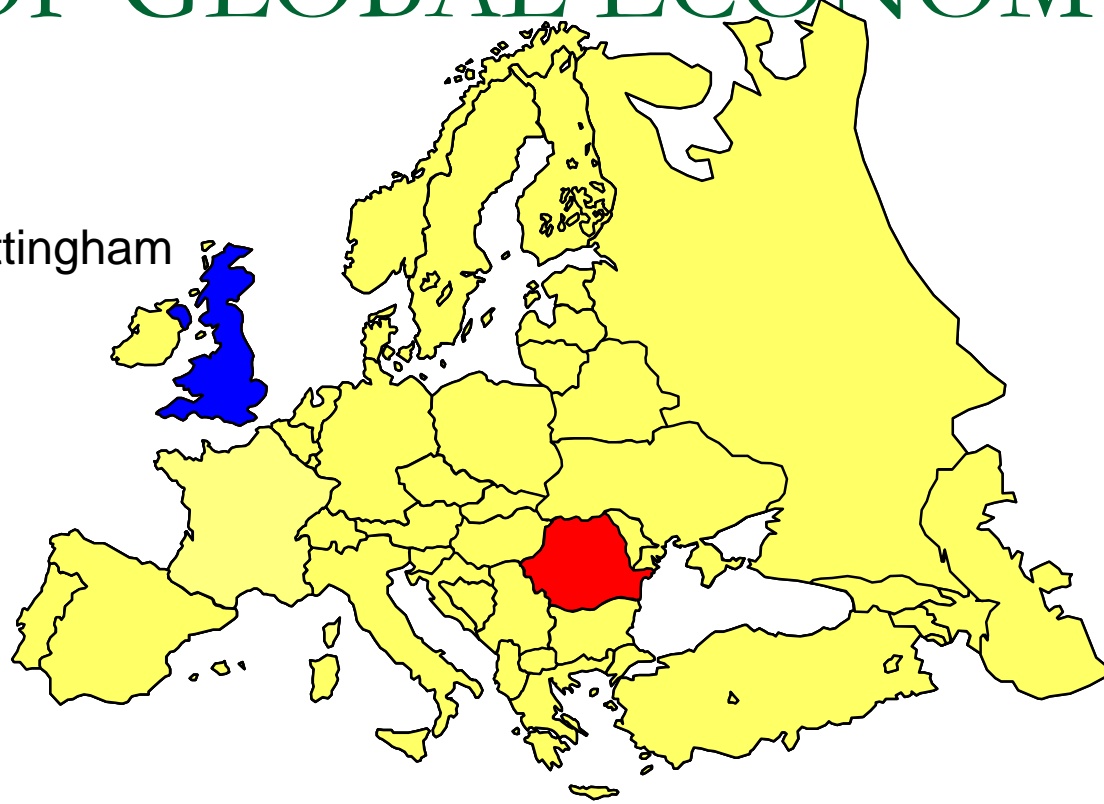




# ROMANIA IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL ECONOMY

March 26, 2009, Nottingham



*HE Dr. Ion Jinga,  
Romanian Ambassador  
to the Court of St. James*



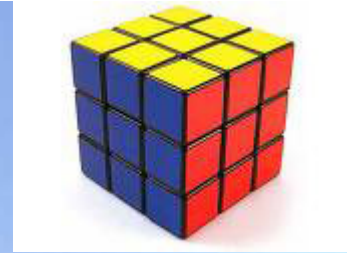
# Basic economic information 2008

- GDP: 125 bn. €
- Exports: 33.4 bn.€, imports: 55.9 bn.€
- EU: 70% of total trade



