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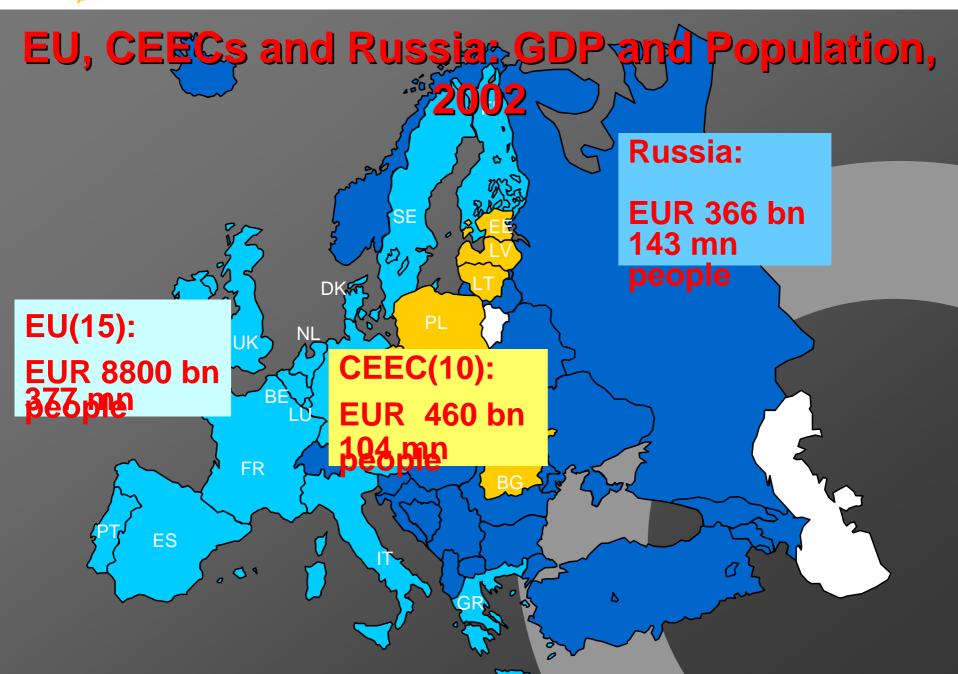
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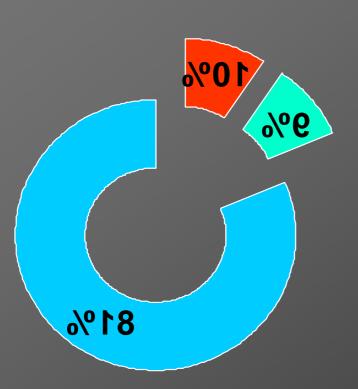






EU-Russia Asymmetry: Real GDP

Real GDP (EUR at PPP) year 2002



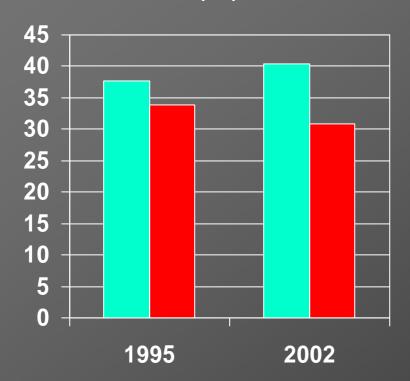
- Russian real GDP is only 5% higher than CEECs'
- Russian real GDP is only 12% of EU(15)
- Russian real GDP is only 10.5% of enlarged EU(25)



EU-Russia Asymmetry: Income Real GDP per Gaps

Real GDP per capita EU(15)=100

■ CEEC(10) ■ Russia



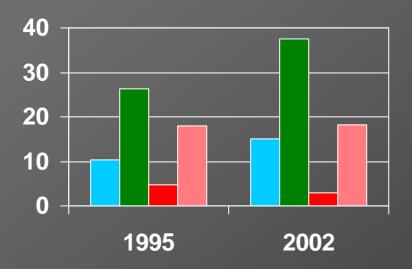
- Russian real per capita GDP is 31% of EU(15) average
- With EUR 8140,
 Russian per capita
 real GDP is 13% lower
 than in CEEC(10)
- Income catching-up:
 so far minor (CEECs)
 or nonexistent
 (Russia)



Russian trade with EU and CEECs, USD bn

Russian foreign trade

- (USD to CEECs
- **■** Exports to EU(15)
- **■** Imports from CEECs
- **■** Imports from EU(15)



