Russia and Global Green Transition: Risks and Opportunities:

Overview of the report



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Objectives of the report

- to assess the impacts of the global green transition, including decarbonization in other countries and the introduction of the EU carbon border adjustment, on Russia's economy
- to look at how Russia can mitigate these impacts and build a more resilient growth model
- to examine the opportunities that the global green transition could bring to Russia and sample specific sectors it could benefit



Structure of the report

1. Russian economy and the challenges of fossil-fuel dependence

- Trends of economic growth
- Dependence on fossil fuels
- Opportunities for green post-COVID recovery

2. Risks of the global green transition for the Russia's economy

- Deep dive into EU CBAM (up to 2035)
- Deep dive into longterm decarbonization (up to 2050)

3. Creating conditions for greener growth and investments

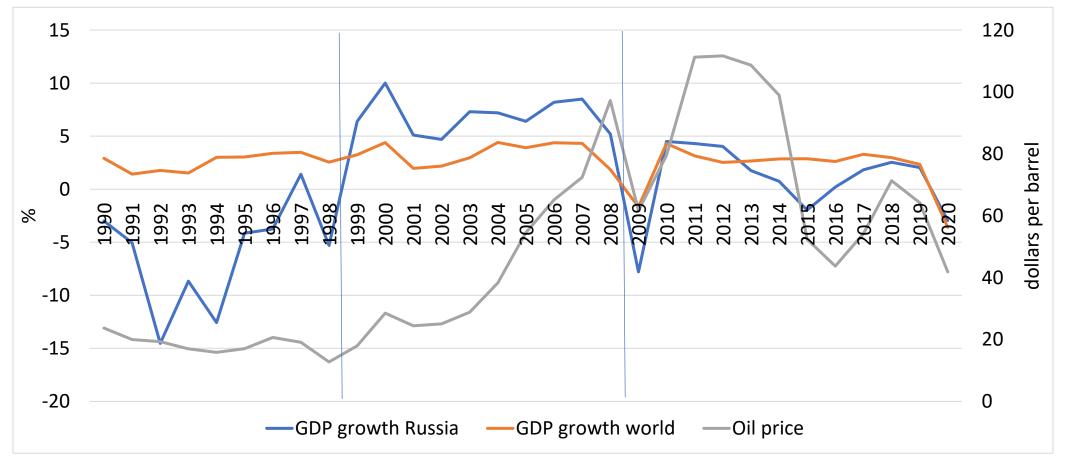
- Diversification
- Climate policies and carbon pricing
- Green finance

4. New opportunities – new sectors for green transition

- Renewables
- Other low-carbon energy technologies
- New minerals for lowcarbon energy system
- Forests and Russia's green transition

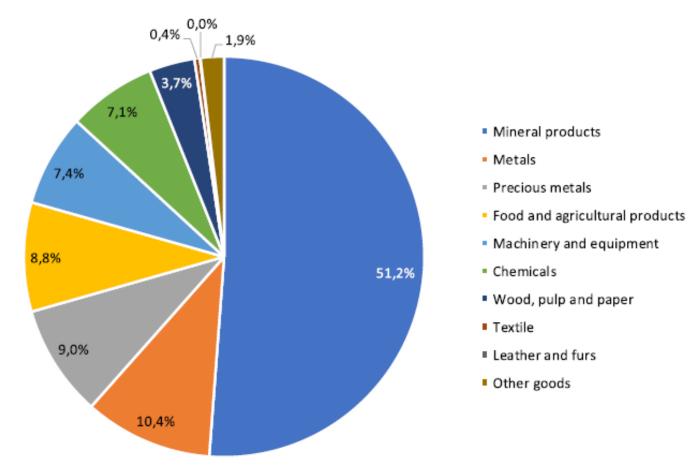
Dependence on fossil fuels-1

Oil prices (right axis) and the GDP growth rate in Russia and the world (left axis)



Dependence on fossil fuels-2

Structure of Russia's exports in 2020



Source: Based on Federal Custom Service of the Russian Federation data.

