



Kyrgyz Republic's WTO accession experience

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Kyrgyz Republic is situated in the North-East of Central Asia



Kyrgyz Republic

Total area - 200 thousand square kilometers

Population - 5,134 million

National currency - Som

GDP per capita in 2009 – USD 888.00

The process of Kyrgyzstan's accession to the WTO

- Initial application – February 13 1996
- Working Party established – April 16 1996
- Submission of the Memorandum to the WTO – July 24 1996
- 1 meeting of the Working Party – March 10-11 1997
- 2 meeting of the Working Party – July 18 1997
- 3 meeting of the Working Party – February 5 1998
- 4 meeting of the Working Party – May 6 1998
- 5 meeting of the Working Party – June 23 1998
- 6 meeting of the Working Party – July 17 1998
- Bilateral negotiations – March 1997 – May 1998

The process of Kyrgyzstan's accession to the WTO (continued)

- Adoption of the Working Party report – July 17 1998
- Signing of the Protocol of accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization – October 14 1998
- Entry into force of the Protocol of accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization – December 20 1998

Analysis of the WTO accession

The process of accession:

- Took 3 years;
- Harmonization of the trade regime with the WTO rules;
- Bilateral negotiations – the basis for undertaking commitments;
- Negotiations with: USA, EU, Japan, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Cuba, Turkey, Mexico, Australia
- Demands of the WTO member countries to join optional WTO agreements and undertake commitments equal to those of developed countries.

Kyrgyzstan in the WTO: 12 years

- Expanded trade geography due to the Kyrgyz export enjoying MFN treatment in all WTO member countries, the number of partner countries increased from 98 in 1998 to 121 in 2009, foreign trade grew by more than 4 times.
- After customs clearance in the importing WTO member country Kyrgyz goods are subject to the national treatment.
- WTO member countries account for 49.3% of Kyrgyz Republic's foreign trade, including 42% for exports and 41.9% for imports (2009)
- Compared to 1998 the volume of foreign direct investments grew by 4.8 times by 2009
- The legislation is systematically harmonized with the international norms
- Revenues from customs duties grew by 6.5 times over the last 12 years
- Negotiations with 14 candidate countries were held
- In 2006 a trade policy review for the Kyrgyz Republic was undertaken

