

CIS economic overview

- Kazakhstan publishes budget parameters for 2024-2026.** The oil price was adjusted downward by \$5 and set at a stable level of \$80/bbl over the three-year period. GDP growth next year is projected at 5.8%, above our expectation of 4.0%. The forecast, on which the budget is based, implies high growth rates in basic industries, including 4.9% in manufacturing and 3.1% in mining.

The planned budget deficit was reduced to 2.6% of GDP (from 2.7% in 2023), followed by normalization to 2.4% and 2.3% in 2025 and 2026, respectively.

Given that the 2024 budget includes economic growth rates above our forecasts and implies a gradual narrowing of the budget deficit, we view these factors as positive for Kazakhstan's investment case.

Positive for eurobonds and sovereign bonds denominated in KZT.

Key events in CIS

- Belarus:** foreign trade balance (January–July), government debt (June)

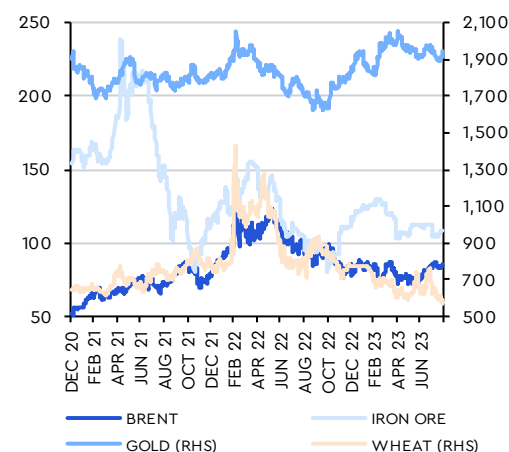
Key events globally

- US:** initial jobless claims, personal income/spending
- EU:** CPI, unemployment rate
- China:** NBS manufacturing/services PMI

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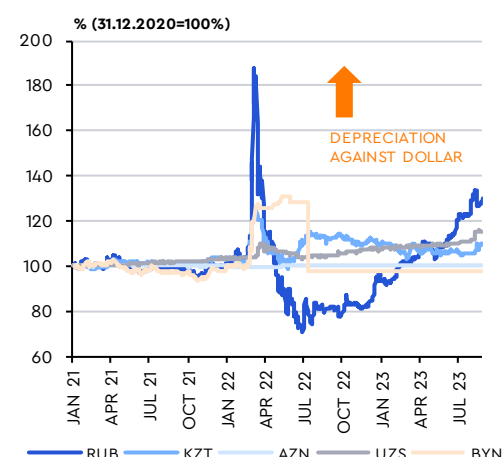
- Kazakhstan: Smooth growth story* – August 25
- Kazakhstan: NBK cautiously cuts base rate, citing persistent inflationary risks* – August 25
- Armenia: We expect rating upgrade from S&P following Fitch* – August 23
- Kazakhstan: Rate cut might be postponed* – August 22
- Uzbekistan: CBRU shows caution* – July 27
- Armenia: Fitch may upgrade rating amid lighter debt burden and better external indicators* – July 26
- Azerbaijan: CBRU expectedly keeps the rate at 9%* – July 26
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Prices for key commodities exported by CIS countries, \$



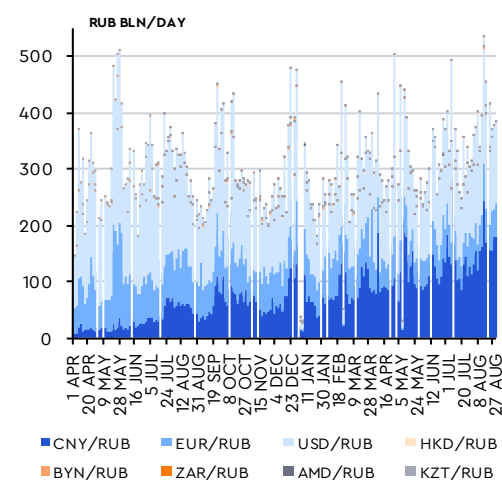
Source: Bloomberg*, open sources

Select CIS currencies dynamic



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MOEX FX volumes (friendly and unfriendly countries)



