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Webinar 2 Ukraine-Slovakia relations



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Background and current state of play



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Background

- Relations free of historical burden, ideological sentiments and geopolitical speculations
- In the first decade of independence, relations with Russia were of much attention for Slovakia than those with Ukraine
- Slovakia was solidifying its role as a regional hub for Russian gas and oil supplies
- Jamal-2 pipeline project was perceived as a threat to Ukraine's national security

Background

- More competition rather than cooperation in energy sphere previously
- Visa introduction issue in 2000 was perceived as 'unfriendly step' in Ukraine
- Concerned with their problems of transition and state-building, the two countries have often seen each other through the Russian or post-Soviet prism
- In 2014, Slovakia started to be seen as a 'friendly shoulder' in Ukraine

Current state of relations

- Balancing for both
- EU natural gas supplies to Ukraine: a vital help
- Issues of regional security
- Perception of Russia
- Ruthenians and Ukrainians in Slovakia
- Smuggling

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Economic aspect

- Peculiarities of economic cooperation: is there a room for improvement?

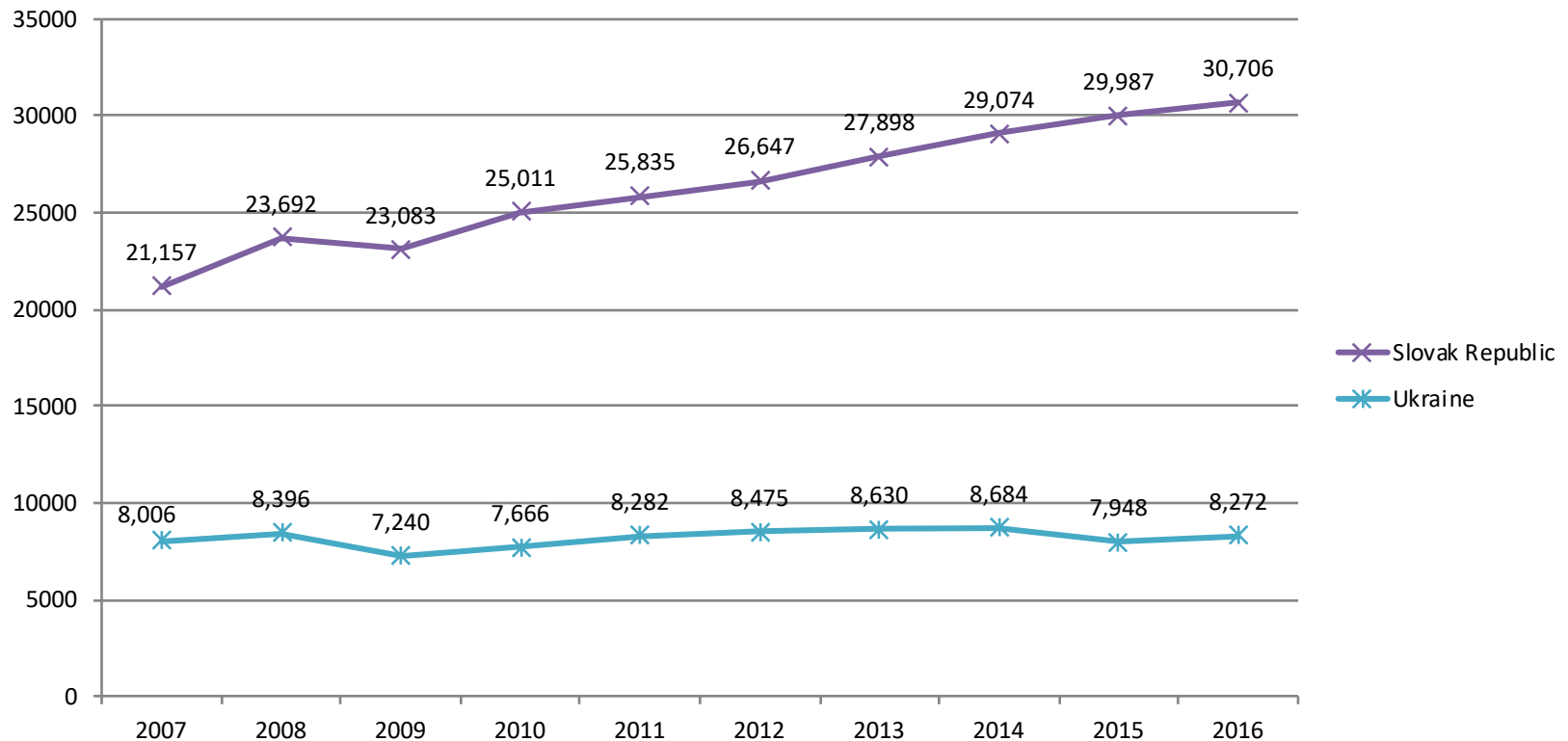


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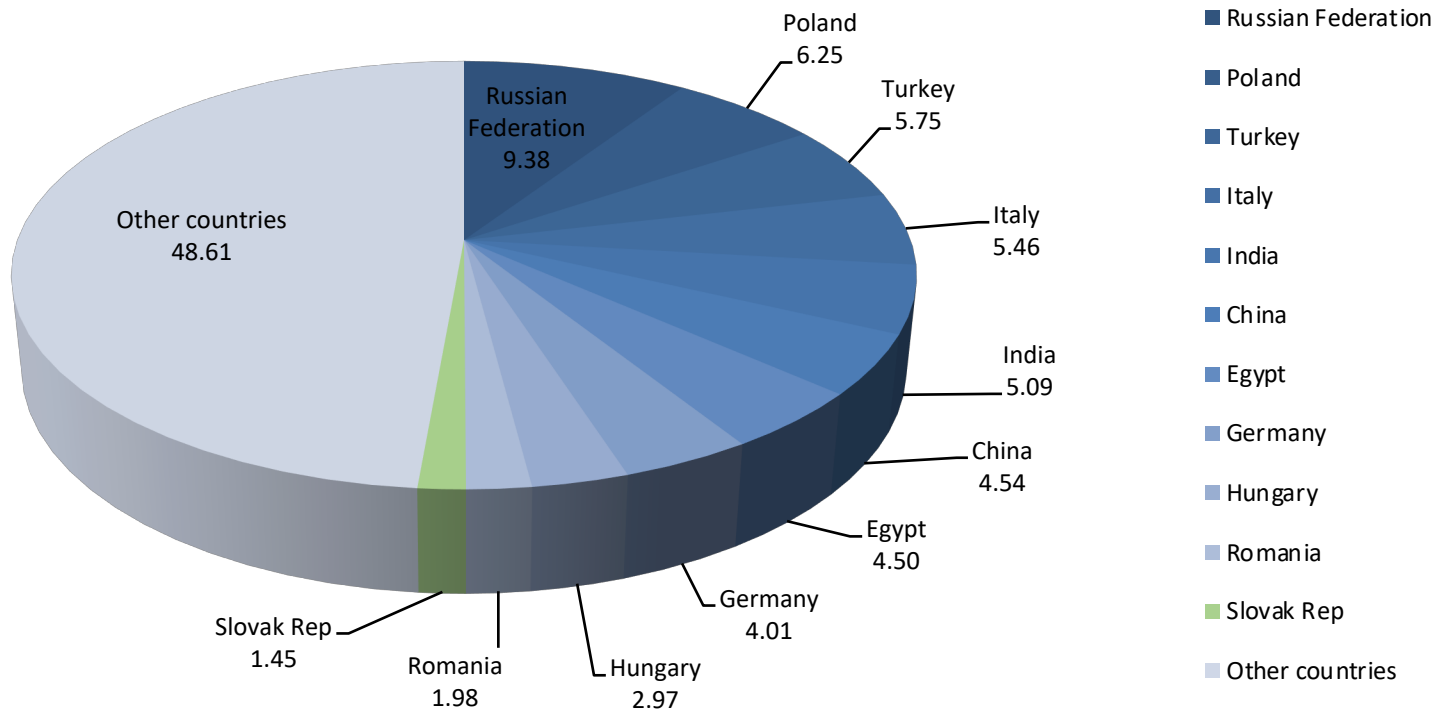
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$)





