# National Bank of Georgia

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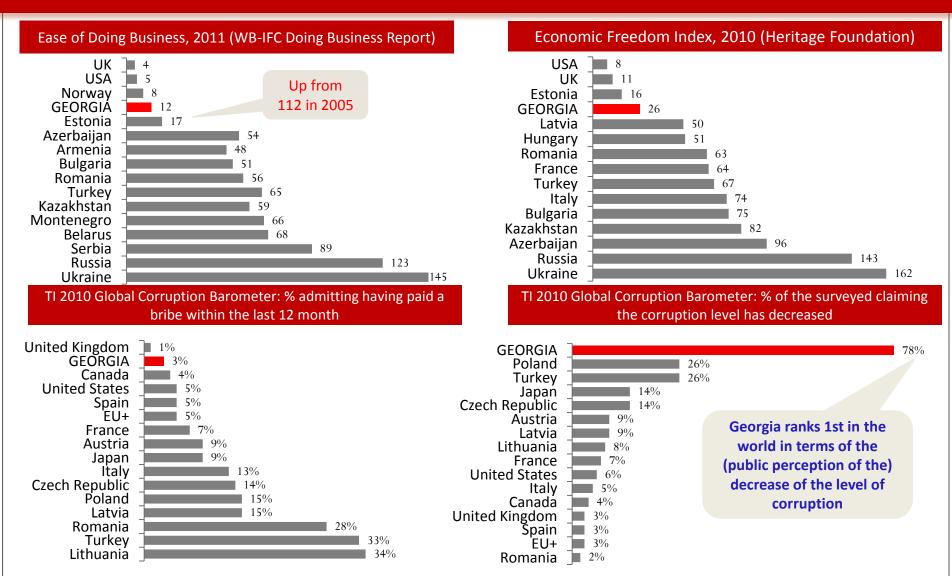
# Georgia At Glance

- Area: 69,700 sq km
- Population: 4.4 million (2010)
- GDP 2010E: US\$11.6 billion
- GDP per capita 2010E (PPP): US\$ 5,057
- Average GDP real growth (2000-10): 6%
- GDP growth 2010E: 6.5%
- Inflation rate 2010 (average): 7.1%
- External public debt / GDP 2010: 37.2%
- Sovereign ratings:
  - Fitch B+/Stable
  - S&P B+/Stable/B+
  - Moody's Ba3/Stable

