



Country Profile Turkmenistan

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General Data

General info

- Capital: Ashgabat
- Type of state: Democratic Republic
- Location: Central Asia - Area: 488,100 km²
- Time zone: GMT + 5

Demography

- Population: 6,234,099 - 2022
- Natural increase: 1.5% - 2021
- Official language: Russian, Uzbek, Kazakh
- Business language: English

Change

- Manat Turkmen (TMT)
- 1 USD = 3.50 TMT October 2022

macro economy

- GDP: 45.23 MM USD Growth: 6.3% - 2019
- GDP per capita: 7,612 USD - 2019
- Employment rate of people aged 15 and over: 43 % - 2021

International trade

- Imports – 2021: 3,816 USD million
- Exports – 2021: 3,082 M USD

FDI

- FDI stocks in 2021: 40,775.3 M USD
- Inward FDI flows in 2021: 1,453 M USD

Strong points

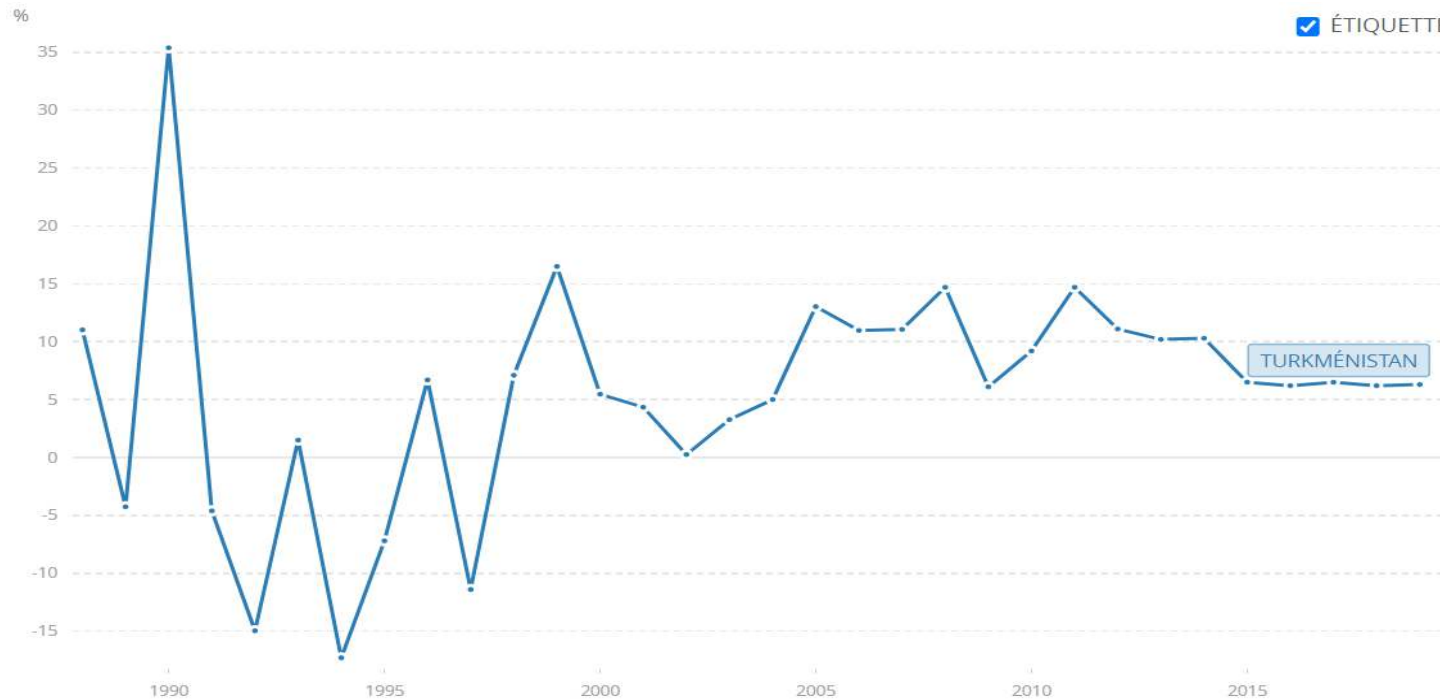
4th largest natural gas reserve in the world

Strategic position in Central Asia

Member of the Commonwealth of Independent States



GDP growth (annual %)



Turkmenistan's economy has experienced a rebound in 2021 and will continue into 2022 thanks to increasing demand for oil and gas and rising world prices, both of which are expected to boost hydrocarbon production and exports. In addition, record wheat harvests have boosted the agriculture sector, and cotton will likely meet government production targets.

