

ECASTAT Project: Using household surveys for measuring migration and remittances

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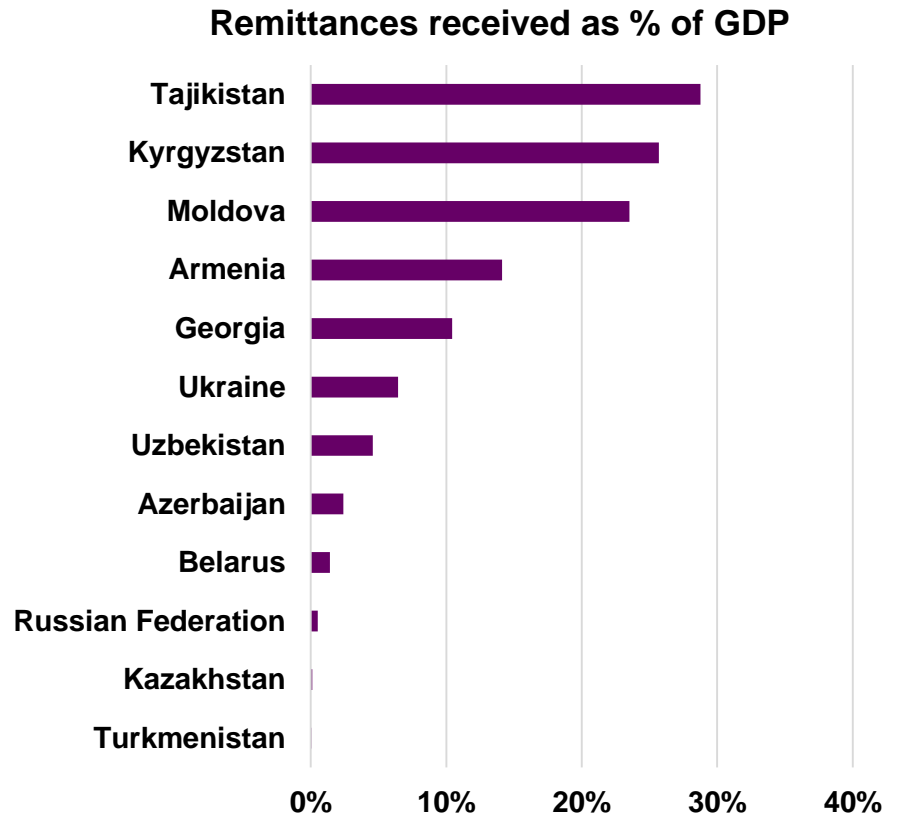


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- Funded from the contribution of Russian Federation to ECASTAT – Multi-Donor Trust Fund to Support Statistical Capacity Building in Eastern Europe and CIS Countries
- **Module 4 of ECASTAT Project for 2017-2020:** Enhancing Coherence and Integration of Economic and Social Statistics in Support of the Implementation of 2008 SNA
- **Expected accomplishments**
 - Improved capacity to measure informal activities.
 - Improved methodology and tools for harmonised data collection on international migration and remittances through household surveys in EECCA countries.
 - Improved statistics on international migration and remittances, particularly in the countries that implement the survey module.



- **Importance of reliable and disaggregated statistics on migration and remittances**
- **Limitations of data from the balance of payments:**
 - total figures by country and time period
 - do not include the remittances transferred through informal channels or in-kind
 - cannot be disaggregated by characteristics of remitters and recipients



Source: World Bank 2016



Earlier Work on Measuring Remittances

2009-2013: Suitland Group

- A pilot study of a survey module on migration and remittances in Armenia

2012: Workshop on Migration Statistics in Geneva

2013: Workshop on Migration Statistics in Almaty

2015: Inventory of sample surveys and studies

- Relevant for migration for Handbook on Use of Administrative Sources and Sample Surveys to Measure International Migration in CIS Countries



Current status

Many countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia have conducted specialized ad-hoc surveys on migration and remittances or include such module in their household surveys

However:

- Specialized surveys are costly and cannot be conducted regularly
- Even if data is collected in regular surveys, the scope and definitions vary