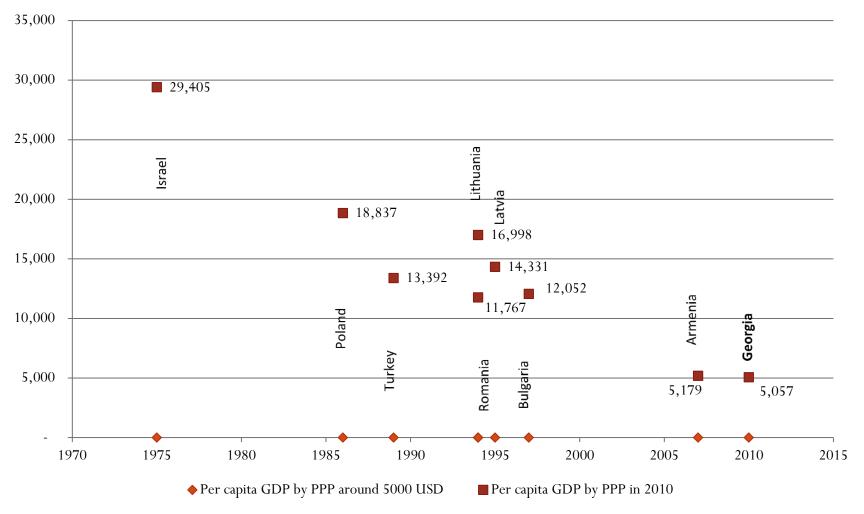




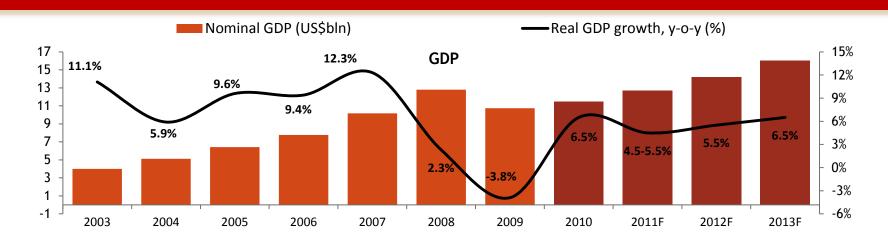
### Growth oriented reforms



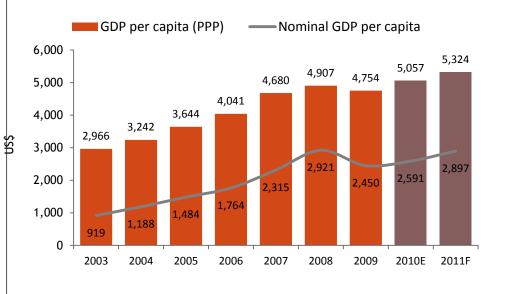
# Per capita GDP by PPP

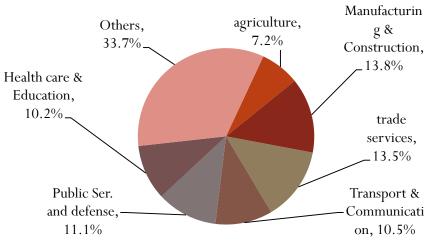


### Reform Driven Economic Success



#### Components of Nominal GDP (9 months 2010)





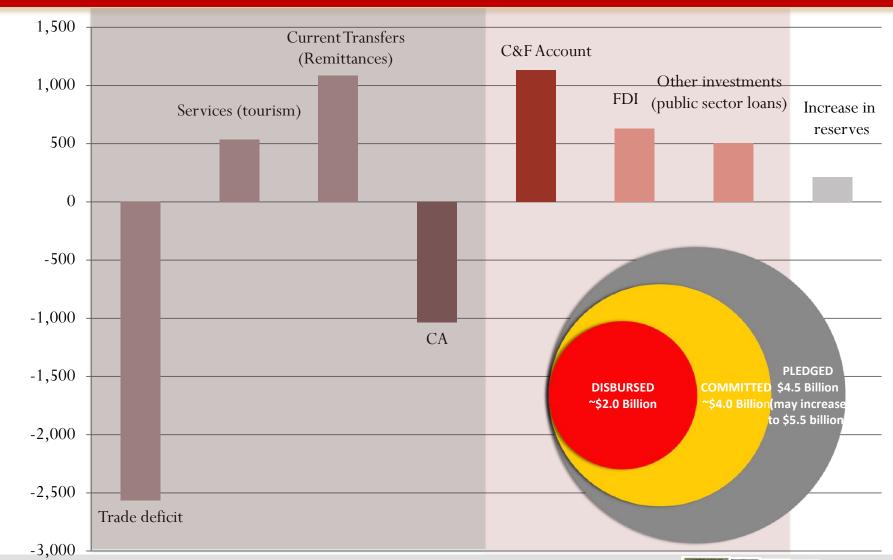


# **Balance of Payments**

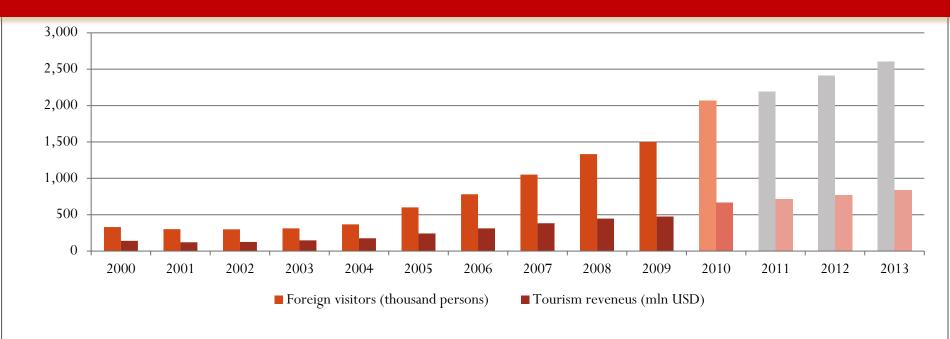
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010f	2011f	2012f	2013f
Current Account	-1,175	-2,010	-2,912	-1,210	-1,096	-1,349	-1,265	-1,311
Trade Balance	-2,019	-2,896	-3,833	-2,399	-2,565	-2,921	-3,008	-3,280
Export of goods	1,667	2,088	2,428	1,894	2,454	2,687	2,772	2,947
Import of goods	-3,686	-4,984	-6,261	-4,293	-5,019	-5,608	-5,780	-6,227
Services, net	158	161	21	340	535	678	816	977
Tourism, net	146	208	243	294	471	529	617	703
Factor income, net	162	36	-160	-118	-150	-270	-269	-299
Current transfers, net	524	688	1,060	967	1,085	1,165	1,195	1,291
Capital and Financial Account	1,678	2,422	3,079	1,776	1,323	1,532	1,371	1,197
Capital account	171	128	112	183	201	198	218	222
Foreign direct investment	1,186	1,674	1,494	659	618	741	848	956
Other investments	321	620	1,473	934	50 <del>4</del>	594	304	19
Public sector	-110	-16	890	942	587	282	193	-73
Private sector	432	636	583	-8	-83	312	111	92
Change in Reserves (-decrease)	439	377	131	616	212	184	105	-11 <del>4</del>
International Reserves	931	1,361	1,480	2,109	2,265	2,449	2,554	2,440
Current Account Deficit (% of GDP)	-15.1%	-19.8%	-22.8%	-11.2%	-9.4%	-10.3%	-8.7%	-8.0%

