



# Challenges for Sustainable Growth in EAEU Member States

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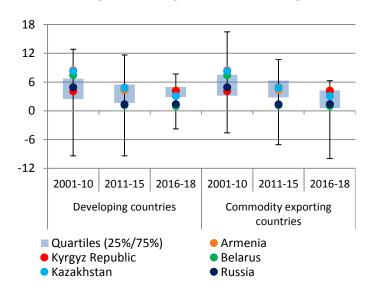


#### **External Conditions Matter**



Growth experienced by EAEU Member States was driven by commodity prices cycle because of heavy dependence on commodities.

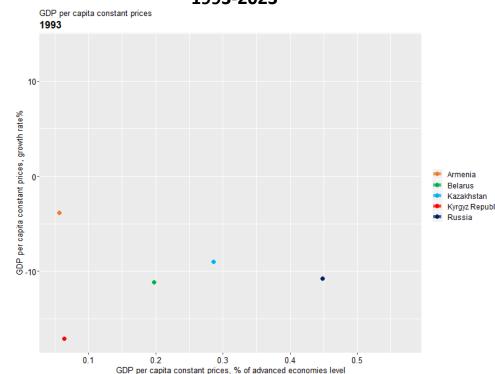
#### GDP compared to peer, constant prices, %



Economies remain highly vulnerable to commodity price variability:

economic growth and convergence process fluctuate significantly over the commodity price cycle.

## Economic growth and convergence over the cycle 1993-2023



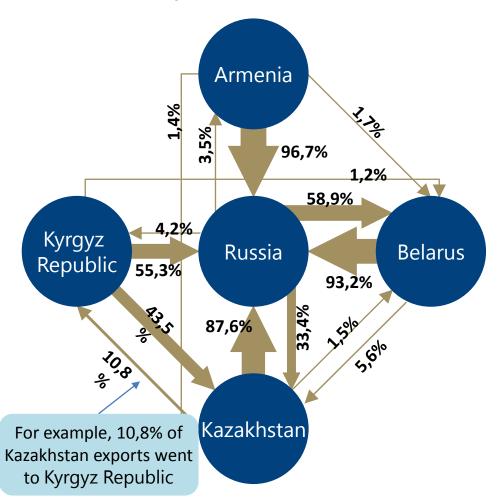


#### **Growth Moderation Propagate**



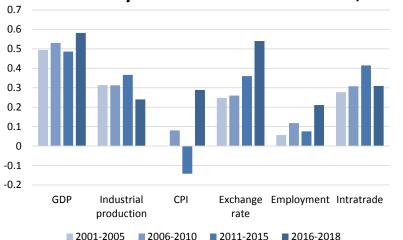
Growth spillover through a number of channels: trade, financial, remittance, fiscal linkages...

Intra-EAEU commodity export structure by destination (2018), %

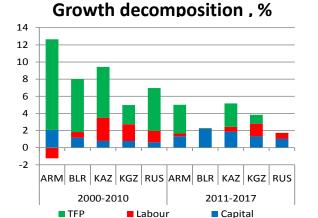


Key macroeconomic indicators demonstrates strong correlation over the business cycle...

Correlation of key macroeconomic indicators, index



#### Patterns of economic growth changed...



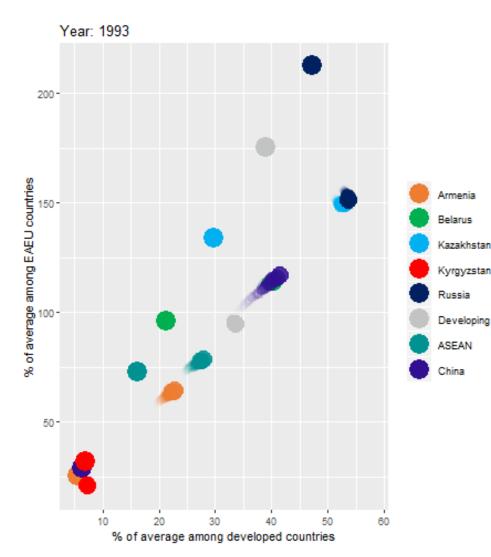


#### **Convergence Process Slowdown**

Kazakhstan



#### **Economic convergence: speed and direction**



Speed of convergence process significantly decreased.

Growth at a slower pace – great economic moderation – "new normal".

Multispeed catch-up process among EAEU Member States.

Policy priorities to strengthen the pace of income convergence vary across countries.

> Need for economic policy coordination to take into account spillover effects.