Private consumption and services growth are expected to improve further in 2022, growing at 5 percent each. Public investment and net exports will continue to support the country's growth.

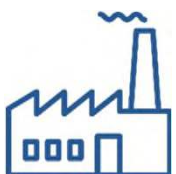


Main sectors of activity



10.8 %

Share of agriculture in GDP
It employs 20.7% of the population



42.0 %

Share of industry in GDP
It employs 39.8% of the population



47.2 %

Share of services in GDP
They employ 39.5% of the population



Sector Strategies



Turkmenistan has adopted a program of socio-economic development for 2025. Its objective is the structural reorganization of the sectors of the national economy and of all the systems of state management.

The strengthening of the competitiveness of the country's industry, the increase in production and scientific and technical capacities, the expansion of the types of products intended for national use are going to be secured through the rational use of local raw materials, their advanced processing and the creation of high added value. In this regard, priority should be given to the production of high quality products that are not substandard to imported products.

The efforts will be devoted to the strengthening of the material park of Turkmen enterprises and the identification and use of the best world practices, innovative technologies and advanced scientific ideas.

The program also provides for the development of special economic zones and economic corridors connecting the country's regions and neighboring countries through advanced industrial transport and logistics systems and industrial complexes with access to foreign markets.

Some special attention will also be directed to strengthening the capacity and efficiency of public administrations at all levels to manage the sector by promoting technological innovation and reinforcing the relationship between government structures and civil society.





Infrastructure



Maritime

Turkmenbaşy International Seaport is the main passenger and cargo seaport in Turkmenistan .

It is located in the eastern part of the Caspian Sea . There are regular lines to Baku (Azerbaijan), Aktau(Kazakhstan).



Road

The road network covers a total length of 58,592 km.

The development of Turkmenistan's road network is of strategic importance to the government with the establishment of major transport and transit corridors linking Europe to Asia and the Near East which cross the country on North-South and East-West axes. In this regard, AH5 which is an east-west axis road of the Asian road network, stretching 10,380 km from Shanghai in China to the border between Bulgaria and Turkey, passes through Turkmenistan thus connecting the cities of Farap - Türkmenabat - Mary - Tejen - Ashgabat - Serdar - Türkmenbaşy.



Airport

Turkmenistan's largest airline is Turkmenistan Airlines operating to 9 destinations.

Turkmenistan has 8 airports and airfields, including the main airport of Ashgabat.



Railway

The railway network covers 5,113 kilometers.

The vast majority of the lines run along the northern and southern borders of the country. The Tejen - Serakhs - Mashhad line, built by Turkmenistan and Iran, connects the Central Asian, Russian and European railway networks with those of South Asia and the Persian Gulf.



Promising Sectors



01

Construction : Investment in large-scale infrastructure projects is one of Turkmenistan's main strategies for fostering economic growth. Increasing individual income levels, household growth, and population migration from rural to urban areas will increase the need for upgraded construction facilities and road infrastructure development in the country.

02

Textile: The textile industry of Turkmenistan is mainly centered on the production of cotton. Almost 45% of textile enterprises consist of cotton spinning and weaving factories, with about 20 factories, followed by about 10 silk enterprises and some wool processing, knitting and others.

03

Energy : The government of Turkmenistan is continuously investing in oil and gas, in order to modernize and develop the energy sector, especially electricity and heating. In addition, the energy sector is almost fully subsidized; citizens receive free electricity, heating and gas with a consumption limit, and this will last until 2030.