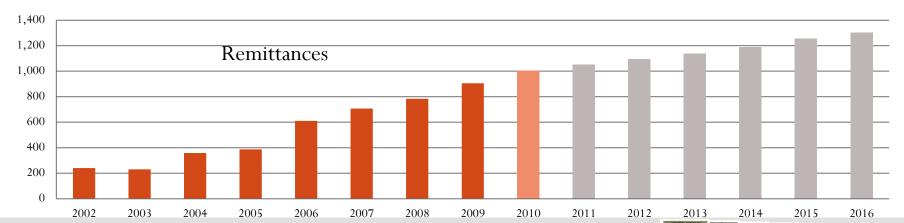


# **Balance of Payments**



### **Tourism Revenues and Remittances**

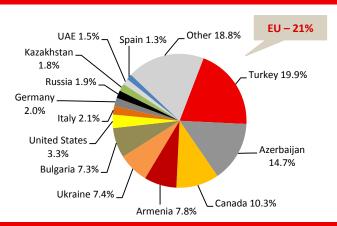




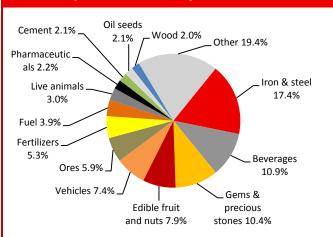
### **Diversified Trade Structure**

- WTO member since 2000
- Simplified customs regime since August 2006
- No quantitative restrictions on trade
- EU GSP+ Scheme 2006, export 7,200 categories of goods duty-free
- Georgia Turkey FTA was signed in 2008
- Promising deep & comprehensive FTA with the EU and USA

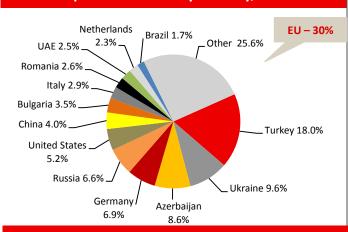
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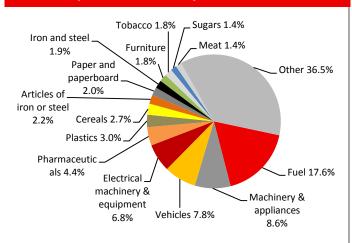
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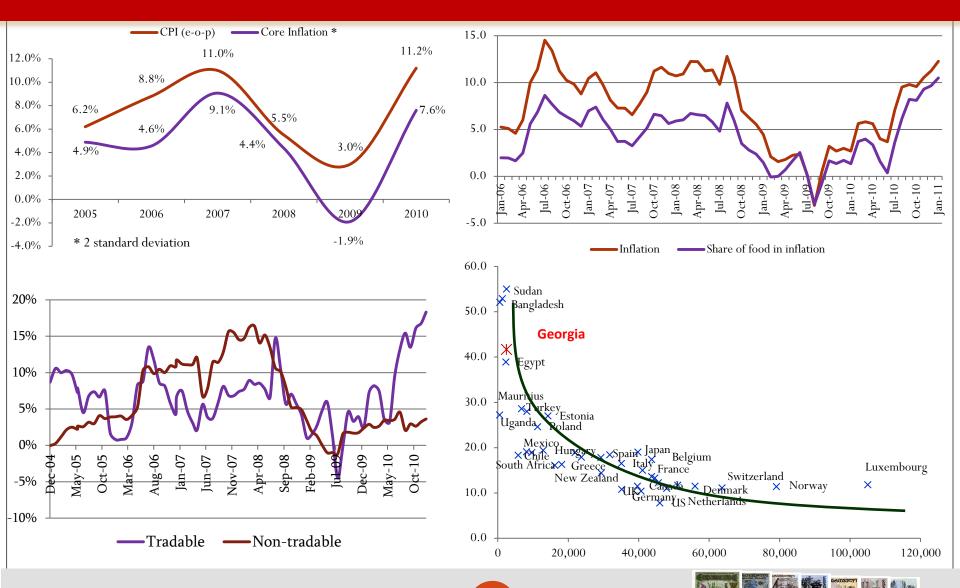


