of							
Year 2014							
Physical Persons	288	314	404	285	277	1,568	97.33
Other	12	8	7	5	11	43	2.67
Total	300	322	411	290	288	1,611	100.00

	Registered	Written of
Domestic business	1181	284
Foreign business	69	3
Joint business	20	1



Edition informational brochure for business

National Registration Center has conducted informational brochure printing for business, entitled "NRC gate registration of your business". Brochure has in its content and relevant information necessary essential for every citizen or subject of domestic and foreign trade to start and do business in our country. Some of the main issues that this brochure contains: general information on the NRC, the institution that manages the trade register; laws and regulations on the basis of which the NRC is operating; services provided to the business; legal forms of entities that are registered in the commercial register; application for registration and service windows where the application is carried out; application review and decision within 24 hours; cancellation of a business, etc. An important voice in this booklet with information on national and local taxes that state businesses at the time of starting the recording. Booklet "Gate of your business registration", is published in Albanian and English.



The Economic Forum of Vienna, the Austrian investors show interest for Albania



On May 12 was held in Austria the Economic Forum of Vienna, where Albania was represented by a delegation headed by Prime Minister Edi Rama. Part of the delegation were also the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, Arben Ahmetaj, the Minister of Agriculture, Edmond Panariti and the Minister of Social Welfare, Erion Veliaj. Albania was given a special space in this Forum, the event with the theme "Meet Albania in Vienna".

The conference was attended by a large number of Albanian and Austrian businesses. The particular interest of the Austrian business to Albania makes this event very important in the chain of fruitful meetings with foreign investors. "This is the right moment to recognize closely the Albania of great opportunities," said Minister Ahmetaj during the conference.

Meanwhile, Prime Rama in his speech spoke about the first emergency measures to stem the economic slowdown, to develop a new economic model based on sustainable economic growth, the reforms in key sectors of the economy and for a new approach in relations between the government and the business. While appreciated the Austrian investments in Albania, stretching in a number of major sectors, the Prime Minister expressed his commitment to enhance economic cooperation with Austria and Austrian entrepreneurship.

Dinamics of Trade Exchange

By the end of April 2014 exports increased by 6.69% compared to previous month and by 27.11% referring to January 2014. For the same period imports grew by 3.9% compared and by 25,26% from January 2014. The trade balance experienced an increase of 0.5% compared to March and an expansion of 24.74% starting from March. The ratio of exports to imports increased by 1.64% and by 0.62% compared to March and April respectively.

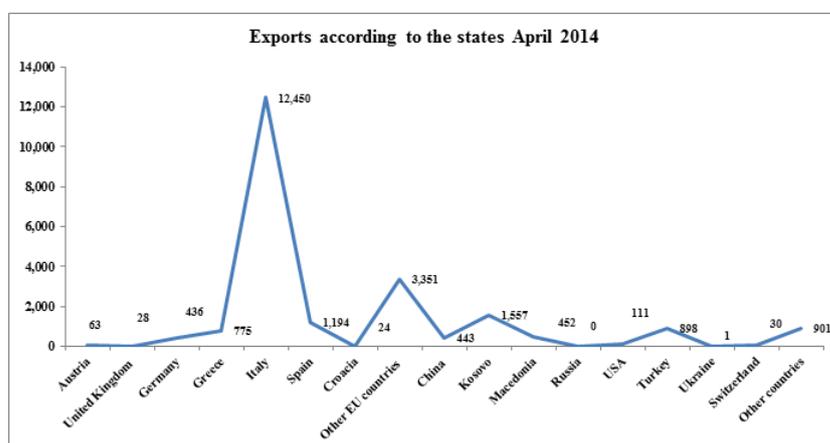
Indicator	January	February		March		April		
	Mln/lekë	Mln/lekë	Change in % Feb/Jan	Mln/lekë	Change in % March/Fed	Mln lekë	Change in % April/March	Change in % April/January
Export (X)	17,869	20,294	13.57%	21,289	4.90%	22,714	6.69%	27.11%
Import (M)	34,921	39,032	11.77%	42,334	8.46%	43,985	3.90%	25.96%
Trade Balance (mln lekë)	-17,052	-18,738	9.89%	-21,045	12.31%	-21,271	0.5%	24.74%
% of coverage X/M	51.2	52		50.3		51.64%		