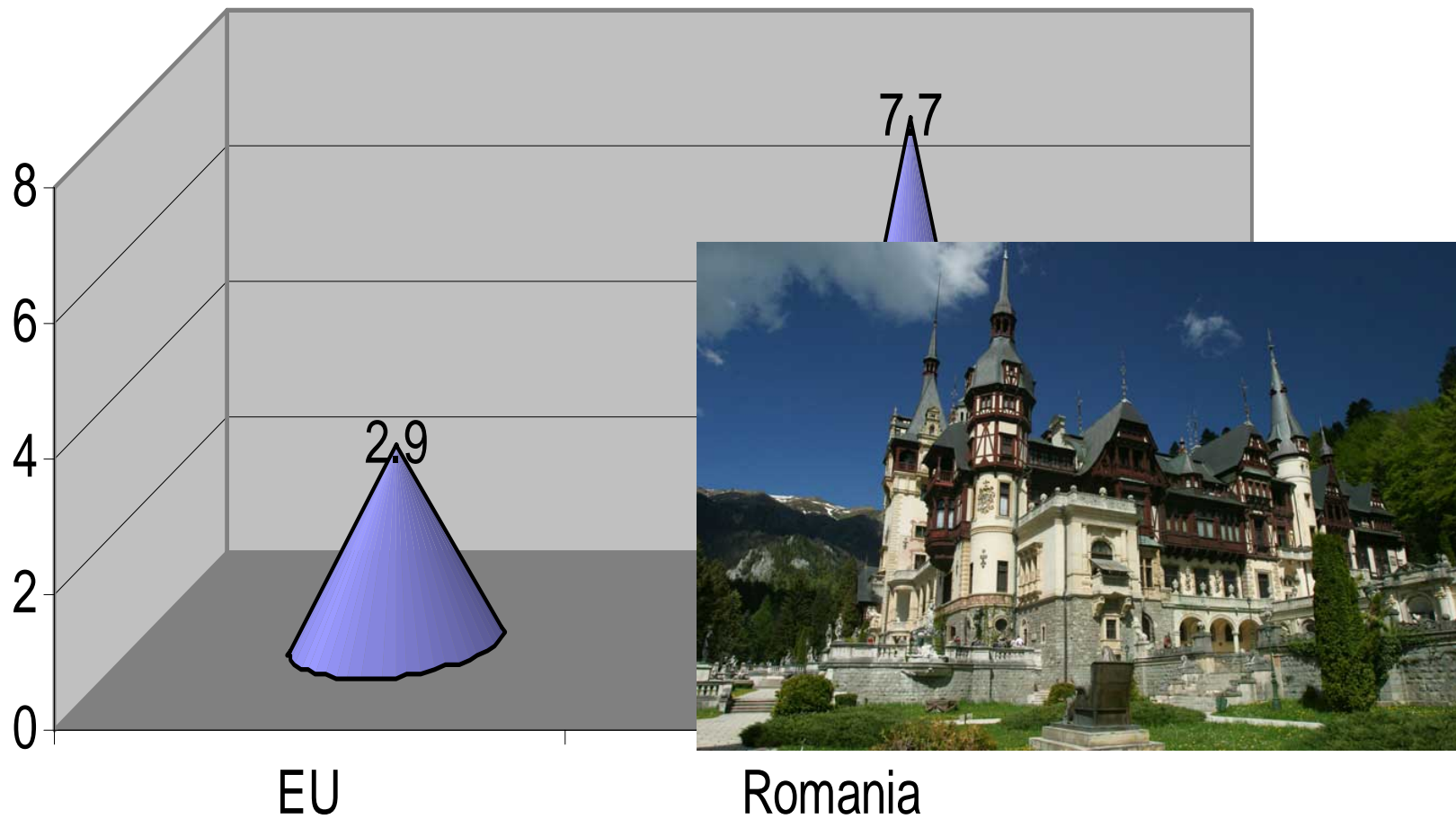


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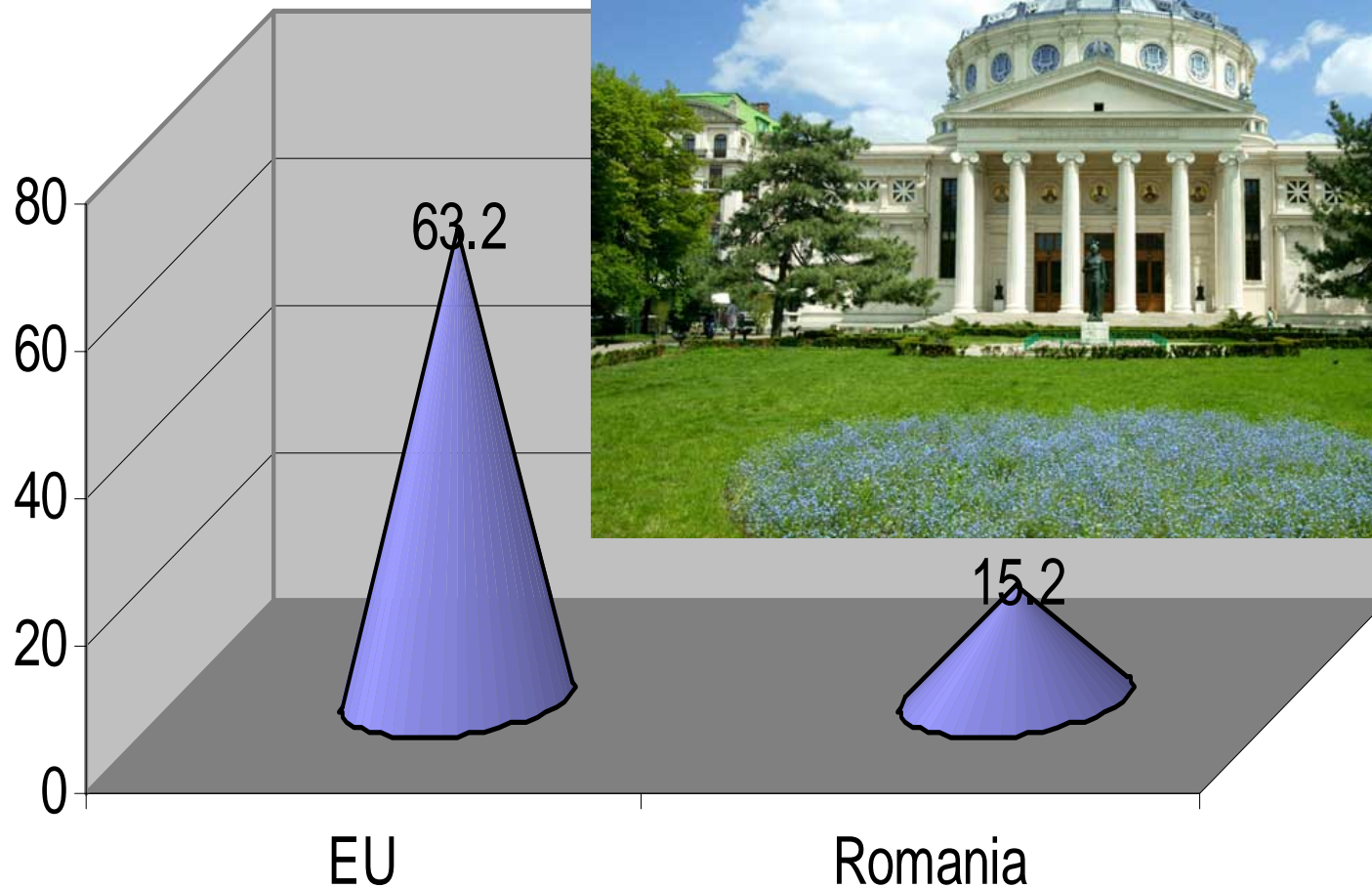
