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# **What Russia can learn from other countries' experiences on its way to inflation targeting?**

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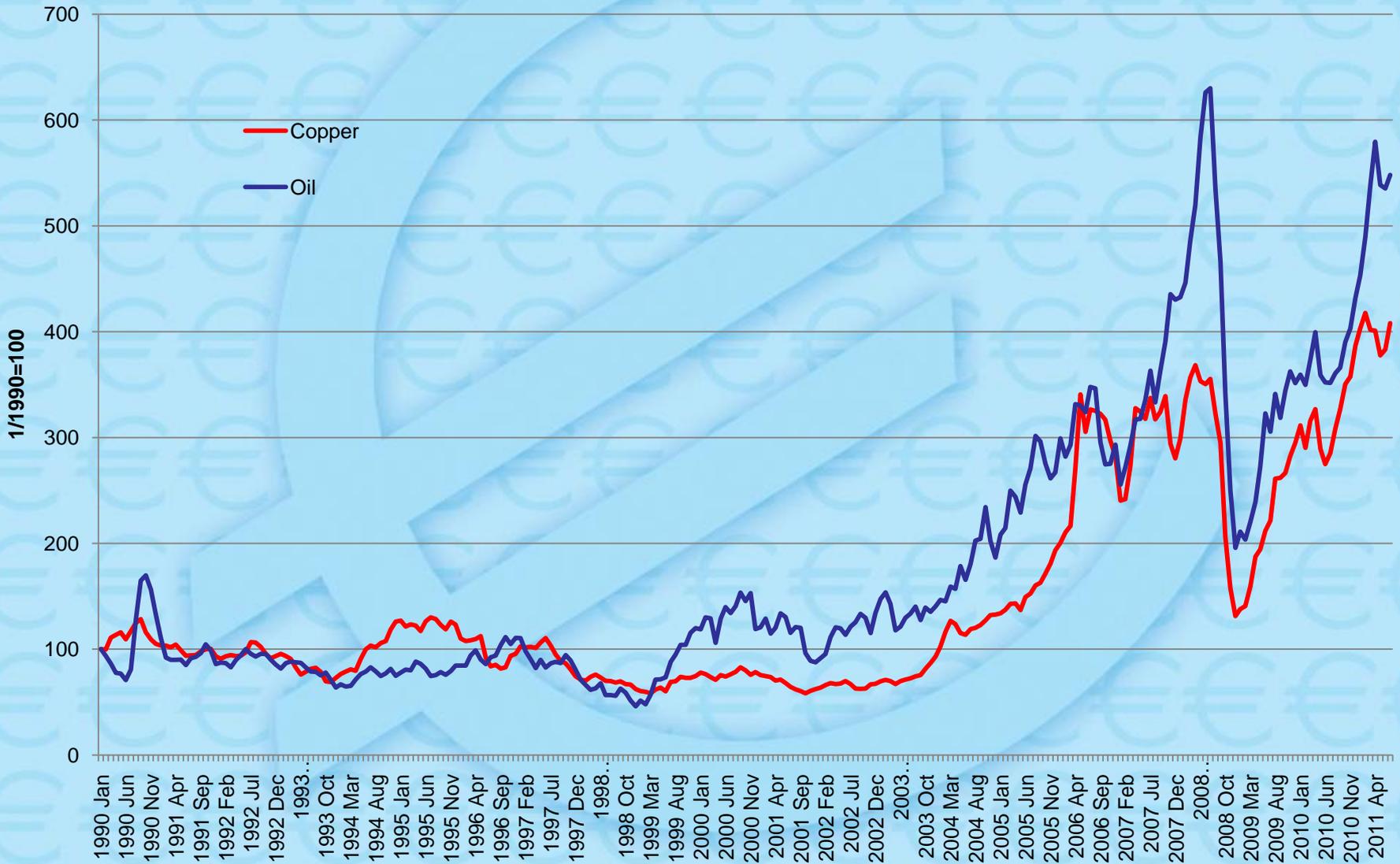
# Inflation targeting

- ◆ Institutionalized commitment to price stability
- ◆ Public announcement of inflation target
- ◆ Mechanism to make the central bank accountable
- ◆ Policy of communicating the rationale for decisions taken

