

Eastern Partnership Summit

Facts and figures about the Eastern Partners of the European Union

The **Eastern Partnership**¹ was launched in 2009, as a joint initiative between the **European Union (EU)** and six Eastern European and South Caucasus partner countries: **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova** and **Ukraine**. On the occasion of the 4th **Eastern Partnership** summit, which will take place on 21 and 22 May in Riga, **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**, issues some selected data² on demography, economy and trade in goods for the EU, its Member States and the Eastern Partners. A selection of **infographics**³ is also available on the Eurostat website

	Total area (thousand km ²)	Population (million inhabitants)	Median age of population (years)	Share of population aged less than 15	Share of population aged 65 or over	Employment rate (20-64 years)	GDP per capita (in €)
EU	4 463.5	506.8	42.2	15.6%	18.5%	69.2%	27 300
Eastern Partners	1 031.0	75.2	:	:	:		3 700
Armenia	29.7	3.0	:	19.1%	10.6%	60.3%	2 600
Azerbaijan	86.6	9.5	29.7*	22.3%	5.8%	73.0%	6 000
Belarus	207.6	9.4	39.2	15.7%	13.9%	:	5 800
Georgia	69.7	4.5	36.9*	17.1%	14.0%	65.5%	2 700
Moldova	33.8	3.6	34.8	16.0%	10.0%	47.4%	1 700
Ukraine	603.5	45.2	39.7	14.8%	15.3%	67.4%	3 100

Data on median age of population, employment rate and GDP refer to 2014 for the EU and to 2013 for Eastern Partners.

: Data not available

* 2012 data

A 75-million-strong partnership

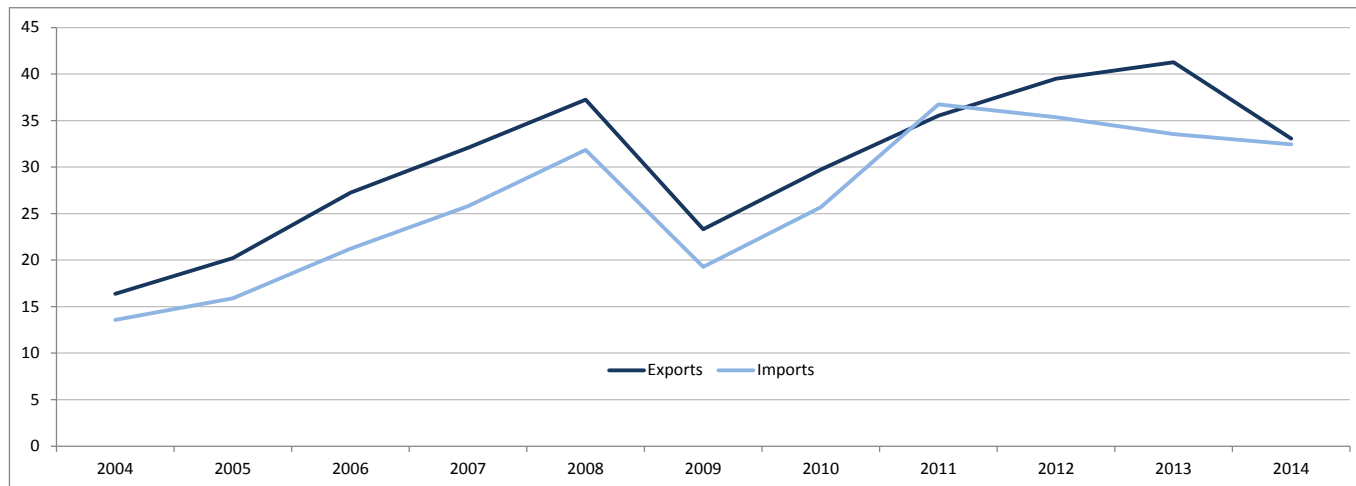
All together, the **Eastern partners'** surface area is just over 1 million km² (a quarter of that of the EU) and their population amounted in 2014 to 75.2 million (compared with 506.8 million in the EU). **Ukraine** is the largest Eastern Partner, with an area (603.5 thousand km²) approximately that of France (632.8 thousand km²), the largest EU Member State, and a population roughly equivalent to that of Spain, standing at just over 45 million. In each **Eastern partner** country, the population was on average younger than in the **EU**, with a median age ranging from 29.7 years in **Azerbaijan** to 39.7 years in **Ukraine**, compared with 42.2 years in the **EU**.

