

Migrations in the CIS Region: Common Problems and Mutual Benefits

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CIS: Eurasian migration system

- **Historical ties**
- **Geographical proximity, “transparent” borders**
- **Common transport infrastructure**
- **Psychological easiness to move**
- **Demographic complementarity**
- **Mutual interest towards common labor market**
- **Regional cooperation aimed at coordinated migration management**
- **Large-scale irregular migration**

CIS: Recent trends in migration flows

Decreasing:

Migration for permanent residence

Refugees

Commercial circular migration

Transit migration

Increasing:

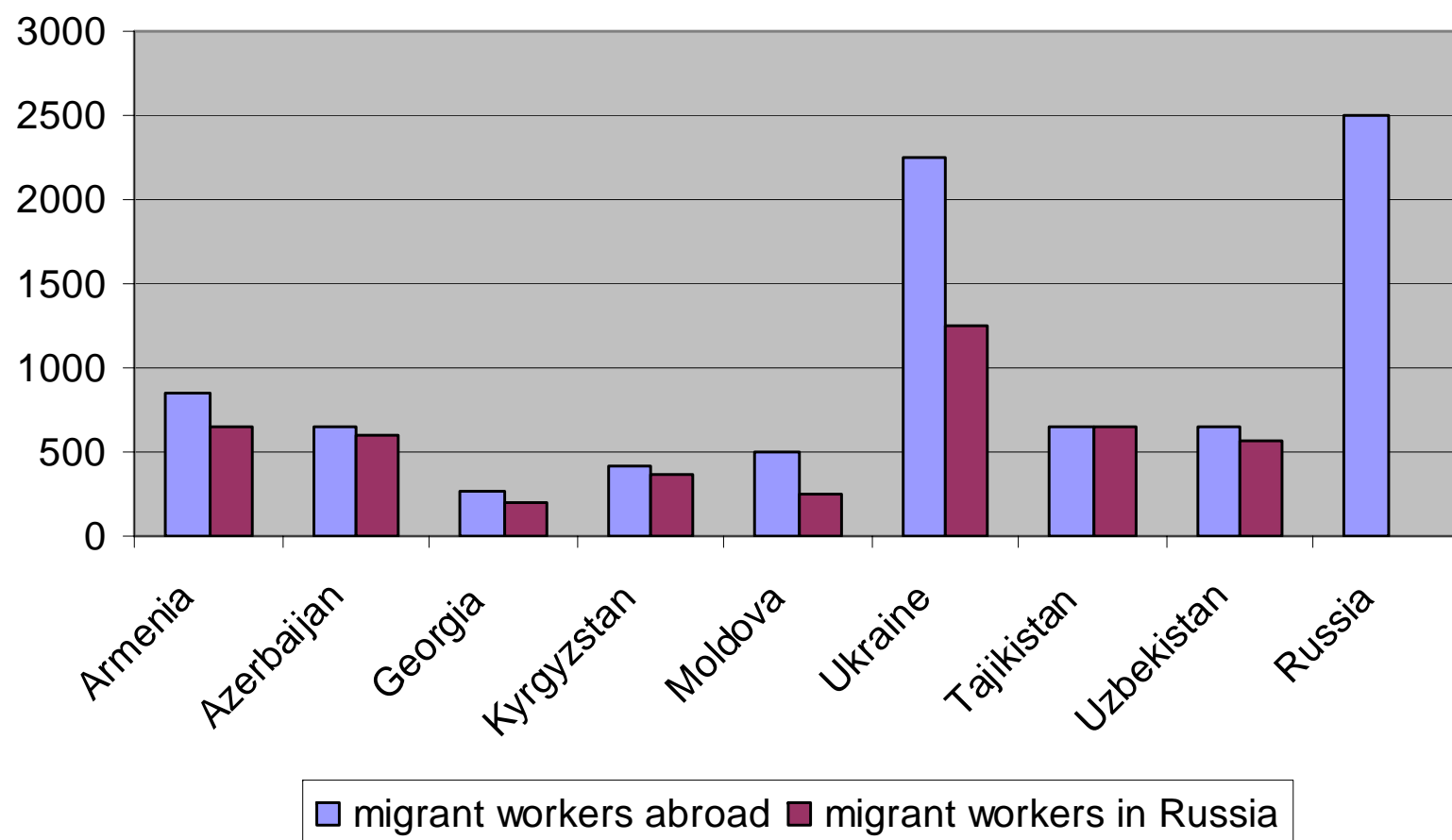
Labor migration

regular

irregular

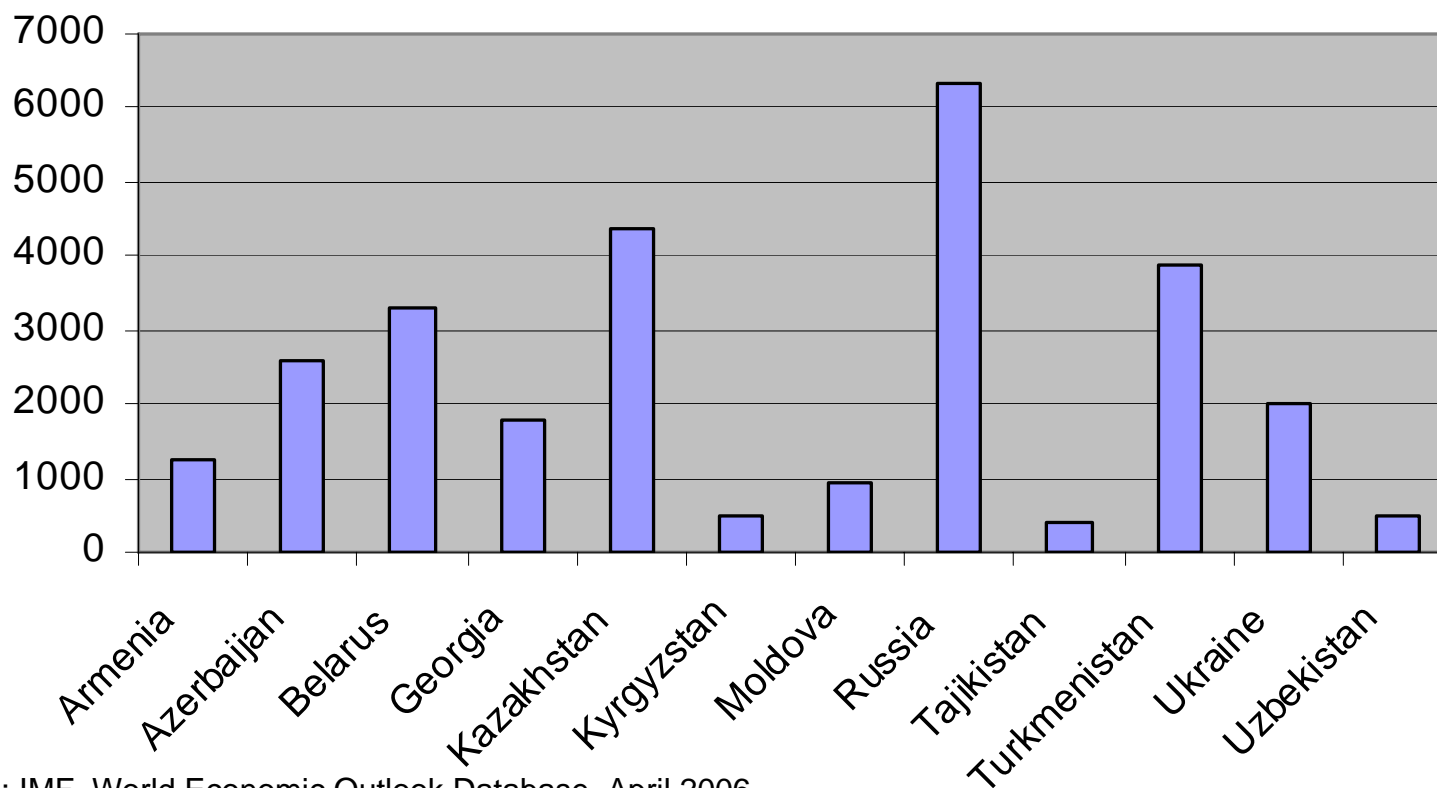
Student migration

CIS: Migrant workers abroad estimates (thousands), early 2000s



CIS: Economic background of migration (1)

