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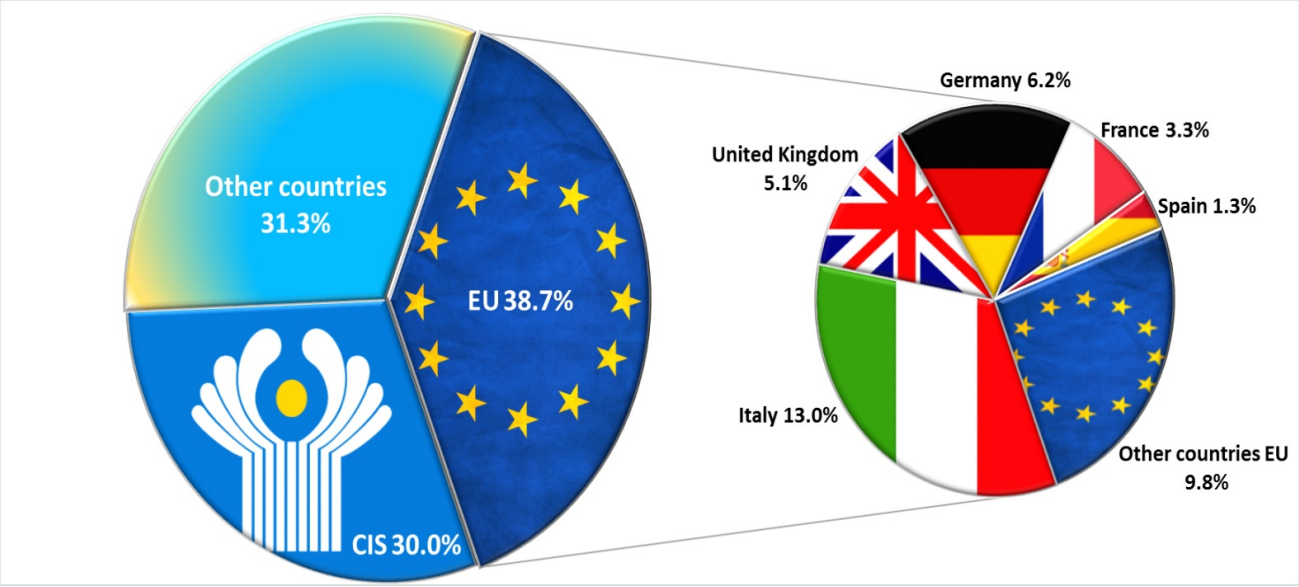
Graphical analysis of money transfers from abroad in favour of individuals, February 2018

In February 2018, the total amount of net money transfers from abroad made in favour of individuals via licensed banks of the Republic of Moldova amounted to US$ 93.48 million (increasing by 18.3% as against February 2017).

Chart no. 1. Structure of net transfers of funds from abroad in favour of individuals by geographic areas, February 2018 (%)

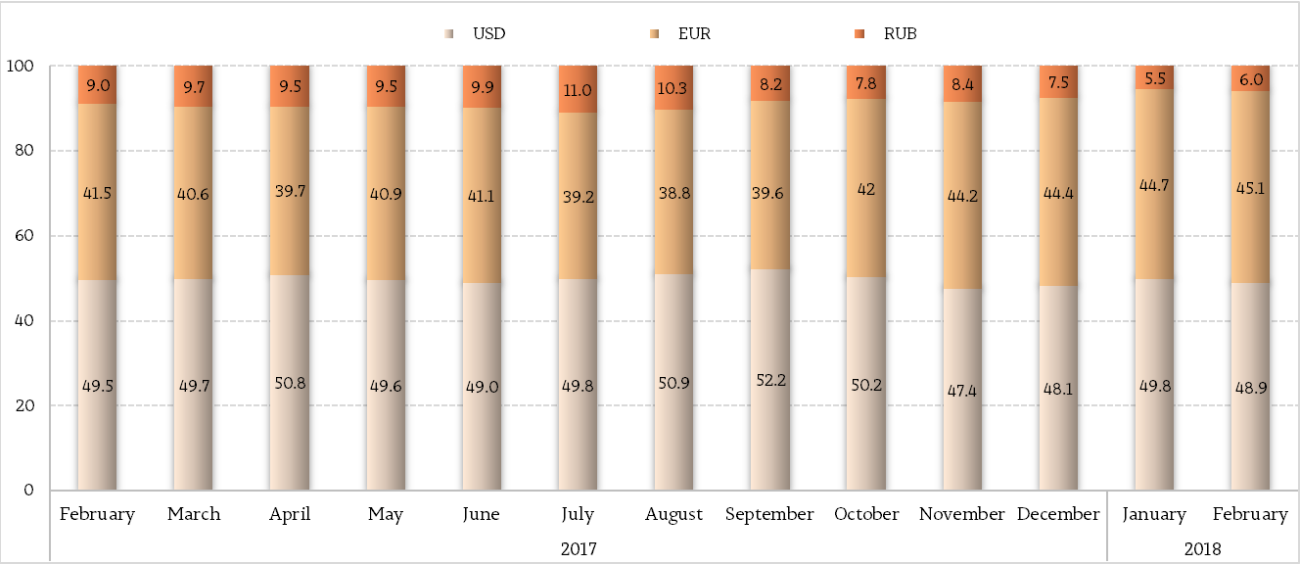


According to geographical provenance, the transfers in favour of individual originates from the following three areas – the EU (38.7 percent), CIS (30.0 percent) and the rest of the world (31.3 percent).