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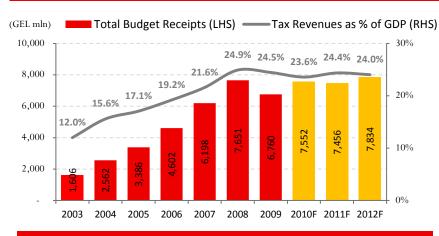


## Inflation

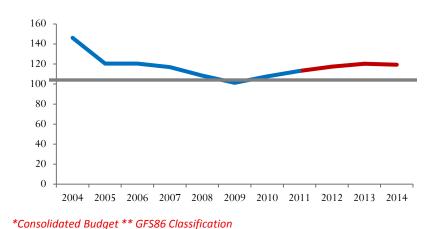


### Fiscal Performance

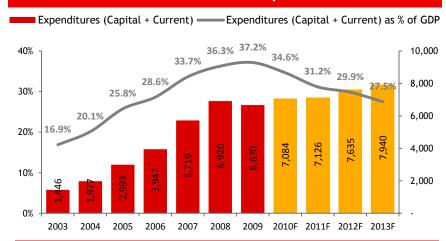
#### **Budget Revenue Performance\***



#### **Current Revenues/Current Expenditures\***

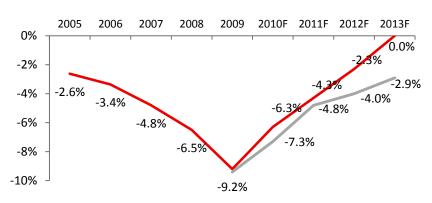


#### **General Government Expenditures**



#### Conventional Fiscal Deficit (Cash Basis)\*\*

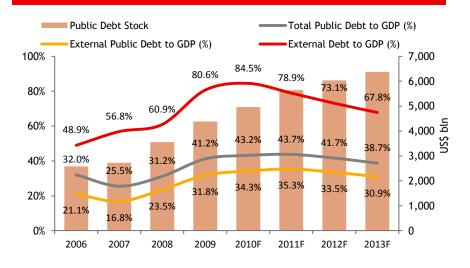
Fiscal Deficit as % of GDP - Current Path



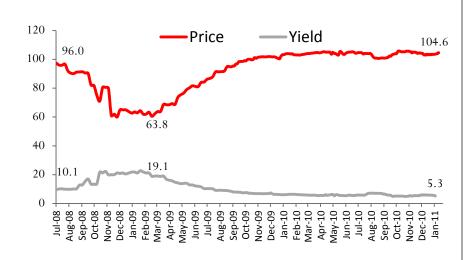


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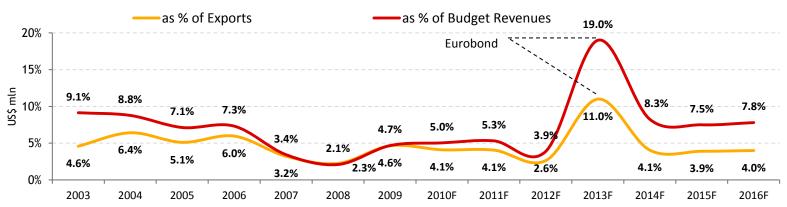
#### **Debt Indicators: Below the Prudential Threshholds**



