

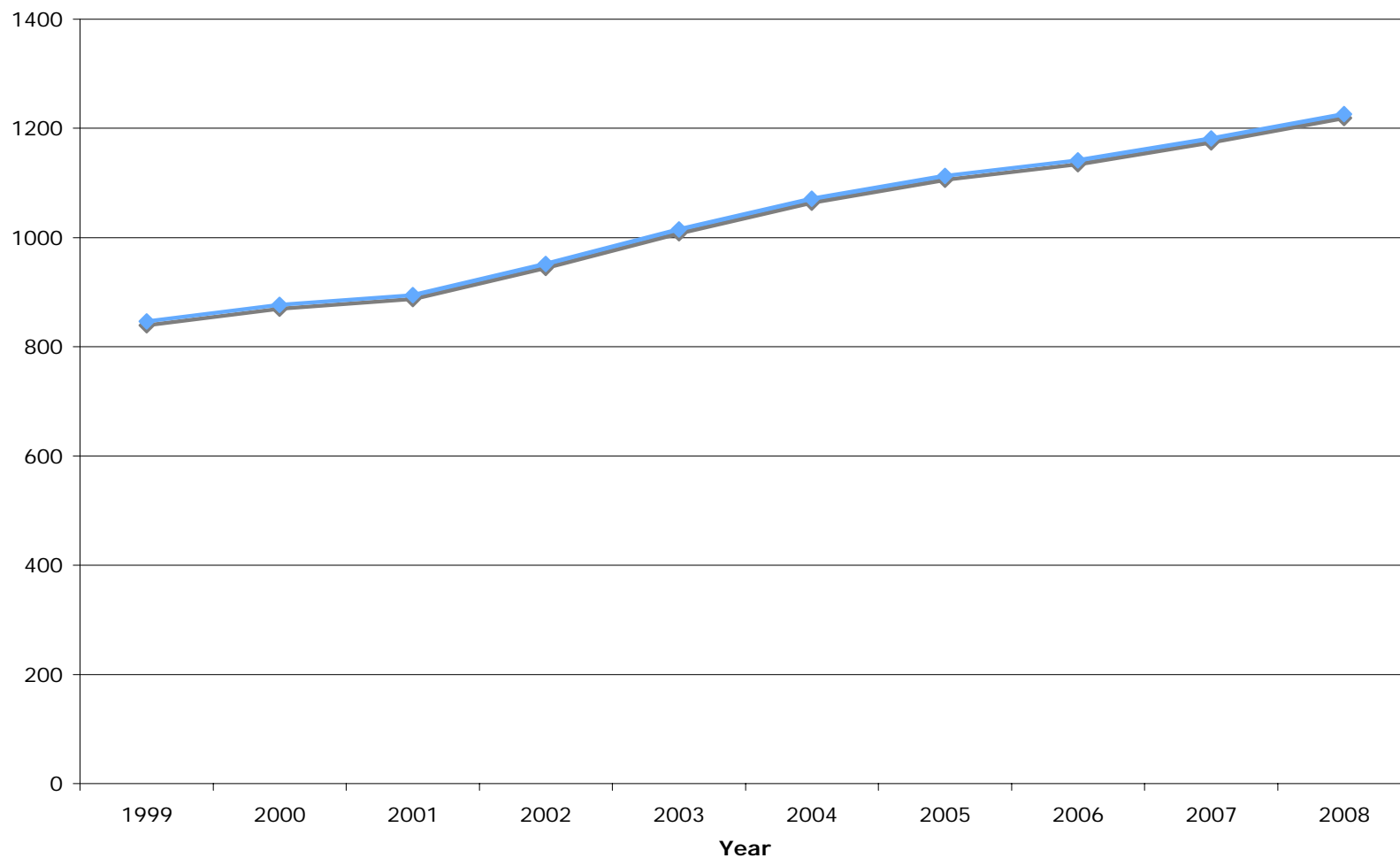
Overview of Arms Transfers: globally and in the region

