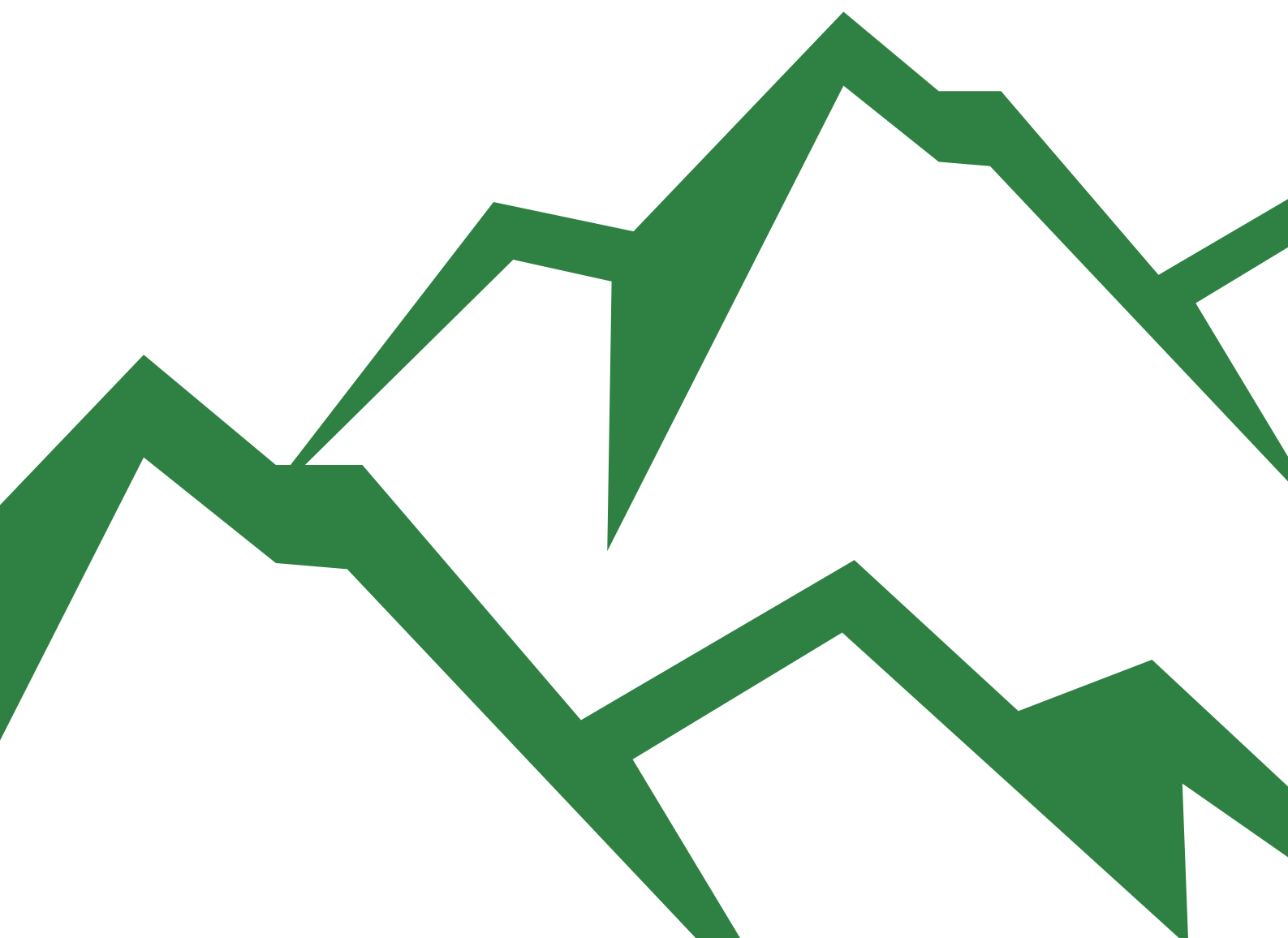


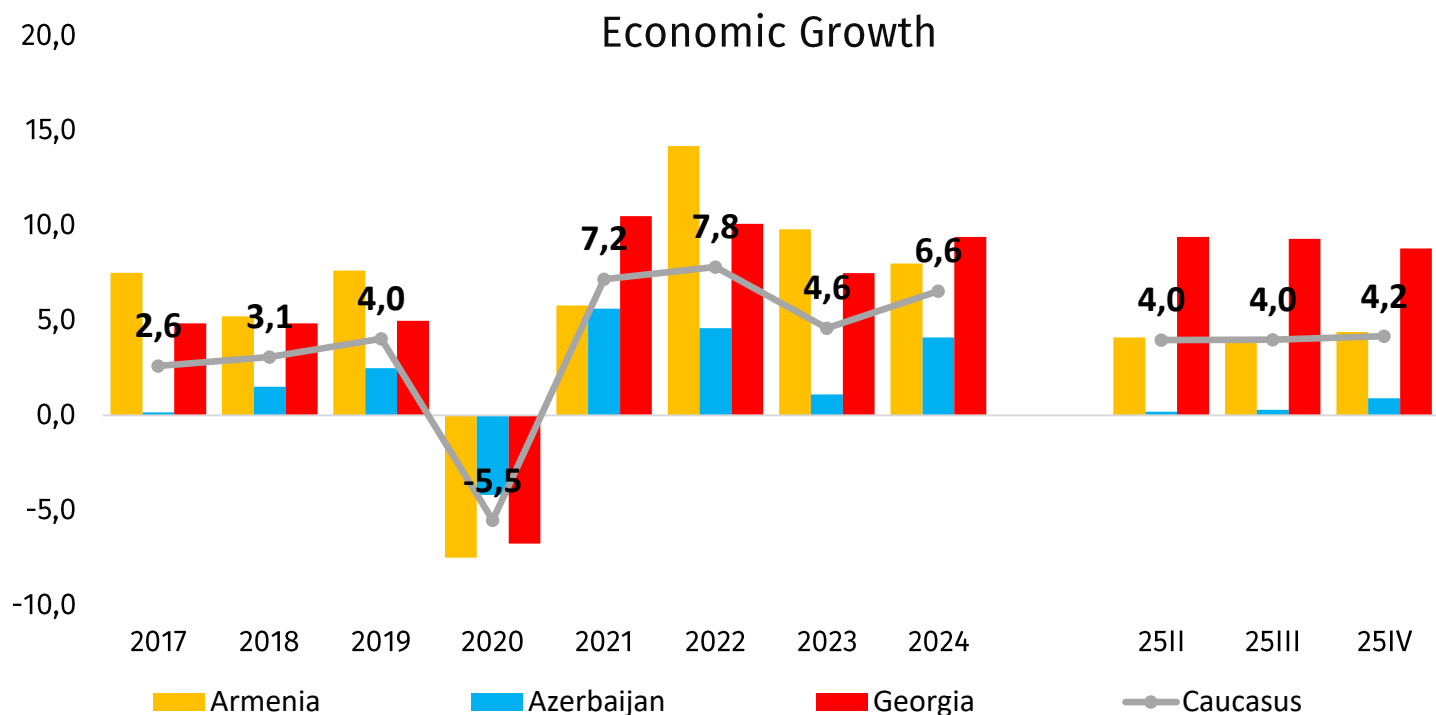


Monthly Review of the Caucasus

Economy

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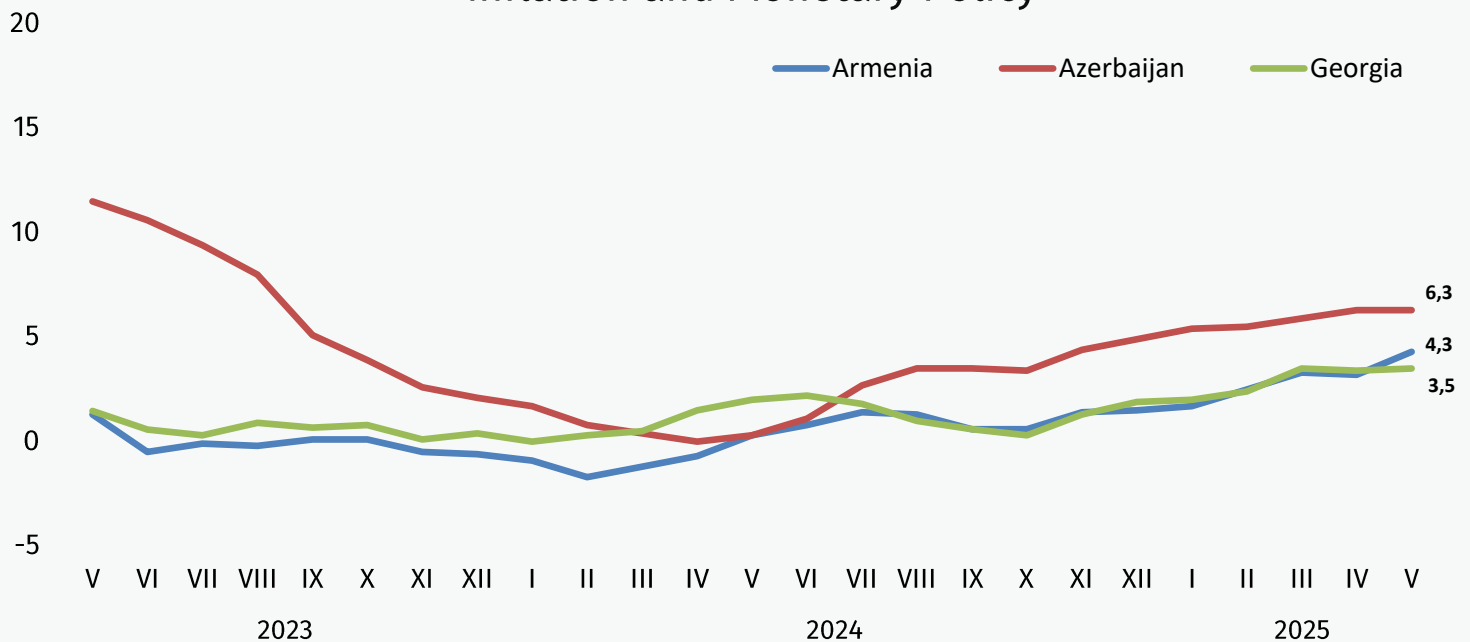
The economic growth in the Caucasus region was 4.4% in 2023. The slowdown in economic growth in 2023 was due to reduced human and financial capital flows from Russia and lower oil prices than the previous year. Growth accelerated to 6.6% last year, primarily due to monetary easing. The growth rate has slowed since 2025. In January-April, the Caucasus economy grew by 4.2%.

✚ The Georgian economy grew 9.5% last year. The economy expanded by 8.8% in January-April of this year. The transportation, real estate, financial activities, mining, information and communication sectors significantly contributed to the growth. Shrinking was observed in manufacturing and construction.