Source: Moscow Exchange

* Bloomberg data until April 1, 2022

CIS+ ECONOMIC EVENTS TO WATCH: AUGUST

DATE	COUNTRY	INDICATOR	PERIOD	PREVIOUS READING	GPB FORECAST
01.08.2023	Belarus	Labor market data	June	-	-
	Kazakhstan	Inflation	July	14.6% YoY	14.2% YoY
	Uzbekistan	Inflation	July	9.0% YoY	8.7% YoY
02.08.2023	Russia	Weekly inflation	-	-	-
07.08.2023	Azerbaijan	FX sales by SOFAZ	July	\$78.9 mln	-
	Russia	Federal budget execution	January-July	-RUB 2.6 trln	-
08.08.2023	Kazakhstan	PPI	July	-	-
	Belarus	International reserves	July	7.8	-
		Inflation	July	3.3%	4.2%
09.08.2023	Russia	Weekly inflation	-	-	-
		Balance of payments	January-July	-	-
		International reserves	June	\$34.5 bln	-
	Kazakhstan	Statistics of government securities primary and secondary markets	June	-	-
		Foreign trade in goods	1H23	-	-
10.08.2023	Belarus	Inflation	July	2.9	2.5
		Foreign investment	January-July	-	-
11.08.2023	Russia	Preliminary GDP growth estimate	2Q23	-1.8%	-
	Georgia	Sovereign rating from S&P	-	BB (Stable)	BB (Positive)
	Uzbekistan	Banking system indicators	May	-	-
15.08.2023	Kazakhstan	Current GDP data	January-July	-	-
		Key industry data	January-July	-	-
		Household income	January-July	-	-
16.08.2023	Belarus	Industrial production	January-July	-	-
	Kazakhstan	Export and import price indices for goods	July	-	-
	Russia	Weekly inflation	-	-	-
		GDP	January-July	2% YoY	2.3% YoY
17.08.2023	Belarus	Key social and economic indicators	January-July	-	-
		Agriculture data	January-July	-	-
		Transportation data	January-July	-	-
		Payment system indicators	July	-	-
18.08.2023	Uzbekistan	Payment system indicators	July	-	-
	Tajikistan	Sovereign rating from S&P	-	B- (Stable)	B- (Stable)
	Belarus	Wholesale and retail trade data	January-July	-	-
		Public catering data	January-July	-	-
20.08.2023	Uzbekistan	International reserves	July	\$33.7 bln	-
		Monetary statistics	January-July	-	-
21.08.2023	Belarus	Fixed investments	January-July	-	-
22.08.2023	Belarus	Construction data	January-July	-	-
	Russia	BRICS summit (day 1)	-	-	-
23.08.2023	Russia	Weekly inflation	-	-	-
		BRICS summit (day 2)	-	-	-
24.08.2023	Uzbekistan	Foreign trade data	January-July	-	-
	Russia	BRICS summit (day 3)	-	-	-
25.08.2023	Kazakhstan	FX sales and purchases	July	-	-
		Loans and deposits data	July	-	-
		Base rate	-	16.75%	16.5%
	Armenia	Sovereign rating from S&P	-	B+ (Positive)	BB- (Stable)
	Russia	Proportion of non-resident investments in OFZ	July	-	-
29.08.2023	Kazakhstan	Services market statistics	January-July	-	-
	Belarus	Population's living standards	January-July	-	-
30.08.2023	Russia	Weekly inflation	-	-	-
31.08.2023	Belarus	Foreign trade balance	January-July	-	-
		Government debt	June	-	-

Source: statistical committees and central banks of the CIS countries, rating agencies, Bloomberg, Gazprombank