# Economic dynamism



■ GDP growth in 2006



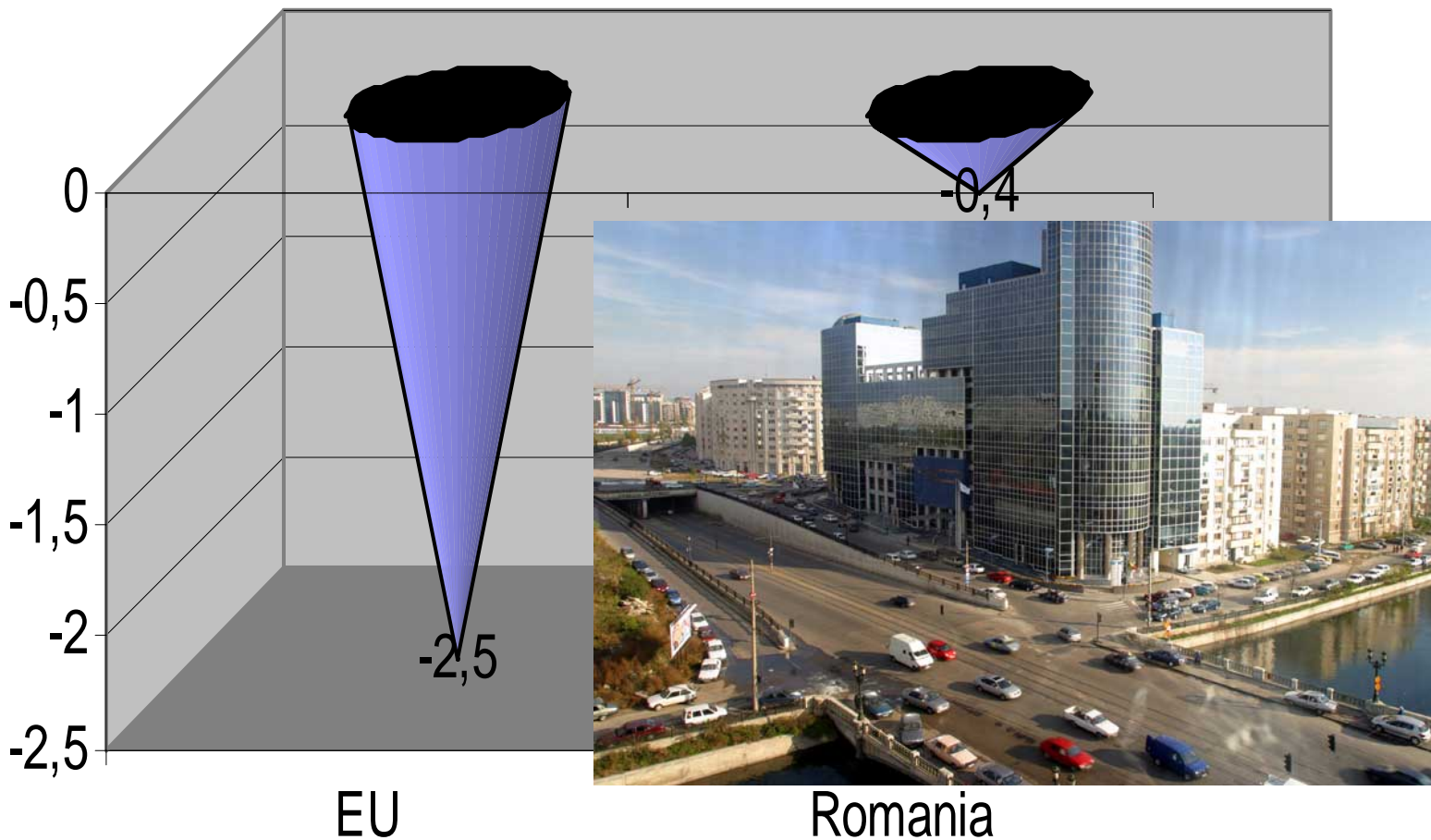
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Public debt: % of GDP



