

Measuring migration and remittances in household surveys

Summary of questionnaires

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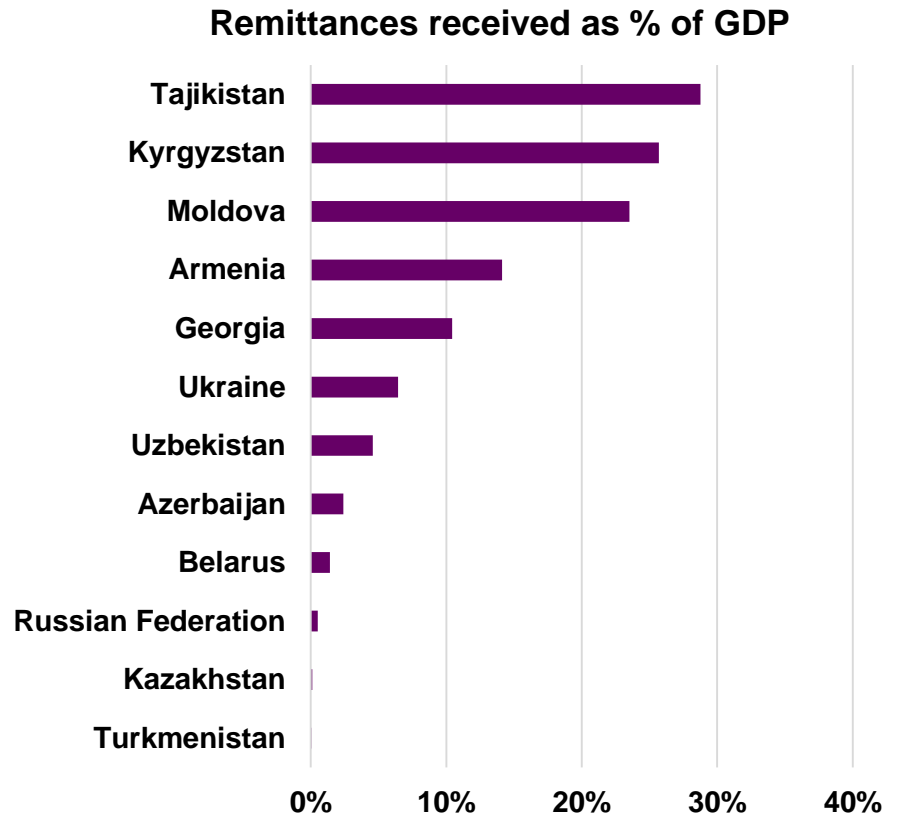


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- Funded from the contribution of Russian Federation to ECASTAT – Multi-Donor Trust Fund to Support Statistical Capacity Building in Eastern Europe and CIS Countries
- **Module 4 of ECASTAT Project for 2017-2020:** Enhancing Coherence and Integration 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



Overview of current status



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+ Differences in content and definitions

Many surveys have been conducted and there is a lot of experience in the region but there are still no regularly produced comparable data



Handbook recommendations

Handbook recommendations on the use of sample surveys to measure international migration

- **Adapt existing surveys** to include basic questions on migration
- **Increase frequency** of data collection in a sustainable way
- Increase **harmonization and comparability** throughout CIS countries