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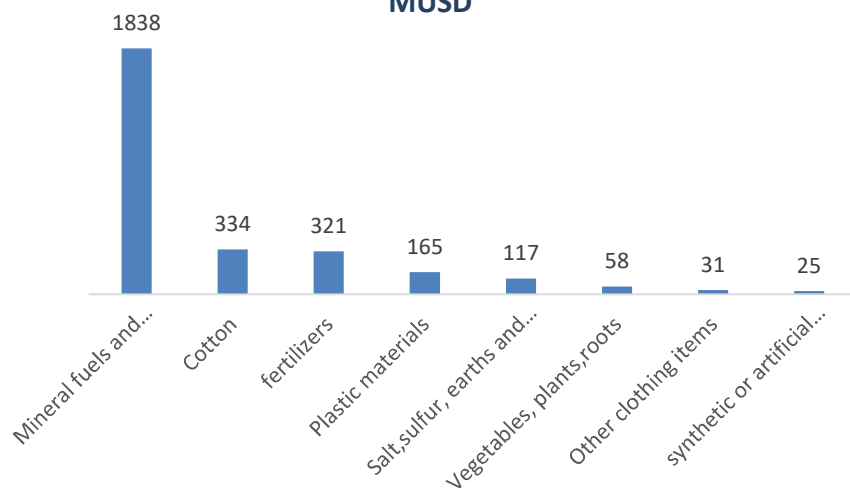
Tourism: The main task of the State Tourism Committee of Turkmenistan is to promote international tourism as the most profitable sector of the tourism industry. New tourist destinations will be opened in order to attract more foreign tourists. To date, there are three major sites of historical and architectural significance - Kunyaurchen, Merv and Nisa - included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. In 2020, the capital of Turkmenistan, Ashgabat, joined the World Federation of Tourist Cities (WFTG).



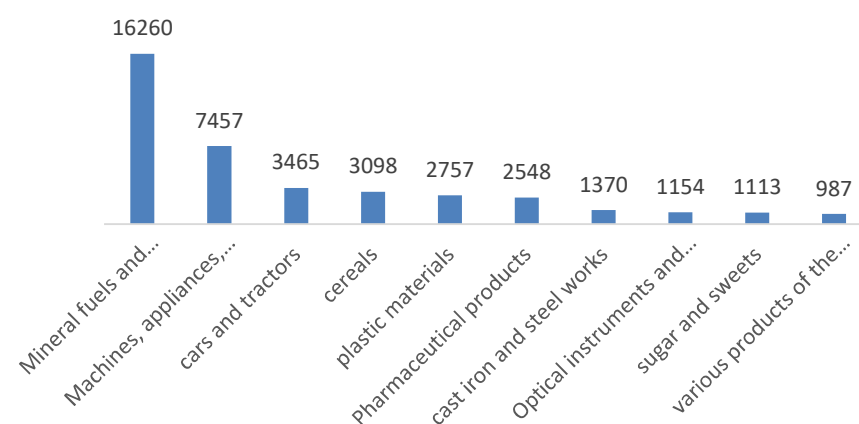
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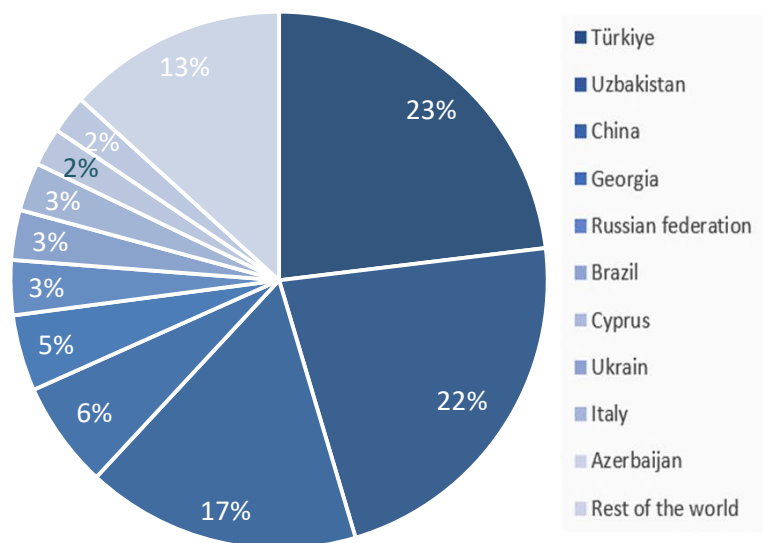
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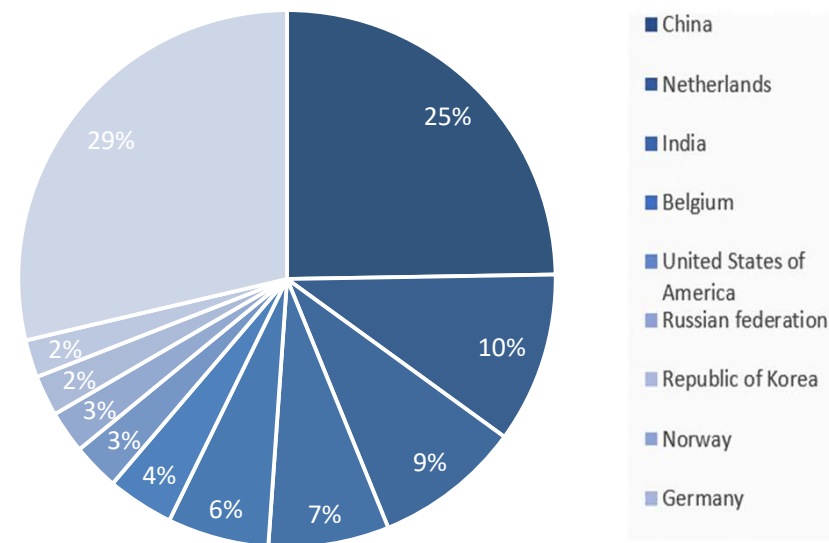
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Main customers of Turkmenistan in 2021