GDP per capita, US \$

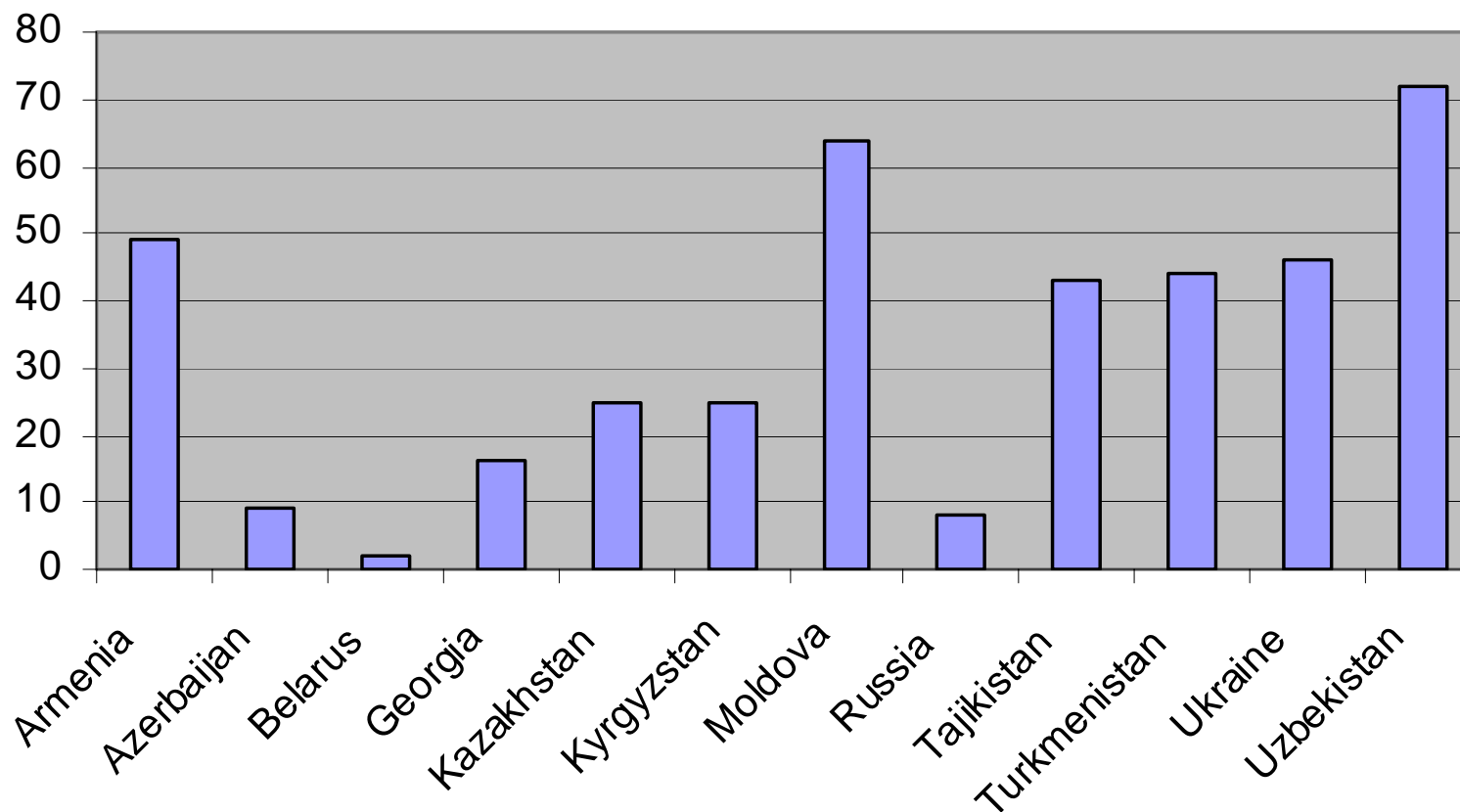


Source: IMF. World Economic Outlook Database. April 2006

CIS: Economic background of migration (2)