Standardized survey module on migration and remittances



Regular household surveys

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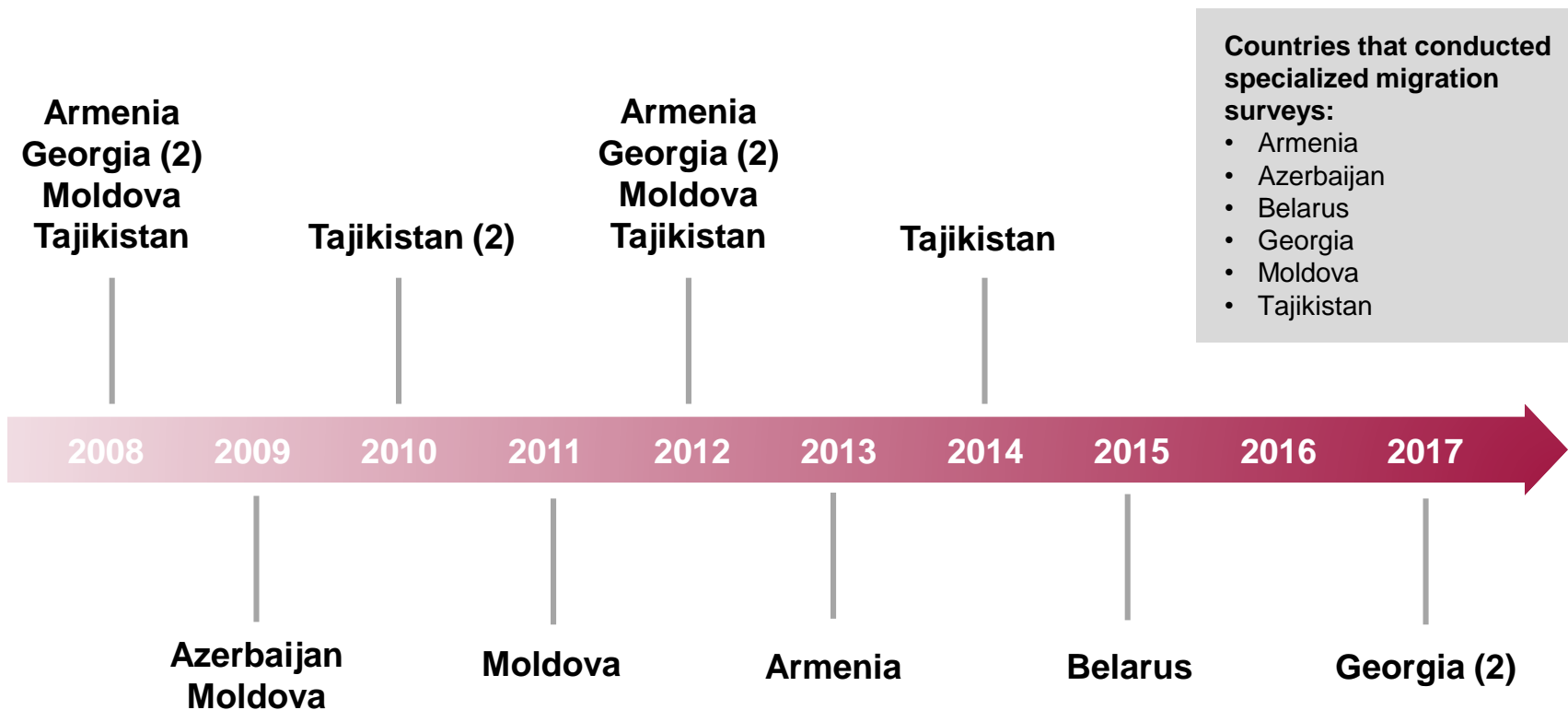
Which surveys collected data on remittances?

Household Budget Survey	Labour Force Survey	Integrated Living Conditions Survey	Country specific survey
Azerbaijan Belarus Georgia Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Moldova Ukraine	Kazakhstan Moldova Ukraine	Armenia	Russian Federation
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Specialized migration surveys Distribution in time

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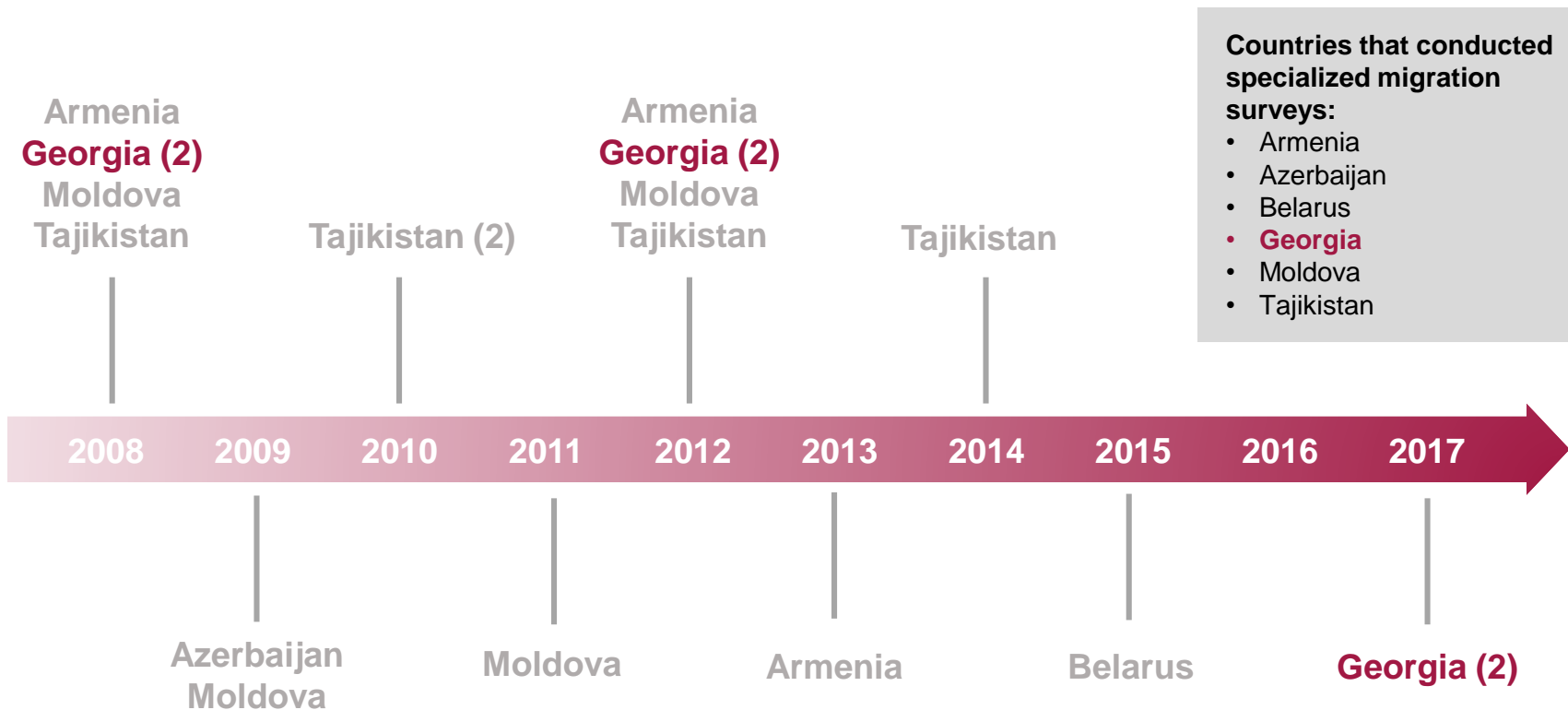