Bilateral WTO negotiations

Bilateral negotiations on WTO accession were held with 14 countries

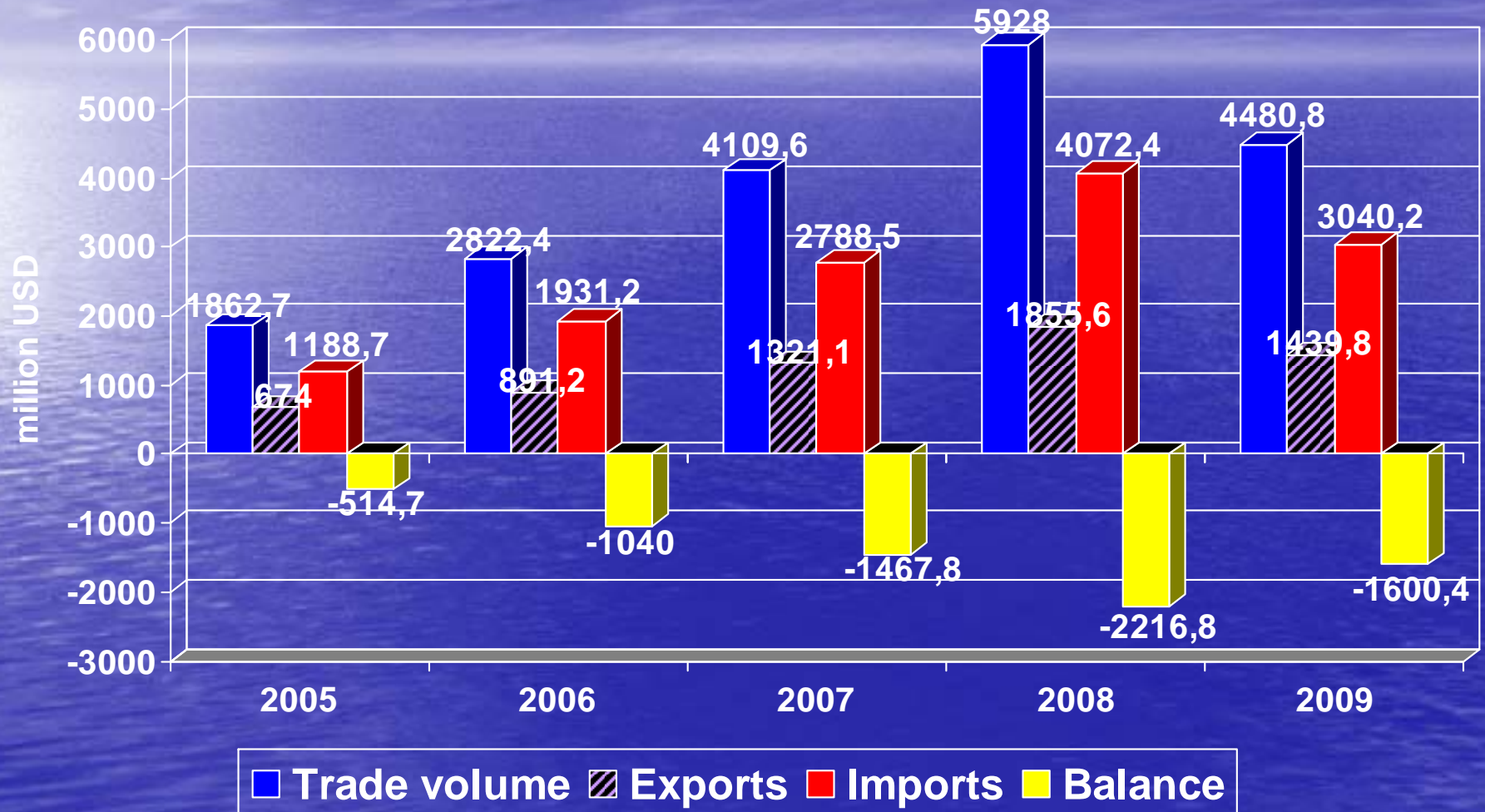
- Georgia
 - Moldova
 - Estonia
 - Croatia
 - Albania
 - Oman
 - Jordan
 - China
 - Lithuania
 - Russia and Kazakhstan – 2003
 - Saudi Arabia - 2004
 - Belarus - 2006
 - Ukraine – 2007
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- 1999 -2001

