



December, 2021

Monthly Macroeconomic Review*

Main indicators of Month

- According to the GEOSTAT preliminary estimate, in November annual economic growth amounted to 12%
- Annual inflation amounted to 13.9% in December
- In December, GEL appreciated against USD (by 1.3%) and against EUR (by 2.3%) MoM

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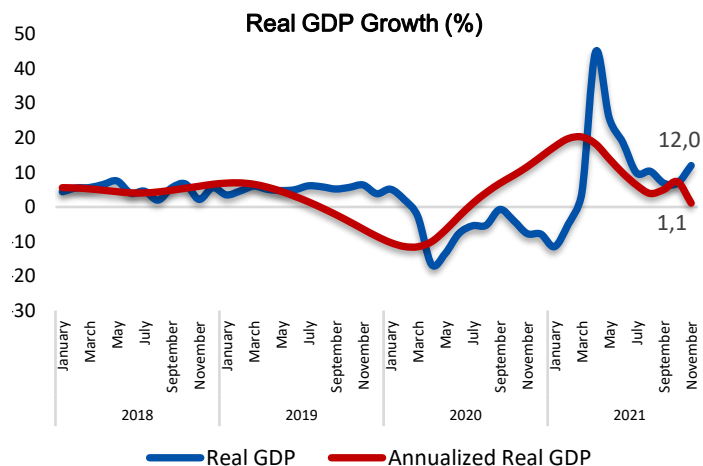
*According to the release calendar of the statistical data, some indicators represent the variables of the previous month



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1. Real and Fiscal Sector



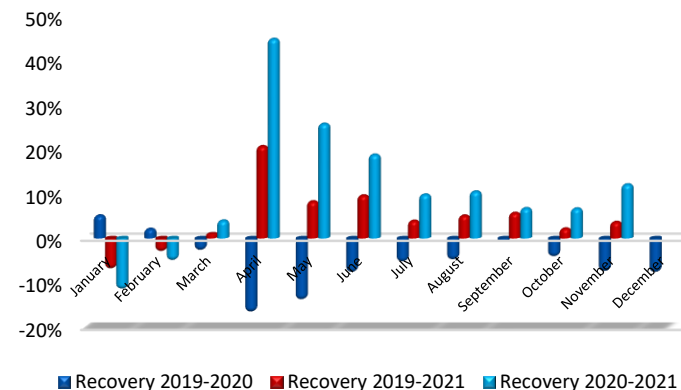
In November, positive annual economic growth was 12%.

In accordance with preliminary estimates of GEOSTAT, in November 2021, annual real GDP growth amounted to 12%.

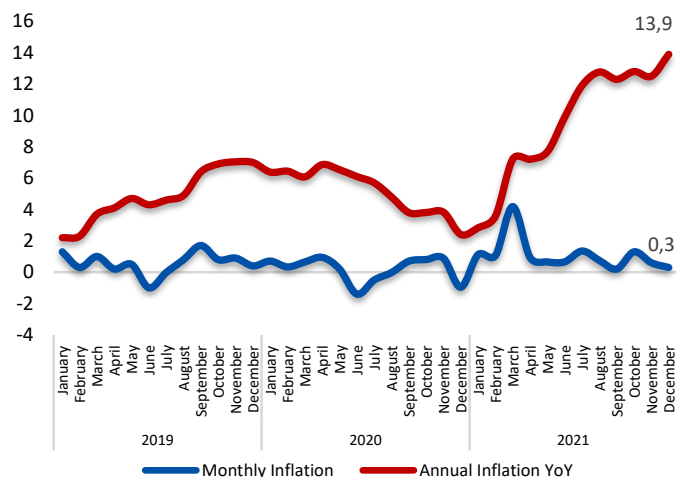
According to the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) estimates, MoM annualized growth rate¹ of the real GDP amounted to 1.1% in November.

Should be marked high economic growth rates in recent months and fast recovery process compared to 2019, pre pandemic period.