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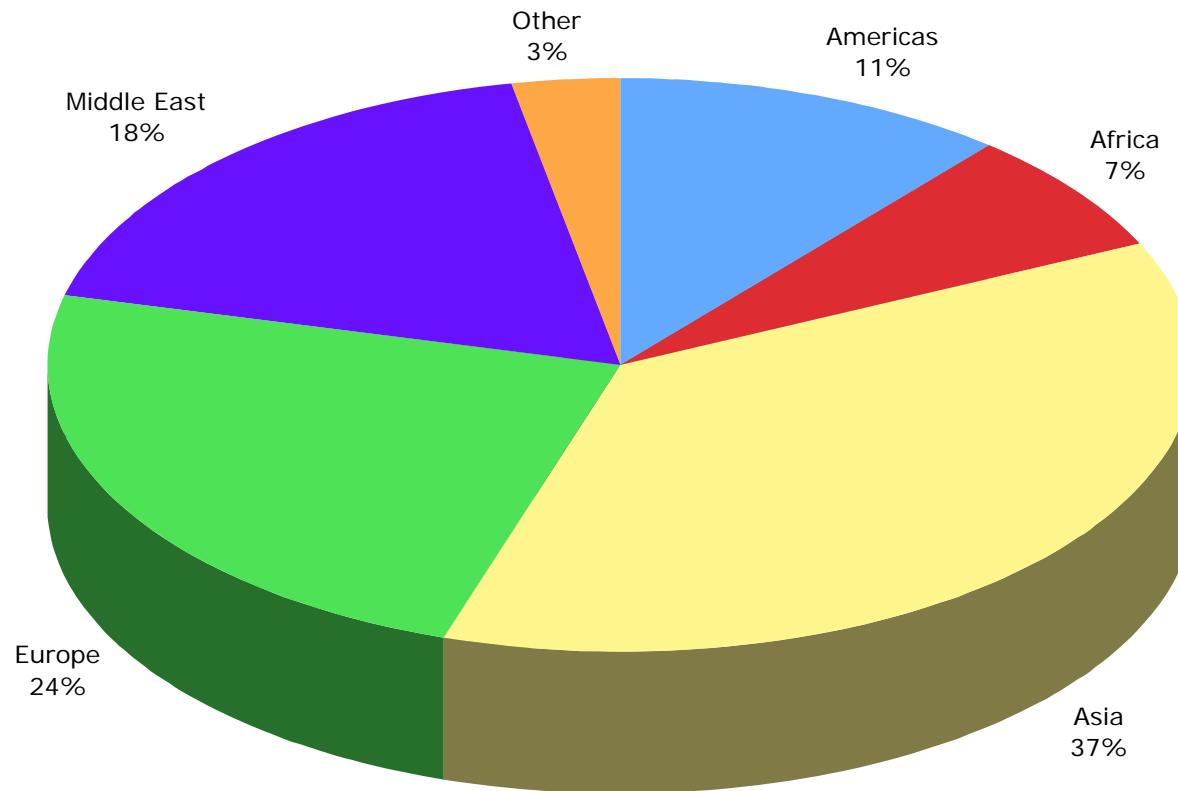