Standing on average at €3 700, the GDP per capita of the **Eastern partners** represented 14% of that of the **EU**, the lowest being recorded in **Moldova** (€1 700) and the highest in **Azerbaijan** (€6 000, nearly that of Bulgaria). Across the **Eastern Partner** countries, the employment rate of the population aged 20 to 64 varied considerably but was everywhere lower than in the **EU** (69.2%), except in **Azerbaijan** where it was 73.0%.

EU trade in goods with Eastern Partners almost in balance in 2014

After a significant decrease in 2009 following the financial crisis, the value of **EU** exports of goods to the **Eastern Partners** recovered until 2013 to reach a peak of €41.3 bn and then fell again in 2014 to €33.1 bn. Imports also recovered after 2009 to hit €36.7 bn in 2011, and then decreased continuously to €32.4 bn in 2014. As a result, **EU** trade with the **Eastern Partners** was almost in balance in 2014 (+€0.6 bn). In 2014, the six **Eastern Partners** accounted together for nearly 2% of total extra-EU trade in goods, almost equivalent to Saudi Arabia, the EU's 11th most important trading partner.

Evolution of EU exports and imports of goods with the Eastern Partners, 2004-2014
(in € billions)



EU exports to Eastern Partners dominated by manufactured goods, imports by primary goods

Among the **Eastern partner** countries, **Ukraine** (€17.1 bn or 52% of total EU exports to the Eastern Partners) was the leading destination for **EU** exports in 2014. The leading source of **EU** imports from the **Eastern Partners** was also **Ukraine** (€13.8 bn or 42% of total EU imports from the Eastern Partners), closely followed by **Azerbaijan** (€13.2 bn or 41%). It should be noted that **Azerbaijan** accounted for 84% of EU energy imports from the Eastern Partnership countries, leading to a trade deficit for the EU with this country (-€9.7 bn). In contrast, the largest **EU** surpluses with the **Eastern Partners** in 2014 were recorded with **Belarus** (+€4.0 bn) and **Ukraine** (+€3.4 bn).

EU exports of goods to the **Eastern partner** countries are led by manufactured goods, which accounted for more than three-quarters (77%) of total exports. Conversely, **EU** imports from the **Eastern Partners** were dominated by primary goods, representing around 70% of total EU imports from these countries.

EU trade in goods with the Eastern Partners by product
(in € million)

	Exports		Imports		Balance	
	2004	2014	2004	2014	2004	2014
Total	16 365	33 069	13 578	32 445	2 788	624
Primary goods:	1 739	6 912	6 586	22 452	-4 846	-15 541
<i>Food & drink</i>	1 095	3 079	514	3 042	581	37
<i>Raw materials</i>	325	759	1 956	4 004	-1 631	-3 245
<i>Energy</i>	320	3 074	4 115	15 406	-3 796	-12 332
Manufactured goods:	14 393	25 331	6 767	9 362	7 625	15 969
<i>Chemicals</i>	2 300	6 075	919	1 198	1 381	4 877
<i>Machinery & vehicles⁴</i>	7 145	11 065	893	1 876	6 252	9 189
<i>Other manuf'd goods⁴</i>	4 948	8 191	4 955	6 288	-7	1 903
Other	233	826	225	630	9	196

EU trade in goods with the Eastern Partner countries, by product, 2014

(in € million)

