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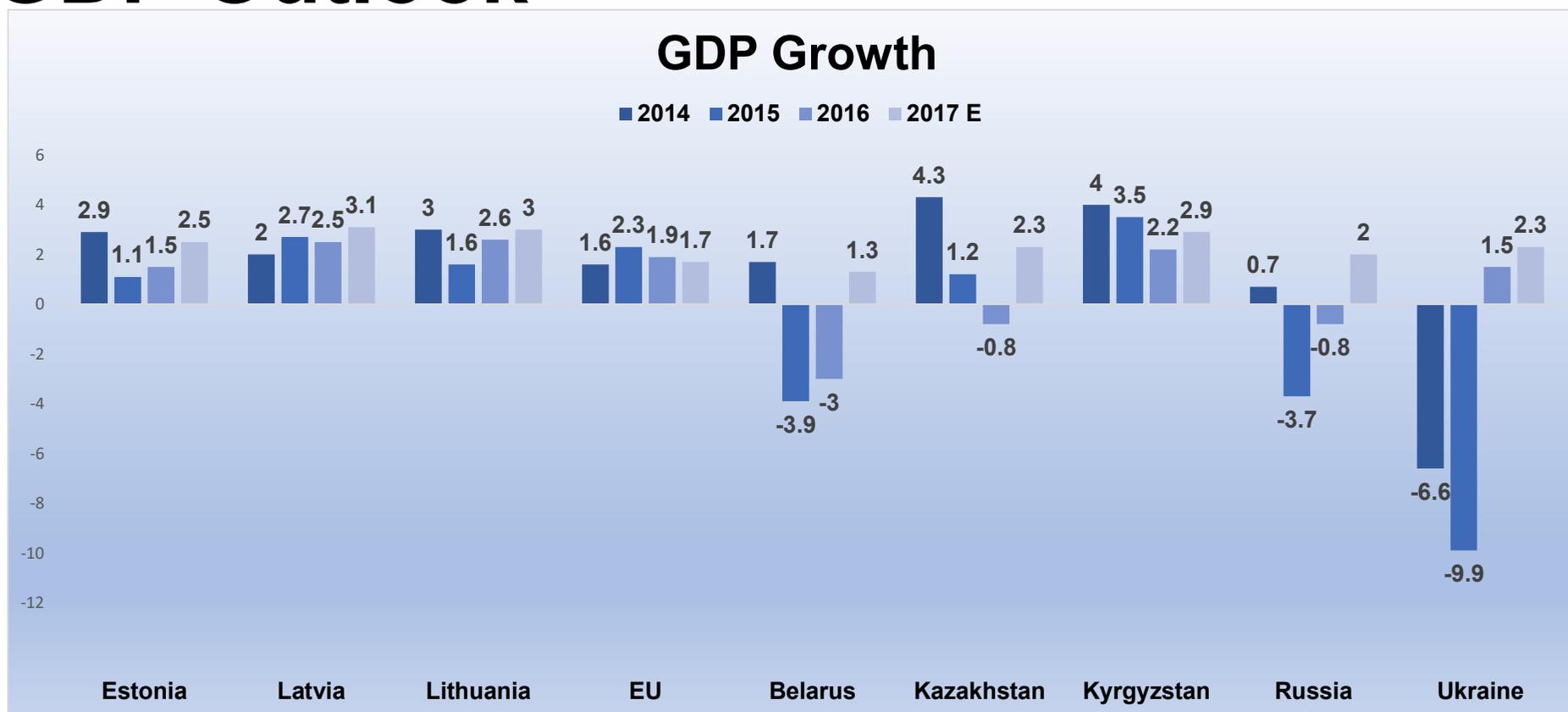
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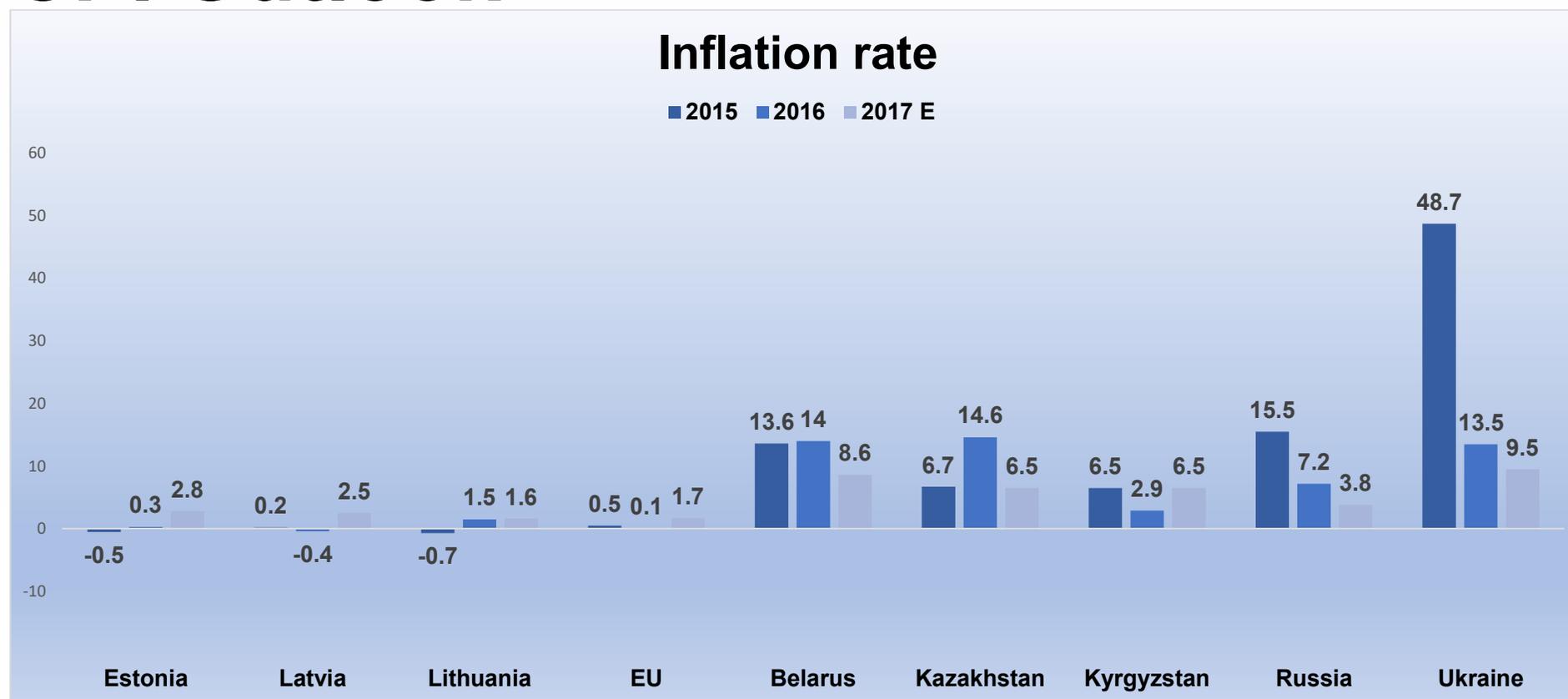
# Macroeconomic trends in financial market development