Top Suppliers to Turkmenistan in 2021

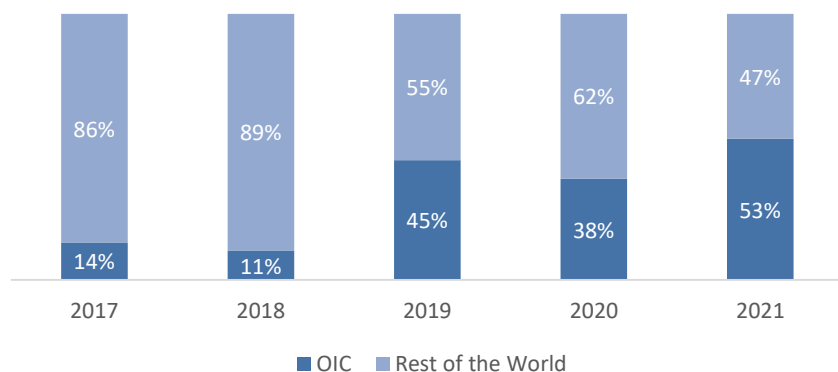




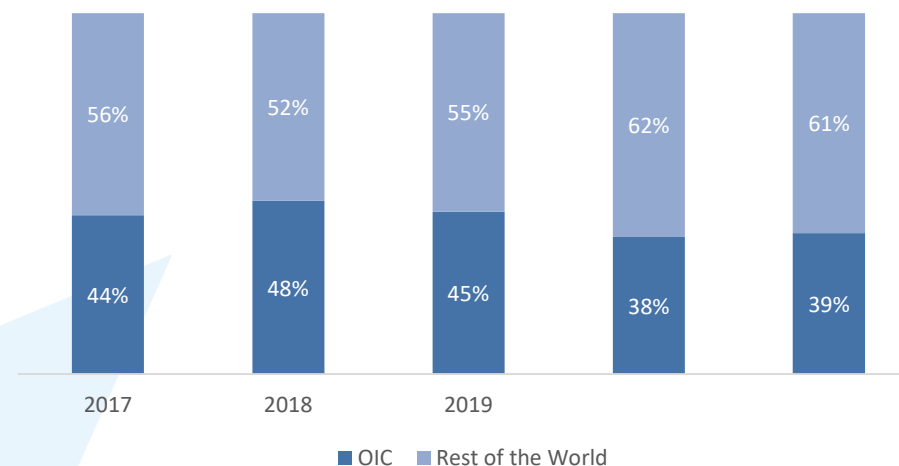
Intra-OIC Trade



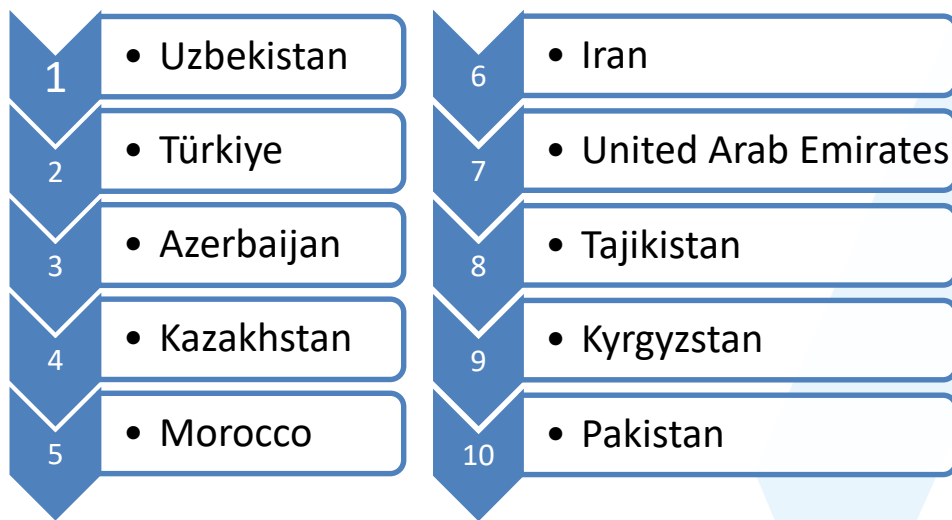
Share of OIC in Turkmenistan's Exports



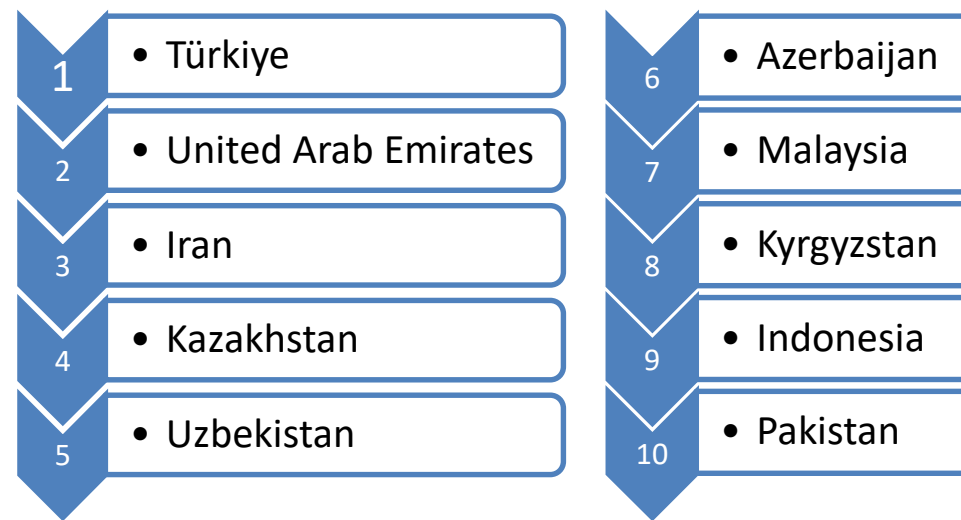
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Top 10 Customers, OIC Members in 2020