		Exports	Imports	Balance
Armenia	Total	714	276	438
	Primary goods:	104	52	51
	<i>Food & drink</i>	84	8	76
	<i>Raw materials</i>	14	44	-30
	<i>Energy</i>	5	0	5
	Manufactured goods:	540	177	363
<i>Chemicals</i>	94	1	93	
<i>Machinery & vehicles⁴</i>	182	3	180	
<i>Other manuf'd goods⁴</i>	264	173	90	
Azerbaijan	Total	3 482	13 159	-9 677
	Primary goods:	337	13 047	-12 710
	<i>Food & drink</i>	238	36	202
	<i>Raw materials</i>	45	7	37
	<i>Energy</i>	54	13 004	-12 949
	Manufactured goods:	2 800	107	2 693
<i>Chemicals</i>	320	30	290	
<i>Machinery & vehicles⁴</i>	1 431	64	1 367	
<i>Other manuf'd goods⁴</i>	1 049	13	1 036	
Belarus	Total	7 464	3 428	4 036
	Primary goods:	1 044	1 678	-634
	<i>Food & drink</i>	864	82	782
	<i>Raw materials</i>	122	456	-334
	<i>Energy</i>	57	1 140	-1 082
	Manufactured goods:	6 315	1 732	4 583
<i>Chemicals</i>	1 382	566	817	
<i>Machinery & vehicles⁴</i>	3 305	175	3 130	
<i>Other manuf'd goods⁴</i>	1 628	992	637	
Georgia	Total	1 911	657	1 254
	Primary goods:	729	499	230
	<i>Food & drink</i>	188	152	36
	<i>Raw materials</i>	54	133	-79
	<i>Energy</i>	487	214	273
	Manufactured goods:	1 167	149	1 018
<i>Chemicals</i>	297	39	258	
<i>Machinery & vehicles⁴</i>	520	15	505	
<i>Other manuf'd goods⁴</i>	350	95	255	
Moldova	Total	2 355	1 159	1 195
	Primary goods:	724	408	316
	<i>Food & drink</i>	208	254	-46
	<i>Raw materials</i>	52	146	-94
	<i>Energy</i>	464	9	456
	Manufactured goods:	1 615	750	865
<i>Chemicals</i>	301	9	292	
<i>Machinery & vehicles⁴</i>	696	201	495	
<i>Other manuf'd goods⁴</i>	618	540	78	
Ukraine	Total	17 143	13 764	3 378
	Primary goods:	3 974	6 768	-2 794
	<i>Food & drink</i>	1 497	2 511	-1 013
	<i>Raw materials</i>	471	3 217	-2 746
	<i>Energy</i>	2 006	1 040	966
	Manufactured goods:	12 894	6 448	6 447
<i>Chemicals</i>	3 681	554	3 127	
<i>Machinery & vehicles⁴</i>	4 931	1 419	3 512	
<i>Other manuf'd goods⁴</i>	4 282	4 475	-193	

Total may not add up due to "Other".

EU trade in goods with the Eastern Partner countries

(in € million)

	EU exports to		EU imports from		EU balance	
	2004	2014	2004	2014	2004	2014
Total	16 365	33 069	13 578	32 445	2 788	624
Armenia	338	714	247	276	91	438
Azerbaijan	1 246	3 482	1 292	13 159	-46	-9 677
Belarus	2 655	7 464	2 689	3 428	-34	4 036
Georgia	611	1 911	314	657	297	1 254
Moldova	921	2 355	523	1 159	398	1 195
Ukraine	10 593	17 143	8 512	13 764	2 081	3 378

EU trade in goods with the Eastern Partners

(in € billion)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Eastern partners countries											
Exports	16.4	20.2	27.2	32.1	37.3	23.3	29.7	35.5	39.5	41.3	33.1
Imports	13.6	15.9	21.2	25.8	31.8	19.3	25.7	36.7	35.4	33.6	32.4
Balance	2.8	4.3	6.0	6.3	5.4	4.0	4.1	-1.2	4.1	7.7	0.6
Total Extra-EU											
Exports	945.2	1 049.5	1 152.4	1 234.5	1 309.1	1 094.0	1 353.2	1 554.2	1 684.2	1 736.6	1 702.9
Imports	1 027.4	1 183.9	1 364.6	1 450.3	1 585.2	1 235.6	1 529.4	1 725.1	1 796.6	1 684.8	1 680.5
Balance	-82.2	-134.5	-212.2	-215.9	-276.1	-141.7	-176.2	-170.9	-112.3	51.8	22.3
Eastern partners countries / Total											
Exports	1.7%	1.9%	2.4%	2.6%	2.8%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%	2.4%	1.9%
Imports	1.3%	1.3%	1.6%	1.8%	2.0%	1.6%	1.7%	2.1%	2.0%	2.0%	1.9%