Poverty rate

Percentage of population living on less than 2 US \$ per day



Source: UN. Population Reference Bureau. World Population Data Sheet. 2005

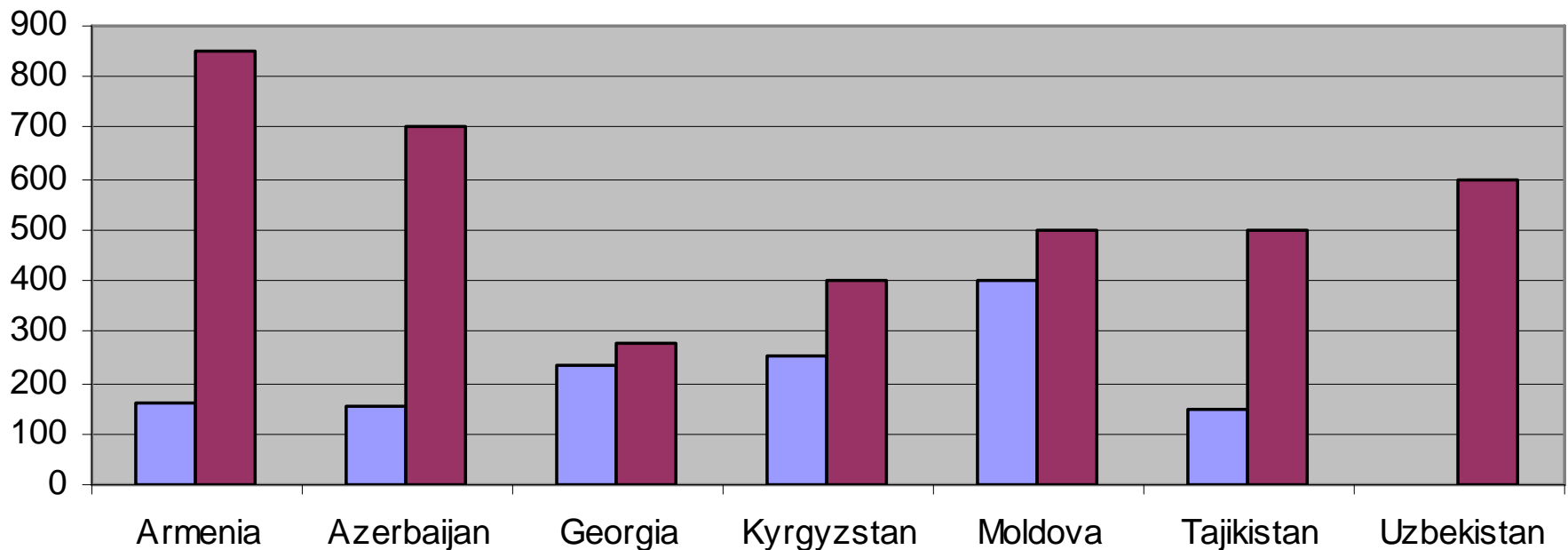


CIS: Why irregular migration?