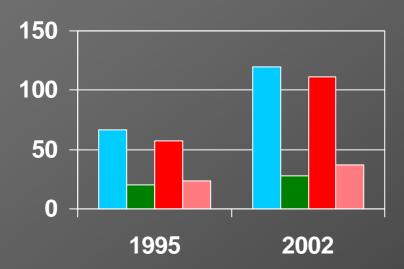
- > 35% of Russian exports go to EU(15)
 - 14% of Russian exports go to CEEC(10)
 - ➤ 40% of Russian imports come from EU(15), and 7% from CEEC(10)
 - Surplus with EU(15) was USD 19.3 bn, with CEECs USD 11.6



EU-Russia Asymmetry: Trade

EU trade with CEEDSIMES and Russia (USD bn)

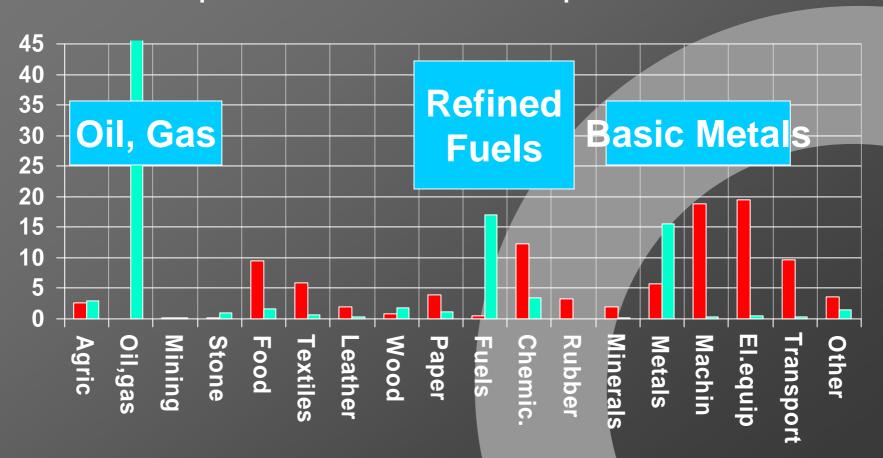
- **Exports to CEECs**
- Exports to Russia
- **Imports from CEECs**
- **Imports from Russia**



- > 13.5% of EU exports go to CEEC(10), but only 2.8% to Russia
- ► 12.6% of EU imports come from CEEC(10), but only 4.6% from Russia
- EU(15) trade deficit with Russia reached USD 9.5 bn in 2001

Structure of EU trade with Russia, in %, 2002

■ EU exports: EUR 29.1 bn **■** EU imports: EUR 39.1 bn

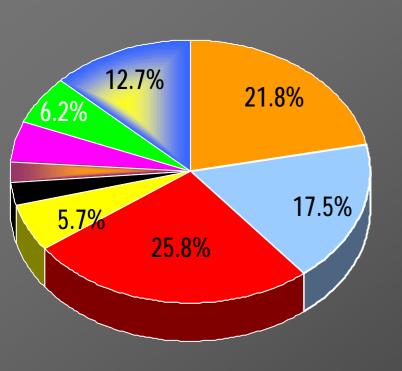


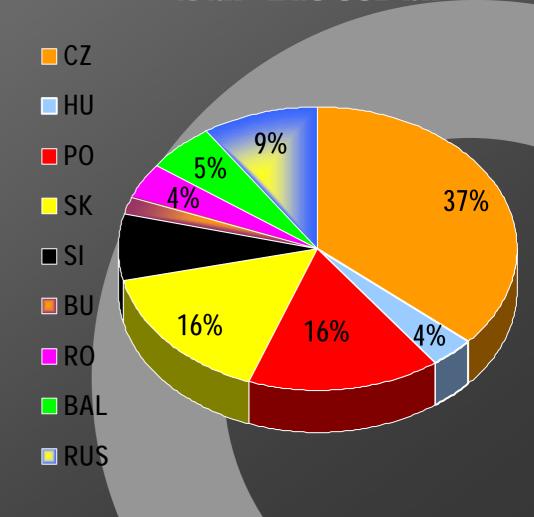
CEEC 10 and Russia: Foreign direct investment, year 2002