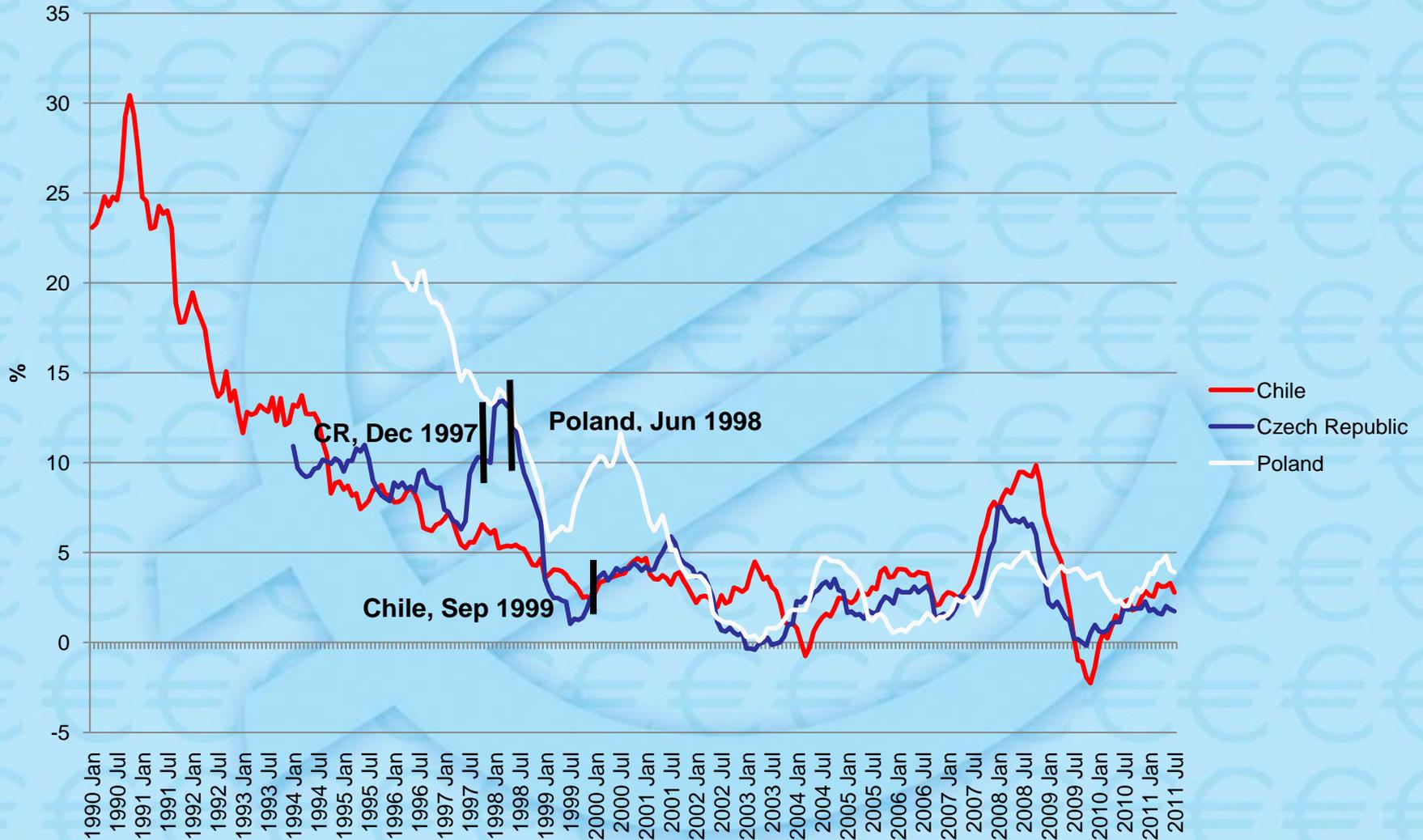
# Inflation targeting in Russia?