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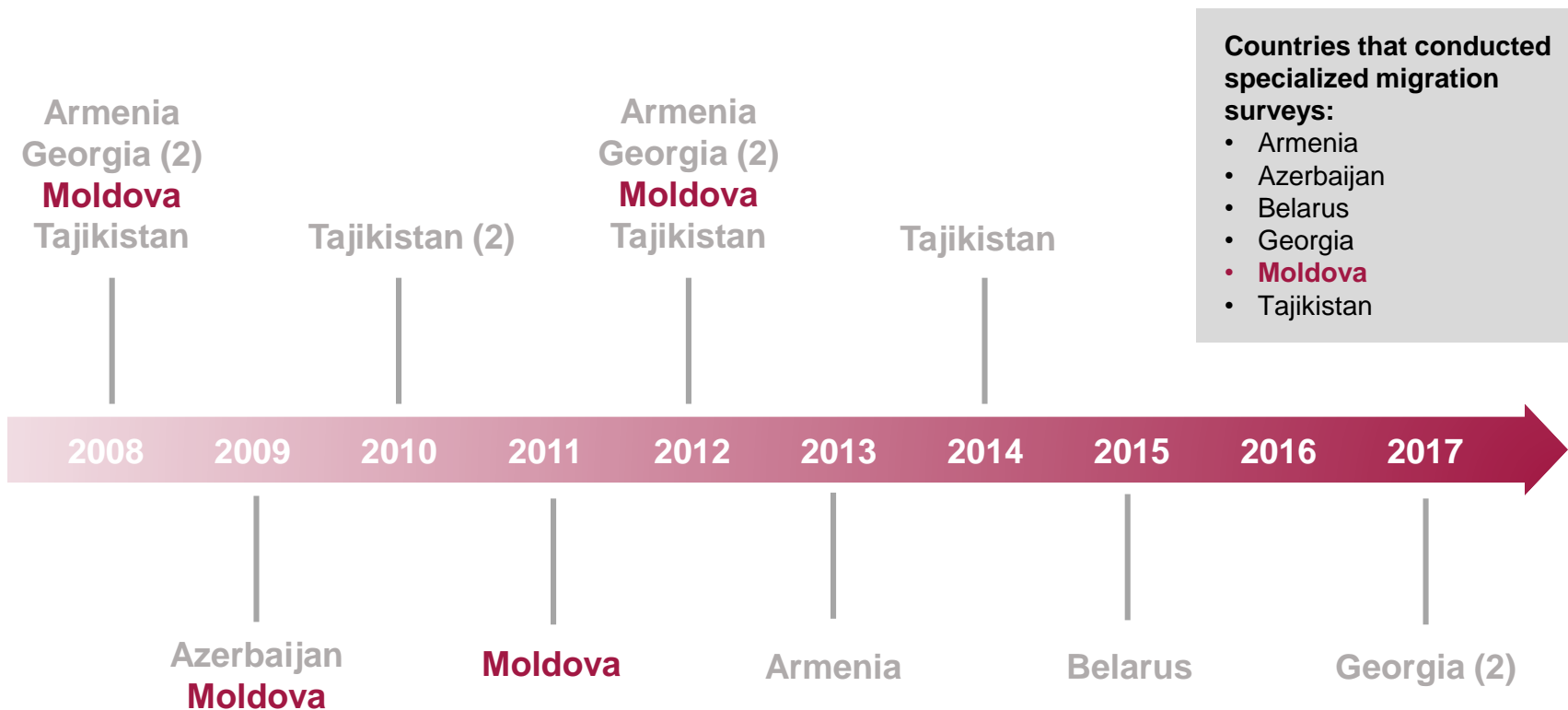




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Countries that conducted specialized migration surveys:

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Georgia
- **Moldova**
- Tajikistan



Further analysis

- **Analysis of migration and remittances related 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 standardized module**

Thank you very much for sharing with us the questionnaires of relevant surveys

Thank you for your attention!

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