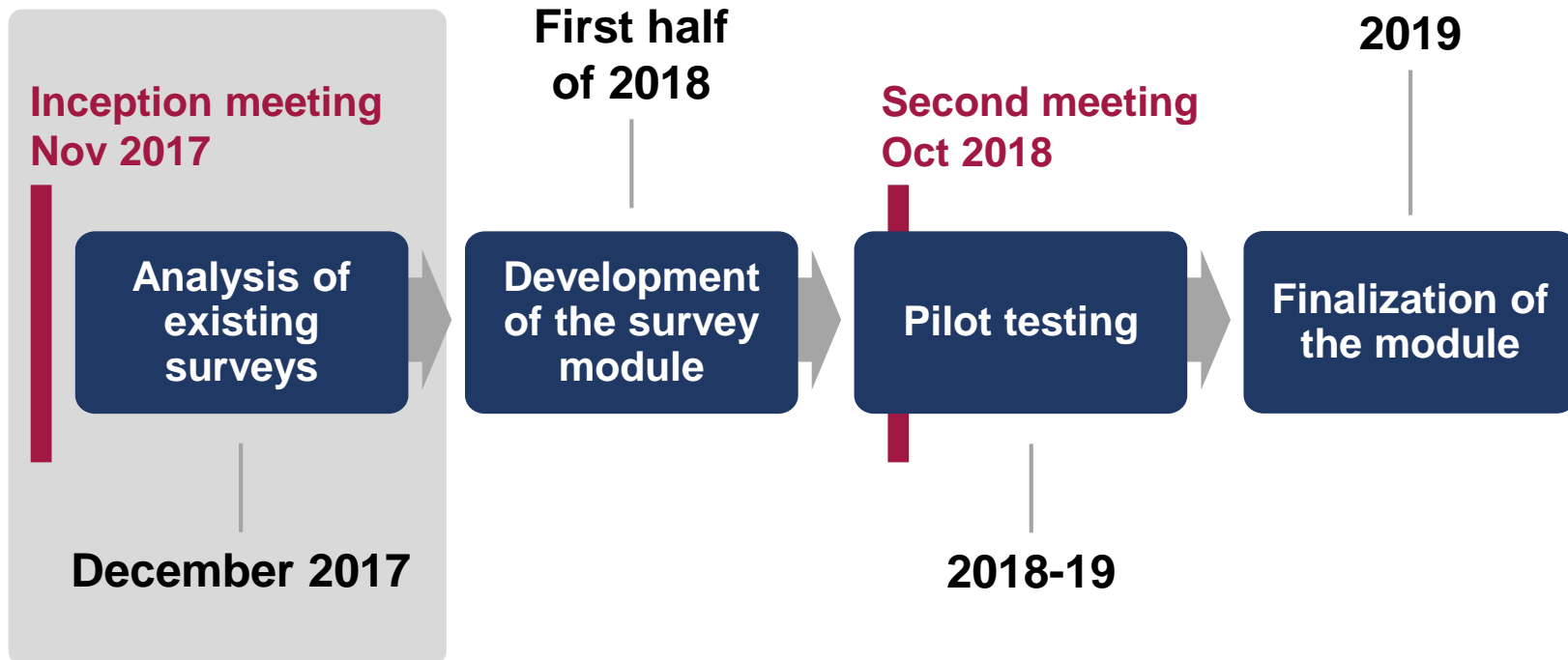
As a result:

- There is a lot of experience in the region, but regularly produced, comparable data is in many cases still unavailable

A harmonized survey module on migration and remittances is needed.



Scope and timeline





Inception meeting

Workshop on Migration Statistics 2017



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- **Taking stock of existing research, country experience and past initiatives** in this area based on presentations, discussions and information collected through pre-circulated questionnaires
- **Group discussions** on various aspects of developing a standard survey module
- Collection of **inputs to developing a standardized survey module** to be used in future or existing household surveys in EECCA region and beyond, for measuring migration processes and their impact on individuals and households



Analysis of existing surveys

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- **Analysis of migration and remittances surveys conducted in EECCA countries over the last ten years:**
 - Scope and formulation of relevant questions
 - Differences in concepts and definitions
 - Sampling methodology and periodicity of past surveys
 - Suitability of existing or planned surveys as a vehicle for a standardized survey module on migration and remittances
- **Will feed into the development of the harmonized module**

Thank you for your attention!

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