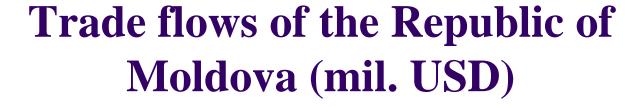


DCFTA negotiations and progresses

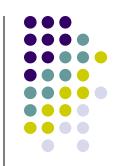
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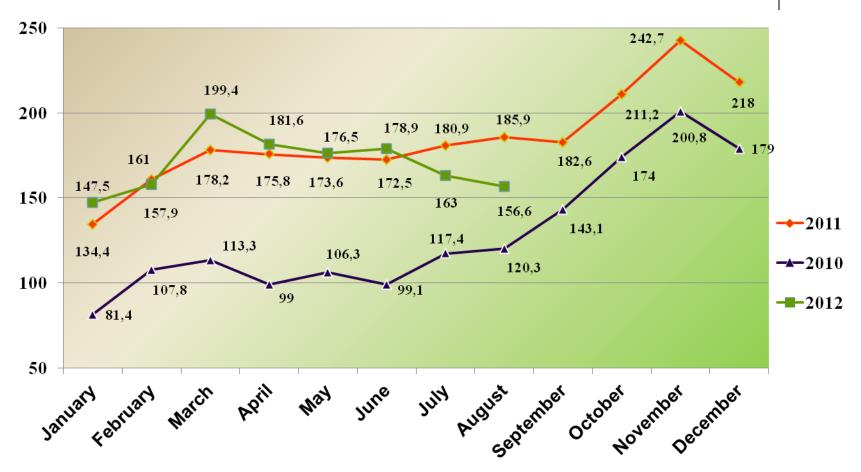






Monthly evolution of exports in 2010, 2011 and 8 months 2012 (mil. USD)



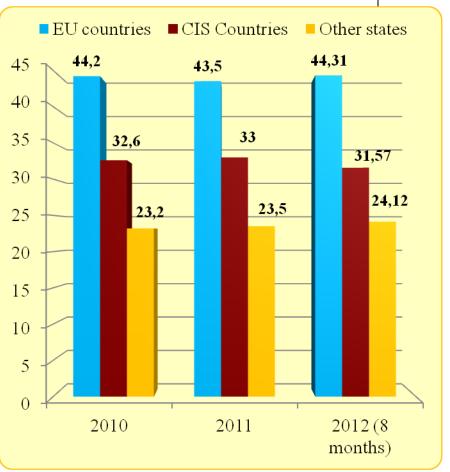


Export of goods by groups of countries (% of total export)

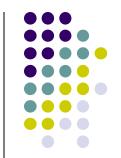
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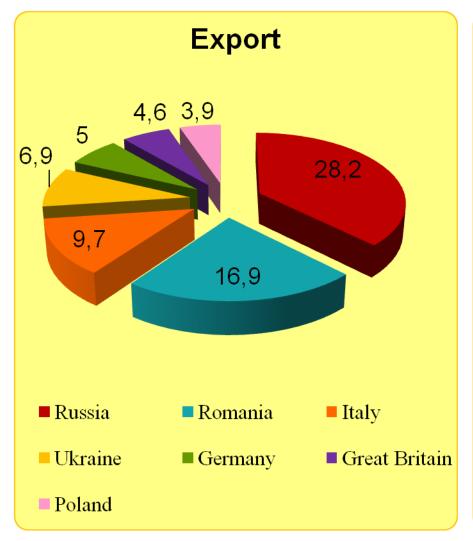


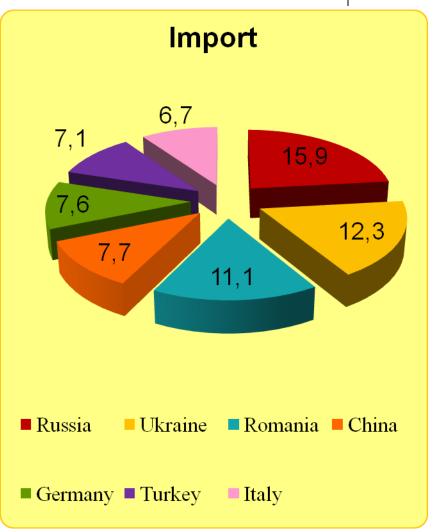




Main trading partners of the Republic of Moldova in 2011 (% of total export/import)