- **Gaps in economic, migration, labor, and criminal codes.**
- **Narrow channels for legal labor migration.**
- **High demand for cheap informal labor of illegal migrants.**
- **Insufficient official migration infrastructure vs. wide-spread and well-organized human trafficking business.**
- **Tolerance of a society towards forced labor, exploitation and violation of human rights.**

CIS: Migrant remittances (1)

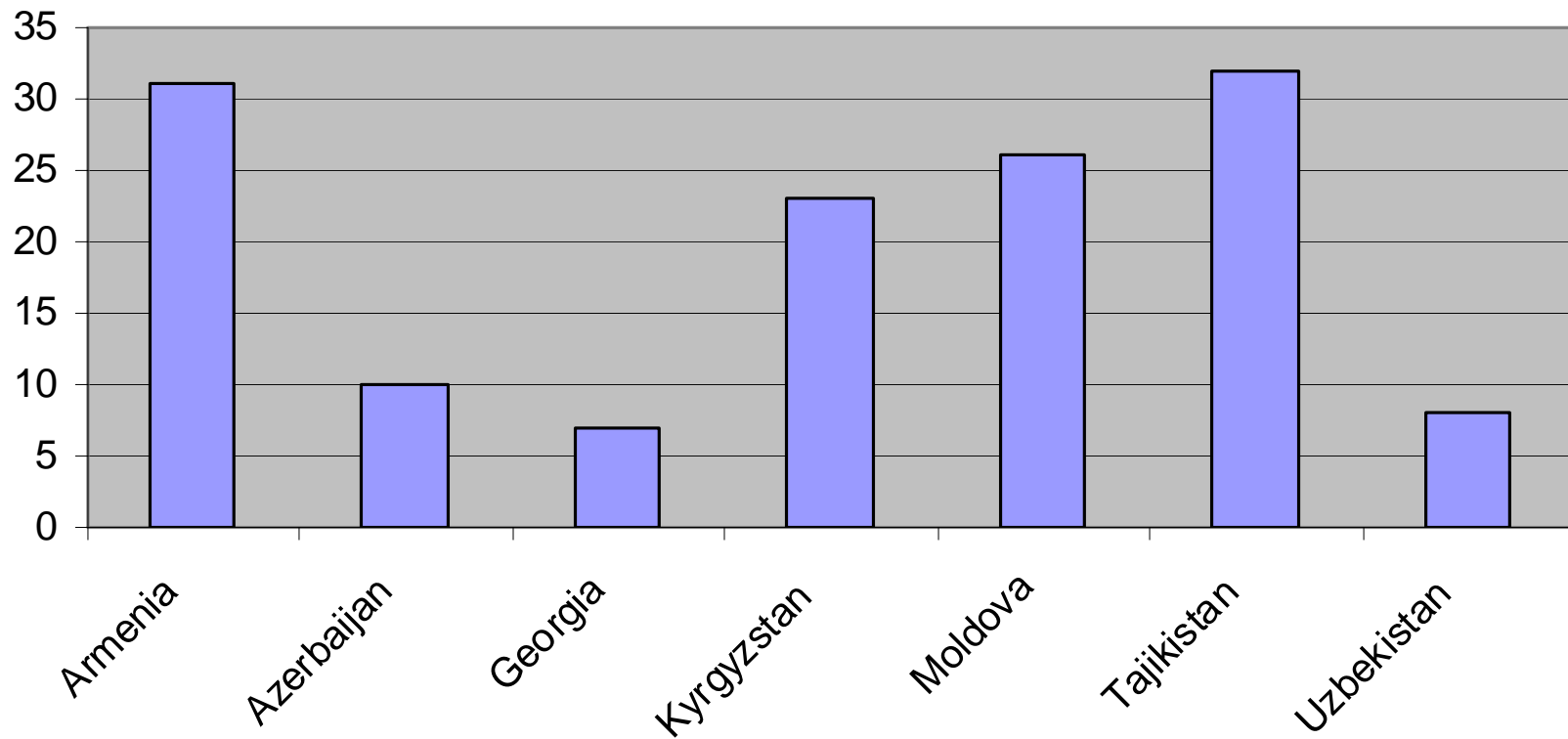
Inflow, million US \$



■ migrant remittances BOP, 2003 ■ migrant remittances estimates

CIS: Migrant remittances (2)

Share of GDP





Case of Kyrgyzstan: Economic effect of migrants' investments



Money earned in Russia by migrants...



... and invested in small-scale business
in Kyrgyzstan (111 companies)...



... created 3 700 workplaces for Kyrgyz
citizens