# The Impact of Financial Sanctions on Russian Economy

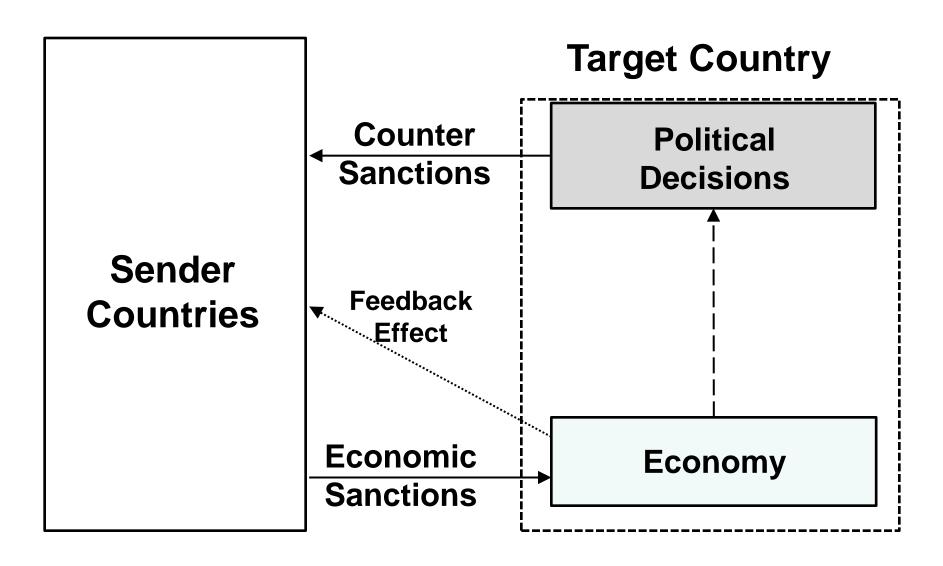
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## Sanctions introduced against/by Russia in 2014-2017

Category	Sender (s)	Primary Targets	Date
Financial	Advanced countries	State-owned banks and oil companies	July 2014
Restrictions on technological exports	Advanced countries	Oil and military sectors	July 2014
Personal ('smart')	Advanced countries	Top members of elites	March 2014
Counter-Sanctions	Russia	EU agriculture and foods sectors	Aug. 2014
Extended 'promissed' sanctions	USA	Public debt; Investors and suppliers of export pipelines; State-owned mining, metallurgy and railway companies; Top elites members.	Aug. 2017

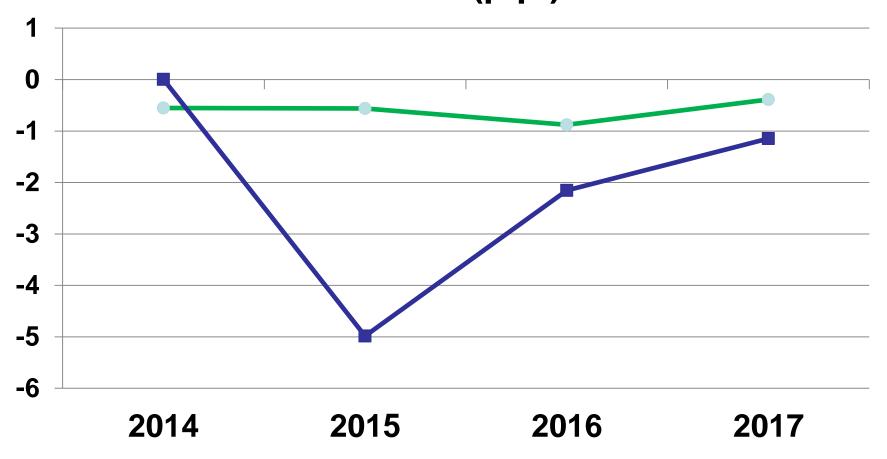
#### Sanctions Flow Chart



# Estimated impact of sanctions on the capital flows based on 2014 Q3-2015 Q3 data, \$bn (Gurvich & Prilepskiy, Russian Journal of Economics, N.4, 2015)