Exports according to the group of goods

Group of goods	Export January 2014		Export February 2014			Export March 2014			Export April 2014			
	mln/ lekë	% of total	mln/lekë	Change in % feb/jan	% of total	mln/lekë	Change in % march/feb	% of total	mln/lekë	Change % april/march	change % april/jan	% of total
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,036	5.80%	1,095	5.69%	5.40%	1,078	-1.55%	5.06%	1,192	10.58%	15.06%	5.25%
Minerals, fuels, en. el	6,151	34.46%	6,805	10.63%	33.53%	7,667	12.67%	36.02%	8,375	9.23%	36.16%	36.87%
Chemicals and plastic products	190	1.06%	233	22.63%	1.15%	278	19.31%	1.31%	316	13.67%	66.32%	1.39%
Leathers and articles thereof	181	1.01%	247	36.46%	1.22%	257	4.05%	1.21%	290	12.84%	60.22%	1.28%
Wood and paper products	743	4.16%	794	6.86%	3.91%	834	5.04%	3.92%	737	-11.63%	-0.81%	3.24%
Textile and shoes	6,437	36.06%	7,523	16.87%	37.07%	7,599	1.01%	35.70%	7,323	-3.63%	13.76%	32.24%
Construction materials and metals	2,273	12.73%	2,608	14.74%	12.85%	2,477	-5.02%	11.64%	3,373	36.17%	48.39%	14.85%
Machineries and spare parts	579	3.24%	716	23.66%	3.53%	683	-4.61%	3.21%	728	6.59%	25.73%	3.21%
Others	260	1.46%	274	5.38%	1.35%	415	51.46%	1.95%	381	-8.19%	46.54%	1.68%

Exports according to the states

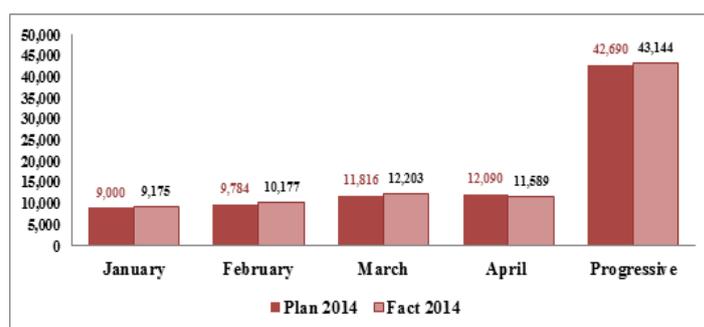
State	Exports January 2014		Exports February 2014			Exports March 2014			Exports April 2014			
	Mln/lekë	% of total	Mln/lekë	Change in % feb/ jan	% of total	Mln/lekë	Change in % march/feb	% of total	Mln/lekë	Change in % april/march	Change in % april/ jan	% of total
Austria	139	0.78%	113	-18.71%	0.56%	99	-12.39%	0.45%	63	-36.36%	-54.68%	0.28%
United Kingdom	18	0.10%	14	-22.22%	0.07%	7	-50.00%					
Germany	504	2.82%	488	-3.17%	2.40%	435	-10.86%	1.99%	28	300.00%	55.56%	0.12%
Greece	592	3.32%	825	39.36%	4.07%	758	-8.12%	3.46%	436	0.23%	-13.49%	1.92%
Italy	11,746	65.80%	12,671	7.88%	62.44%	10,986	-13.30%	50.14%	775	2.24%	30.91%	3.41%
Spain	1,253	7.02%	1,605	28.09%	7.91%	2,338	45.67%	10.67%	12,450	13.33%	5.99%	54.81%
Croatia	23	0.13%	20	-13.04%	0.10%	48	140.00%	0.22%	1,194	-48.93%	-4.71%	5.26%
Other EU states	1,133	6.35%	911	-19.59%	4.49%	2,961	225.03%	13.51%	24	-50.00%	4.35%	0.11%
China	533	2.99%	764	43.34%	3.76%	934	22.25%	4.26%	3,351	13.17%	195.76%	14.75%
Kosovo	801	4.49%	809	1.00%	3.99%	1,245	53.89%	5.68%	443	-52.57%	-16.89%	1.95%
FYR Macedonia	206	1.15%	313	51.94%	1.54%	385	23.00%	1.76%	1,557	25.06%	94.38%	1.99%
Russia	0	0.00%	3		0.01%	621	20600.00%	2.83%	452	-100.00%	N/A	0.00%
USA	108	0.61%	110	1.85%	0.54%	97	-11.82%	0.44%	0			
Turkey	153	0.86%	733	379.08%	3.61%	176	-75.99%	0.80%	111	14.43%	2.78%	0.49%
Ukraine	8	0.04%	1	-87.50%	0.00%	5	400.00%	0.02%	898	410.23%	486.93%	3.95%
Switzerland	109	0.61%	313	187.16%	1.54%	48	-84.66%	0.22%	1	-80.00%	-87.50%	0.00%
Other	524	2.94%	601	14.69%	2.96%	768	27.79%	3.51%	30	-37.50%	-72.48%	0.13%
									901	17.32%	71.95%	3.97%