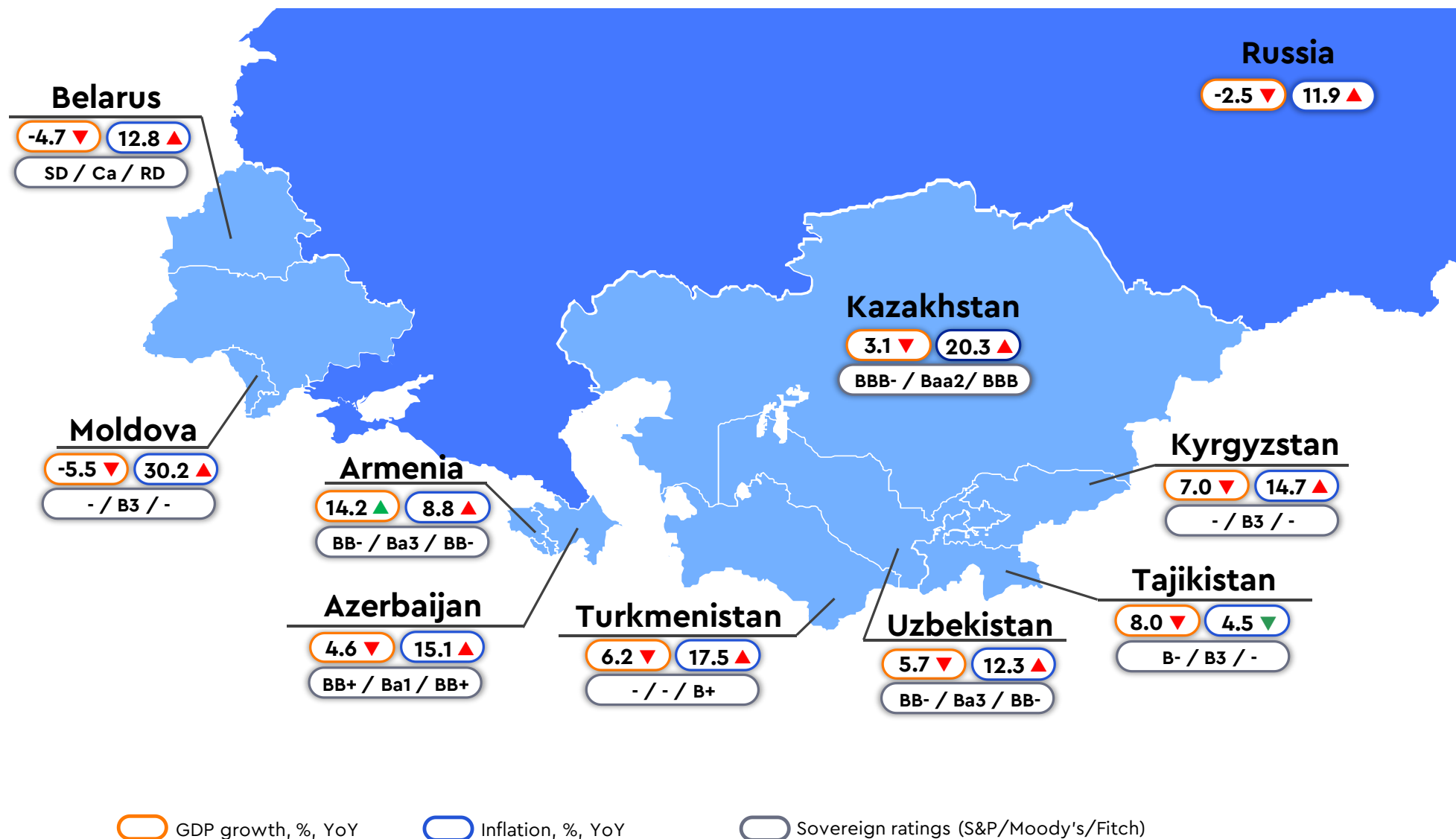
EXTERNAL ECONOMIC EVENTS TO WATCH: AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: Dallas Fed manufacturing index 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: Case-Shiller home price index, JOLTs job openings Germany: consumer confidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: wholesale inventories, ADP employment change, pending home sales EU: economic sentiment Germany: CPI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: initial jobless claims, personal income/spending EU: CPI, unemployment rate China: NBS manufacturing/services PMI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: non-farm payrolls, unemployment rate, ISM manufacturing PMI China: Caixin manufacturing PMI 		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: Labor Day (US markets closed) Germany: trade balance, exports/imports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> China: Caixin services PMI US: factory orders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: trade balance, ISM services PMI, Fed Beige Book Germany: factory orders EU: retail sales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> China: trade balance, exports/imports US: initial jobless claims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> China: CPI, PPI, new yuan loans US: wholesale inventories 		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: consumer inflation expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Germany: ZEW economic sentiment index 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: CPI EU: industrial production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU: ECB meeting US: PPI, retail sales, initial jobless claims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> China: industrial production, retail sales, PBoC 1Y MLF announcement US: Univ. of Michigan consumer sentiment index 		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: NAHB housing market index 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: housing starts, building permits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: FOMC meeting China: 1Y/5Y loan prime rates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: existing home sales, initial jobless claims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US: manufacturing/services PMI EU: manufacturing/services PMI Germany: manufacturing/services PMI 		