Kyrgyzstan's Foreign Trade Links

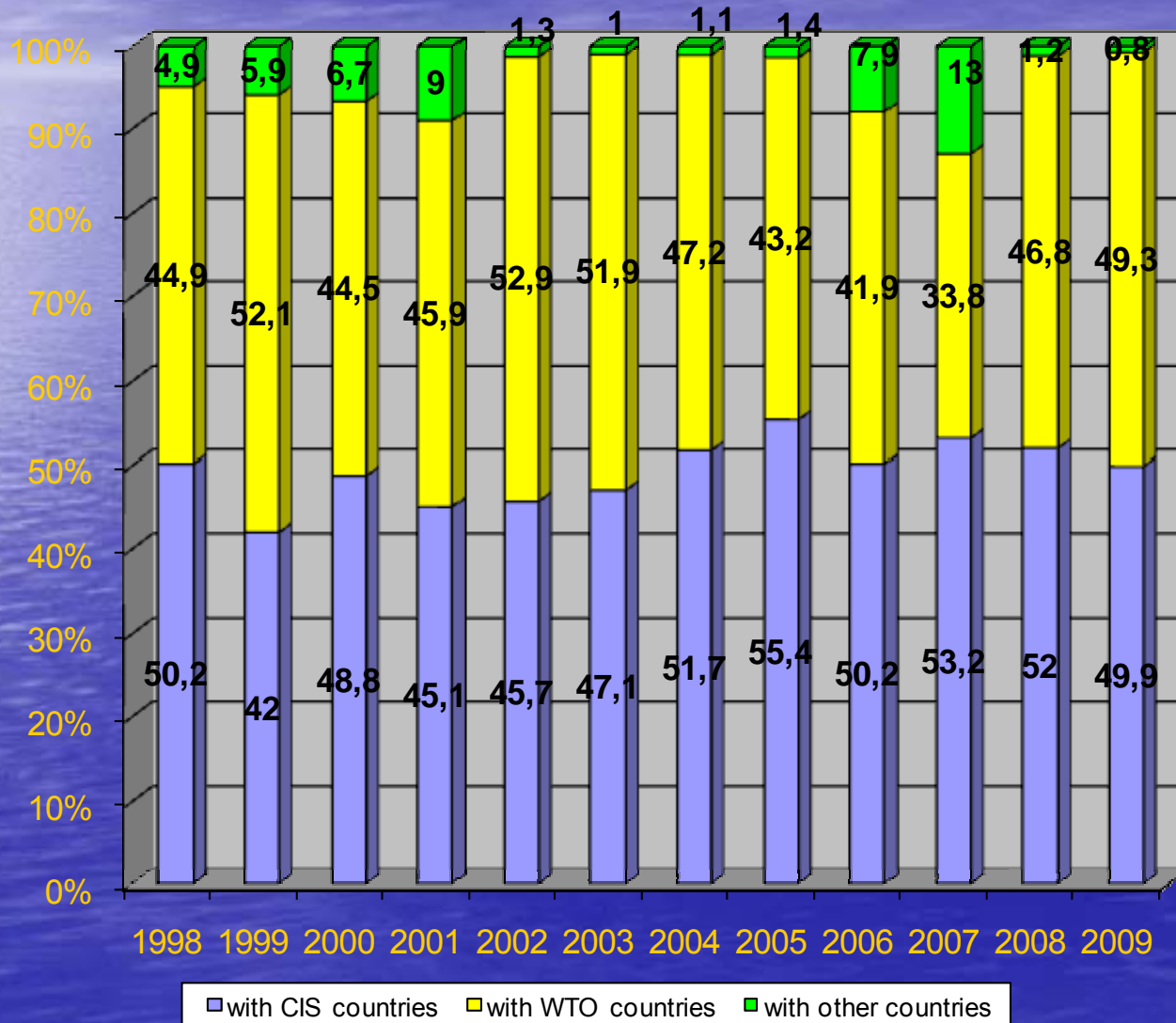


Trade balance behavior

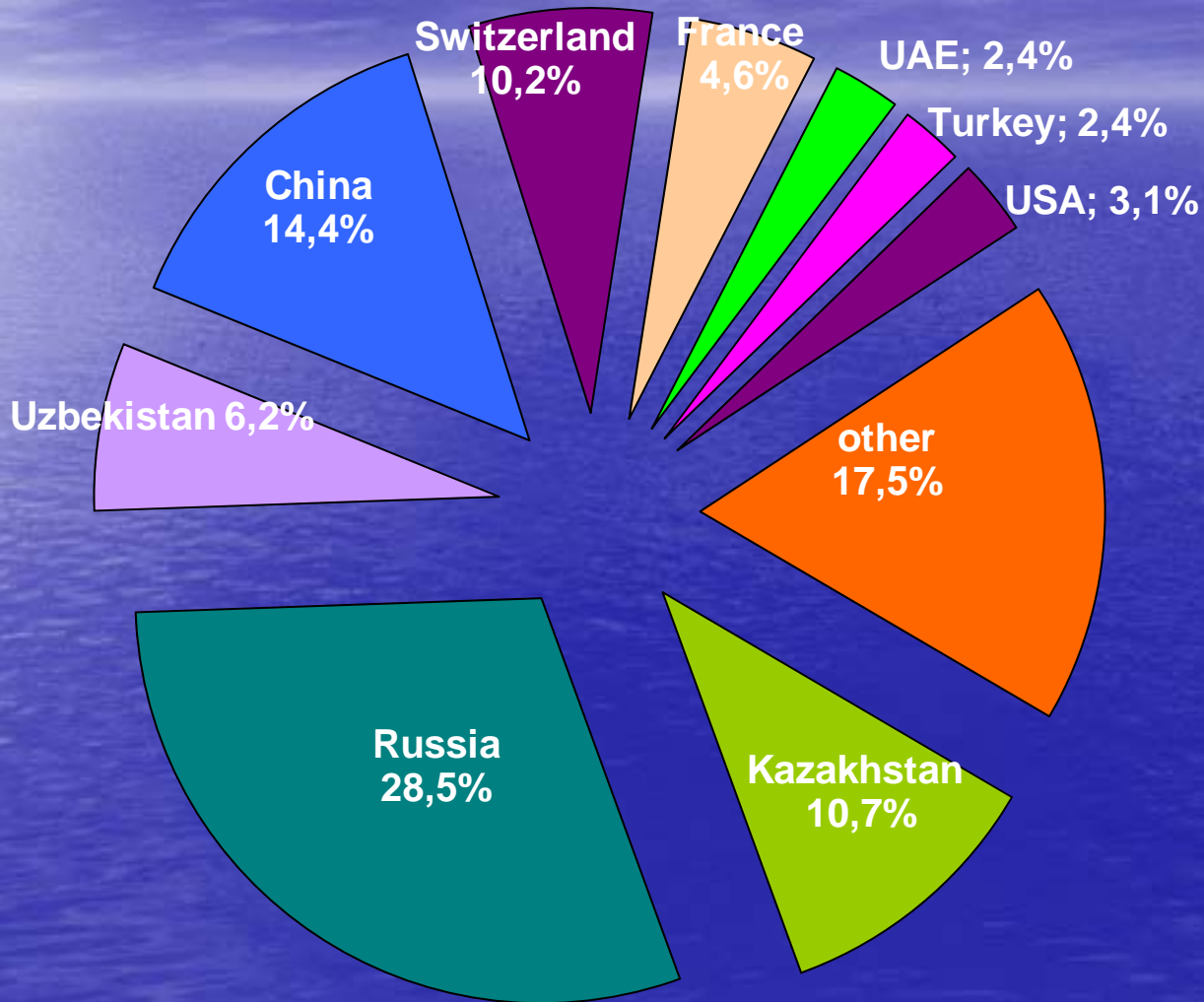
(in million USD)