#### **Eurobond Performance: Incremental and Sustained Improvement**

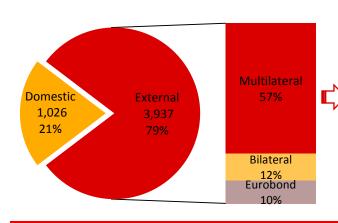


#### Flat Repayment Profile: Government External Debt Service



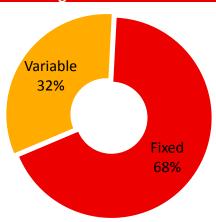
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Affordable Public Debt Stock and Very Low Interest Rate on External Public Debt (in million USD)

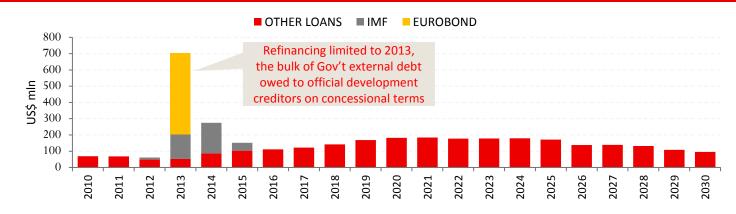


Portfolio
Average
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Interest Rate as
of endDecember 2010
2.04%

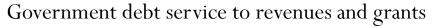
### External Public Debt by Interest Type: Interest Rate Risk Brought to a Minimum

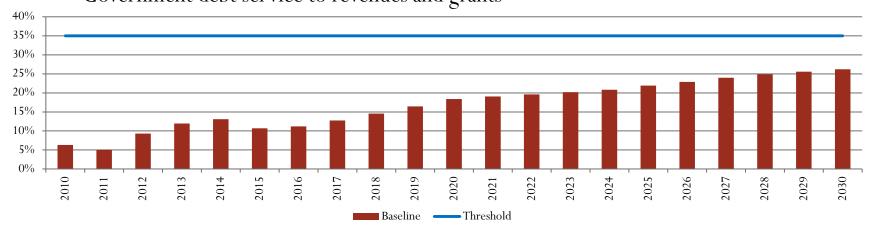


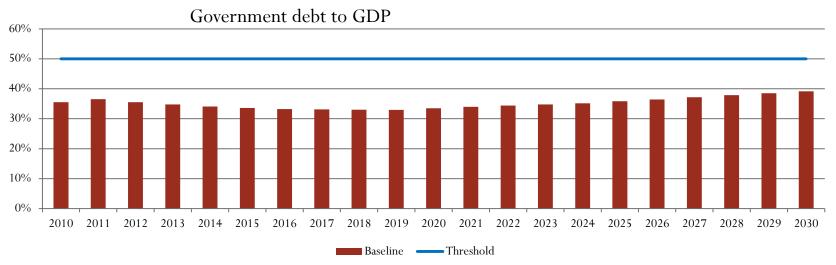
Government External Debt Amortization Profile: Flat Trajectory, Easily Affordable Annual Repayment Volumes