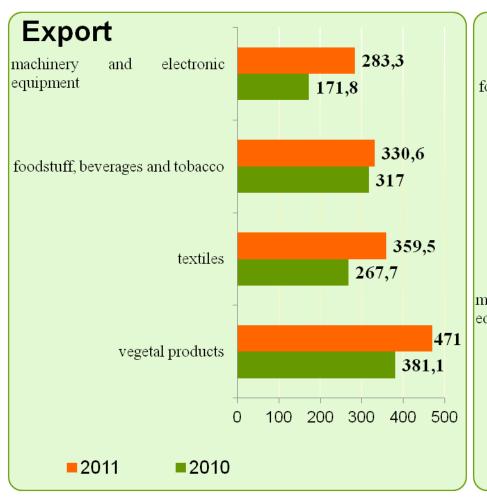


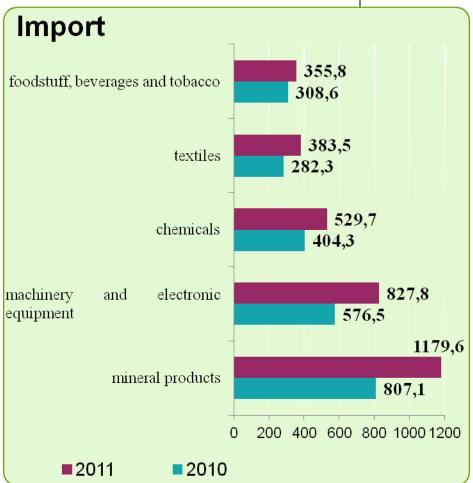




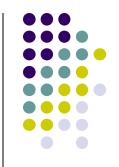
Trade flows divided by groups of products (mil. USD)





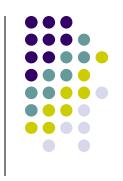


Preparatory process and launching the DCFTA negotiations



- In early 2010, the EC submitted a Questionnaire related to the future launch of the DCFTA negotiations, in this regard Ministry of Economy along with the relevant institutions filled in the document and presented to the EC;
- On May 31-June 2, 2010, an evaluation mission of EC on DCFTA took place in Chisinau. The main goal of the mission was to evaulate the institutional and legal capacities of negotiations and implementing of the DCFTA on following areas:SPS,TBT,IPRS,Customs and RoO) here included the elaboration of the preparatory recommendations for negotiations process;
- On October 26, 2010 EC submitted to the RM the official Key Recommendations;
- On June, 20 2011, Republic of Moldova received the mandate for launching negotiations.

State of play in the EU-Moldova DCFTA negotiations



- So far, 3 rounds of negotiations on DCFTA took place between EU and RM:
- Ist official round 19-23 March, 2012 in Chisinau
- IInd round 11-15 June,2012 in Brussels
- IIId round 11-14 September 2012 in Chisinau





The IVth round of DCFTA negotiations will take place on 19-23 November, 2012 in Brussels.

The discussions will be focused on following:

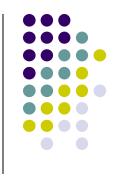
- Closing the discussions on the legal texts;
- Analyzing the reviewed tariff offers;
- Examining the preliminary offer on services and launching the negotiations;

Completion of DCFTA negotiations is planned for the end of 2013.

Main progresses in DCFTA

- <u>SPS:</u> approval of the Law regarding the creation of Food Safety Agency (Law no.1113 from 18 May,2012). The Law will entry into force beginning with 13 January 2013. The Food Safety Strategy 2011-2015 has been approved by the Government Commission for European Integration on June 27,2012;
- <u>Energy sector:</u> Moldova joint to the European Energy Community in 2010: legal and institutional reforms been implemented.
- <u>Competition:</u> approval of the Law on Competition No.183 has been approved on July 11, 2012. The Law on State Aid No. 139 has been approved on June 15, 2012;
- MSTQ: Appear new legal framework. the Law on Standardization, metrology and accreditation have been amended;
- <u>Services and Investment:</u> approval of the Law no.33 from March, 6 2012 for amending and supplementing certain acts which include amendments to the Law no.548-XIII from July 21, 1995 on the National Bank of Moldova (53 acts);
- <u>Geographical Indications:</u> On June 26,2012 in Brussels, the GI Agreement has been signed and afterwards approved by the European Parliament. At the present, the agreement is in the process of ratification. Also, the Action Plan regarding the implementation of the above mentioned document is on the final stage.

Market acces on goods



- DCFTA will cover all industrial and agricultural products, no exemptions;
- Full liberalization of trade with industrial products, except few of them were will be transitional period;
- Agricultural sector:
 - EU side ATP +;
 - Moldova's side:
 - Most sensitive products TRQs
 - Less sensitive transitional periods up to 10 years
 - No sensitivity full liberalization on the date of entry into force.

PS: Provisions on Special Safeguard measures and defense measures.