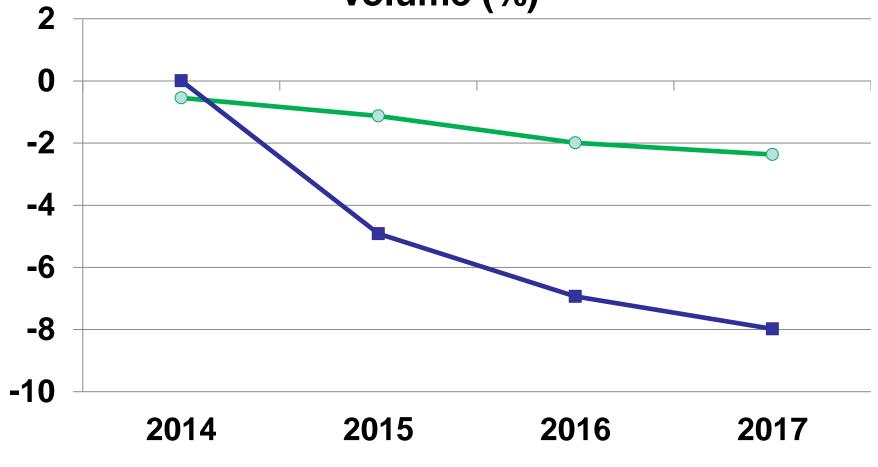
	2H2014	2015	2016	2017	Total for 2014–2017
Gross capital inflow, total	-56.4	-89.4	-58.0	-65.3	-269.1
Debt liabilities	-39.0	-67.3	-33.8	-44.0	-184.1
Foreign direct investment	-17.4	-22.1	-24.2	-21.3	-85.0
Gross capital outflow	-10.6	-45.6	-26.1	-30.9	-113.2
Net effect from the sanctions	-45.8	-43.8	-31.7	-34.4	-155.7

### Estimated Impact of Shocks on GDP Growth (p.p.)



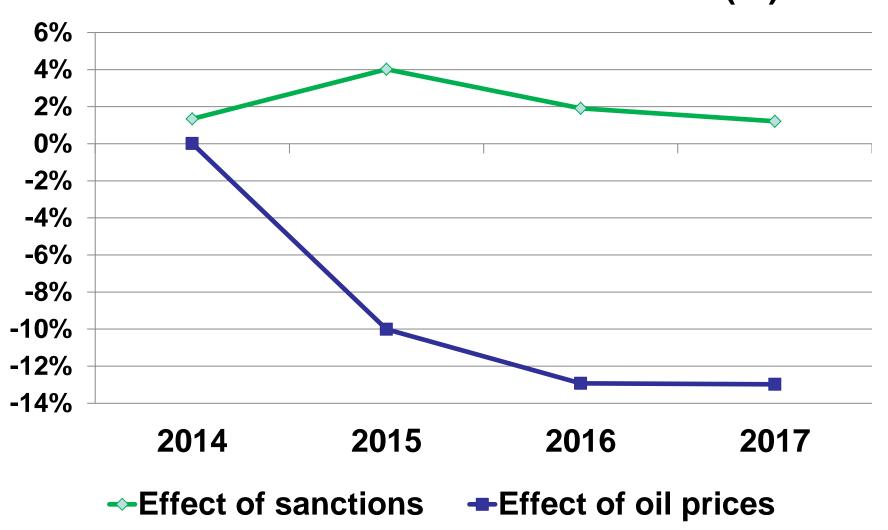
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### Estimated Impact of Shocks on GDP Volume (%)