🇦🇲 In the 2024, Armenia's economy grew by 8%. In January-April of this year, compared to the same period last year, the economy expanded by 4.4%. The trade sector is essential to the growth, increasing by 5.2% during this period, and the construction sector by 15%. Output in services expanded by 9.9%.

🇦🇿 In 2024, Azerbaijan grew by 4.1%. The economy grew by 0.9% in four months of this year. 32.6% of the Azerbaijan economy is the oil and gas industry. Excluding the oil and gas industry, the growth rate was 3.3%. In agriculture, the growth rate stood at 1.8%.

Inflation and Monetary Policy



Inflation mostly repeats the trends of economic growth in the Caucasus region. Georgia has the best situation, and Azerbaijan has relatively high inflation.

🇧🇪 Georgia's inflation trajectory took a positive turn in 2024, marked by a significant decrease compared to the previous year. In May 2025, the annual growth of the consumer prices index accounted to 3.5%. Despite a notable 8.3% increase in food and non-alcoholic beverages prices, several sectors experienced price drops, with communication service prices decreasing by 12.8%. These developments prompted the Central Bank to leave the refinance rate at 8%.

🇦🇲 In the past, Armenia's position in the region was different regarding price level changes. In May 2025, the annual growth in consumer prices was 4.3%. The highest increase, 7.8%, was recorded in the education sector, while a 1.5% decrease in clothes prices was noted. The Central Bank of Armenia also made a significant move by starting to ease its monetary policy last year. The most recent decision saw the refinancing rate left unchanged at 6.75 %.

🇦🇿 Inflation has slowed down in Azerbaijan. In May 2025, the consumer prices index growth amounted to 6.3%. In April, inflation was at same rate. In previous periods, Azerbaijan was also distinguished by relatively high inflation in the region. Nevertheless, the Central Bank of Azerbaijan refrained from tightening the policy. The decision made in June stayed the policy rate at 7.25%.