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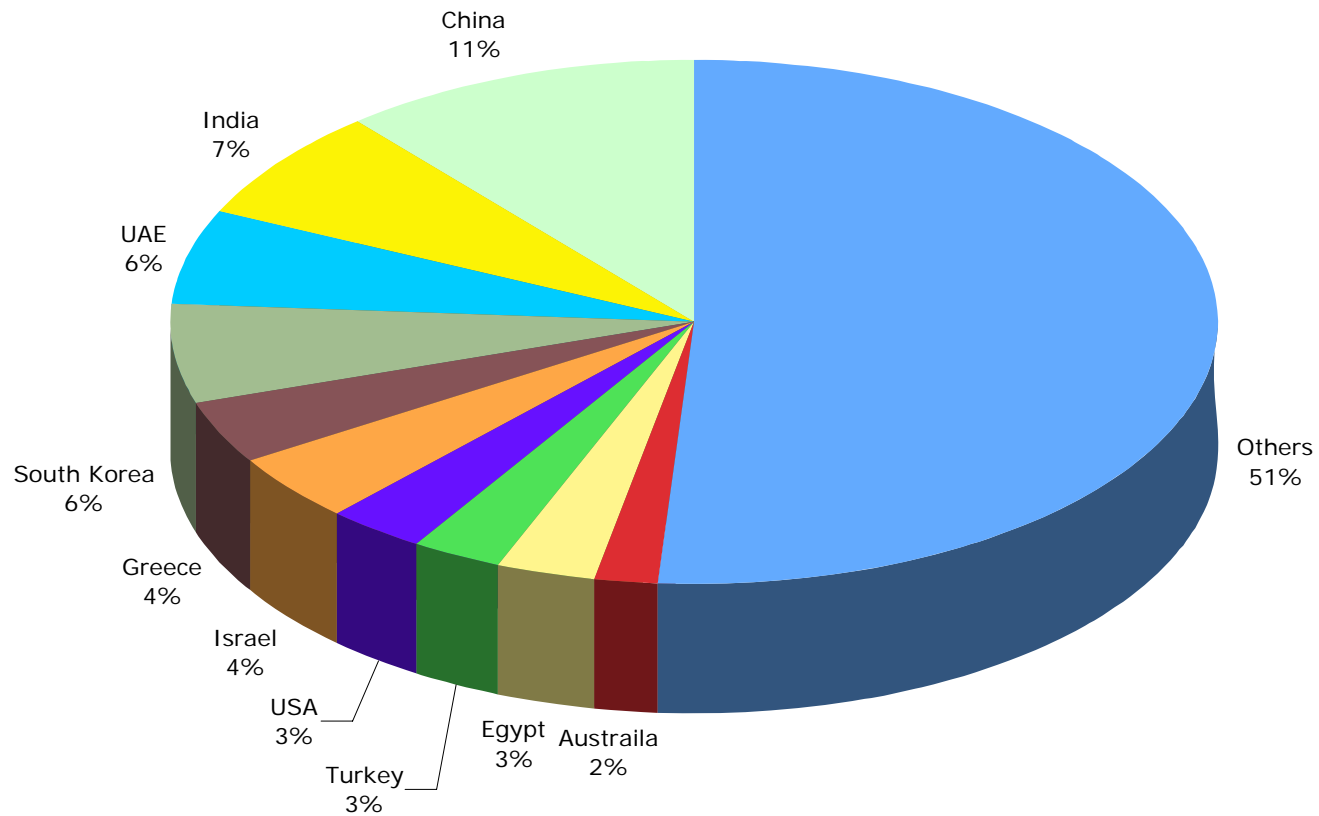
Global military expenditure, 1999-2008