Germany, Italy and Poland: largest EU traders with the Eastern Partners

Among the EU Member States, **Germany** (€7.0 bn or 21% of EU exports of goods to the Eastern Partners) and **Poland** (€5.2 bn or 16%) were by far the largest exporters to the **Eastern partner** countries in 2014, followed by **Italy** (€2.8 bn or 8%), **Lithuania** (€2.2 bn or 7%) and **Hungary** (€2.1 bn or 6%). Compared with 2004, exports to the **Eastern Partners** increased in 2014 in all EU Member States, except **Sweden**. At EU level, the value of exports of goods to the **Eastern Partners** has doubled over the last ten years.

Italy (€8.2 bn or 25% of EU imports of goods from the Eastern Partners) was the largest importer from the **Eastern partner** countries in 2014, well ahead of **Germany** (€4.5 bn or 14%), **Poland** (€2.4 bn or 8%), the **Czech Republic** (€2.3 bn or 7%), **France** and **Spain** (both around €2.0 bn or 6%). Compared with 2004, EU imports of goods from the **Eastern Partners** increased by around 140% in 2014.

Sixteen EU Member States recorded a surplus in trade with the **Eastern partner** countries in 2014, with **Poland** (+€2.8 bn) and **Germany** (+€2.4 bn) continuing to have the largest surpluses. The largest deficit in 2014 was observed by far in **Italy** (-€5.4 bn), followed by **Spain** (-€1.4 bn) and the **Czech Republic** (-€1.1 bn).

EU Member States' international trade in goods with the Eastern Partners
(in € million)

	Exports		Imports		Balance	
	2004	2014	2004	2014	2004	2014
EU	16 365	33 069	13 578	32 445	2 788	624
Belgium	621	1 024	411	682	210	342
Bulgaria	155	544	530	803	-375	-260
Czech Republic	597	1 273	730	2 345	-133	-1 072
Denmark	207	322	135	117	71	205
Germany	4 478	6 976	1 665	4 544	2 813	2 432
Estonia	95	122	180	132	-85	-10
Ireland	36	64	11	45	25	19
Greece	96	458	245	631	-148	-173
Spain	238	629	596	2 018	-358	-1 389
France	988	1 368	713	2 054	274	-686
Croatia	25	82	81	279	-56	-197
Italy	1 624	2 806	2 514	8 214	-890	-5 409
Cyprus	4	10	86	35	-82	-25
Latvia	133	361	427	448	-295	-88
Lithuania	433	2 162	355	1 014	78	1 148
Luxembourg	21	37	8	9	13	28
Hungary	592	2 115	685	1 352	-93	762
Malta	1	4	1	3	0	1
Netherlands	871	1 617	399	1 084	472	533
Austria	525	1 114	393	965	132	149
Poland	2 246	5 211	1 402	2 444	844	2 767
Portugal	27	68	103	696	-76	-628
Romania	302	1 770	970	961	-669	809
Slovenia	155	342	51	34	104	308
Slovakia	288	504	379	605	-91	-102
Finland	330	410	66	66	264	343
Sweden	424	321	70	98	354	223
United Kingdom	854	1 358	369	765	485	592

1. More information on the Eastern Partnership can be found at: http://eeas.europa.eu/eastern/index_en.htm
2. Further data on the European Neighbourhood Policy countries are available in the dedicated section of the Eurostat website: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/european-neighbourhood-policy/enp-east> as well as in a Statistics Explained article: http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/European_Neighbourhood_Policy_countries_-_statistical_overview
3. Facts and figures on EU international trade in goods with Eastern partners are presented in the "Themes in the spotlight" section of the Eurostat website: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/news/themes-in-the-spotlight>
4. **Machinery and vehicles** includes power generating and industrial machinery, computers, electric and electronic parts and equipment, road vehicles and parts, ships, airplanes and railway equipment.
Other manufactured goods includes articles made of leather, rubber and wood, paper, textiles, metals, building fixtures and fittings, furniture, clothes, shoes and accessories, scientific instruments, clocks, watches and cameras.

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