- ◆ Can be instructive to look at the experiences of countries that can in some ways to be compared to Russia
- ◆ How have they fared with inflation targeting?
- ◆ Look at Chile as an example of raw material exporting countries, also take a glance at the Czech Republic and Poland as examples of middle income countries

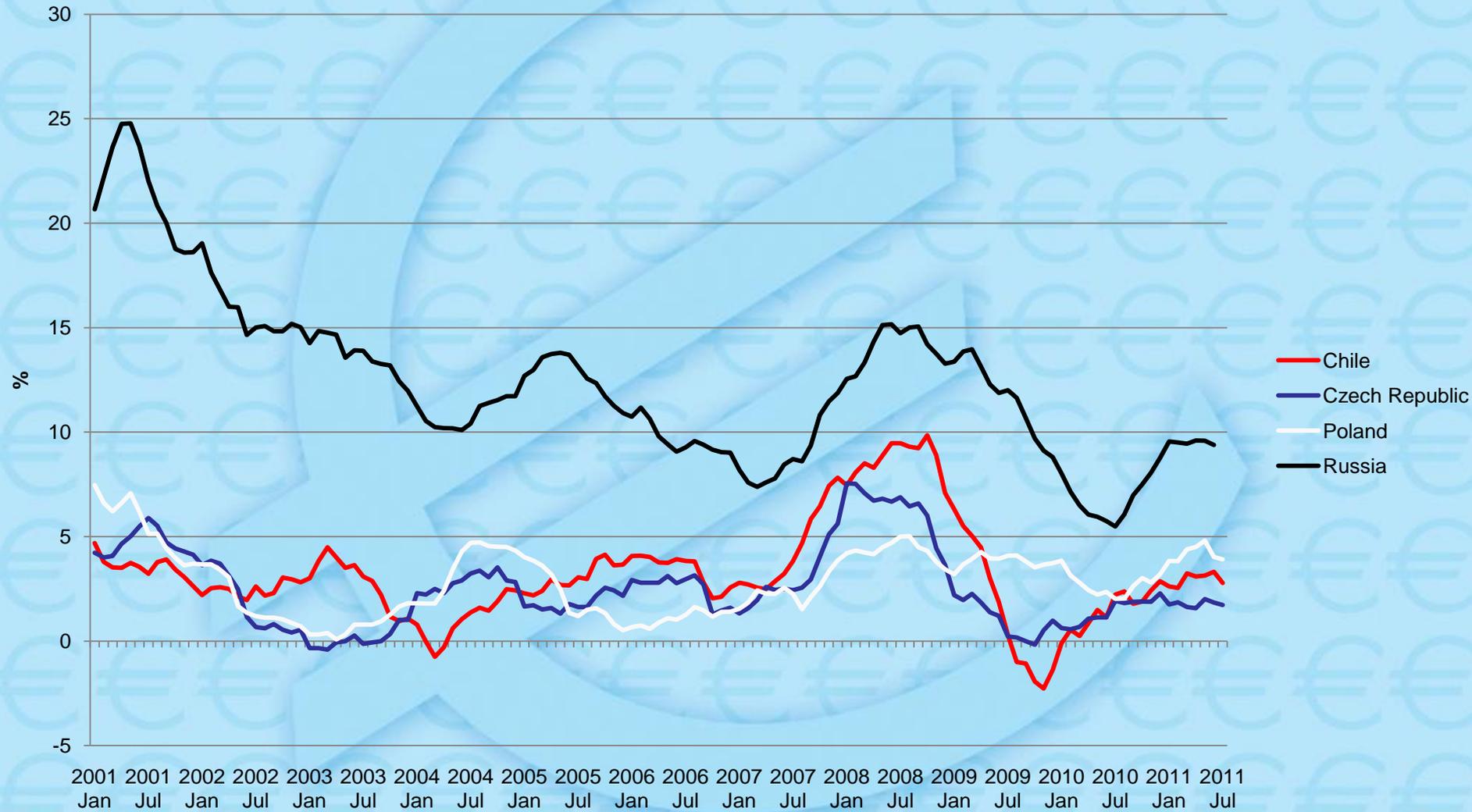