• **Holidays**

• **Key events**

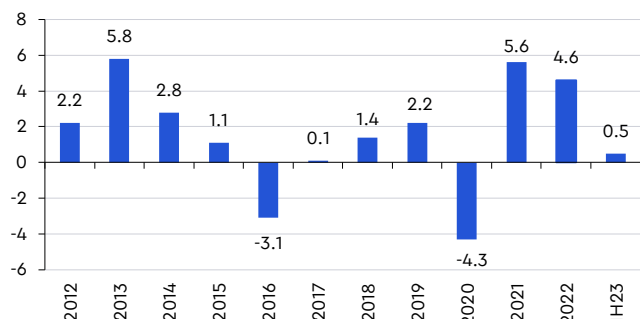
KEY CIS INDICATORS MAP



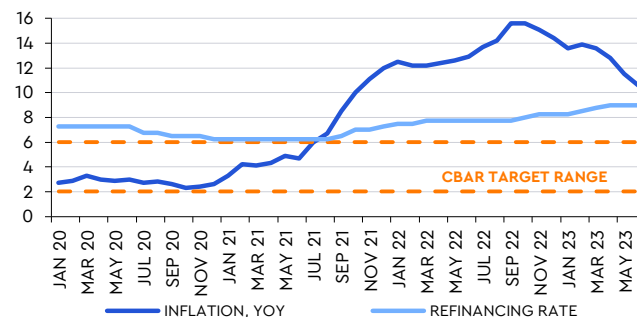
KEY CIS INDICATORS PERFORMANCE

AZERBAIJAN

GDP growth, %

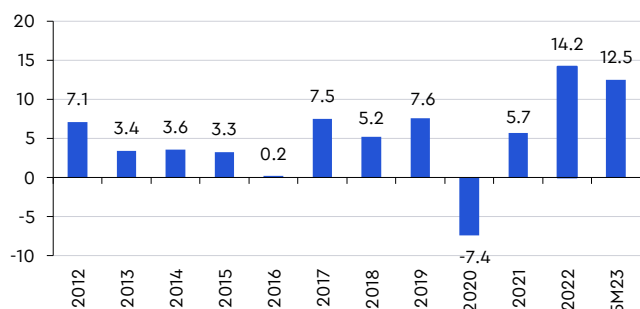


Inflation and refinancing rate, %

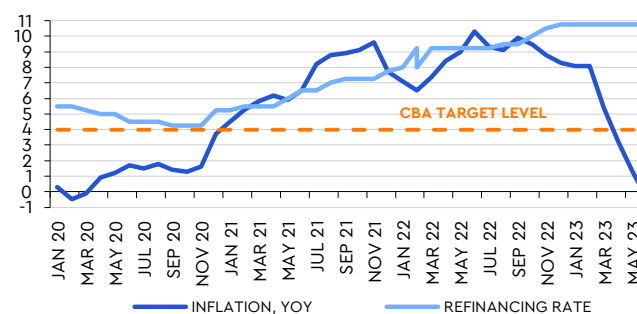


ARMENIA

GDP growth, %

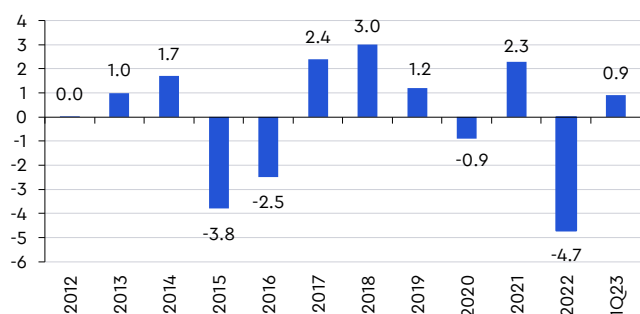


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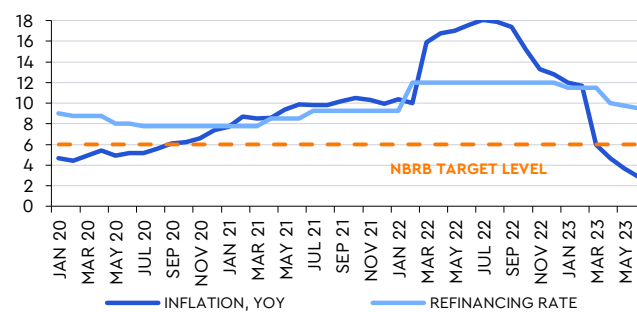