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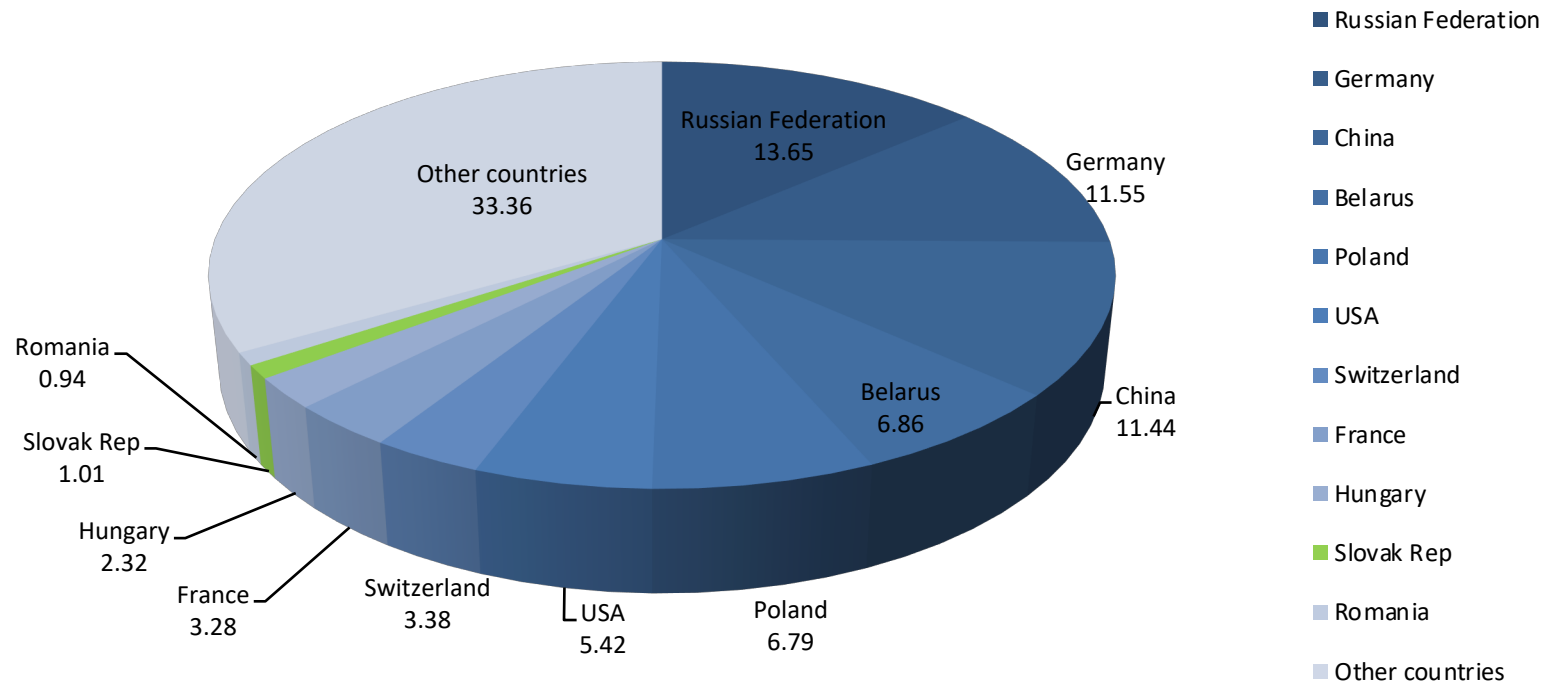
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