Economic recovery Compared to 2019 and 2020



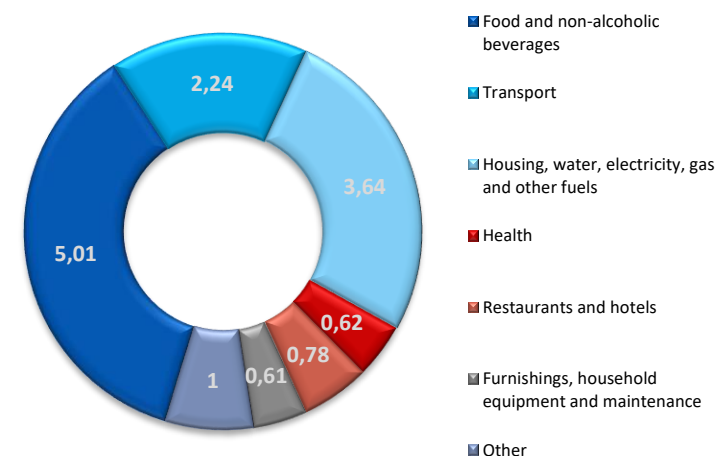
Change in Consumer Price Level (%)



In December, annual CPI inflation amounted to 13.9%

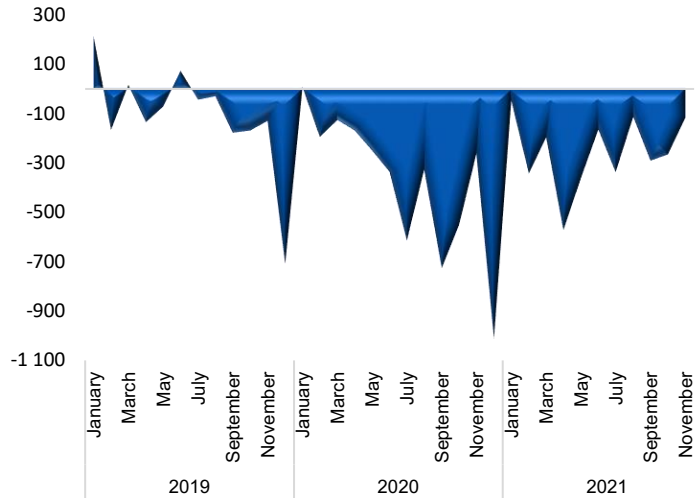
In December 2021, the inflation rate amounted to 13.9%, higher than the inflation target of 3%. Annual inflation was predominantly driven by dynamics of prices on the food and non-alcoholic beverages, housing, water, electricity, gas, other fuels, transport, restaurants and hotels and health. In November 2021, the annual GDP deflator amounted to 11%.

Contributions to the Overall Inflation of December (%)



¹ MoM annualized growth rate of real GDP is calculated on the basis of real GDP data by removing seasonality and random shocks, in order to showcase development trends

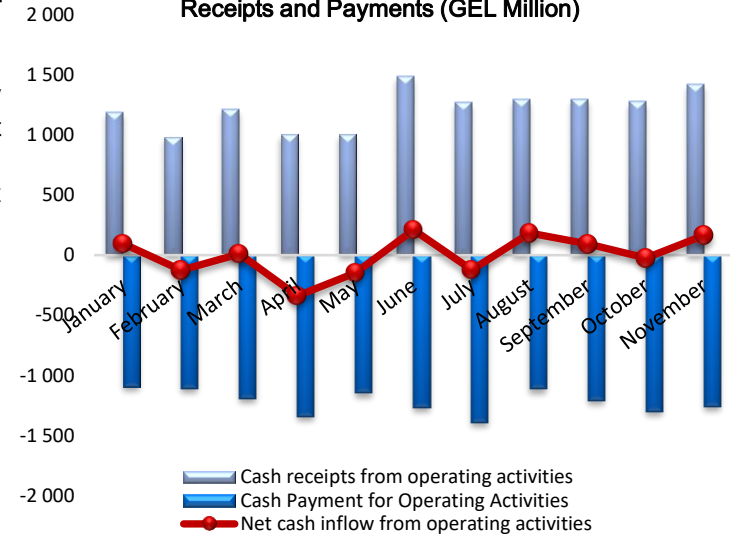
Consolidated Budget Balance (Mln GEL)



In November, the general government net lending/borrowing was negative.

In November 2021, general government revenues increased by 29% YoY, while expenses increased by 18.3%. In the analyzing period, the general government positive net operating balance amounted to 164 million GEL, while negative net lending/borrowing was defined at 118.4 million GEL.