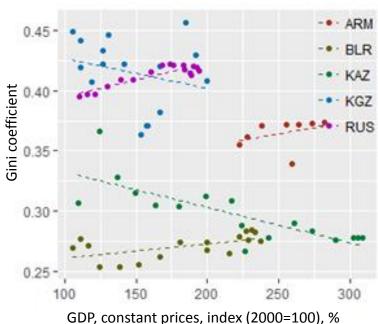


#### **Risk of Broadening Existing Gaps**



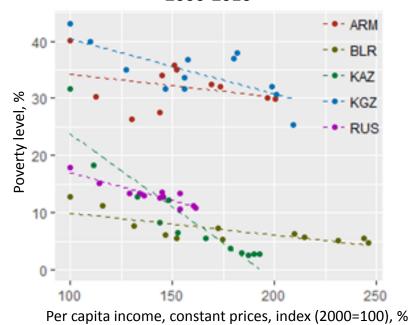
While economic growth contributed to income growth and poverty reduction, income inequality continue to increase.

# GDP growth and income inequality, 2000-2016



Widening economic and social disparities can pose a threat to durable growth, emphasizing the importance of economic and social inclusion.

# Income growth and poverty level, 2000-2016



**Policy lesson.** High levels of economic inequality can hinder growth by limiting the accumulation of skills and human capital.

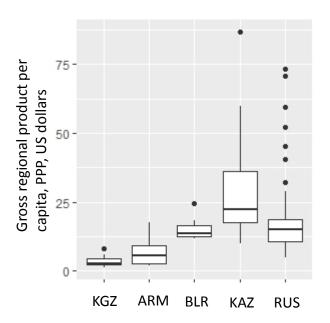


#### **Income Inequality Within Countries and Regions**

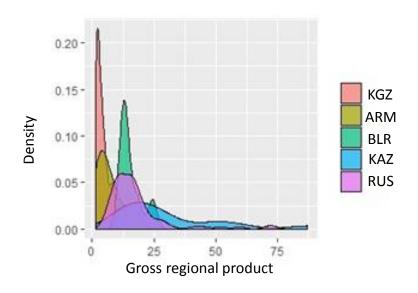


Unequal distribution of income between regions is a common feature for the EAEU Member States. As a result, a significant part of the regions in the Member States are biased towards low incomes, that is, the median is below average. Especially distinguished are Kazakhstan and Russia, where a small number of regions provide production volumes significantly more than others. The main factor in such high productivity (per capita) is specialization in the commodity sector.

#### **Gross regional product**



#### **Gross regional product density distribution**



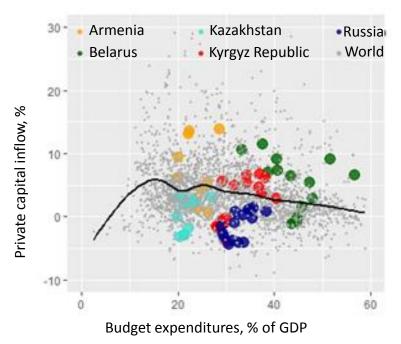


#### **Policy Priorities and Mix Matter for Growth**



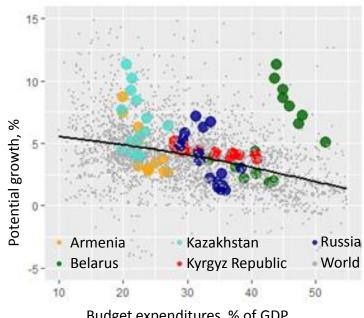
Redistribution through the fiscal system, as long as it is not excessive, can on net be conducive to sustainable growth.

#### Private capital inflow and budget expenditures, 2000-2016



#### Resource mobilization, private investment and tax incentives play a crucial role for growth and foster inclusive growth.

#### Potential growth and budget expenditures, 2000-2016



Budget expenditures, % of GDP



#### **Gains from Further Integration**



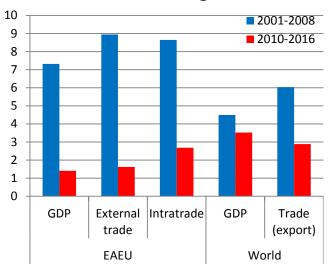
# Reducing barriers, trade facilitation and trade networks enlargement contributes sustainable.

#### Regional trade is:

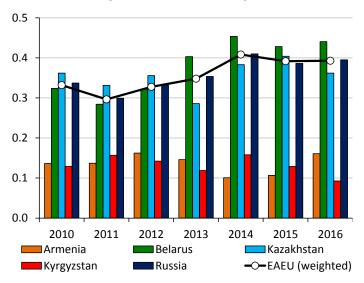
stable over the business cycle; more diversified (compared to external trade). **Regional trade promotes:** 

intra industry trade, industrial production and employment.

#### Trade and economic growth, %



#### **Grubel–Lloyd (intra-industry trade) index**



# Intratrade and trade in region, % of total trade