BELARUS

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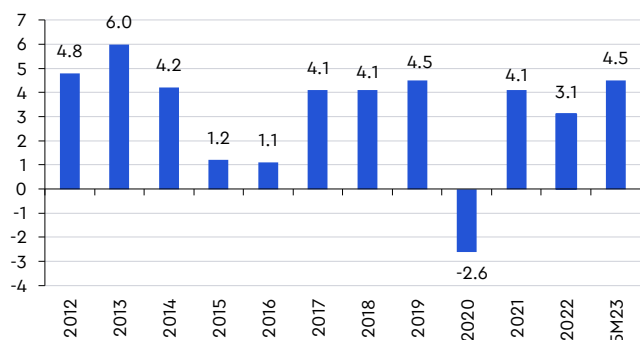


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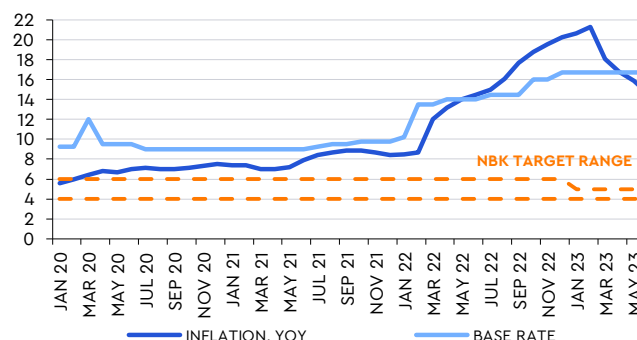


KAZAKHSTAN

GDP growth, %

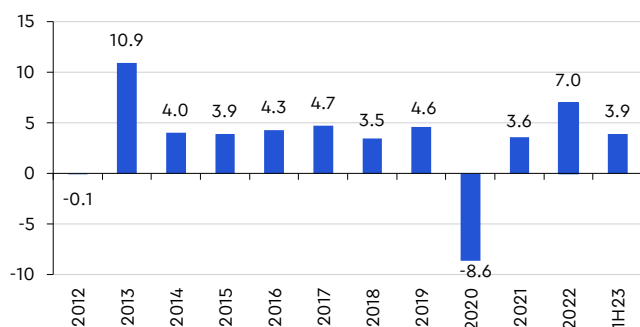


Inflation and base rate, %

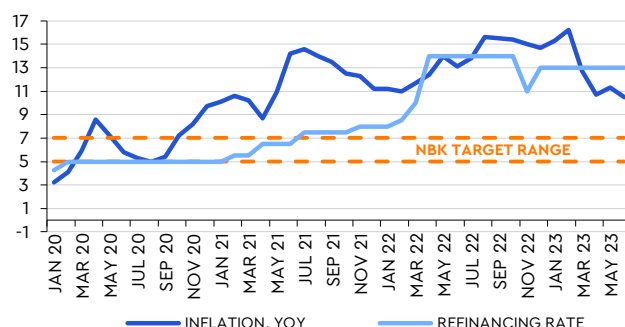


KYRGYZSTAN

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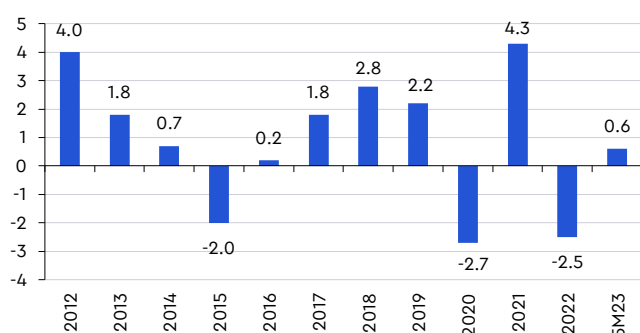