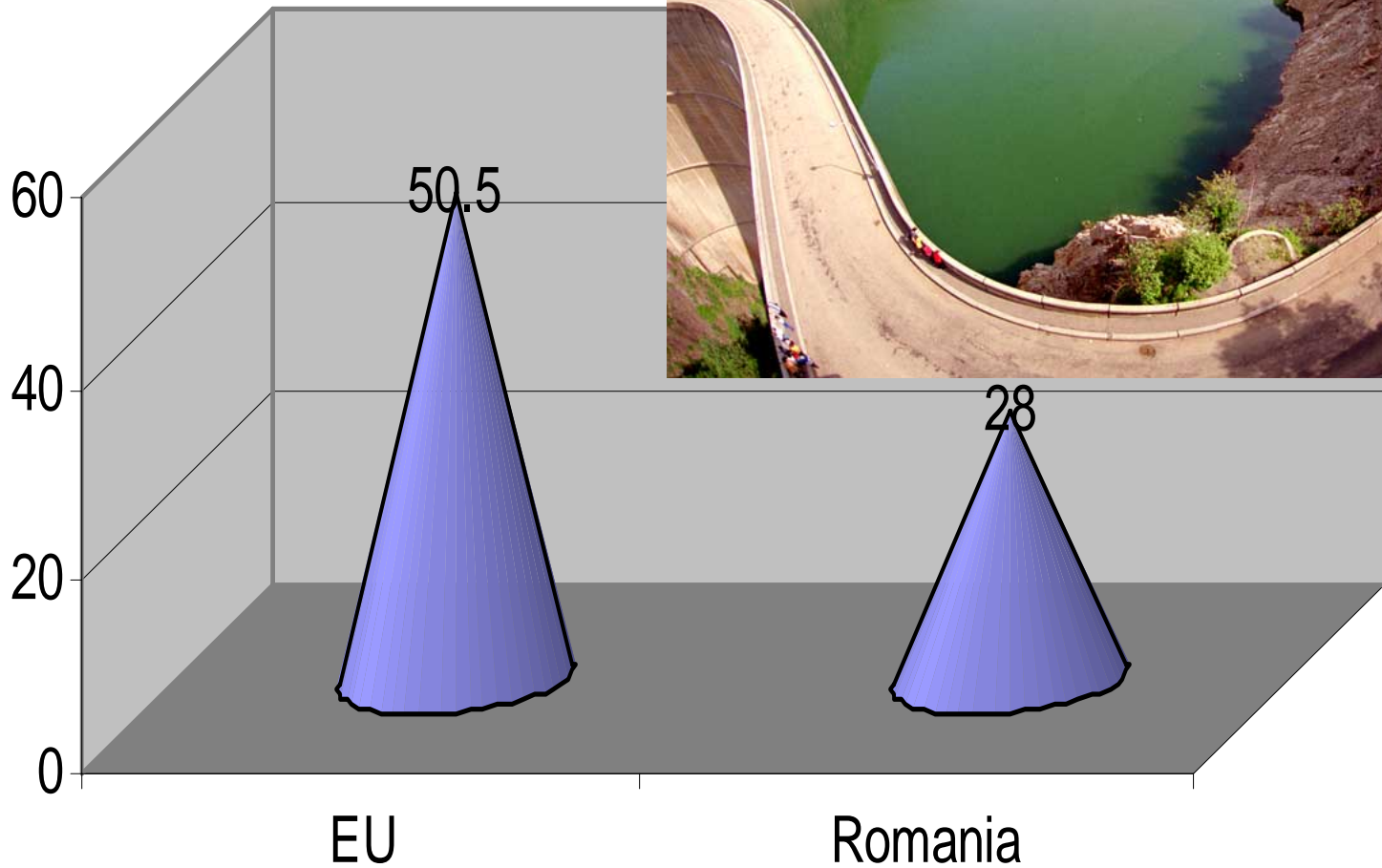
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