- The CIS and Baltic economies: key trends, problems and ways to solve them
- Outlook for oil prices, GDP, and inflation by the end of 2017
- Sanctions and the tight monetary policy as key macroeconomic performance factors
- The first interim results of Donald Trump's presidency: Have concerns turned out to be true? Is there a beacon of hope?
- There are elections upcoming in several European countries this year. How can this impact cooperation with the CIS and Baltic states?

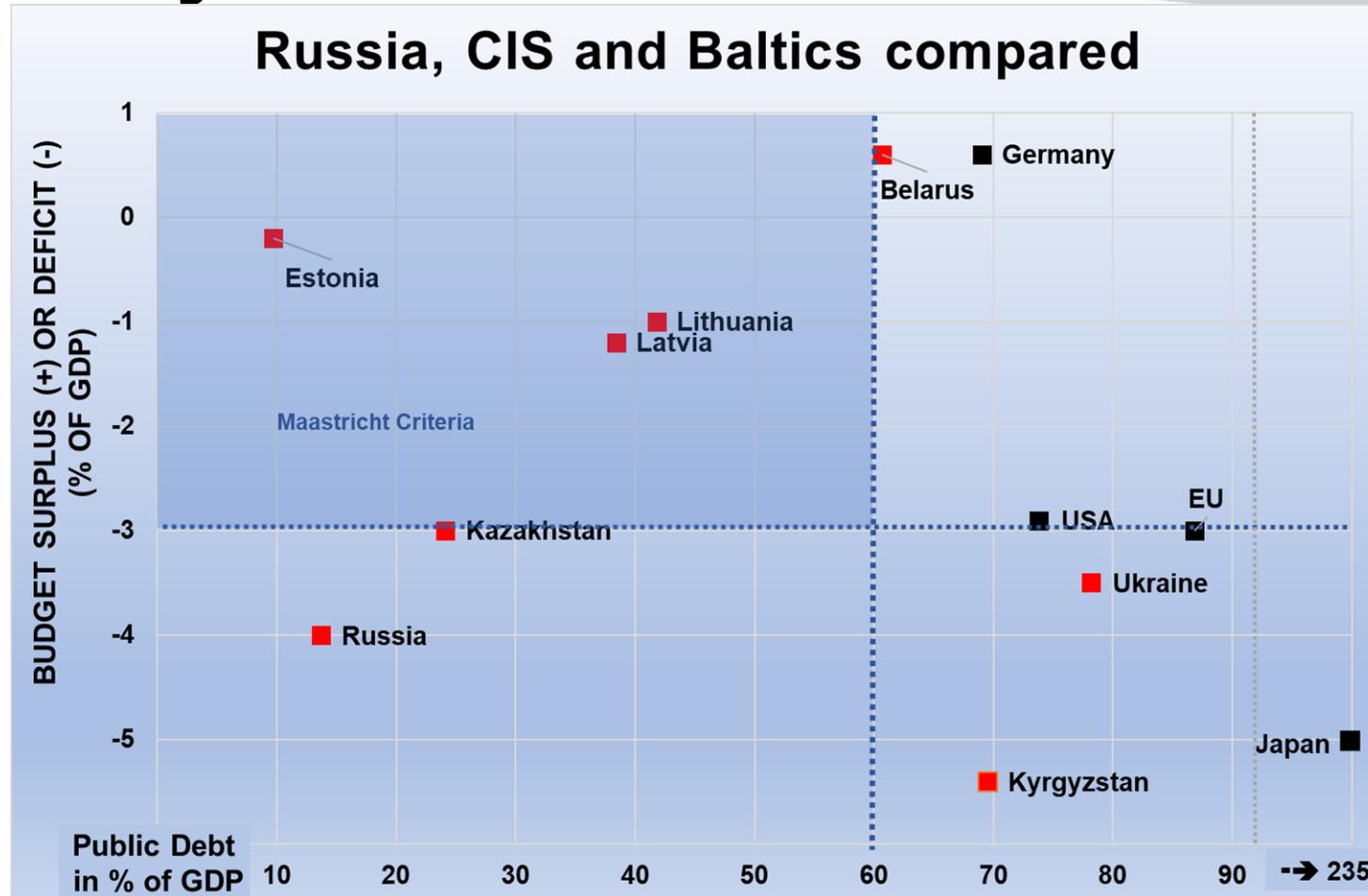
# The CIS and Baltic economies: GDP Outlook