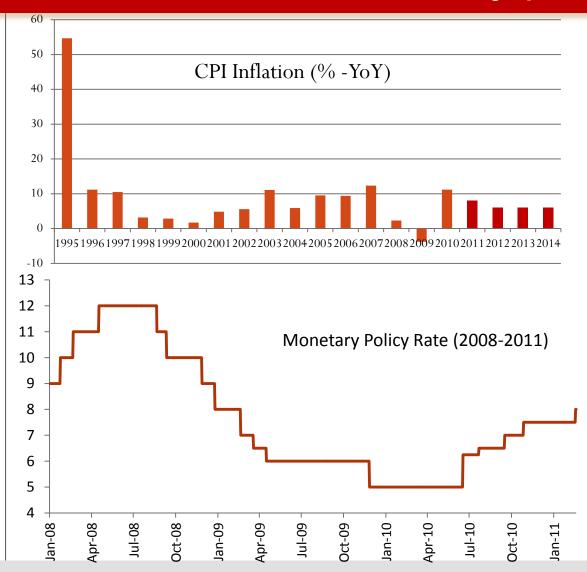
# **Debt Sustainability**





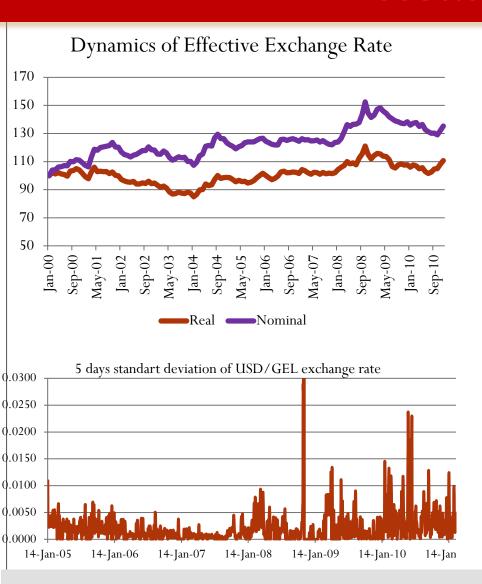


# Monetary policy

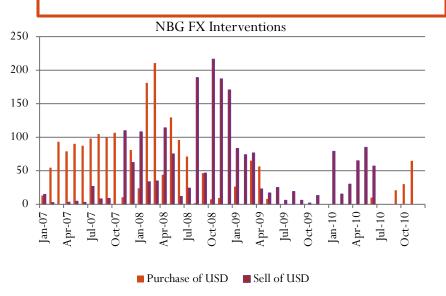


- Price stability is a main goal of the NBG
- NBG started soft inflation targeting from 2009
- Inflation target 6% annual
- Last three year cumulative inflation, lowest in region.

### **FX Market**

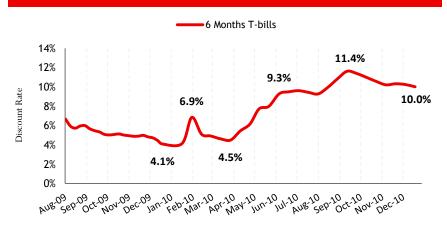


- Introduction of FX auctions in 2009
- Flexible exchange rate regime
- Less need for interventions

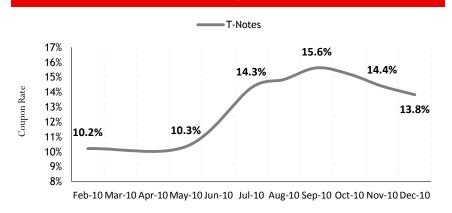


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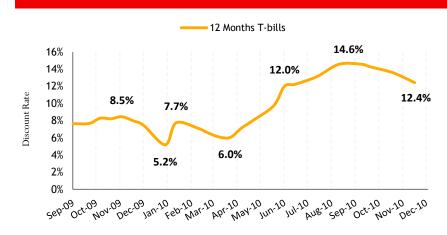
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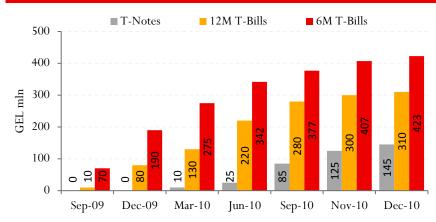
#### **T-Notes Coupon Rates**



#### 12 Months T-Bills Discount Rates



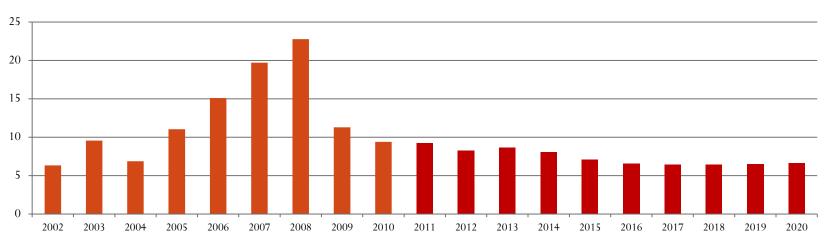
#### **Cumulative Issuance by Instrument**





### **Gross International Reserves**





Georgia: Medium-Term Reserve Adequacy											
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016				
GIR in percent of											
Wijnholds and Kapteyn threshold	129	126	94	120	122	140	127				
Lipschitz, Messmacher, and Mourmouras threshold	63	67	54	61	60	67	63				
IMF composite indicator	239	251	207	215	209	231	219				
Jeanne and Rancierre model	119	117	89	112	116	135	126				
Obstfeld, Shambaugh, and Taylor model	98	105	92	85	81	85	85				
Memorandum items (in \$ million):											
Gross international reserves	2,263	2,780	2,590	2,488	2,462	2,730	2,902				