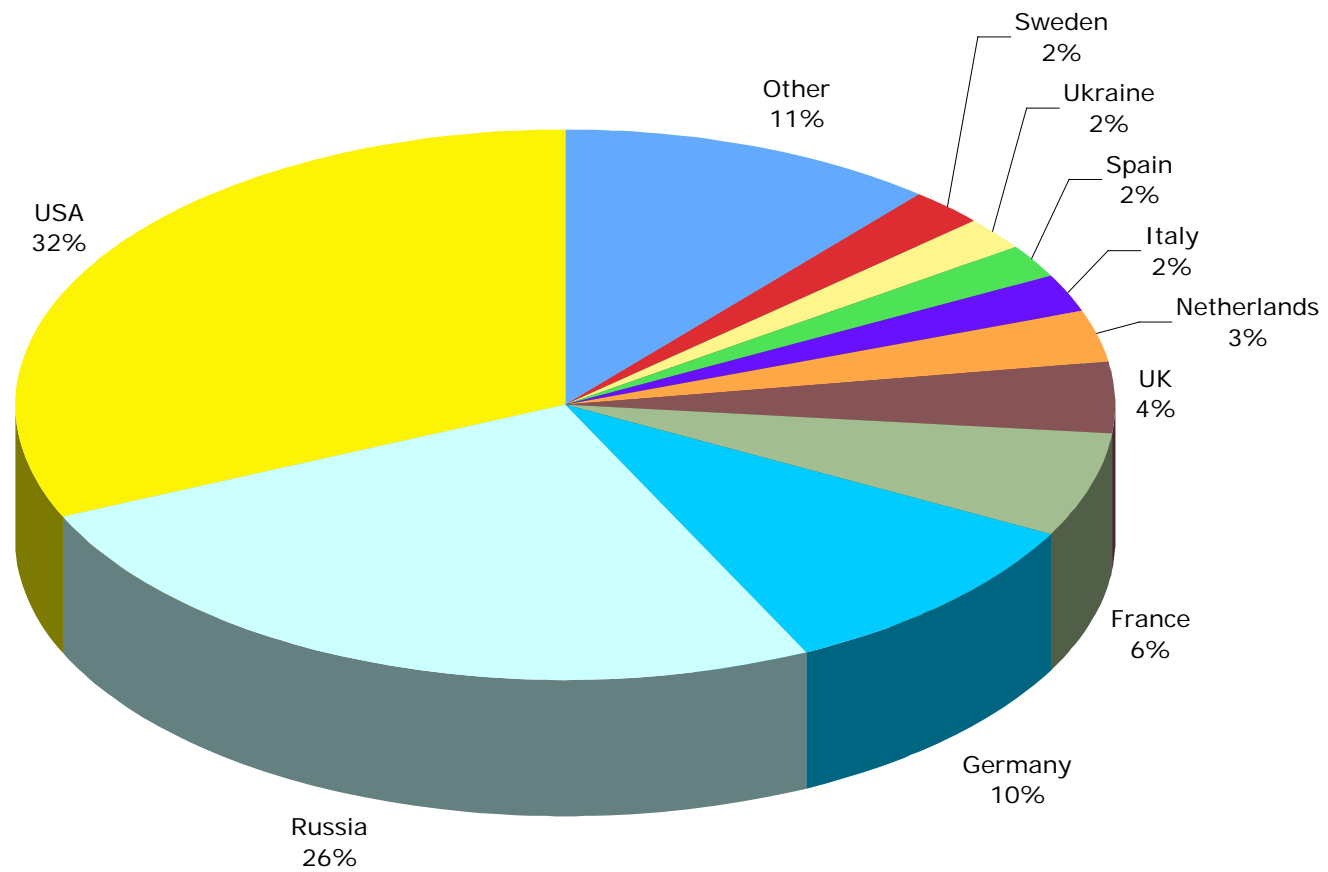
Importers of major conventional weapons, by region, 2004-2008