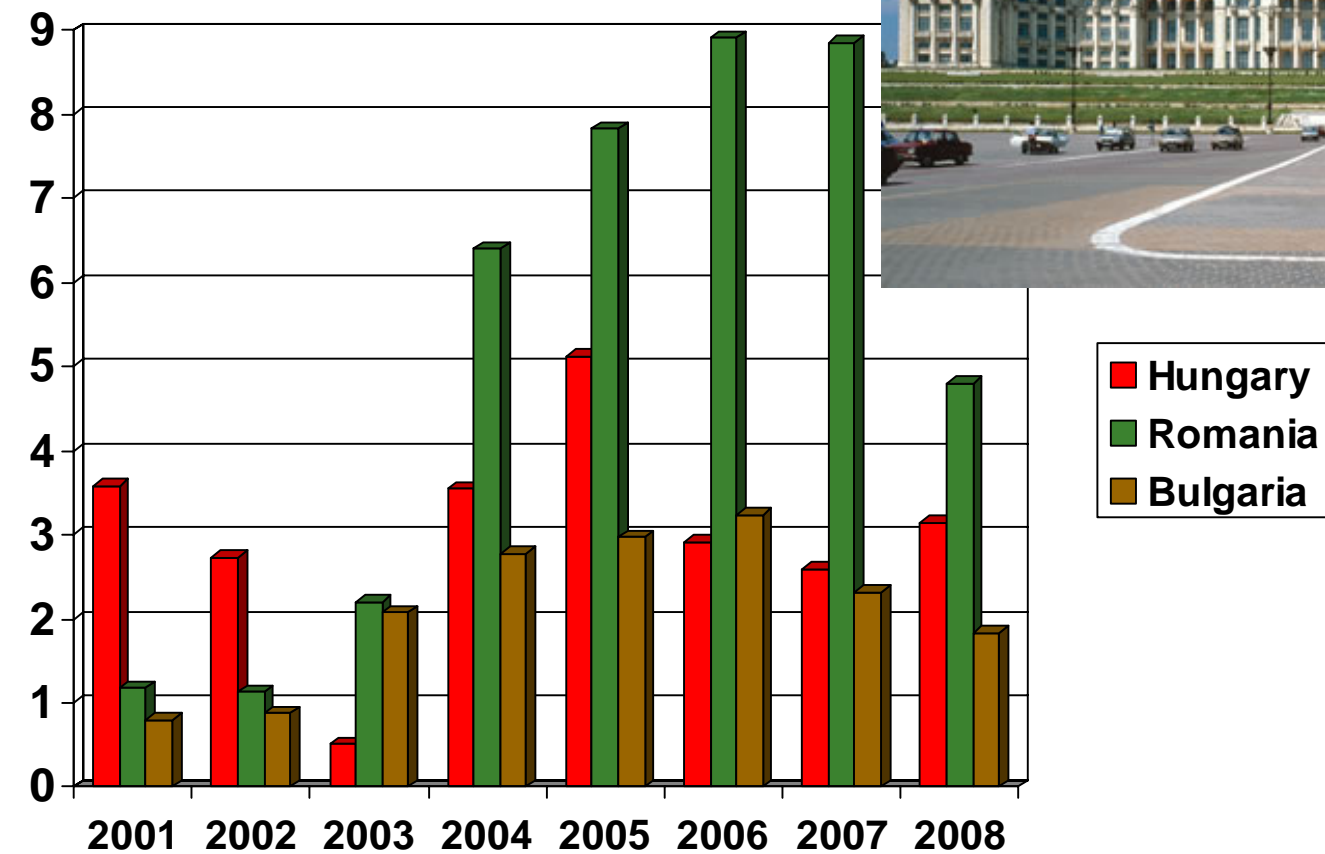
# Energy dependence