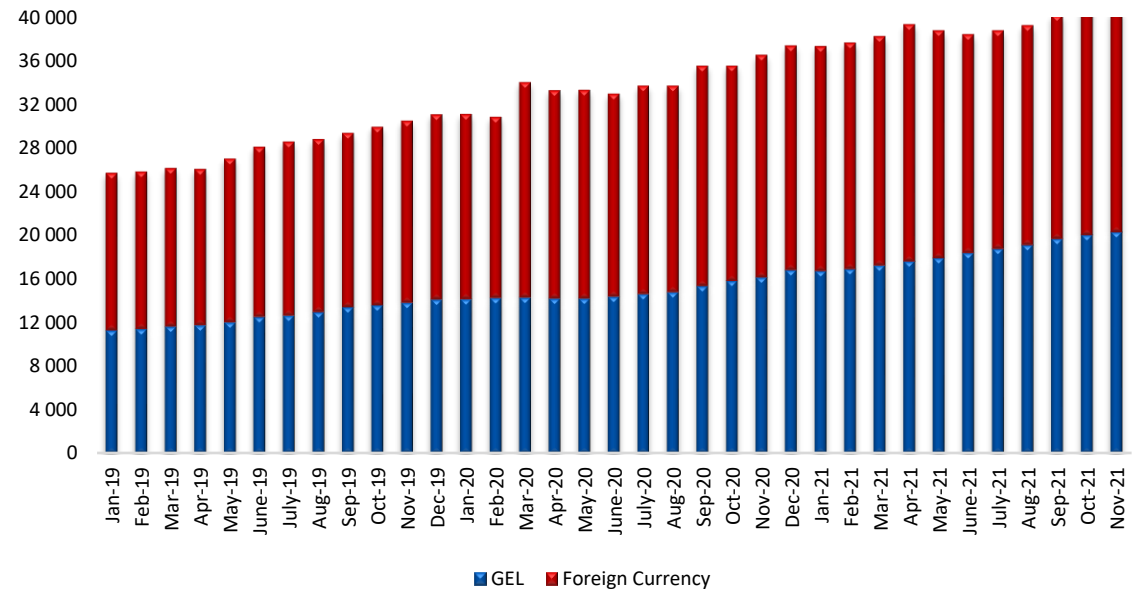
Receipts and Payments (GEL Million)



In November, compared to the same period of the previous year, commercial bank loans to the national economy exhibited growth trend in national currency and slight decrease in foreign currency.

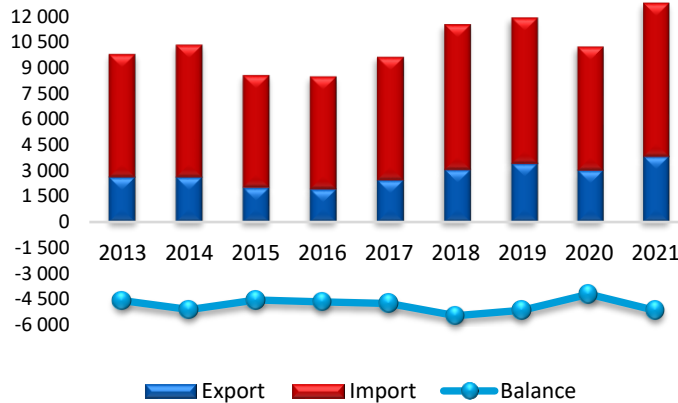
In November 2021, compared to the November of the previous year, commercial bank loans increased by 11% YoY and amounted to 40.5 billion GEL. National currency loans increased by 25.8%, while foreign currency loans decreased by 0.8%.

Commercial Bank Loans (GEL Million)



2. External Sector

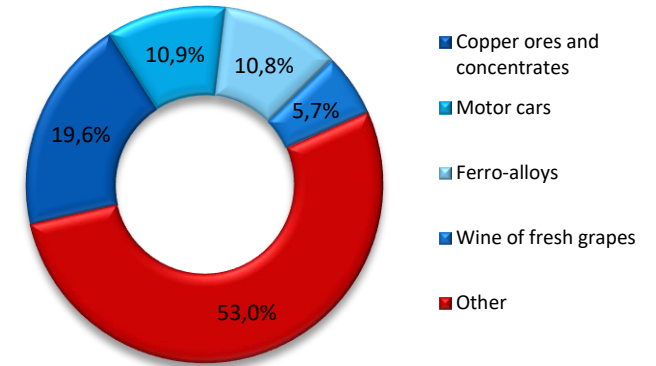
External Trade Indicators (Mln USD)
January - November



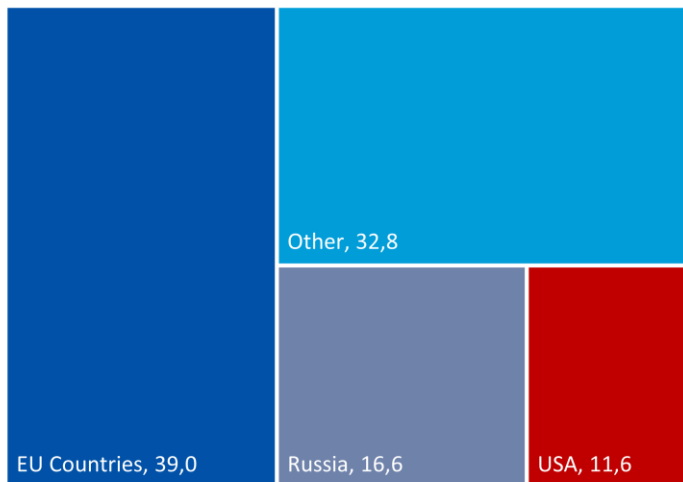
In January-November, both export and import of goods have increased.