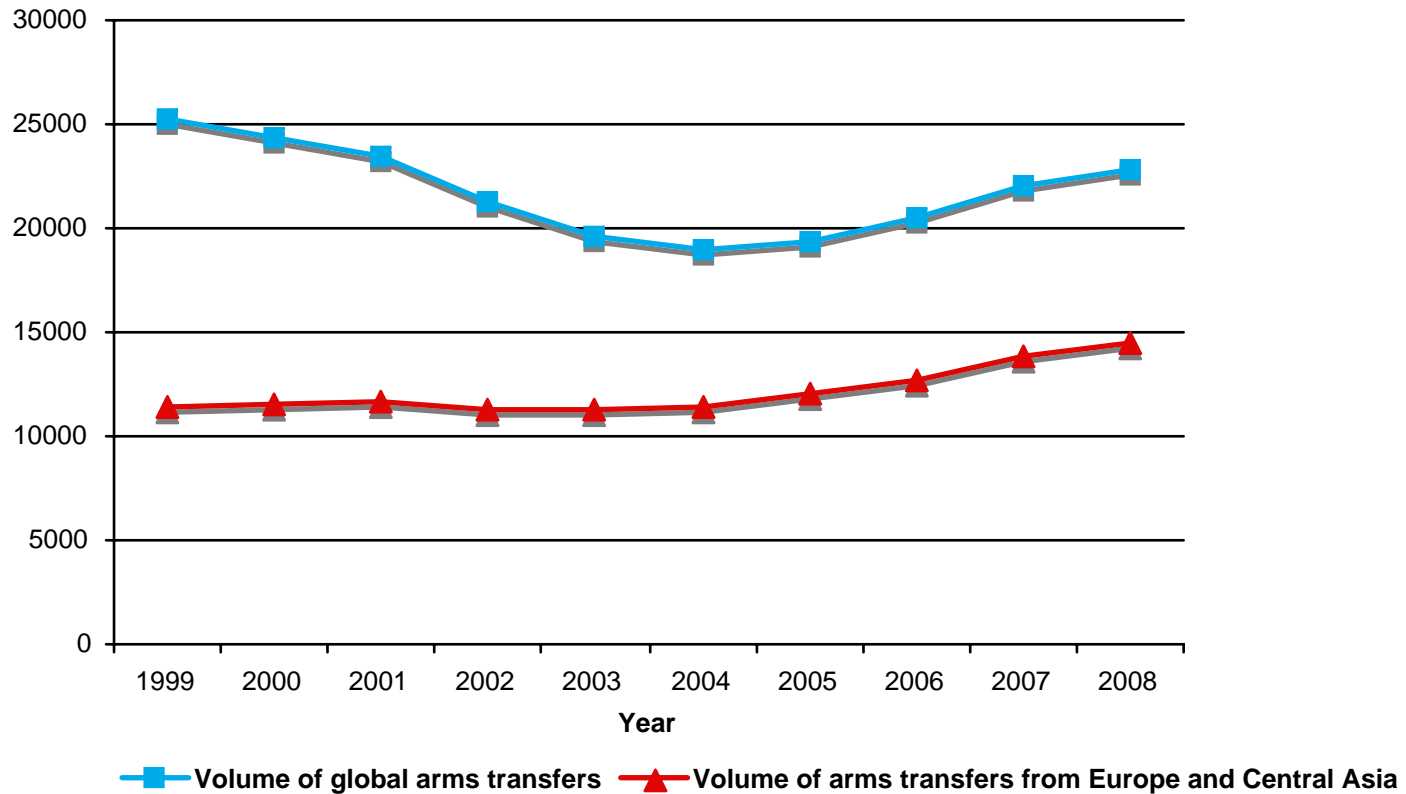
Recipients of major conventional weapons, 2004-2008