■ Share of imports in total energy consumption, %



## Net FDI inflows, US\$bn





# Romania in the context of global economy

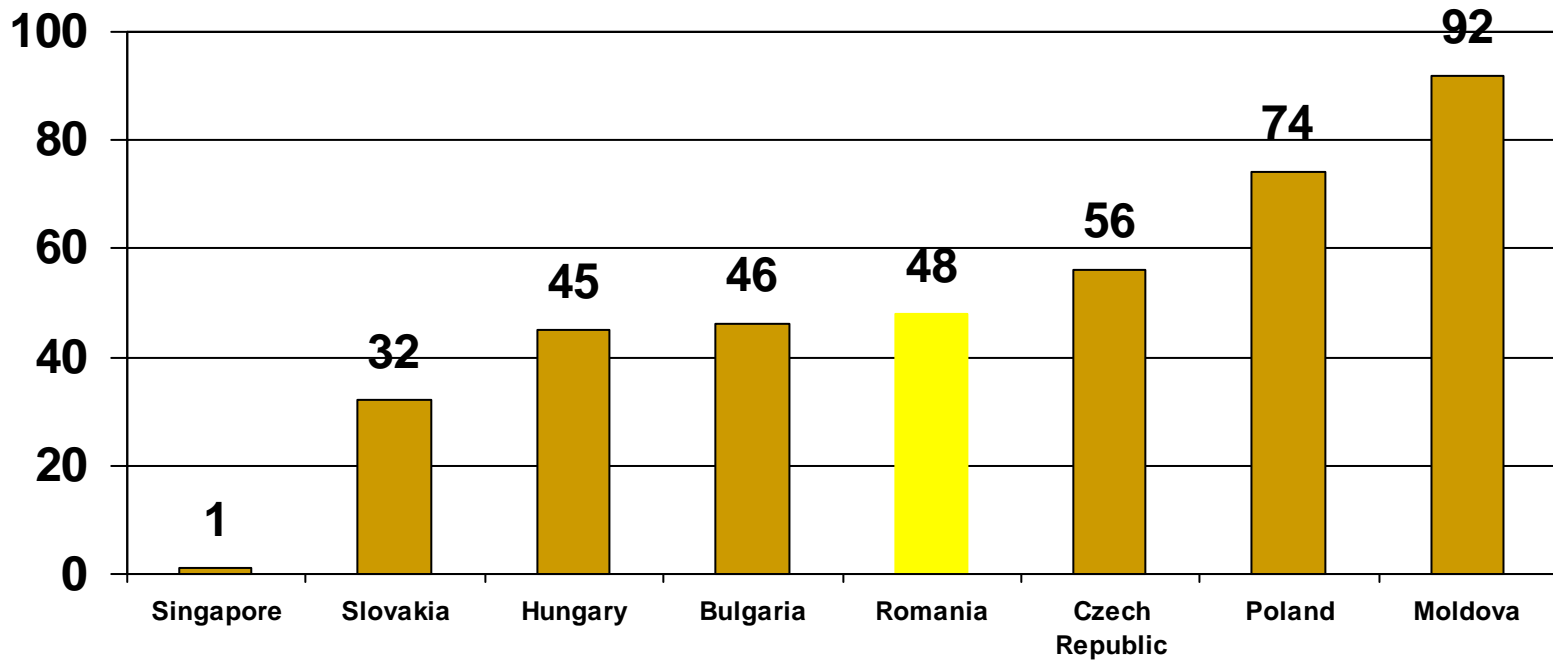
Country	Business Competitiveness Index ranking	Company operations and strategy ranking	GCI 2008-2009 rank	GCI 2007-2008 rank
United Kingdom	6	6	12	9
Germany	3	2	7	5
Czech Republic	27	29	33	33
Portugal	30	39	43	40
Hungary	34	40	62	47
Greece	40	42	67	65
Poland	42	43	53	51
China	57	53	30	34
<b>Romania</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>74</b>
Russian Fed.	74	77	51	58
Bulgaria	78	82	76	79

Romania is Ranked 67 Out of 116 Economies  
but the Global Competitiveness Index improved.