In January-November 2021, exports increased by 26.7%, while imports increased by 24.5% YoY. This was mainly due to the increase in trade turnover. During this period, the share of exports in external trade amounted to 29.8%. Export growth was substantial in the following countries: USA (98.7%), Kazakhstan (89.1%), Turkey (70.1%), Italy (59.4%) and Lithuania (47.1%). It needs to be mentioned that during this period export significantly decreased in Chad (99.95), United Arab Emirates (34.2%) and Switzerland (23.1%). High growth was recorded in several export commodity groups: Ferro-alloys (79.1%), nitrogenous fertilizers (59.5%) and hazelnuts and other nuts (30.8%).

Major Commodity Groups by Exports
(January - November)



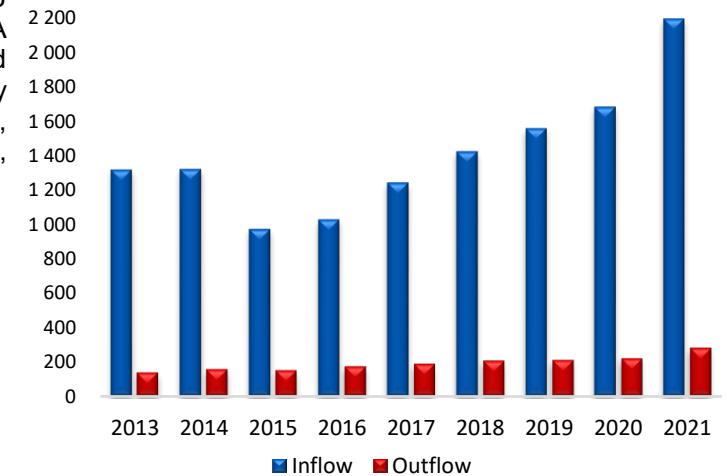
Remittance (%)
November



In November, remittances increased

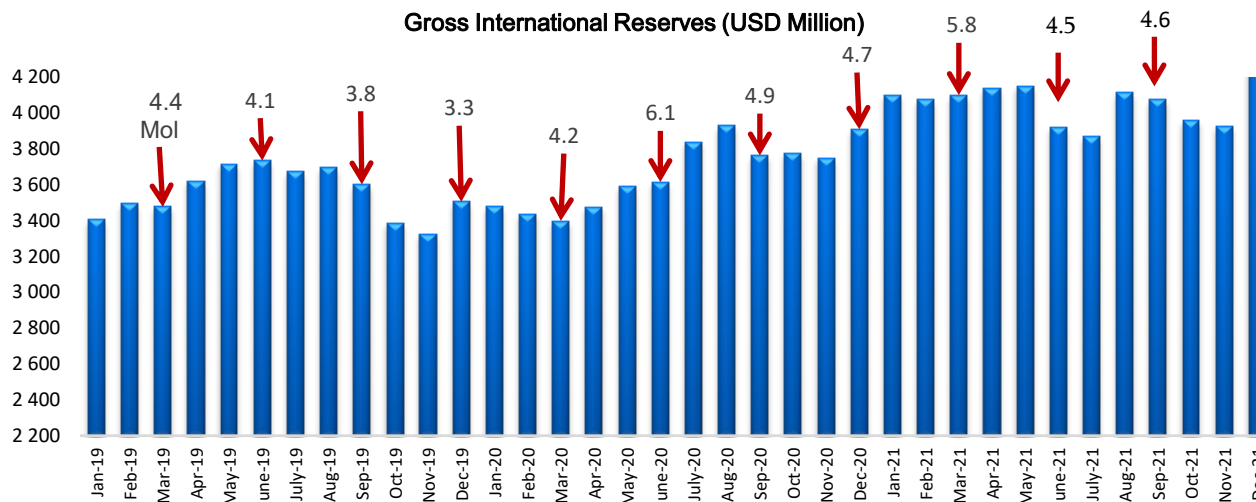
In January-November 2021, remittances increased by 25.7% YoY. In November the main source of money transfers are EU countries (39% of total), Russia (16.6%), and the USA (11.6%). In the analyzing period, remittances increased significantly from the following countries: Kyrgyzstan (by 315.2%), Kazakhstan (by 309.3%), Germany (by 45%), France (by 34.2%), Azerbaijan (by 30.6%), Italy (by 26.6%), Israel (by 23.7%) and USA (by 22.1%).