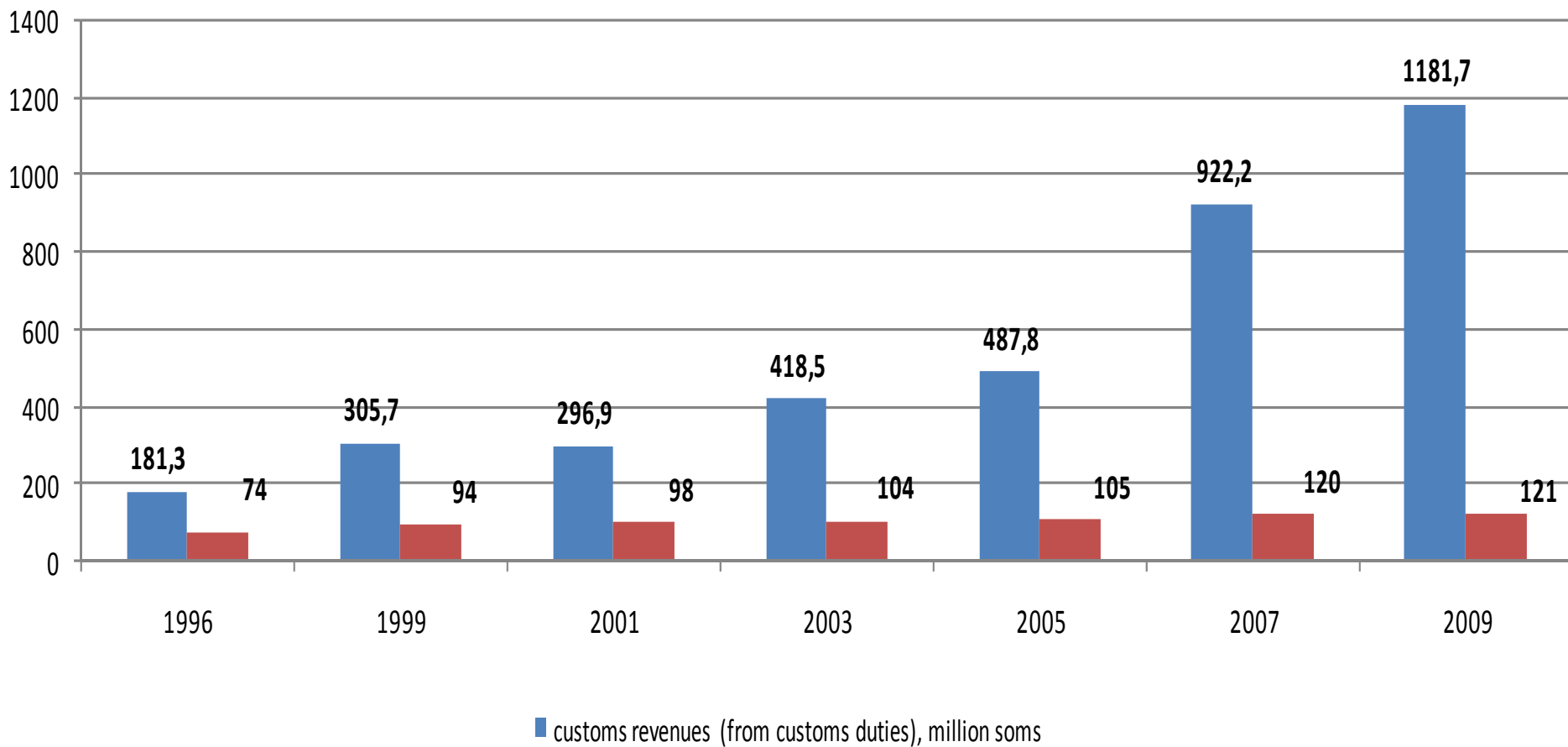
Kyrgyz Republic's foreign trade 1998-2009.