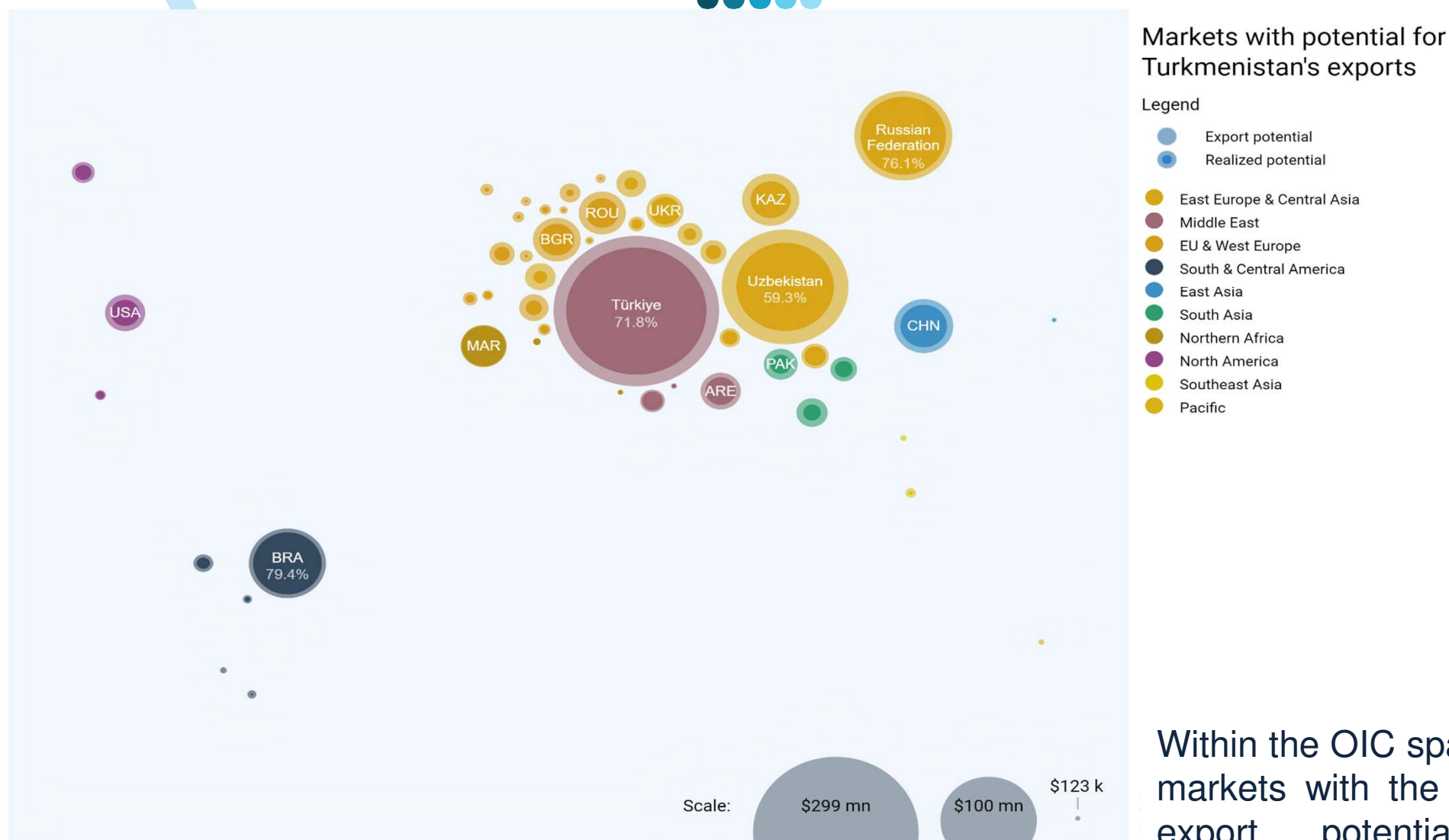


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Export potential of Turkmenistan by country of destination