Remittance (USD Million)
January - November



In December 2021, International Reserves amounted to 4,272 million USD.

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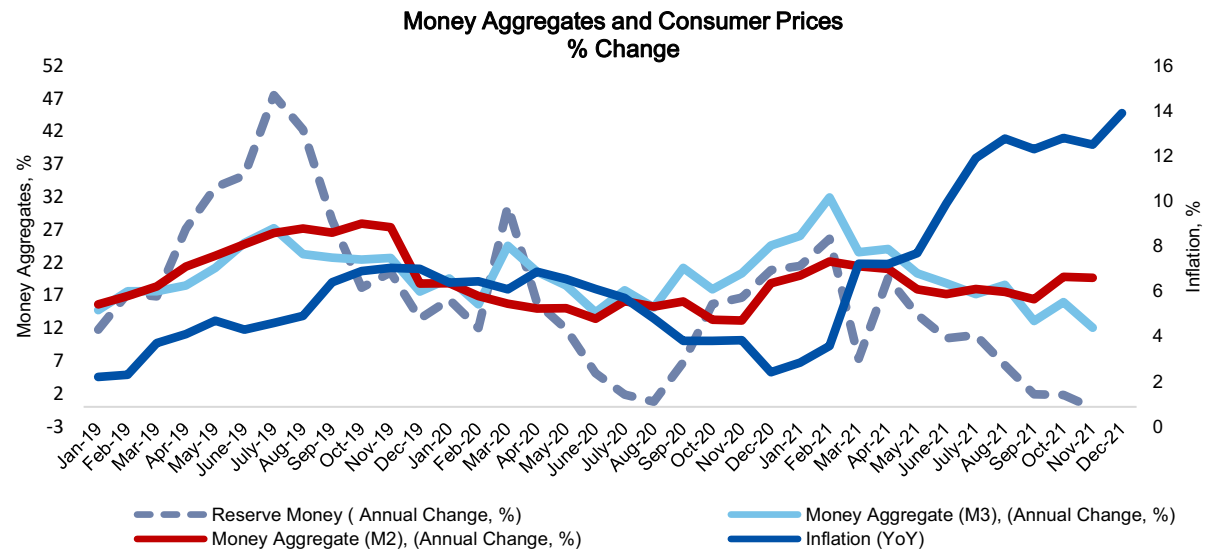


² Coefficients for gross international reserves are calculated in accordance to import

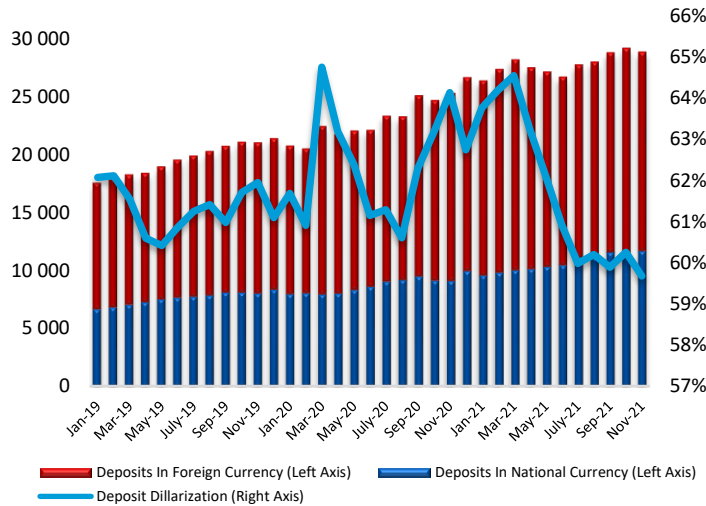
3. Monetary Sector

In November, compared to the same period of the previous year, reserve money had a decrease tendency.

In November 2021, reserve money decreased by 0.2% YoY, money aggregate M2 increased by 19.7%, and money aggregate M3 – by 12.1%. In December 2021, consumer price inflation amounted to 13.9% YoY.