The distribution by countries of money transfers from abroad in favour of individuals showed that the Russian Federation held the share of 29.0 percent (USD 27.07 million) of total transfers (decreasing by 2.8 percentage points as compared to February 2017). At the same time, the transfers from Israel - 17.9 percent (USD 16.73), from Italy - 13.0 percent (USD 12.19 million), USA - 8.1 percent (USD 7.57 million), Germany - 6.2 percent (USD 5.80 million), United Kingdom - 5.1 percent (USD 4.75 million),France - 3.3 percent (USD 3.12 million), Spain - 1.3 percent (USD 1.20 million), Turkey - 1.2 percent (USD 1.11 million), Republic of Ireland – 1.2 percent (USD 1.14 million), Romania - 1.1 percent (USD 1.02 million), Portugal – 0.9 percent (USD 0.89 million), Other countries – 11.7 percent (USD 10.90 million).

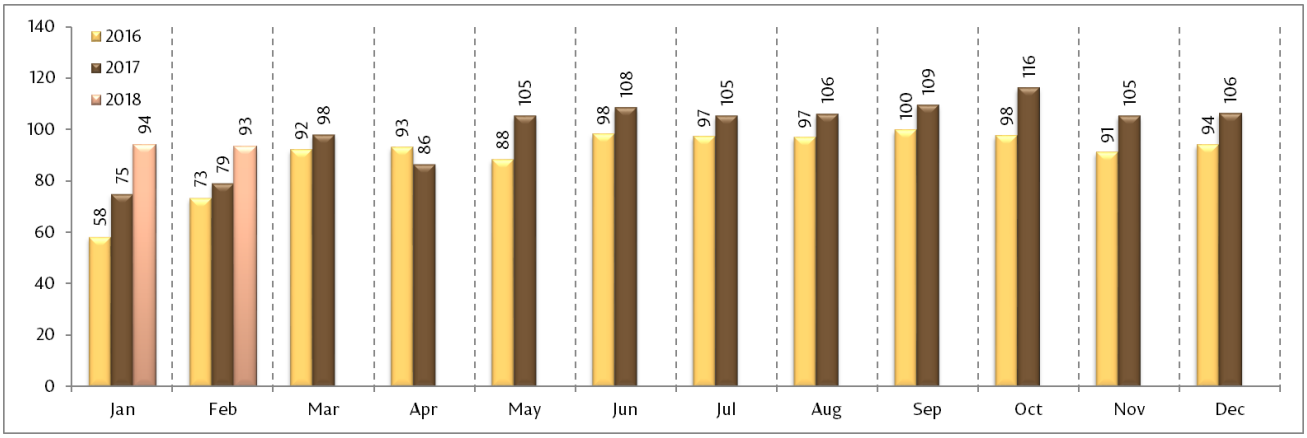
Chart no. 2. Currency structure of money transfers from abroad via MTS in favour of

individuals through licensed banks (%) February 2018



In the currency structure of transfers in favour of individuals, transfers made in US dollars have the main rate of 48.9% (down by 0.6 p.p compared to February 2017), followed by transfers in EUR - 45.1% (up by 3.6 p.p) and those in RUB- 6.0% (down by 3.0 p.p).

Chart no. 3. Money transfers from abroad made in favour of individuals, in monthly dynamics, 2016 – February 2018 (US$ million.)



In February 2018, compared with the same period of the previous year, the currencies exchange rate fluctuations against the U.S. dollar contributed by 7.5 percentage points to the total increase in foreign transfers in favour of individuals, while the actual increase in transfers was 10.8 percent (eliminating the exchange rate effect by recalculating the amounts at the exchange rate for the respective period of the previous year).

Chart no. 4. Money transfers from abroad made in favour of individuals, in monthly dynamics,February 2017 - 2018 exchange rate impact (US$ million.)

