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Global Trends and the Pandemic

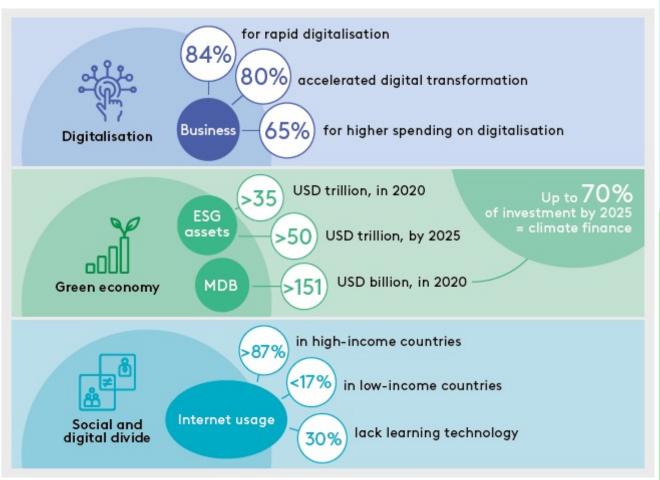
Global trends

The crisis caused by COVID-19 has crystallised and magnified pre-existing megatrends

It has also generated:

Growth of **healthcare** spending as % of GDP all over the world

Global asset inflation – a global trend that has become a consequence of the pandemic and the stimulus measures



Sources: WEF (2020; 2021), BCG (2020), Bloomberg (2021)



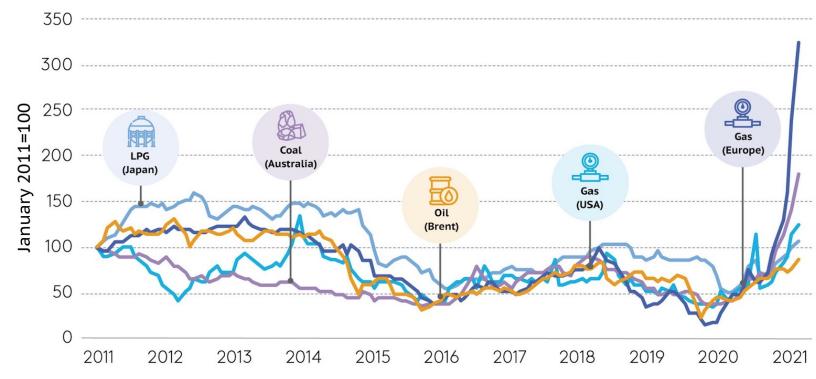
Global Asset Inflation: Rally in Commodities

Energy prices

Large-scale **fiscal and monetary stimulus** are the
root cause of the asset prices
rise worldwide

The peak of energy prices has probably passed (end of October graph). But price levels may remain high over the next few months.

Commodity prices could fall to a limited extent in 2022 as the demand growth stabilizes and supply builds up



Sources: World bank, calculations by EDB analysts

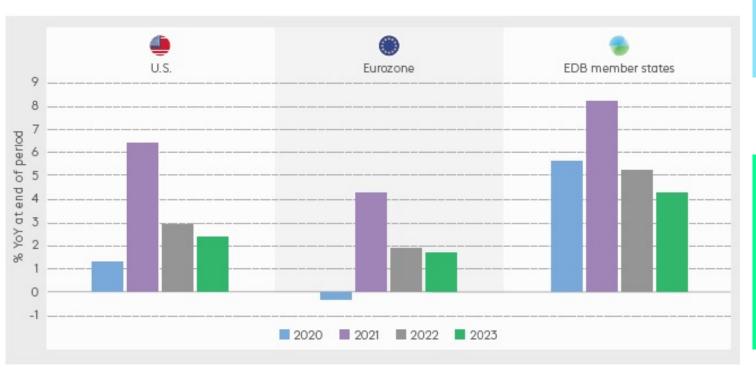
72,5\$/bbl

average **Urals oil price** in 2022



Global Asset Inflation: COVID-Related Damages

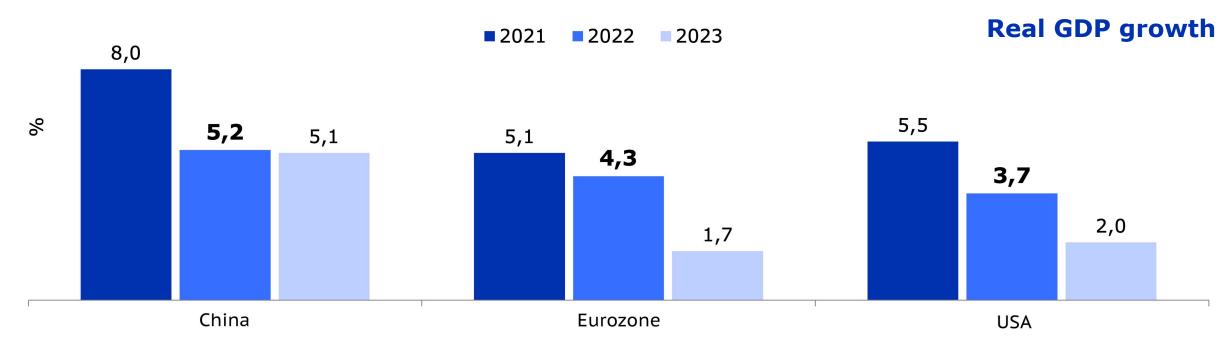
Inflation forecast (the EDB's baseline scenario)



Asset inflation, supply chain disruptions, structural changes in the labor market are the factors of increased inflation

The latent power of "COVID damages", as well as the powerful influence of monetary policy make it possible that the inflationary impact will take longer to neutralise than initially anticipated