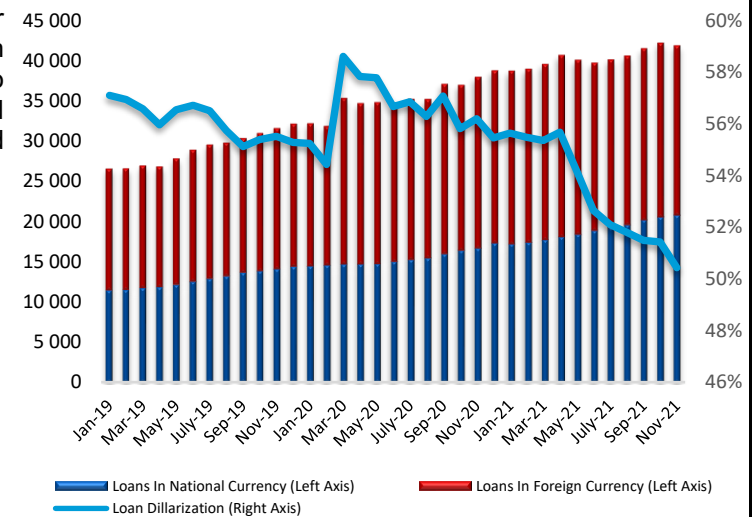
Deposits and Dollarization (GEL Million)



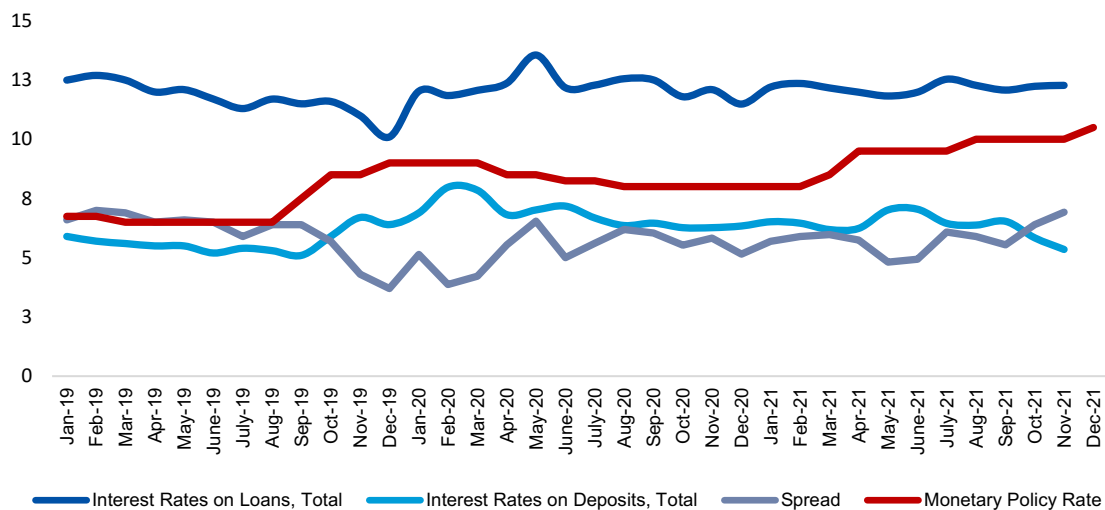
In November, the dollarization decreased on both deposits and loans MoM.

In November 2021, the deposit dollarization indicator decreased by 0.57 pp and amounted to 59.7%, while loan dollarization has decreased by 0.1 pp and made up to 50.4%. In November, foreign currency deposits decreased by 2.1% MoM, while national currency deposits increased by 0.3%.

Loans and Dollarization (Mln GEL)



Market Interest Rates on Loans and Deposits (%)