Suppliers of major conventional weapons, 2004-2008



The trend in arms transfers from Europe and Central Asia, 1999-2008

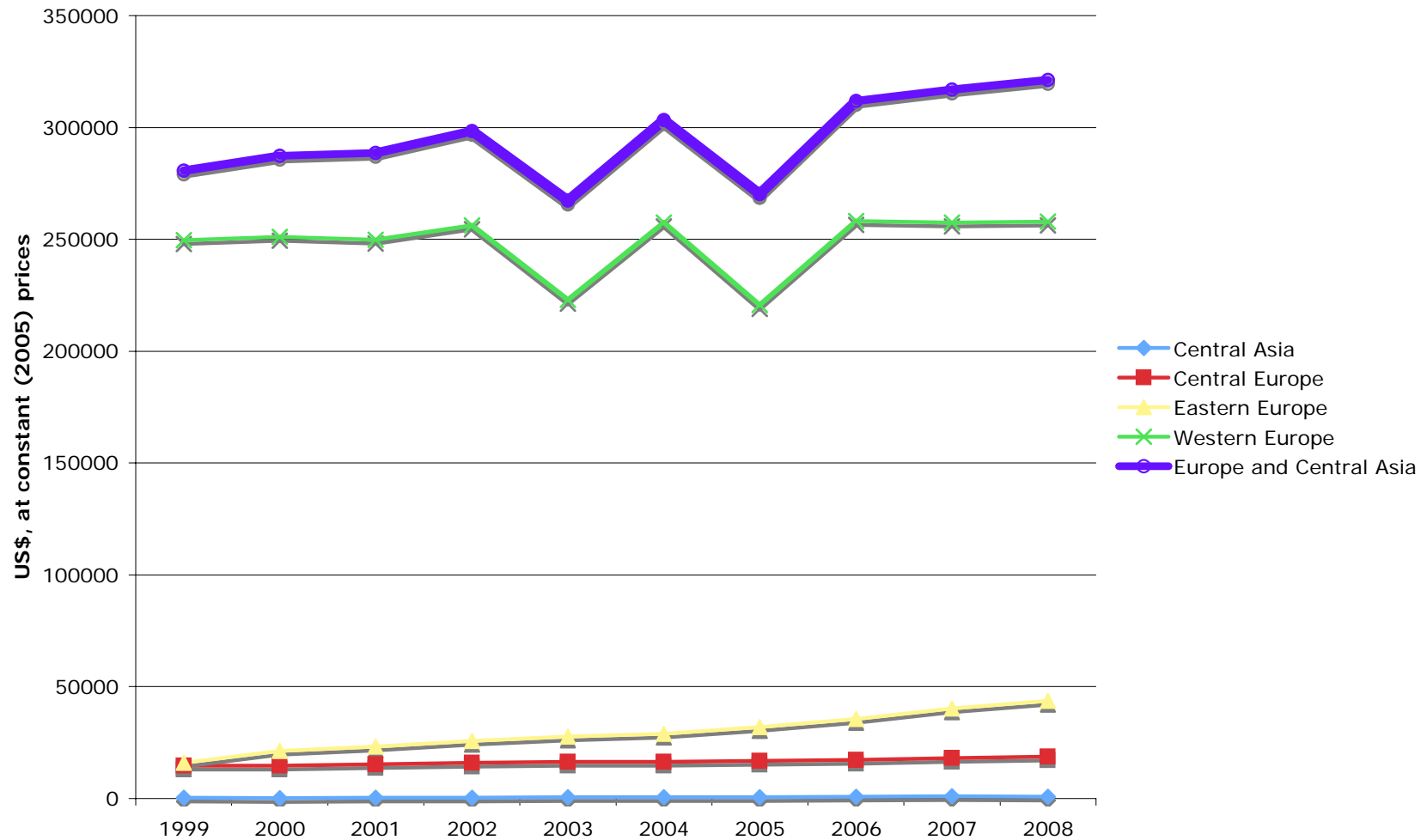


European companies in the SIPRI top 100 arms producing companies, 2007

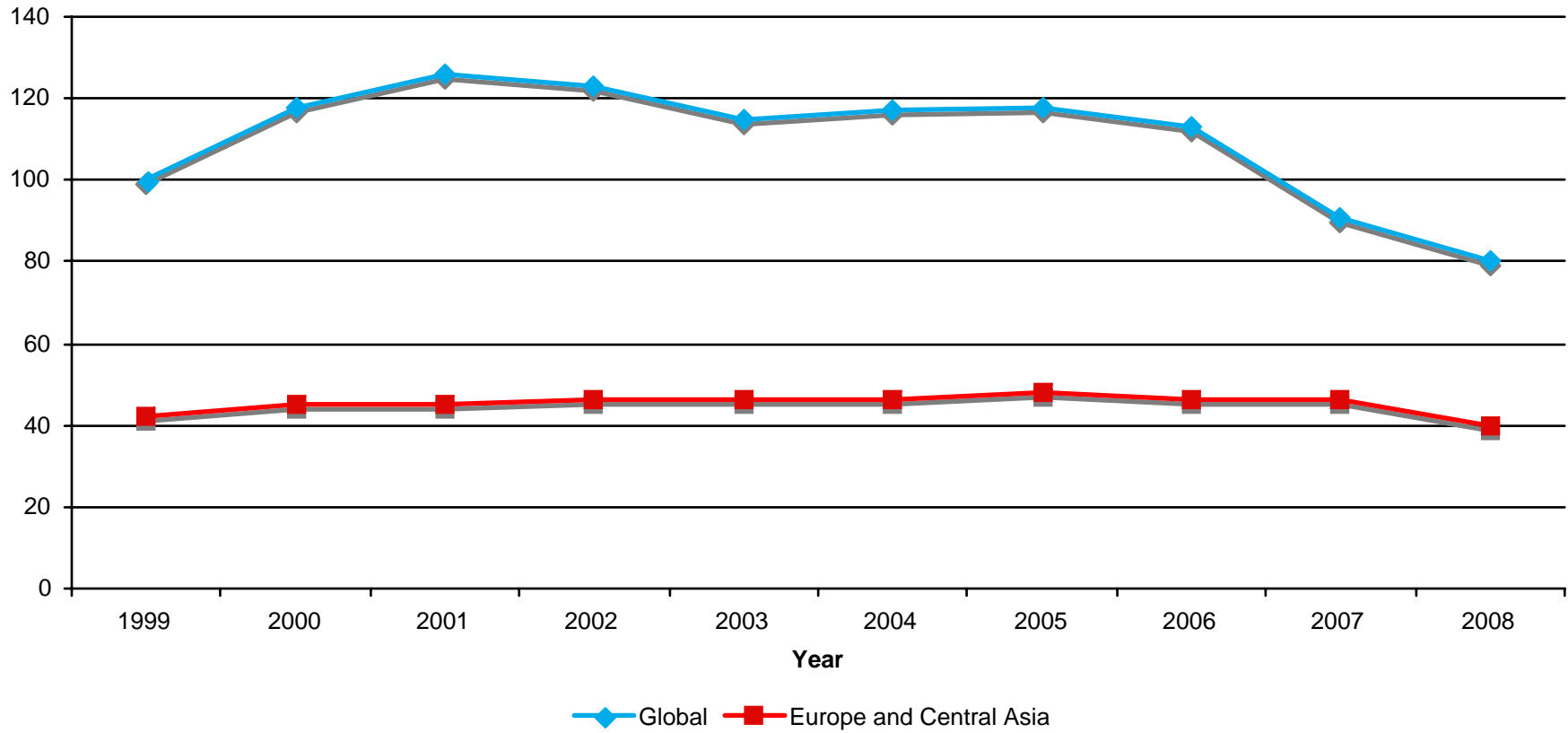
- 10 British companies (accounting for 13.1 per cent of Top 100's arms sales)
- 6 French companies (6.7 per cent)
- 4 Italian companies (3.4 per cent)
- 7 Russian companies (2.4 per cent)
- 5 German companies (2.1 per cent)
- 1 trans-European company (3.8 per cent)
- 2 Spanish companies (0.7 per cent)
- 1 company each from Sweden, Switzerland, Finland and Norway



Military expenditure in Europe and Central Asia, 1999-2008



Participation in the UN Register, 1999-2008



Transparency in international arms transfers

- In 2009, all 27 EU member states reported on arms exports for the 11th EU annual report
- In 2009, 5 Western Balkan states contributed to a regional report on arms exports
- 26 European states have published at least one national report on arms exports since 2006
- 37 states from Europe and Central Asia have submitted background information on their international transfers of SALW to the UN Register at least once for years 2003–2008



Concluding remarks

- Our region has considerable experience of the challenges of controlling international transfers of arms and military technologies ...
- ... but also of developing multilateral mechanisms to help:
 - Define the scope of transfer controls;
 - Guide policies and practices for controlling arms transfers;
 - Facilitate the exchange of relevant information.



Summary

- Europe and Central Asia accounted for around 26 per cent of global military expenditure in 2008.
- Europe and Central Asia accounted for around 24 per cent of global arms imports for 2004-2008.
- Europe and Central Asia accounted for around 63 per cent of global arms exports for 2004-2008.
- 39 European companies are amongst the top 100 arms producers in 2007, with arms sales worth USD115.8bn, accounting for 33.4 per cent of the total arms sales for the Top 10