# The CIS and Baltic economies: CPI Outlook



# Country overview



# Outlook for oil prices

- Saudi Arabia faces growing social unrest, budget problems.
  - How long will Ghawar last?
- Nigeria: criminal gangs attack oil infrastructure on a regular basis
- Libya, Venezuela, Iraq are failed states
- Russia and Iran possibly need western technology to increase production
- US-Shale Permian Field has potential to change global oil market
- China as biggest oil consumer gets more pricing power
- WTI and Brent price by end of year is mostly seen between USD 45-60/bbl
- Random Walk Analysis by WolframAlpha sees WTI in the 95% range for 1 Year between USD 27.47/bbl and USD 99.47/bbl
  - High possibility of increasing price volatility

# Politics in the Age of Trump

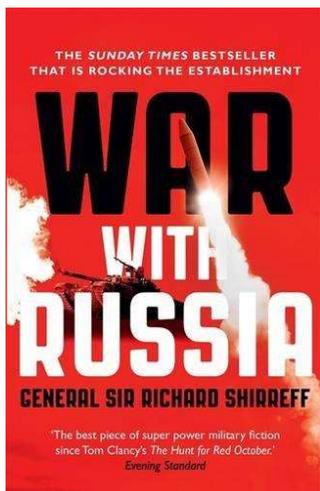
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 **Not easy to find common ground in the West**

# Upcoming European Elections

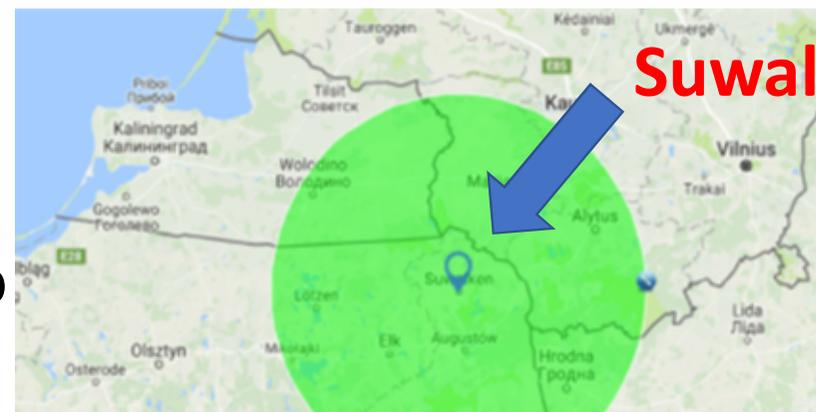
- 11 June: France, Parliament (1st round)
  - 18 June: France, Parliament (2nd round)
    - **Macron's supporters ahead in polls**
  - 25 June: Italy, Local elections (second round)
    - **Renzi's position could be strengthened**
  - 24 September: Germany, Parliament
    - **Merkel ahead in polls**
  - 15 October: Austria, Parliament
    - **Conservative parties ahead in polls**
  - Autumn – 20 May 18: Italy, Parliament
    - **Renzi's position could be strengthened**
-  **No immediate change in the relations to Russia**

# Military situation in the Baltics



- Russia: 330'000 soldiers on western border
- NATO: "Very High Readiness Joint Task Force" (VJTF) up to 40'000 soldiers
- Belarus: 6th Mech. Brig. in Grodno with up to 65'000 soldiers

Green circle: 100 km radius around Suwalki. The Suwalki Gap is a strategic line in the Baltics.



**Suwalki Gap**

**Thank you**  
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