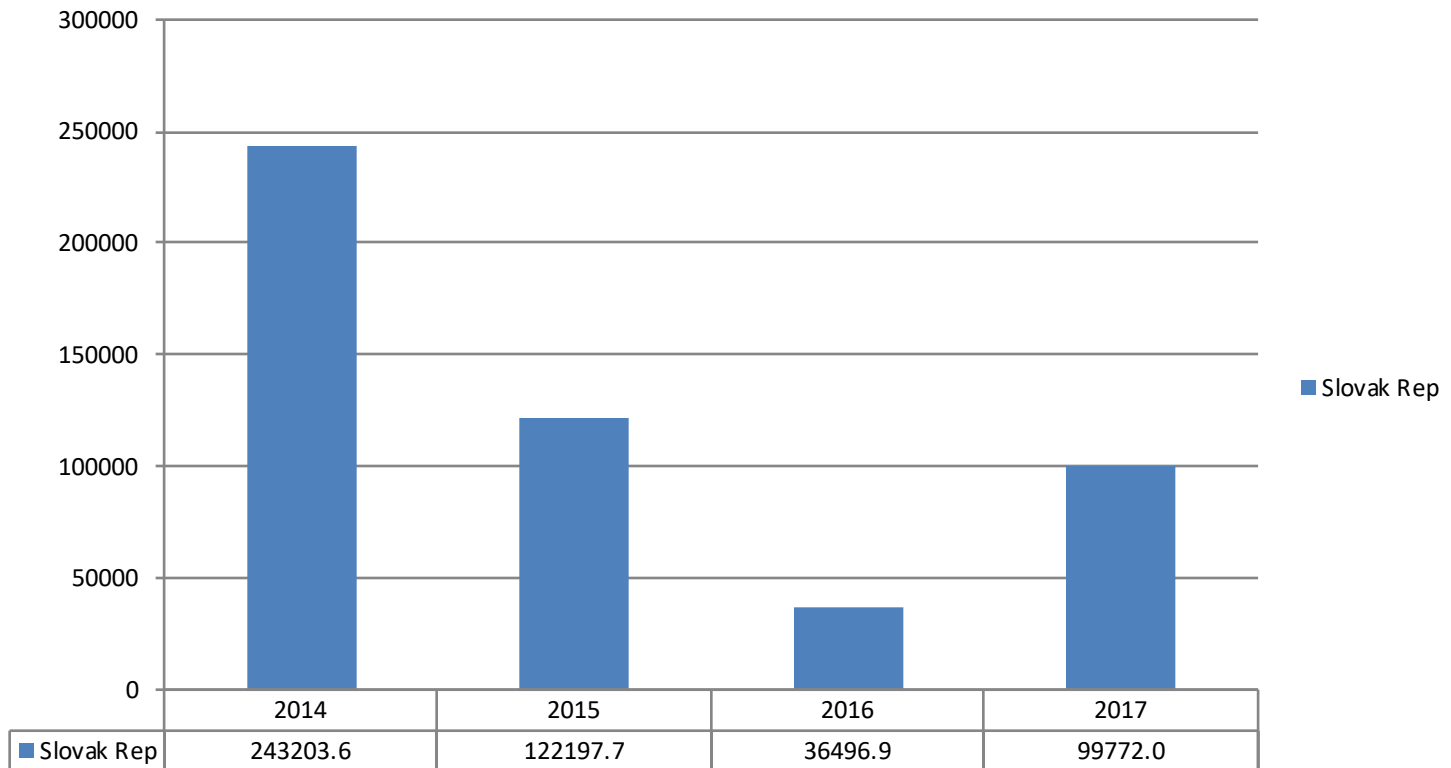
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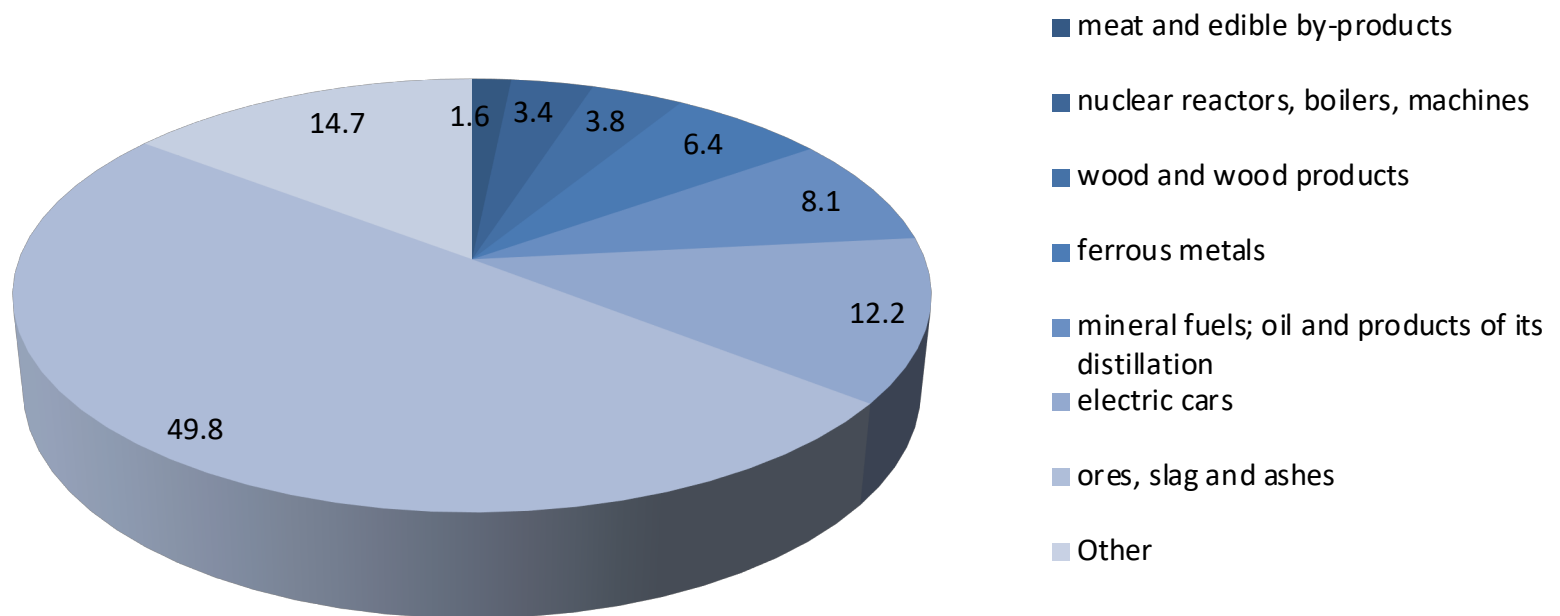
Trade balance, \$ thousands