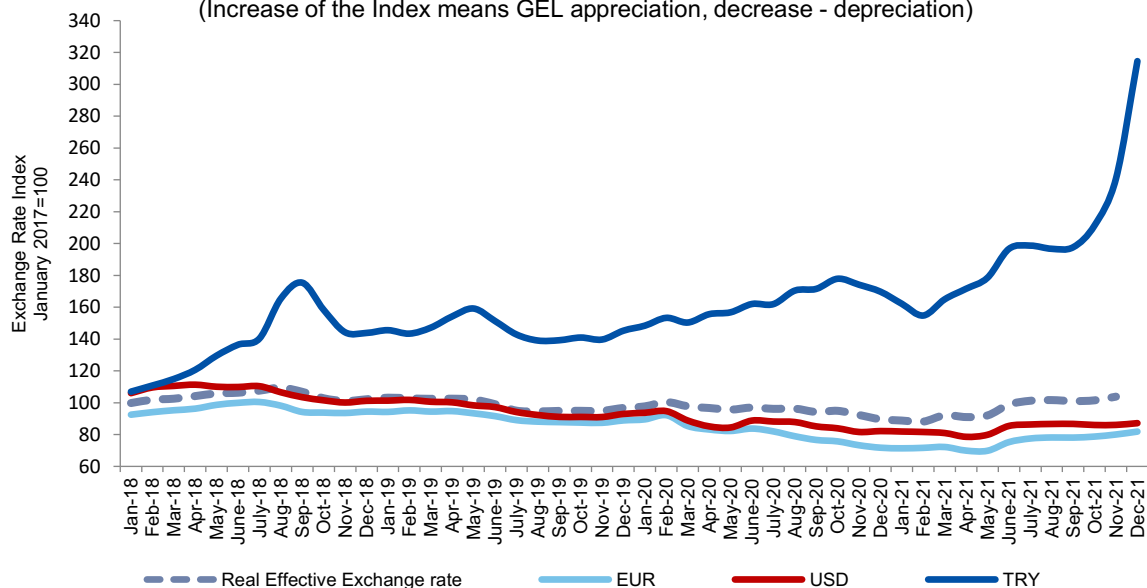


In November, interest rates decreased on deposits (by 0.5 pp) and increased on loans (by 0.04 pp) MoM.

In November 2021, market interest rates on loans amounted to 12.3%, while interest rates on deposits were defined at 5.4%. The interest rate spread (difference between loan and deposit rates) amounted to 6.9% as of November 2021, 1.1 pp higher compared to November 2020.

GEL Exchange Rate Indices

(Increase of the Index means GEL appreciation, decrease - depreciation)



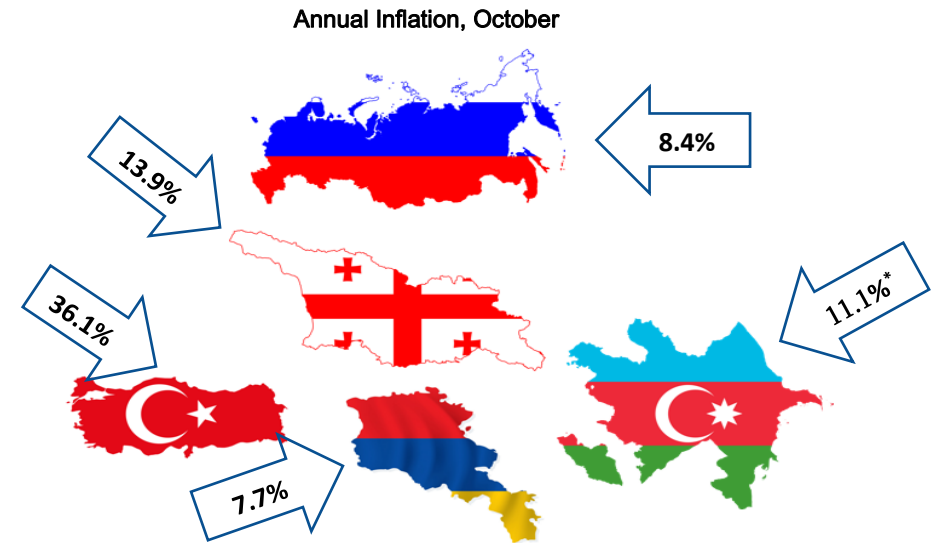
In December, compared to the previous month, the GEL shows appreciation toward USD and towards EUR.

In December 2021, GEL appreciated against USD by 1.3%, while appreciated by 2.3 against EUR MoM. In the analyzing period, the nominal effective exchange rate appreciated as well. In December, the GEL exchange rate appreciated by 6.1% towards USD and by 14.1% towards EUR YoY.

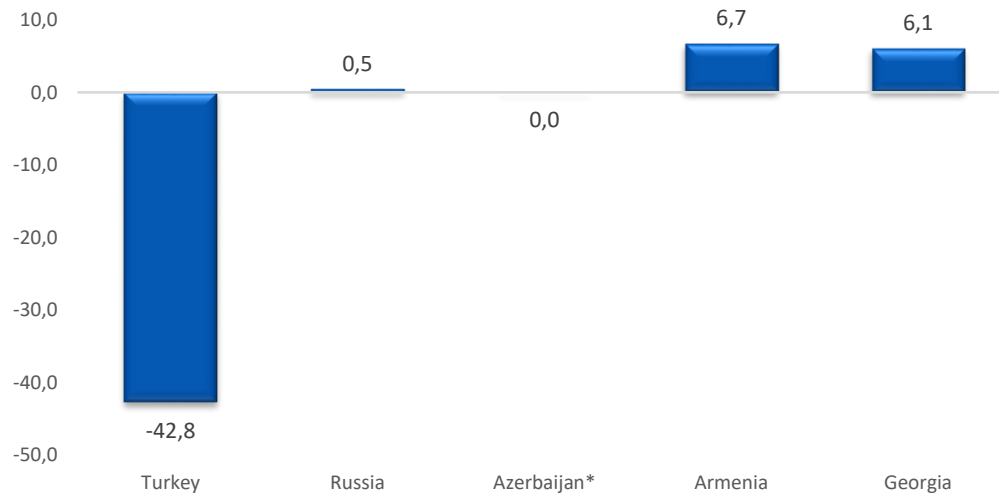
4. Regional Review

In December, consumer price inflation stands out with similar dynamic trends in the region countries, except Turkey.

