



# Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



# Albania

GDP (US\$	Population	Income per	Poverty rate	Unemployment
billions) (2016)	(millions)	capita (current	(2012)	rate (2014)
	(2016)	US\$) (2016)		
12.2	2.9	4,189.7	1.1	16.1

# **Macro Indicators**

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	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
GDP growth (annual %)	5.2	1.6	1.1	2.1	2.7	3.4	_
Current account balance	15.3	21.4	20.9	13.8	16.1	19.4	
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	-5.0	-3.4	-5.2	-5.8	-5.1	-2.3	
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	13.0	8.3	8.6	8.6	_	_	_
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	101.9	97.9	97.2	99.2	98.1	99.6	
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	3.1	2.0	1.9	1.6	2.9	2.5	-

## **Investment indicators**

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	34.6	28.3	27.4	26.3	27.7	28.9
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	36.0	28.3	28.4	24.8	_	_
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	5.6	6.9	9.8	8.3	_	
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	15.5	21.8	NA	_	_	_



## **Trade Indicators**

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	84.41	99.44	104.52	92.00	87.19	90.09
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-22.92	-11.40	-10.58	-12.05	-10.53	-10.29
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	14.09	-0.64	7.89	-13.09	-1.51	7.59
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	9.46	-6.58	4.99	-7.67	-3.55	6.17
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	4.61	5.04	5.27	4.70	_	_



Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014

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Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

Consumer goods	I	Intermediate	Capital
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Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

# Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	122	189	-67
Ease of Doing Business Rank	62	97	-35
Enforcing Contracts	96	96	0
Getting Credit	36	42	-6
Getting Electricity	159	162	-3
Paying Taxes	130	142	-12
Protecting Minority Investors	18	8	10
Registering Property	104	107	-3
Resolving Insolvency	40	42	-2
Starting a Business	54	58	-4
Trading Across Borders	37	37	0

Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

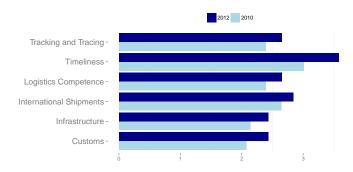
# WEF Competitiveness Indicators

(Scale 1-5, 5=best)

# Health and primary educat. Labor mrkt efficiency. Technol. Readiness Macroec. environment 3: Fin. mrkt development 2 Institutions Business sophist. Goods mrkt efficiency Higher educat. and training + Albania Innovation Market size Europe & Cen. Asia Infrastructure

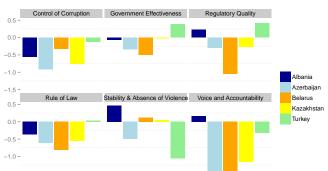
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

# Logistics Performance Index (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

# World Governance indicators (Std. score, High=best)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

# **Trade Policy**

	2010	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	5.8	1.2
Binding $(\%)$	100	100.0
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	5.8	5.5
Import duties collected (%, 2011-2013) [1]		1.2
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	7.9	7.8
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	4.7	3.3
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	5	3.8
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	_	108.0

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

# Private Sector's Views

# **Enterprise Survey 2013**

E	Europe and Central Asia	All Countries	Albania	
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	2	6.30	4.20	-
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	_	34.30	28.20	
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	_	14.30	4.50	
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	_	71.80	80.60	
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	_	9.90	6.70	

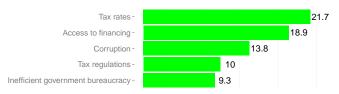
Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondants)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey (% respondants among 88 executives)



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