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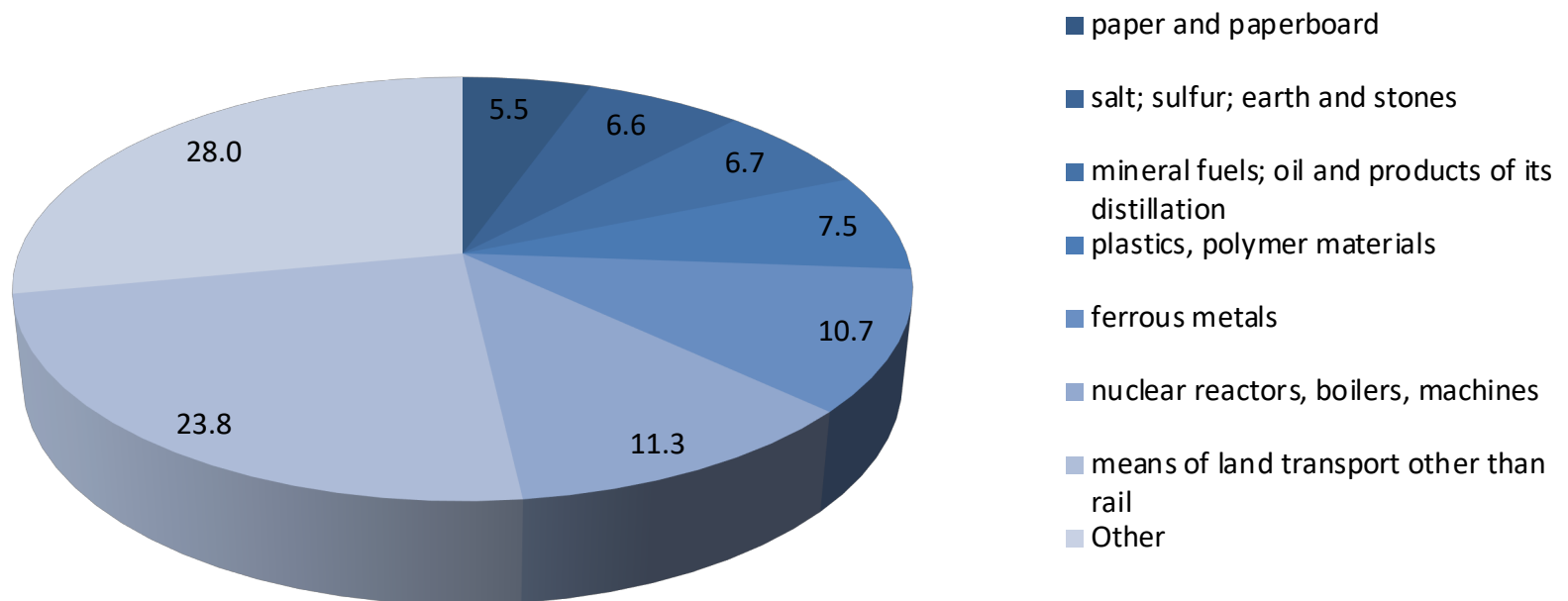
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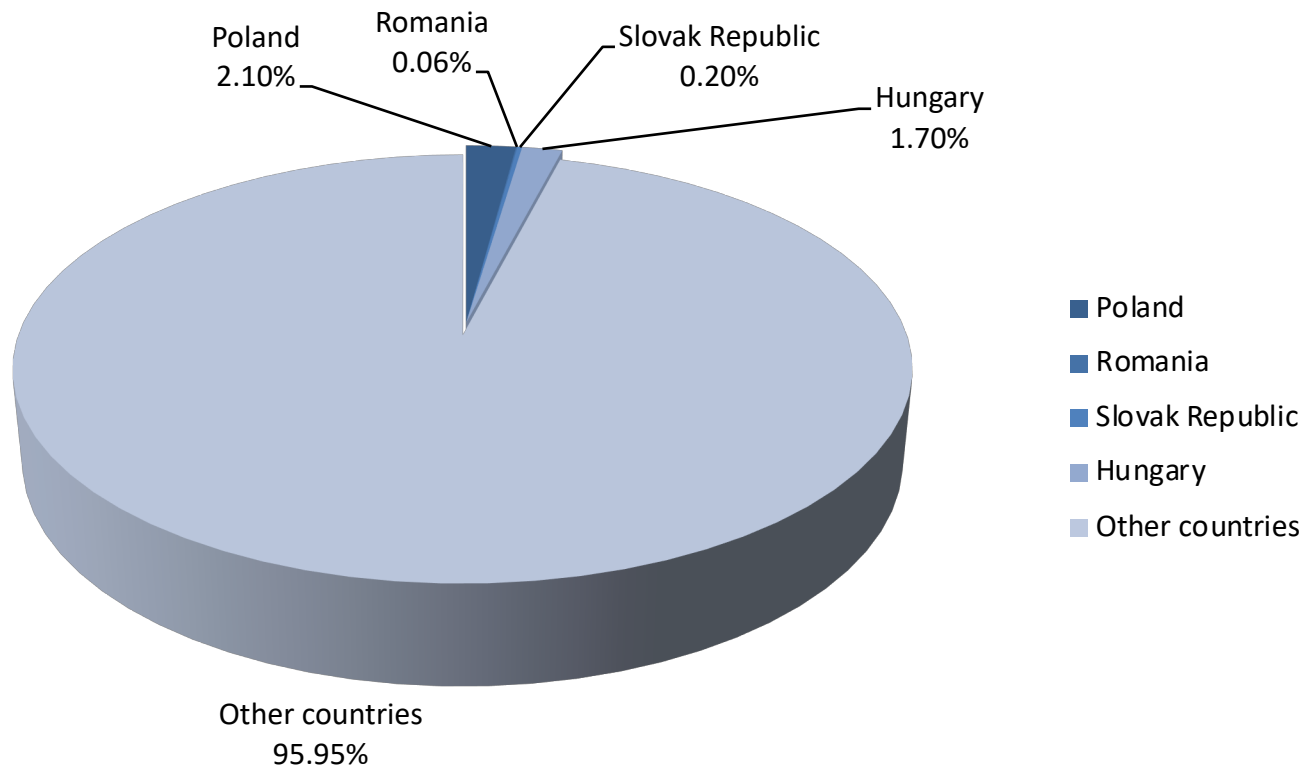
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Share of countries' investments in Ukraine's economy, %





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- ✓ International economic activity is much broader term than just trade.
- ✓ The fact is that just trade has historically become one of the first forms of economic cooperation between countries.
- ✓ Thus, we continue focusing on it.



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However, there are other possible spheres of economic activity and relations between the countries (*even within standard spheres such as trade and investment*):

- ✓ International trade in goods and services, international treaties and preferences;
- ✓ International investment activity, stock market development;
- ✓ International Monetary and Financial Operations of Ukraine, interaction on economic and financial issues, mutual assistance;



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- ✓ International scientific and technological cooperation, international technology transfer, technological parks, free economic zones and territories of priority development, -
- ✓ International production, international specialization and production co-operation, transnationalization of the economy (joint ventures)
- ✓ Human resource, migration capital, personnel exchange, scientific mobility

Vision for the Future

- Regional security: diplomatic support from Slovakia
- Energy security and Nord Stream-2
- Three Seas Initiative
- Managing cross-border cooperation
- Dealing with minorities
- Enhancing strategic partnership



Thank you for your attention!