# Chile & copper ≈ Russia & oil



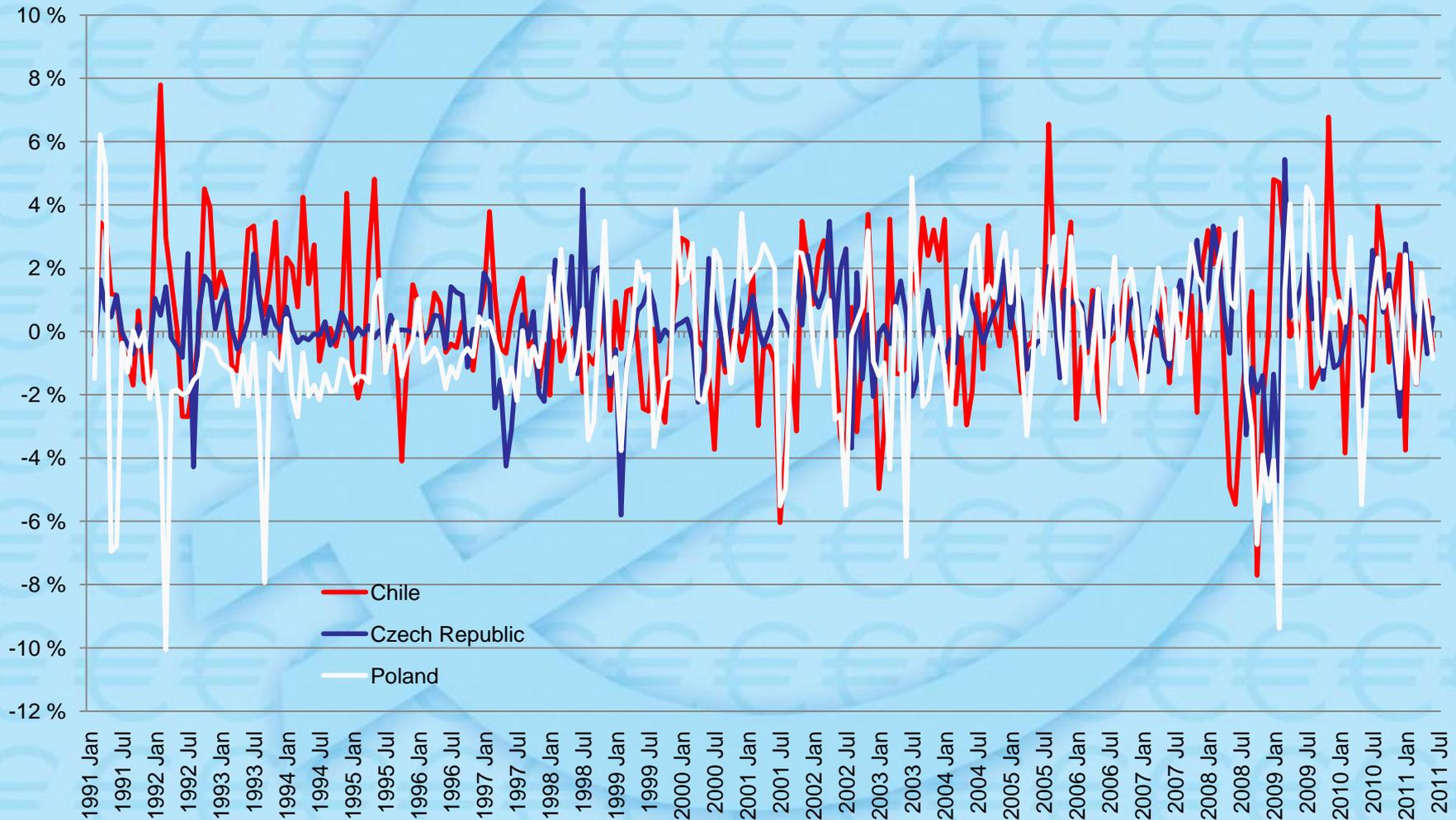
# Inflation



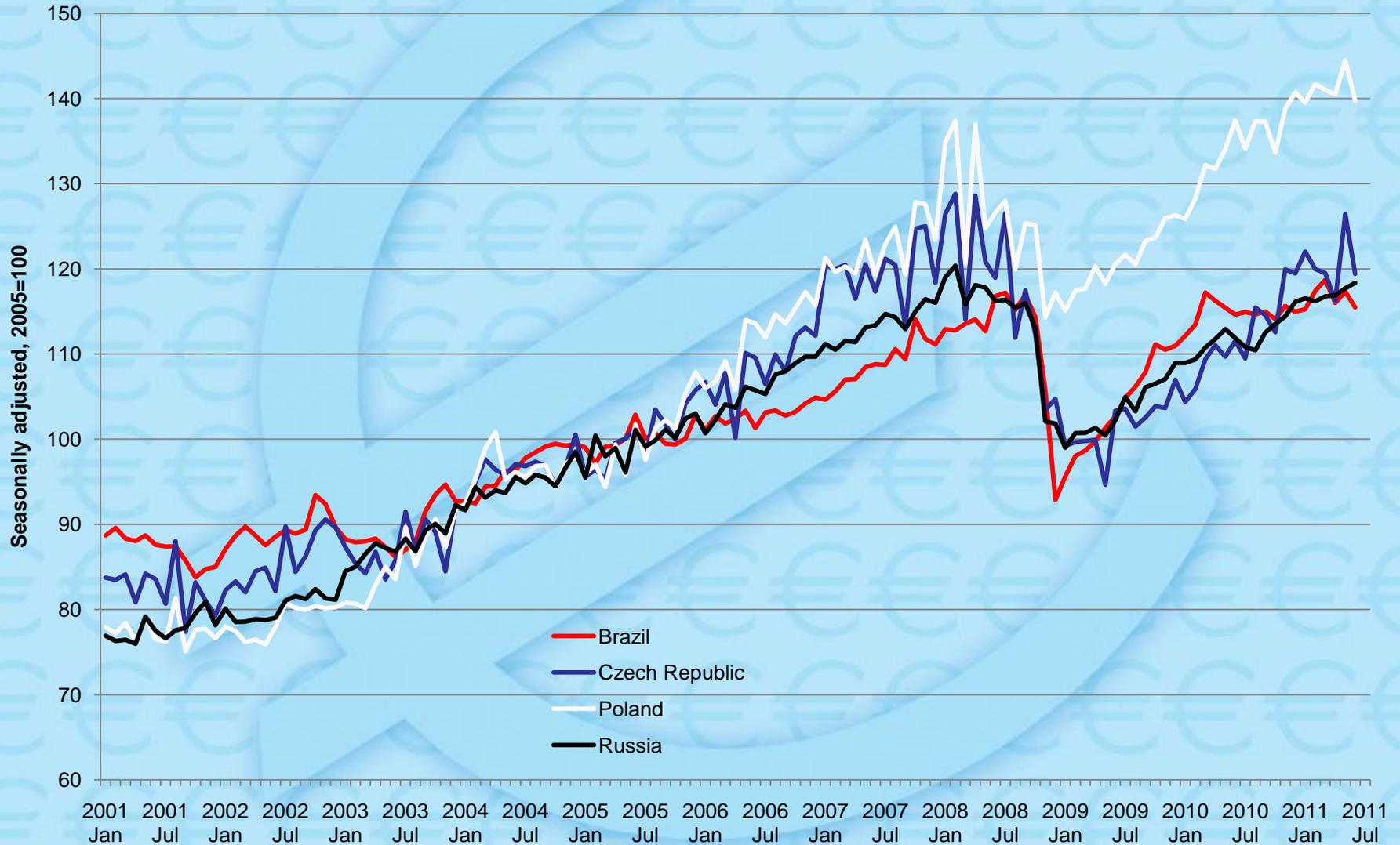
# Russian inflation premium?



# Volatility of nominal effective exchange rate seems to go up with IT...even if it hard to see with the naked eye



# Industrial production



## **In our mini-sample, inflation targeting...**

- ◆ has been used to steer inflation expectations when inflation has already been brought to reasonably low level
- ◆ has been associated with lower volatility of inflation, with the expense of somewhat higher exchange rate volatility
- ◆ has not had any noticeable effect on the volatility of real output