# Potential for Regional Logistics center







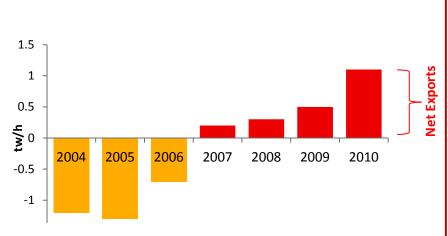


## Regional Energy Hub



- Reliable transit country and regional energy hub
  - Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) oil pipeline
  - Baku-Supsa oil pipeline
  - South-Caucasus gas pipeline (SCP) from Shah-Deniz
  - North-South Gas pipeline
  - Georgia-Azerbaijan Southern Gas (GASP)
- Gas supply contracts with Azerbaijan for 10 years and with Shah Deniz for 20 years
- Transit role for oil & gas pipelines and railway
  - Circa 1.6% of world oil production
- LNG across Black Sea Azerbaijan-Georgia-Romania Interconnection (AGRI) project initiated by three states together
  with NABUCCO/White Stream huge potential to transport gas from the Caspian to Europe
- The only country in the region (which doesn't have its own gas resource) that was not effected by gas crises in January 2009
- Georgia/Romania MoU for transportation of carbon resources from Caspian via Black Sea

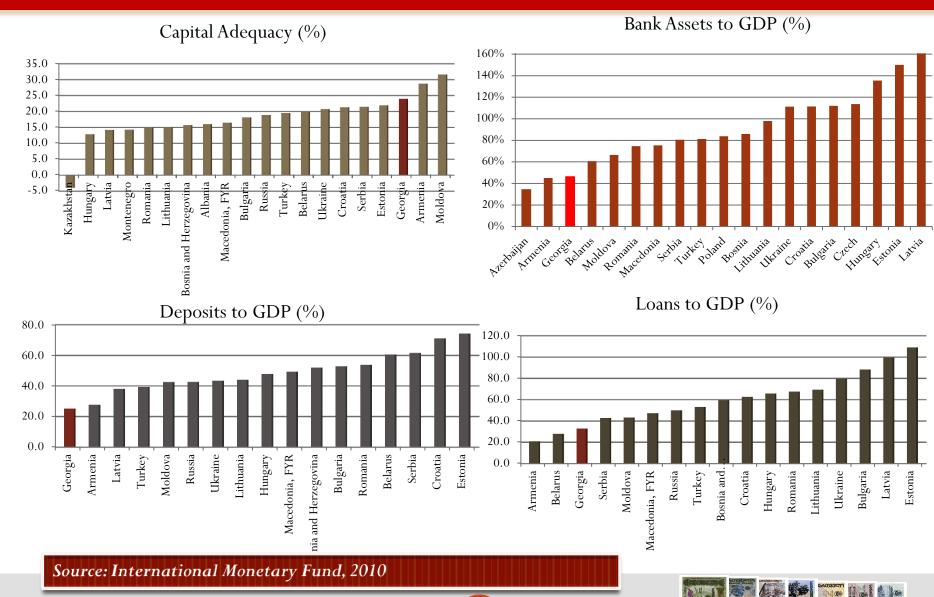
# **Electricity Export Capacity**





- Growing consumption on the Turkish electricity market expandable to Iraq, Syria and EU countries
- Net electricity exporter since 2007
- Net exports for 2010 (1 TWH), double by 2013 (2 TWH)
- New hydro projects, potential export cap. 6 TWH, \$300 million by 2018.
- Construction of 500 and 154 KV power transmission line to Turkey
- Additional new 500 KV interconnection to Turkey is under negotiation
- Huge untapped hydro resources, only 18% of hydro potential utilized so far
- Once all three electricity lines are operational, total transmission capacity to Turkey will reach more than 2000 MW - 15 times more than current capacity

## Comparison with Other Countries



# **Ensuring No Policy Drift**

- Fiscal responsibility
  - Government expenditure capped at 30% of GDP
  - Budget deficit capped at 3% of GDP
  - Government debt capped at 60% of GDP
  - No budget earmarks

Deviation from these thresholds would be possible under the negative GDP growth conditions, but the Government would be required to develop a plan aimed at reverting these ratios within three years from the breach

- Since 1995, no restrictions on currency convertibility or repatriation of capital & profit
- Ban on state ownership of banks and on the imposition of price controls
  - No state-owned banks since 1995 and no price controls since the early 1990s
- Ban on an increase in the number of licenses and permits
- Ban on an increase in the number of state or independent regulators
  - Currently, independent regulators exist only in financial services, communications and utilities
- Means-tested assistance rendered through vouchers and other ways that empower citizens and give them choice (in healthcare, education, etc), rather than by funding directly state-owned service providers