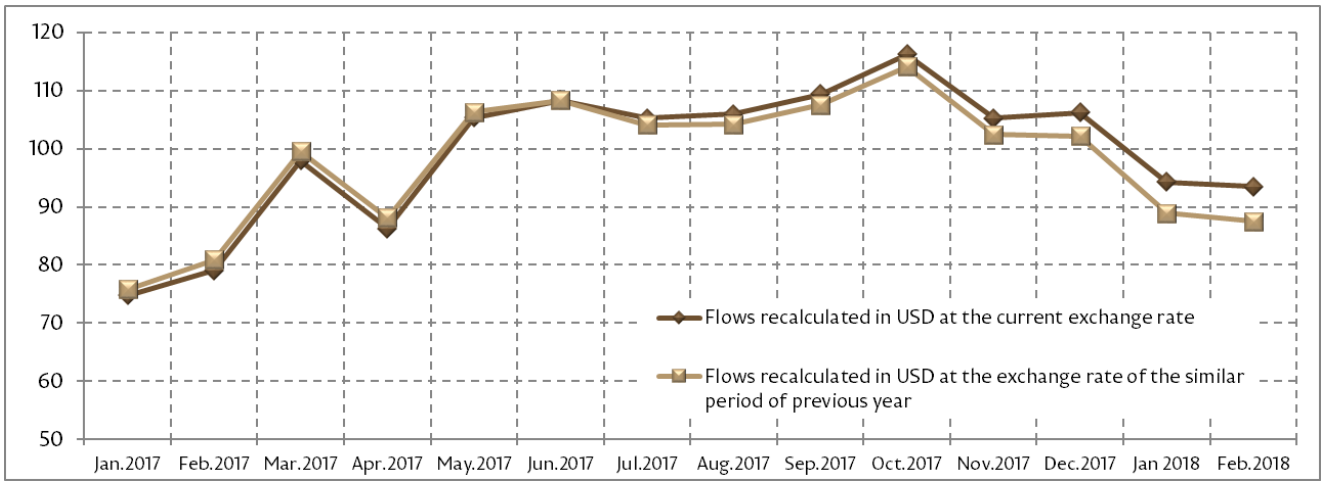
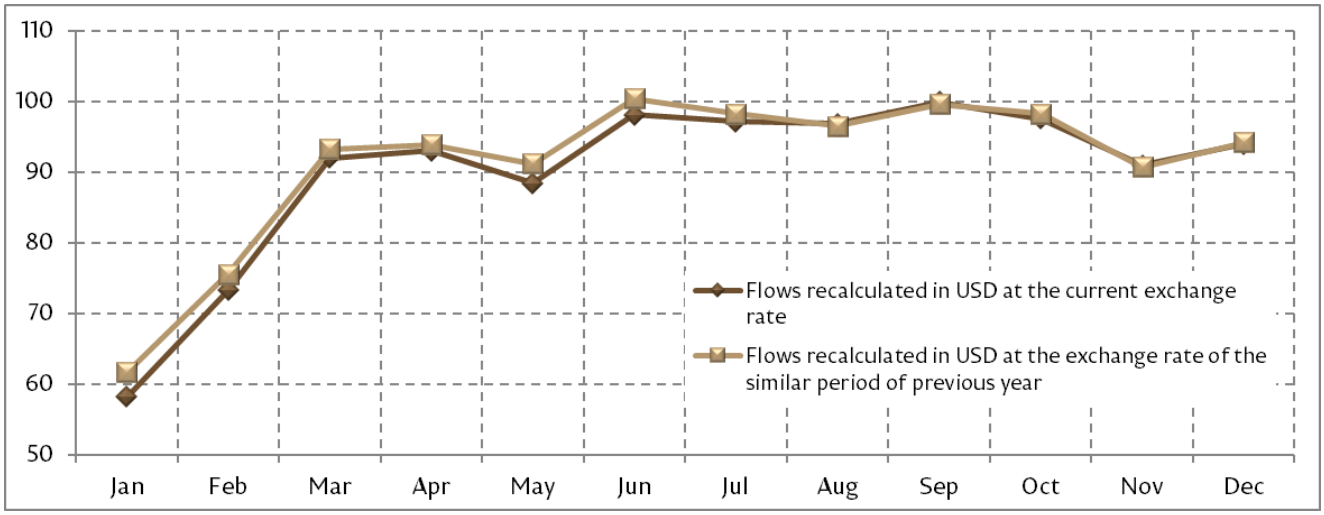


Chart no. 5. Money transfers from abroad made in favour of individuals, in monthly dynamics, 2016 - exchange rate impact (US$ million.)



NOTE:

The National Bank of Moldova notes that money transfers from abroad in favour of individuals via banks do not consist solely of remittances of Moldovan citizens working abroad, but also include unilateral transfers such as:

1. local transfers, including salary transfers in favour of resident individuals from non-residents' representatives (representative offices of international financial institutions, international organisations, and representations of foreign economic agents) in the Republic of Moldova (1.2 percent of total transfers);
2. transfers in favour of non-residents who are temporarily in the Republic of Moldova (0.6 percent of total transfers via MTS);
3. pensions (social and maintenance) and benefits (0.3 percent of total transfers).

Money transfers from abroad in favour of individuals through Moldovan banks also include transfers of individuals made via postal offices of the State Enterprise "Poşta Moldovei" (settled through banks), both via MTS and money orders.

Note that this indicator does not include:

a) international transfers to individuals made via SWIFT payment system with an investment purpose (with significant values), which amounted in the February 2018 to USD 1.13 million;

b) international transfers via SWIFT payment system to non-resident individuals, clients of licensed Moldovan banks;

c) transfers made via banks located in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova.

Statistical series on money transfers from abroad made in favour of individuals via banks and SE "Poşta Moldovei", as well as their currency structure, can be found on the official website of the National Bank of Moldova at:

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