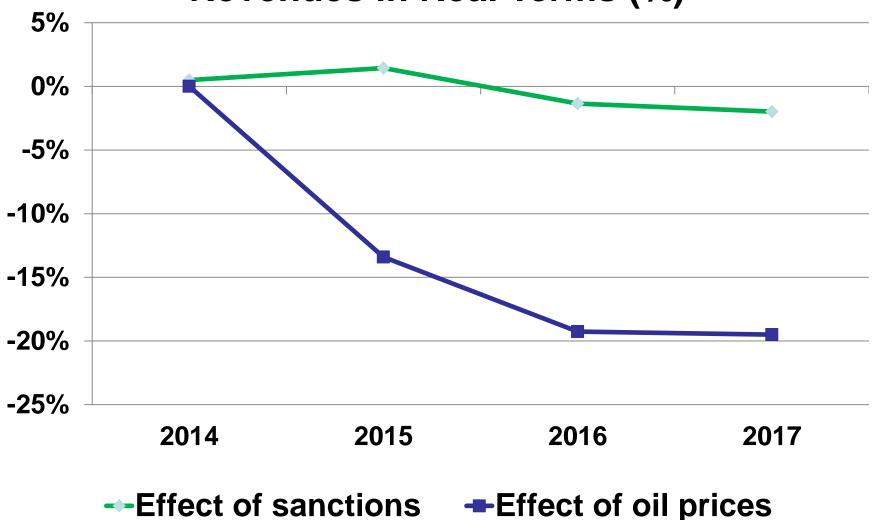


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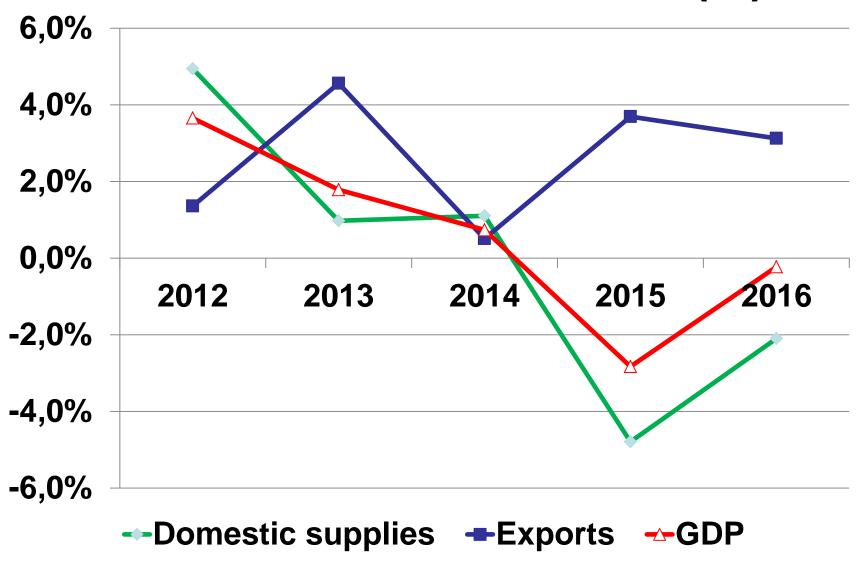
### Estimated Impact of Shocks on Fiscal Revenues in Nominal Terms (%)



### Estimated Impact of Shocks on Fiscal Revenues in Real Terms (%)



#### **Growth Rates in Russia (%)**



## Russia's Government's measures and their effect

- <u>"Turn to the East"</u>: strategy dates back to APEC Summit in Russia in 2012, but has received increased attention since 2014.
- Hopes for tapping Asian financial markets have largely been dashed. Banks' liabilities to Asia-Pacific grew by just \$0.5 bn. in 2015-2016, and that too, only due to increased credit from China.
- APEC's share in Russia's trade has been growing continuously. In 2016, it displaced the EU as Russia's largest import partner. Still, in dollar terms, the trade turnover remains far lower than before 2014.

#### Scenario analysis for 2017

	Old capital flow impact	New capital flow impact estimate
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Investment	-4.01	-2.10
Retail sales	-2.65	-1.39
GDP	-0.61	-0.32
CPI, end of period	+0.60	+0.31
Real exchange rate to	-10.24	-5.83
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 Baseline compared to counterfactual of sanctions being lifted from the start of 2017, change in p.p.

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## Updated estimates of sanctions' effect in 2017, % (Gurvich & Prilepskiy, forthcoming in 2018)

	Based on observations for 5 quarters	Based on observations for 10 quarters
Investment	-4.0	-2.1
Retail sales	-2.7	-1.4
GDP	-0.61	-0.32
CPI, end of period	+0.60	+0.31
Real exchange rate to dollar	-10.2	-5.8
Nominal budget revenues	+0.39	+0.22
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## Estimated losses in the EU exports to Russia from sanctions (2016 vs. 2013)

Change in the EU exports to Russia (\$ bn.)	-64
Overall change in Russia's imports (\$ bn.)	-150
Estimated share of decrease of total Russia's imports attributable to financial sanctions	6.5%
Effect of financial sanctions on the EU exports to Russia (\$ bn.)	<u>-4.2</u>

## Estimated losses in the EU foods exports to Russia from counter-sanctions (2016 vs. 2013)

Decrease in the EU foods exports to Russia (\$ bn.)	-9.6
Overall change in Russia's foods imports (\$ bn.)	-18.3
Change of the EU share in Russia's imports of foods	-12.6 p.p. (35.2% to 22.6%)
Effect of Russia's counter-sanctions on the EU foods exports to Russia (\$ bn.)	<u>-3.1</u>

## Long-term effect of sanctions on the Russian economy

Potentially significant (negative): two major channels of advanced technologies transfer (the key vehicle of the catching-up development) are blocked:

- FDI dropped from \$69 bn. In 2013 to just \$7 bn. In 2015 (2016 is not representative due to Rosneft privatization).
- Supplies of some critical oil drilling, military and dual-use technologies have been forbidden.

# FDI flows from the EU to BRIC countries

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Brazil	25.0	45.0	32.8	28.9
China	16.3	20.9	8.8	6.0
India	5.3	4.7	4.8	6.2
Russia	19.1	6.4	1.6	2.1

#### **Analysis Findings:**

Medium-term impact of financial sanctions on the Russian economy	Not critical, but material negative, fading
Long-term effect of sanctions on the Russian economy	Presumably strong negative
Feedback effect of sanctions on the European economy	Limited negative
Impact of the Russia's counter- sanctions on the European economy	Limited negative
EU lost profit from potential investment	Material negative

## Likely pre-conditions for obtaining desirable political objectives of sanctions

Could favor political effect of sanctions

**Actually observed** 

Economic consider-rations are prevail-ling over the geo-political ones

Geopolitical considerations are looking to be a priority

People are blaming the government for the damage to their standards of living from sanctions

It looks like most people believe that our economy has gained from sanctions and at the same time are blaming the sender countries for the damage to their standards of living from sanctions.

# Are popular views on the effect of sanctions true?

'Russian economy lies in tatters'	No
Russian economy is immune to the sanctions	No
Sanctions are 'costless' for the sender countries	Not quite right
Sanctions have material desirable political effect	Questionable