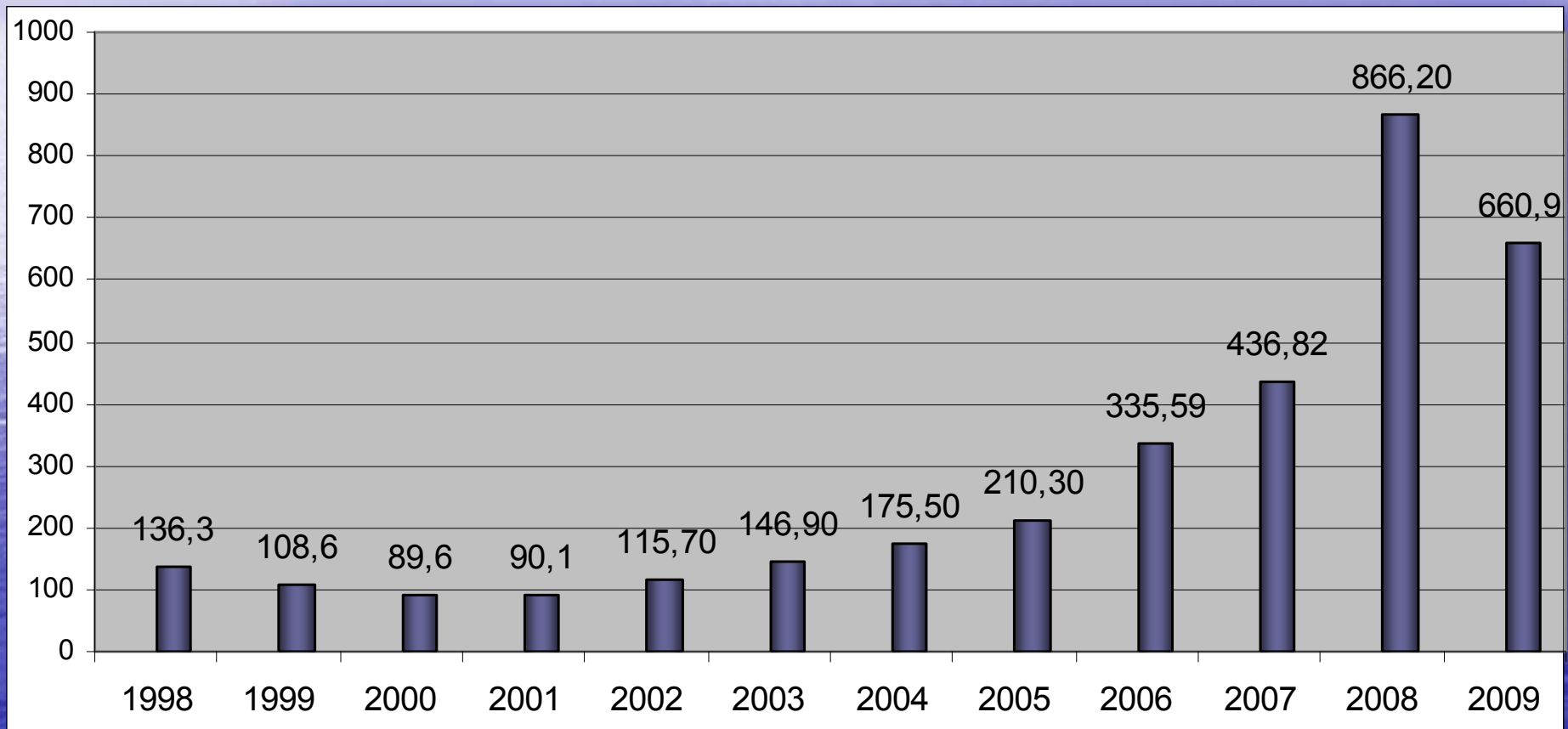
Main partner countries



Customs revenues dynamics and the number of Kyrgyz Republic's partner countries



Foreign direct investments in the Kyrgyz Republic (million USD)



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