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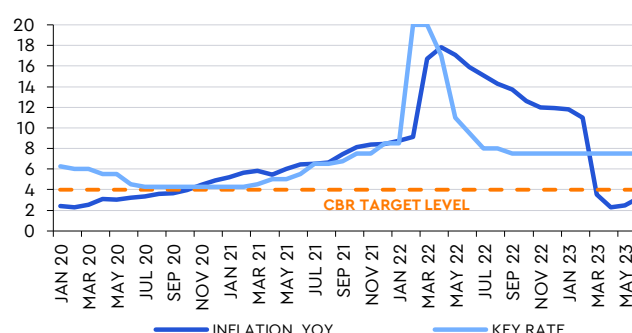


RUSSIA

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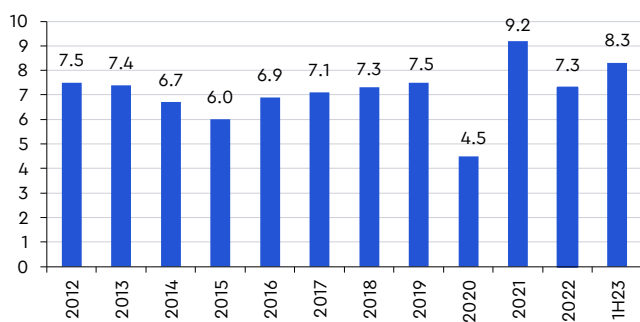


Inflation and key rate, %

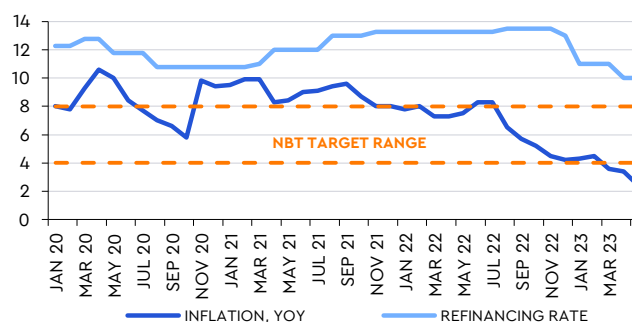


TAJIKISTAN

GDP growth, %

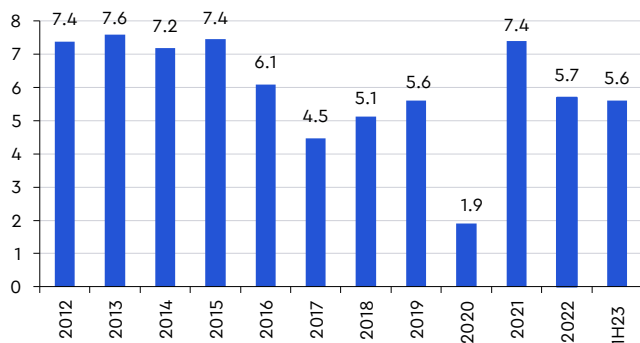


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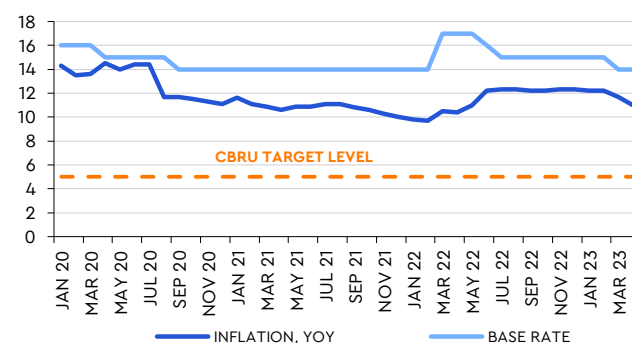


UZBEKISTAN

GDP growth, %



Inflation and base rate, %



Source: statistical committees and central banks of the CIS countries, Gazprombank estimates

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