Customs revenues

Revenues compared to the plan (round figures)

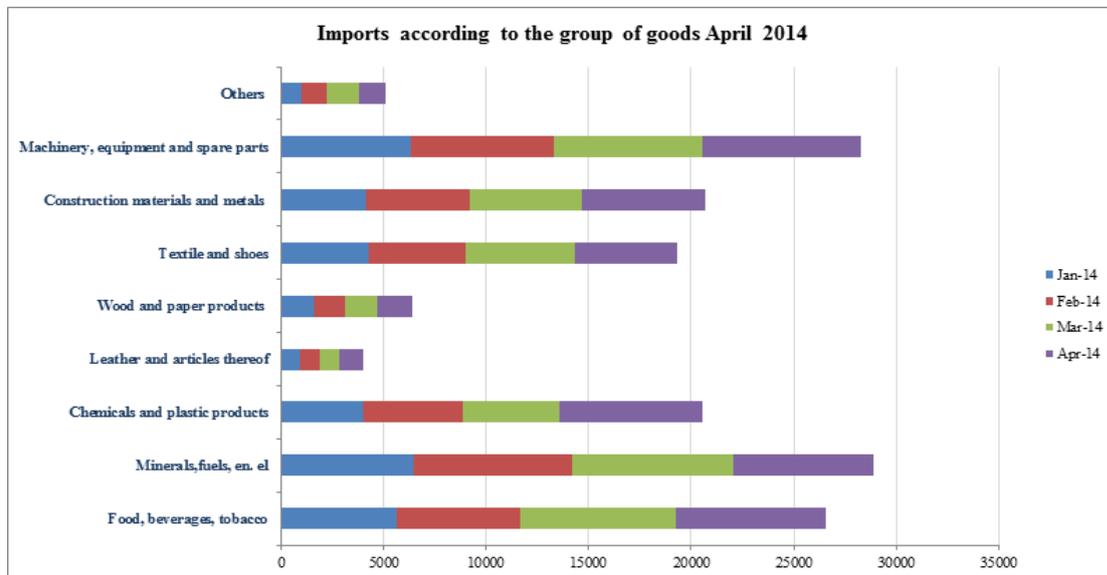
	Plan 2014	Fact 2014	Realization %	Difference
January	9,000	9,175	101.9	175
February	9,784	10,177	104.0	393
March	11,816	12,203	103.3	387
April	12,090	11,589	96%	-501
Progressive	42,690	43,144	101%	454



Customs revenues in April 2014 have increased with 26.31% compared to January while they have decreased by 5.03% compared to March 2014. The realization in April is 96% falling behind with 501 million lekë. Progressive customs revenues are realized with 101% exceeding the plan with 454 million lekë.