FDI stock total - 143.3 USD bn

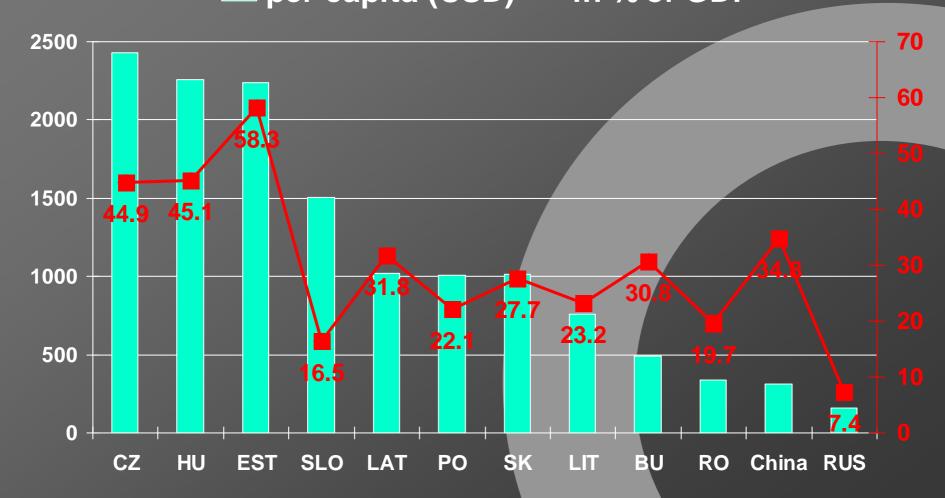
in % of total

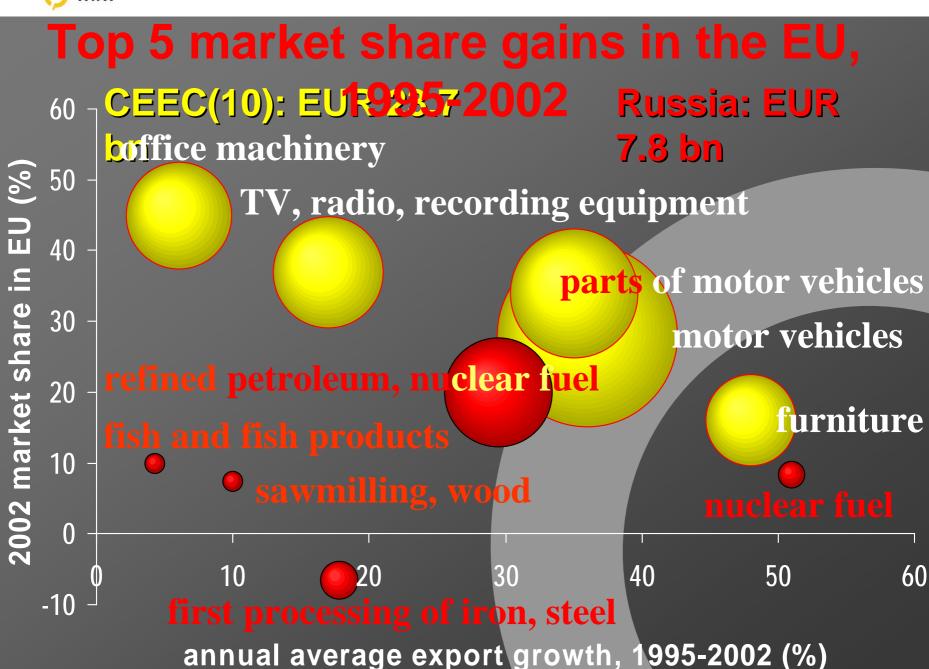
FDI inflow total - 21.6 USD bn





FDI stocks in Russia, CEECs and per Capita (USD) 101 % of GDP







Impact of EU enlargement on Russia

- Russia is sceptical, though not explicitly opposed (as in the case of NATO enlargement)
- Russian fears regarding deteriorating trade conditions are largely unfounded
- EU external tariff (6.3%) is more favourable than CEECs',
 though some non-tariff barriers persist
- Schengen visa regime will create problems, Baltic borders not yet fully recognized
- EU policies towards Russia are more friendly than those in many CEECs (example of Russian minorities in the Baltics)



What does it all mean for EU-Russian

- EU and Russia are **Veryatie Qual E** Conomic partners
- Russia is just a supplier of energy and metals for Europe, its current market size is small
- But the EU is the main trading partner for Russia, and will absorb 50% of Russian exports after enlargement
- Russia has a huge trade surplus with both EU(15) and CEEC(10) USD 31 bn (50% of the total surplus)
- EU is interested in democratic and prosperous Russia, but its economic interests are currently limited.



Towards a Common European

- EU concerns are unbalanced trade structure, dependency on energy imports and market access restrictions in Russia
- After "market economy status", Russia wants more (an upgrading of institutional relations)
- EU offers "Wider Europe Neighbourhood" program

Practical steps on the road

- EU: PCA deepening, energy dialogue, Northern
 Dimension Action Plan and the Kaliningrad region
- Russia: WTO accession and sustained reform efforts