Types of transition risks

- 1. Short-term risks: CBAM introduced by the European Union risks for Russian exporters of energy-intensive goods
- 2. Medium-term risks: reduction of demand for Russian fossil fuels and correspondent decrease in welfare

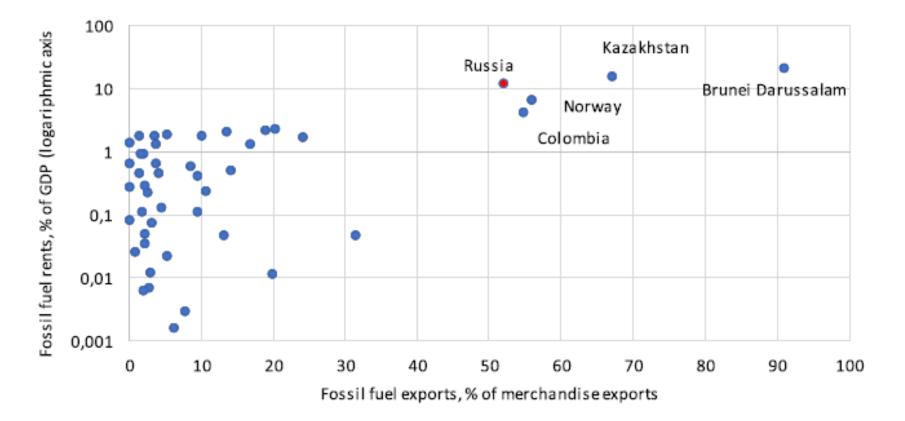
Model

The study uses the Environmental Impact and Sustainability Applied General Equilibrium (ENVISAGE) Model calibrated to the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) 10 Power Data Base

Activity	Foresight	Model/GTAP version	Russia SAM	Fuel reserves	Capital structure	Endogenous Innovation	Regional aggregation	Sectoral aggregation
			year					
EU CBAM	Recursive dynamic	ENVISAGE GTAP10	2019	Standard exogenous	Vintage capital (old/new)	Productivity fixed across scenarios	16 regions: EU & EFTA, ECA countries, United States of America, China, India, Russia, MENA, ROW	24 sectors; carbon- intensive industries exposed to CBAM are disaggregated
Global CPAT/FFDCs	Recursive, dynamic	ENVISAGE GTAP10	GTAP10 (2008)	Endogenous fuel extraction	Vintage capital (old/new)	Productivity enhancing R&D investments	16 regions: aggregation is based on the role of fossil fuels in the economy	20 sectors; electricity produced from different renewables sources are disaggregated; manufacturing is more aggregated

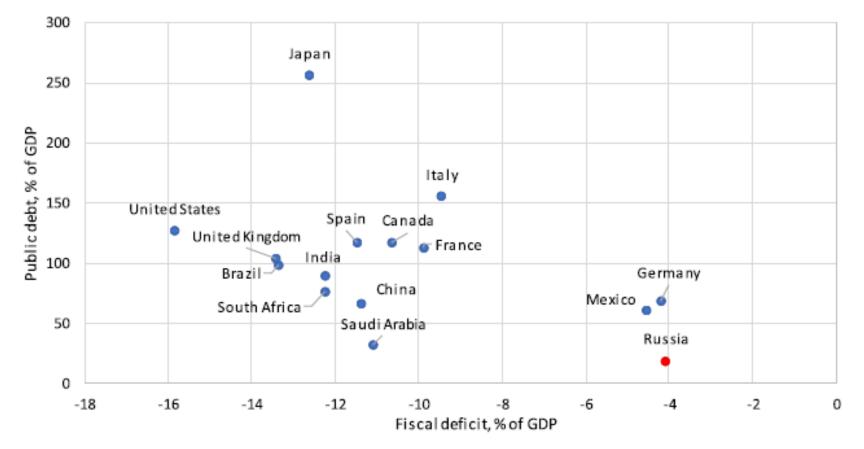
Low incentives for decarbonization

Fossil fuel rents (% of GDP) and fossil fuel exports (% of merchandise exports) in countries with carbon pricing programs implemented, scheduled for implementation, or under consideration



Source: Based on World Bank data.

Enough policy space to start green transition



Source: Based on IMF data.

Opportunities of green transition: summary

- The global green transition and the movement towards carbon-neutrality in the leading countries brings significant challenges to the current Russian development model relying on fossil fuel extraction and exports.
- **Diversification of the economy is indispensable** condition to ensure green and resilient economic growth in Russia. Climate policies may be an efficient means of diversification
- Policy response:
 - Energy and climate policies: Comprehensive, consistent and ambitious climate policies, integration climate targets to economic policymaking; Removal of fossil fuel subsidies; Promoting energy efficiency; Considering climate policy as a means of diversification
 - Financial infrastructure of green transition through the development of green finance
 - New sectoral focus: Renewable energy generation; Other low-carbon energy technologies (nuclear, hydro, CCS); Climate-smart forestry and agriculture; Sector of new minerals

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