# ECONOMY RANKINGS

## Ease of Doing Business - Global Rank

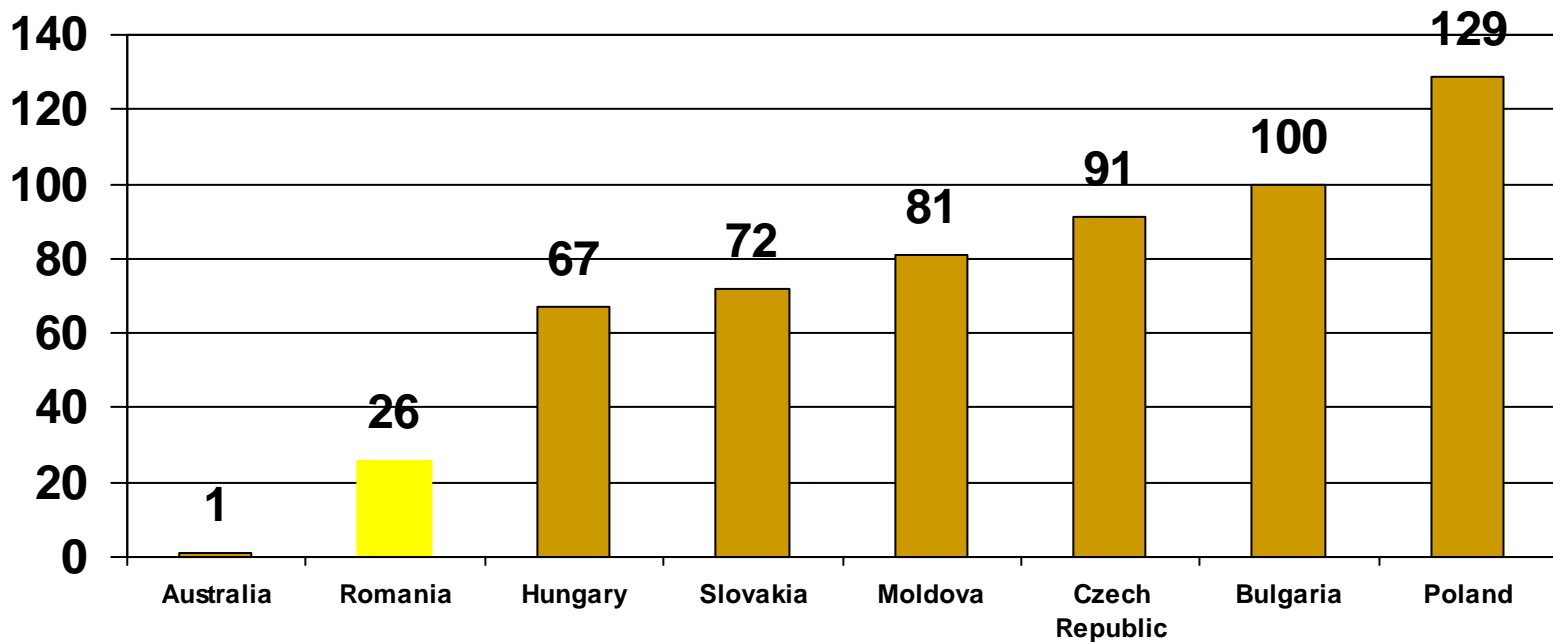


Romania is Ranked 48 Out of 178 Economies



# ECONOMY RANKINGS

## Starting a Business - Global Rank



**Romania is ranked 26 overall for starting a business. Australia is the top ranked economy followed by Canada, New Zealand and the United States**



# STARTING A BUSINESS

	No of Procedures	Days
<b>Australia</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Romania</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Hungary</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Moldova</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Poland</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>



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# ANTI – CRISIS MEASURES IN ROMANIA



# Impact of global economic downturn on Romania's economy

Romania will be less affected by the downturn, because:

1. Unlike the Baltic States or Bulgaria, Romania doesn't have a currency board. Its flexible exchange rate allows to take off the real economy part of the shocks.
2. Romania is less dependent on energy imports. On the other hand, is not a net oil and gas exporter, so it is not affected by the fall in prices of these commodities.
3. At 24% Romania has the lowest ratio of exports in GDP. The contraction of foreign markets is affecting Romania to a lesser extent.
4. The ratio of credit to GDP is only around 40% (compared to more than 90 % in other CEEs). This makes Romanian output less sensitive to contraction of credit.