The global economy has passed its peak of recovery: global GDP growth will slow down



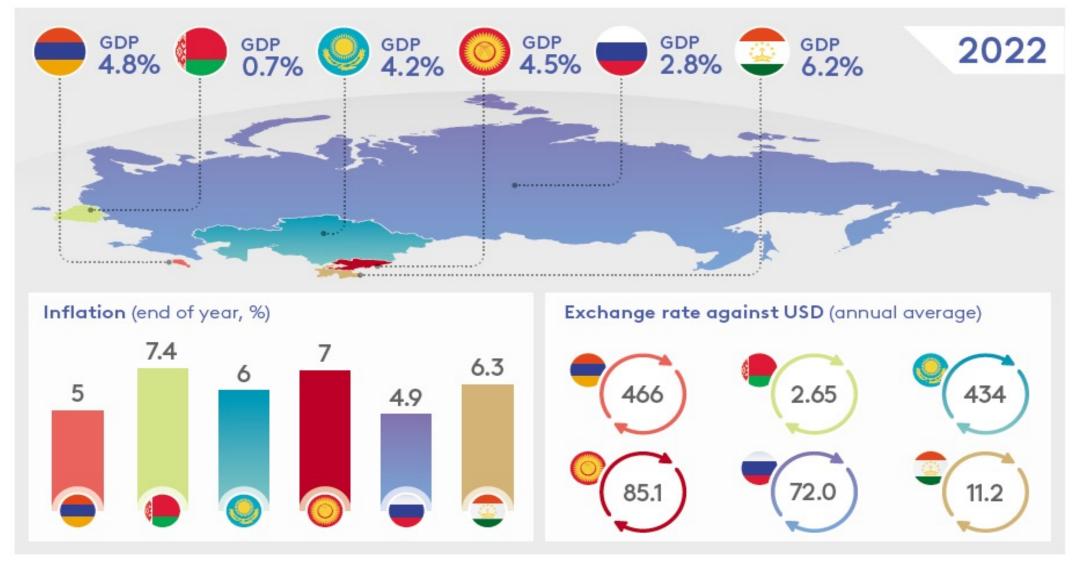
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Economic growth in the world will **slow down** in 2022-2023 after the end of the active recovery stage

The impact of coronavirus outbreaks on economic activity dynamics has reduced but the pandemic remains a source of expenses for the global economy



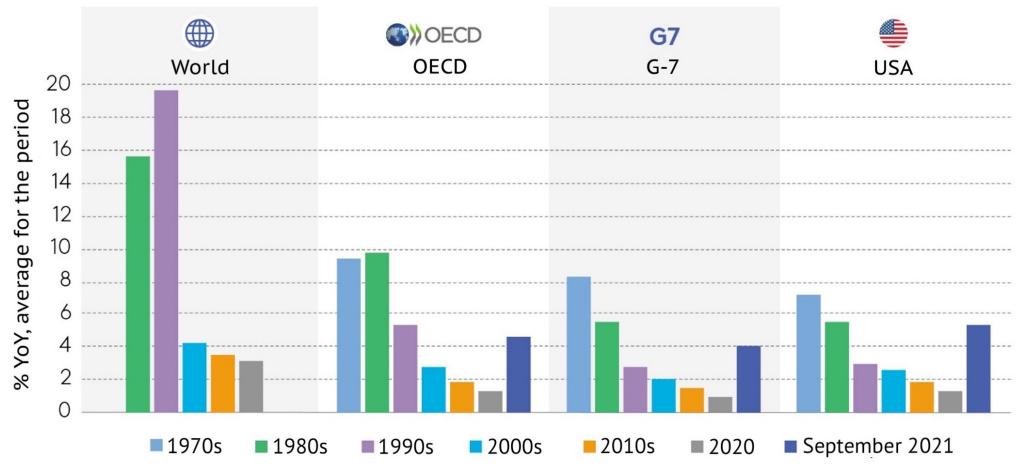
Macroeconomic Forecast for EDB Member countries

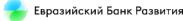




Stagflationary Risks? Low Non-Zero Probability Higher Constant Inflation Rates? High Probability

Inflation: Five Decades





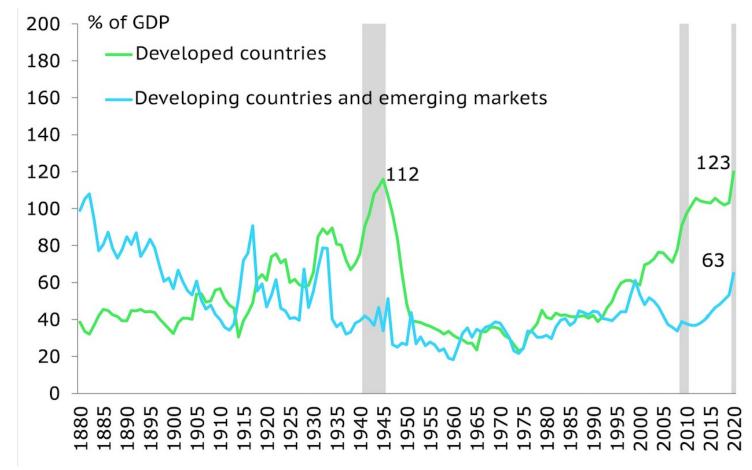
2023-2024 Debt Crisis? Who is at risk?

3 countries groups with very different debt structures

Developing countries: +9 p.p. in 2020, up to 63% of GDP mid-term risks

Developed countries: +19 p.p. in 2020, up to 123% of GDP long-term risks

Debt Levels – AEs and EMs



Sources: IMF, EFSD calculations