Imports according to the group of goods

Group of goods	Import January 2014		Import February 2014			Import March 2014			Import April 2014			
	mln/lekė	in % of total	mln/lekė	Change in % feb/jan	in % of the total	mln/lekė	Change in % march/feb	in% of the total	mln/lekė	Change in % april/march	Change in % april/jan	in% of total
Food, beverages, tobacco	5,673	16.46%	6,025	6.20%	15.44%	7,573	25.69%	17.89%	7,315	-3.41%	28.94%	16.63%
Minerals, fuels, en. el	6,480	18.80%	7,724	19.20%	19.79%	7,840	1.50%	18.52%	6,853	-12.59%	5.76%	15.58%
Chemicals and plastic products	4,036	11.71%	4,802	18.98%	12.30%	4,763	-0.81%	11.25%	6,944	45.79%	72.05%	15.79%
Leathers and articles thereof	932	2.70%	939	0.75%	2.41%	960	2.24%	2.27%	1,191	24.06%	27.79%	2.71%
Wood and paper products	1,618	4.70%	1,482	-8.41%	3.80%	1,591	7.35%	3.76%	1,703	7.04%	5.25%	3.87%
Textile and shoes	4,257	12.35%	4,769	12.03%	12.22%	5,209	11.11%	12.93%	4,993	-5.77%	17.29%	11.35%
Construction materials and metals	4,150	12.04%	5,058	21.88%	12.96%	5,475	8.24%	12.93%	6,003	9.64%	44.65%	13.65%
Machineries and spare parts	6,329	18.37%	6,992	10.48%	17.91%	7,233	3.45%	17.09%	7,721	6.75%	21.99%	17.55%
Others	987	2.86%	1,241	25.73%	3.18%	1,600	28.93%	3.78%	1,261	-21.19%	27.76%	2.87%



In April the yearly change in the consumer price index is 1,7 %

Yearly change of the index April 2014/April 2013	
Goods and other services	10.8 %
Beverages and tobacco	7.2%
Food and <u>non alcoholic</u> beverages	1.8%
Hotels, coffee shops and restaurants	2.6%
Garments and shoes	-2.8%
Communication	-1.4%
Health	-3.9%

Compared to April 2013 the highest price increase occurred in the group of "goods and other services" with 10.8%, followed by the group "beverages and tobacco" with 7.2%, "hotels, coffee and restaurants" with 2.6%. The highest decrease in the consumer price index can be observed in the group of "Health" with 3.9% followed by the group of "garments and shoes" with 2.8%.

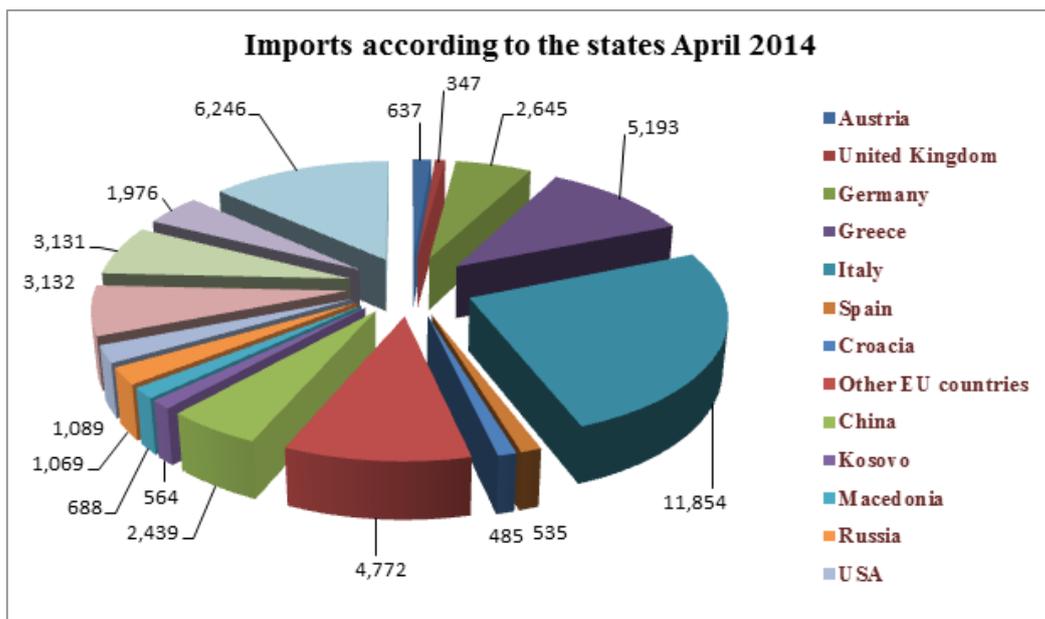
In April 2014 the monthly change in consumer price index is -0.6%

