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Main indicators	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
GDP (billions USD)	2,679.01	2,178.86e	2,258.57e	2,395.48e	2,497.55e
GDP (constant prices, annual % change)	-0.1	-4.9e	1.7e	2.0e	2.3e
GDP per capita (USD)	43,651.55e	35,257.45e	36,298.39e	38,239.51e	39,602.74e
General government balance (in % of GDP)	-5.6	-8.3e	-7.9e	-6.2e	-4.8e
Inflation rate (%)	3.6	2.1e	3.1e	2.5e	1.7e
Current Account (billions USD)	-40.73	-28.84e	-36.97e	-37.11e	-39.22e
Current Account (in % of GDP)	-1.5	-1.3e	-1.7e	-1.6e	-1.6e

Source:

Note: (e) Estimated data

Breakdown of economic activity by sector	Agriculture	Industry	Services
Value added (annual % change)	-5.0	-10.2	-3.1
Value added (in % of GDP)	0.7	21.0	78.2
Employment by sector (in % of total employment)	1.4	21.4	76.9

Source: - last available data.

Monetary indicators	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Average annual exchange rate for 1 USD	0.55	0.54	0.50	0.54	0.64

Source:



Foreign trade in figures

Foreign trade indicators	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Imports of goods (millions USD)	513,673	601,424	622,900	632,983	481,707
Exports of goods (millions USD)	384,477	448,653	439,109	459,685	352,491
Imports of services (millions USD)	158,325	170,273	195,402	196,896	160,873
Exports of services (millions USD)	204,062	233,615	280,565	285,123	233,316
Imports of goods and services (annual % change)	7.1	9.1	-0.8	-1.2	-12.3
Exports of goods and services (annual % change)	8.2	10.7	-5.3	-	-
Imports of goods and services (in % of GDP)	29.8	31.6	29.8	31.8	30.0
Exports of goods and services (in % of GDP)	26.4	28.5	26.7	29.2	27.7
Trade Balance (millions USD)	-124,726	-140,658	-179,740	-173,457	-128,539
Current Account (millions USD)	-59,406	-81,958	-71,079	-41,159	-27,061
Foreign trade (in % of GDP)	56.2	60.2	56.5	61.0	57.7

Source:

Main partner countries

Main customers (% of exports)	2009	Main suppliers (% of imports)	2009
United States	14.9%	Germany	13.0%
Germany	11.0%	United States	9.6%
France	8.0%	China	9.0%
Netherlands	7.8%	Netherlands	7.0%
Ireland	6.9%	France	6.9%
See more countries	51.4%	See more countries	54.6%

Source: Comtrade

Main products

Main exports (% of exports)	2009	Main imports (% of imports)	2009
Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed...	7.4%	Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally...	5.4%
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous...	5.6%	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous...	4.7%
Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally...	5.3%	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed...	3.1%
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous...	4.4%	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous...	2.9%
Turbo-jets, turbo-propellers and other gas...	4.2%	Automatic data processing machines and units...	2.5%
See more products	73.1%	See more products	81.4%

Source: Comtrade

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