Namely, in December 2021, annual inflation amounted to 36.1% in Turkey. Inflation was lower in Armenia (7.7%) and Russia (8.4%). As for Azerbaijan, in November 2021, consumer prices have increased by 11.1% YoY.



Exchange Rate Annual Change
December, 2021



In December, most of the currencies of the region countries, stand out with a tendency of appreciation towards USD, but with different sizes.

Particularly, in December 2021, RUB appreciated by 0.5% YoY towards USD, AMD by 6.7%, AZN remained almost unchanged. In the analyzing period TRY depreciated by 42.8%.

Summary Tables of Main Economic Indicators

Table N1. Main Economic Indicators

		Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21
Real Sector	GDP Growth Rate (%)	-7.9	-11.5	-5.1	4.0	44.8	25.8	18.7	9.9	10.3	6.9	6.9	12.0	
	VAT Turnover Growth Rate (%)	-5.1	-8.1	7.6	21.5	93.4	50.3	37.5	26.5	31.2	24.0	25.6	32.6	
Monetary Sector	Inflation (%)	2.4	2.8	3.6	7.2	7.2	7.7	9.9	11.9	12.8	12.3	12.8	12.5	13.9
	Monetary Policy Rate (%)	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.5
	Deposit Dollarization (%)	62.80	63.76	0.64	64.55	0.63	0.62	0.61	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	
	Loan Dollarization (%)	55.5	55.6	0.55	55.36	0.56	0.54	0.53	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
External Sector	Exchange Rate (GEL)	3.29	3.30	3.31	3.34	3.44	3.38	3.16	3.13	3.12	3.12	3.14	3.14	3.10
	Remittances (Thousand USD)	199 678.9	149 753.8	161 382.3	188 171.1	194 056.8	187 714.4	201 898.4	208 428.2	204 893.0	209 749.8	206 691.2	285 563.9	
	Export (USD Million)	325.7	224.5	267.7	325.7	377.7	340.0	350.7	386.3	335.1	373.6	411.2	430.4	
	Import (USD Million)	821.5	561.7	648.4	775.0	756.2	769.9	863.7	882.5	866.7	957.8	910.2	1007.3	
	Trade Balance (USD Million)	(495.8)	(337.2)	(380.7)	(449.3)	(378.5)	(429.9)	(513.0)	-496.1	-531.5	-584.2	-499.0	-576.9	
	International Reserves (USD Million)	3 910.6	4 101.6	4 076.1	4 101.3	4 136.3	4 153.5	3 918.4	3 872.7	4 116.7	4 076.6	3 959.0	3 928.5	4 272.1
Fiscal Sector	Revenues (GEL Million)	1 307.1	1 186.77	983.23	1 208.2	1 006.6	1 002.9	1 482.2	1 269.4	1 296.6	1 300.5	1 278.7	1 420.0	
	Recurrent Expenditure (GEL Million)	1 642.2	1 090.7	1 108.3	1 197.4	1 344.7	1 148.9	1 271.98	1 391.2	1 113.9	1 208.4	1 303.1	1 256.0	
	Capital Expenditure (GEL Million)	730.2	151.1	222.7	245.8	250.2	222.8	496.1	243.1	308.1	479.9	248.2	296.6	

Increase
 Decrease
 Change < 1%

Table N2³. Comparison of key economic indicators with similar data for the corresponding month of last year.

		12.2020	01.2021	02.2021	03.2021	04.2021	05.2021	06.2021	07.2021	08.2021	09.2021	10.2021	11.2021	12.2021
Real Sector	GDP Growth Rate													
	VAT Turnover Growth Rate													
Monetary Sector	Inflation													
	Monetary Policy Rate													
	Deposit Dolarization													
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External Sector	Exchange Rate													
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	Recurent Expenditure													
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Table N3. Comparison of key economic indicators with similar data of the previous month.

		12.2020	01.2021	02.2021	03.2021	04.2021	05.2021	06.2021	07.2021	08.2021	09.2021	10.2021	11.2021	12.2021
Real Sector	GDP Growth Rate													
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³ Indicators of table N2 and N3 are based on the data in Table N1.