Monthly change in the index April 14/March 14	
Food and <u>non alcoholic</u> beverage	-0.53%
Vegetables	-7.3%
Oil and fats	-1.9%
Health	0.09%
Medicaments	-3.5%
Communication	0.04%
Fix telephony	0.8%

The decrease in the monthly price index was influenced mainly from the group of "food and non alcoholic beverages" with -0,53percentage points. Prices of vegetables went down with 7,3 % and those of oils and fats with 1,9 %. Prices in the group of "health" influenced with - 0,09 percentage points while the category of communication contributed with 0.04 percentage points.

Imports according to the states

State	Import January 2014		Import February 2014			Import March 2014			Import April 2014			
	mln/lekë	% of total	mln/lekë	Change in % feb/ jan	in % of total	mln/lekë	Change in % march/ feb	in % of total	mln/lekë	Change in % april/ march	Change in % april/ jan	in % of total
Austria	403	1.17%	295	-26.80%	0.76%	650	120.34%	1.54%	637	-2.00%	58.06%	1.45%
United Kingdom	302	0.88%	433	43.38%	1.11%	443	2.31%	1.05%	347	-21.67%	14.90%	0.79%
Germany	1,974	5.73%	2,561	29.74%	6.56%	2,438	-4.80%	5.76%	2,645	8.49%	33.99%	6.01%
Greece	2,806	8.14%	3,260	16.18%	8.35%	4,567	40.09%	10.79%	5,193	13.71%	85.07%	11.81%
Italy	10,351	30.04%	11,503	11.13%	29.47%	12,120	5.36%	28.63%	11,854	-2.19%	14.52%	26.95%
Spain	381	1.11%	600	57.48%	1.54%	824	37.33%	1.95%	535	-35.07%	40.42%	1.22%
Croatia	235	0.68%	411	74.89%	1.05%	544	32.36%	1.28%	485	-10.85%	106.38%	1.10%
Other EU states	3,324	9.65%	3,807	14.53%	9.75%	4,086	7.33%	9.65%	4,772	16.79%	43.56%	10.85%
China	2,409	6.99%	3,044	26.36%	7.80%	2,606	-14.39%	6.16%	2,439	-6.41%	1.25%	5.55%
Kosovo	384	1.11%	458	19.27%	1.17%	428	-6.55%	1.01%	564	31.78%	46.88%	1.28%
FYR Macedonia	465	1.35%	553	18.92%	1.42%	550	-0.54%	1.30%	688	25.09%	47.96%	1.56%
Russia	755	2.19%	684	-9.40%	1.75%	621	-9.21%	1.47%	1,069	72.14%	41.59%	1.56%
USA	983	2.85%	1,210	23.09%	3.10%	913	-24.55%	2.16%	1,089	19.28%	10.78%	2.48%
Turkey	2,412	7.00%	2,633	9.16%	6.75%	2,999	13.90%	7.08%	3,132	4.43%	29.85%	7.12%
Ukraine	498	1.45%	243	-51.20%	0.62%	302	24.28%	0.71%	3,131	936.75%	528.71%	7.12%
Switzerland	1,541	4.47%	2,334	64.44%	6.49%	1,584	-37.49%	3.74%	1,976	24.75%	28.23%	4.49%
Other	5,239	15.20%	4,804	-8.30%	12.31%	6,660	38.63%	15.73%	6,246	-6.22%	19.22%	14.20%



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