Source: International Trade Center

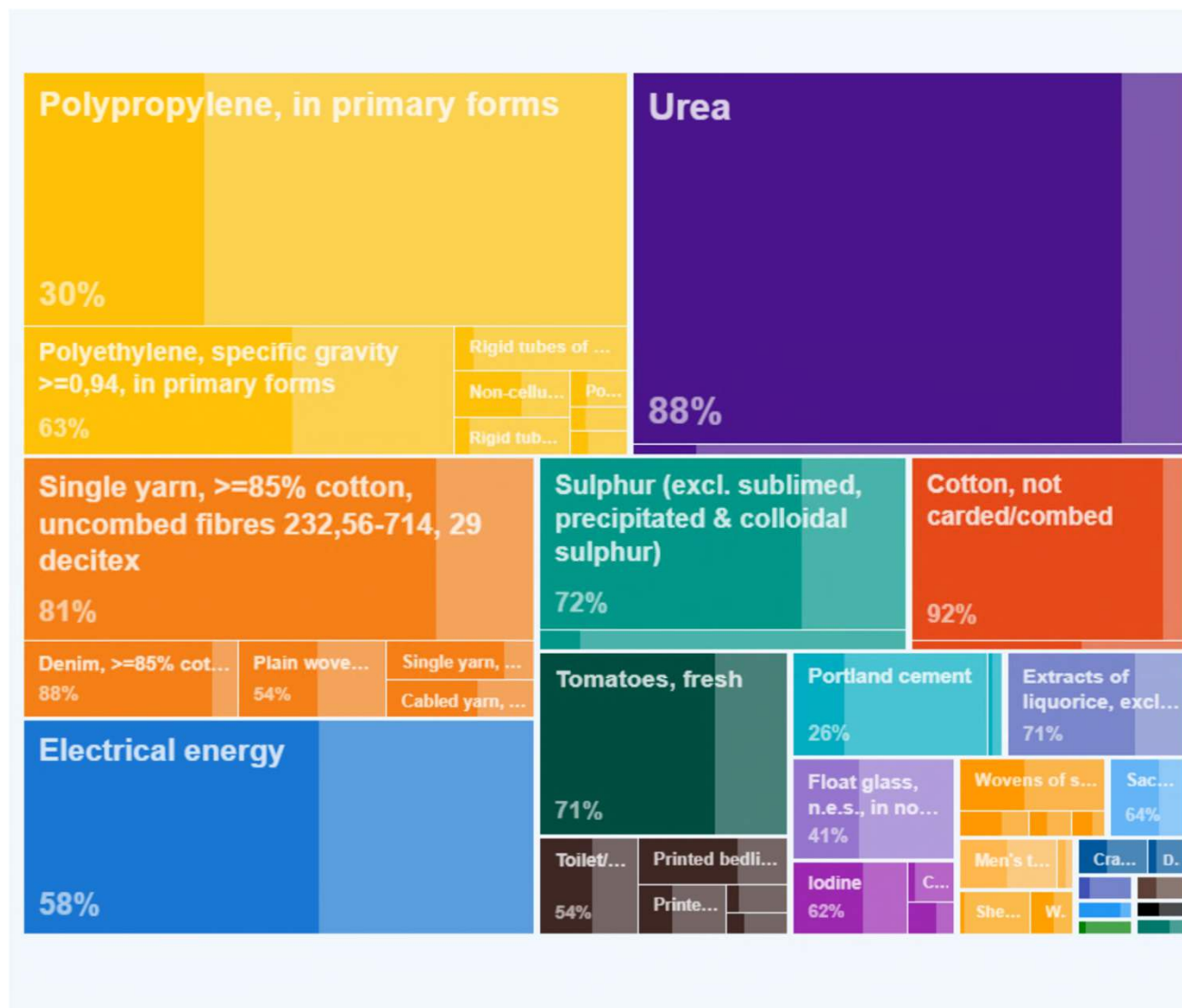
Within the OIC space, the markets with the highest export potential are located in the Middle East.



Turkmenistan Export Potential by Product



Source: International Trade Center



Turkmenistan's products with potential

Legend

- Export potential
- Realized potential
- Plastics & rubber
- Fertilisers
- Cotton (fabric)
- Machinery, electricity
- Mineral resources
- Vegetal textile fibers
- Vegetables
- Home textiles
- Mineral products
- Food products n.e.s. (processed or preserved)
- Glass articles
- Chemicals
- Synthetic textile fabric
- Textile products n.e.s.
- Apparel
- Skins, leather & products thereof
- Motor vehicles & parts
- Vegetal residues & animal feed
- Ceramic articles
- Raw silk & wool

The products with the greatest export potential are plastics & rubber, fertilizers and cotton (cloth).



Market Access



Customs Duties and Taxes

Turkmenistan customs tariffs are published on the website:
<https://customs.gov.tm/en/customs-info/customs-fees/fees>

Trade agreements

WTO observer member
Associate Member of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

Fairs and Exhibitions

For more information, visit the website:
https://www.eventseye.com/fairs/c0_salons_turkmenistan.html

Public markets

Turkmenistan's tenders are published on the site:
<https://invest.gov.tm/general-info/view?id=10>



Invest in Turkmenistan



Why Turkmenistan

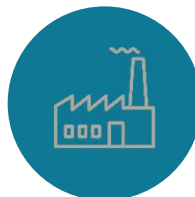
Fourth largest natural gas reserve in the world (nearly 10% of the total)
Strategic position in Central Asia and between China on the one hand and Russia and Europe via the Caspian Sea on the other.

Special Economic Zones

There are ten free zones in the country: MaryBayramaly, Ekerem-Hazar, Turkmenabat-Seydi, Bakharly-Serdar, Ashgabat-Anew, Ashgabat-Abadan, Saragt, Guneshli, Ashgabat International Airport and Dashoguz Airport.

Implemented Measures

- Guarantee of legal protection for foreign investors;
- Guarantee of protection of intellectual property rights;
- Stability of investment and business conditions in the territory of the special economic zone;
- Guarantee of return on foreign investment in the event of the termination of investment activity;
- Guarantee of export of goods and information in documentary form or in the form of electronic recording;





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