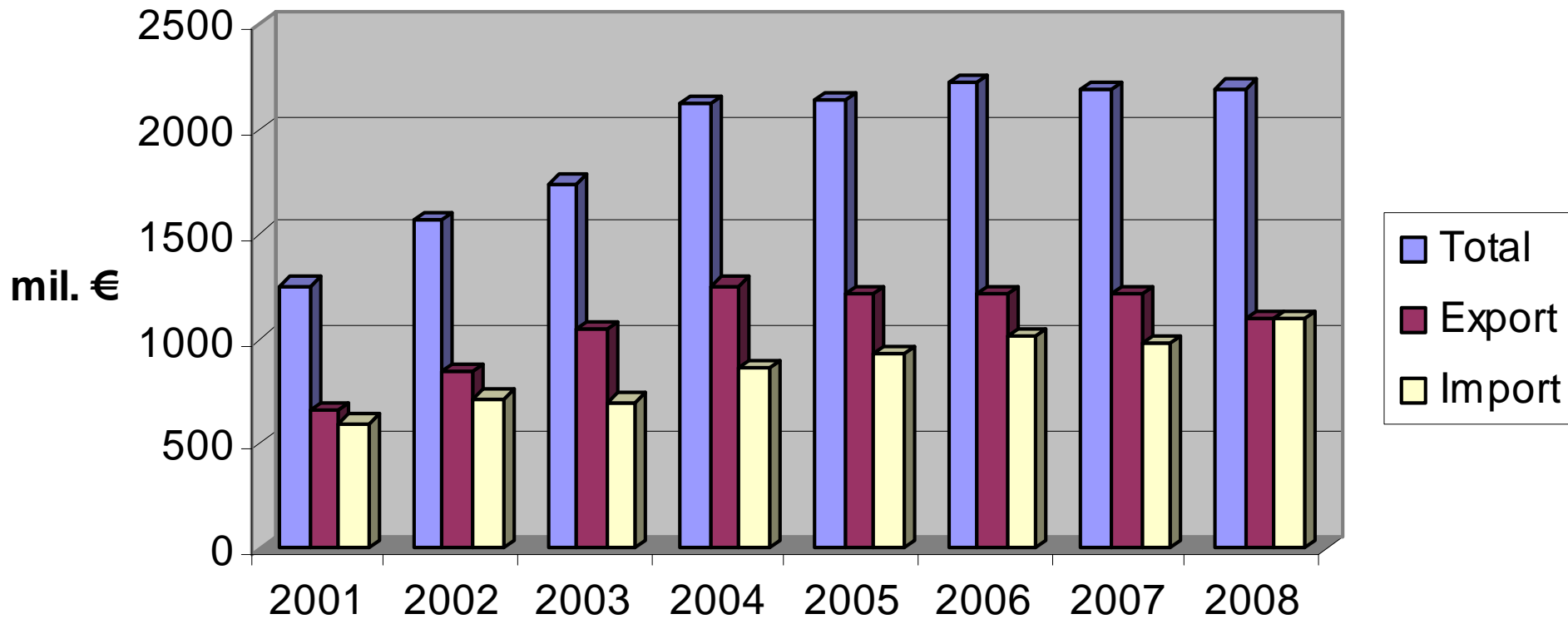


# Principles of the anti-crisis measures:

- Anti-cyclical character;
- The measures taken at national level should be correlated with those taken at EU level;
- The process of economic convergence in order to accede to the euro area should be maintained,
- The economic interests of the population should be protected and the social security should be sustained
- Romania's capacity to attract investments should be maintained;



## Romanian - British Trade Exchanges



# THREE PAN-EUROPEAN TRANSPORT CORRIDORS CROSSING ROMANIA



*EU corridors no.:*  
*IV*  
*VII*  
*IX*  
*are crossing Romania*



# EU GRANTS AND INCENTIVES

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- **ERDF** (European Regional Development Fund)  
Increase of Economic Competitiveness **Programme**
- **ESF** (European Social Fund)  
Human Resource Development **Programme**
- **EAFRD** (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development)  
Rural Development **Programme**
- **STATE AID scheme**  
Agri-food and forestry processing enterprises



# Concluding remarks

- Romania remains, even during the global economic downturn, an attractive business destination
- Romania still has some comparative and competitive advantages, being the second largest market in Central and Eastern Europe, after Poland
- Romania benefits of substantial EU funds, available for business

**Come, and do business in Romania !**



# Dacia Duster concept, by Renault





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