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Dear business partners,

For more than a decade the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) has been publishing the brochure "Bulgaria in Figures" which reports on Bulgaria's position in international rankings and presents the main economic indicators of our economy.

At the end of last year, the Bulgarian business had traditionally positive expectations for 2020, but the pandemic outbreak requires readjustment of expectations and Bulgarian entrepreneurs must quickly adapt to the new conditions. In the shortest terms BCCI gathered information from its partners around the world and proposed a series of measures. A significant part of them were adopted by the Bulgarian government, which acted adequately not only to limit the spread of the virus, but also took measures to help surmount the difficulties incurred by businesses and citizens. We will be adding new measures on a regular basis and expect further steps to be taken to overcome the negative effects on the national economy and human capital.

The huge challenge of the pandemic has necessitated a rapid change in the attitude and the pace of digitalization in all spheres of life: both of the administration – for example, the education system, and of the business community, which has long been encouraged by BCCI in this regard, but now, in order to survive, has to focus its efforts on digitalization and change in the business models.

In these difficult days BCCI has not stopped providing services to the business community for a moment and will continue to work actively to mitigate the impact of the pandemic and help the faster recovery of the Bulgarian economy to its pre-crisis levels of competitiveness and growth of companies.

The period coincides with the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the system of chambers of commerce and industry in Bulgaria, which is another additional responsibility and stimulus for us to be effective and helpful.

Contributing with this publication to a clearer picture of the situation in Bulgaria we hope on the one hand that the Bulgarian and EU institutions will take measures in the right direction, and on the other hand wish to encourage informed decision-making in favour of future investments in the country by Bulgarian and foreign companies.

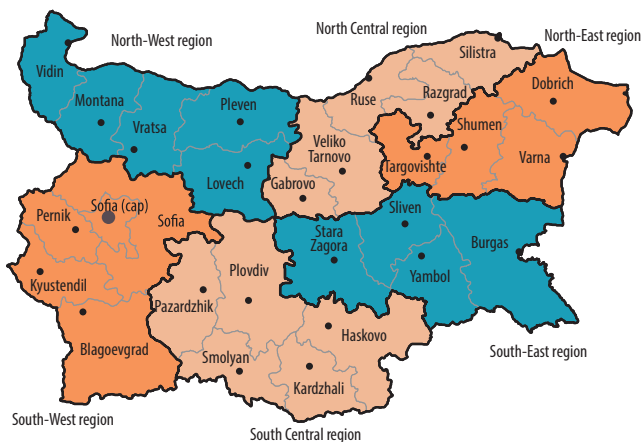
We highly value the opinion, experience and advice of our partners and members so that we can be of maximum use for achieving the high goals we have set for ourselves. I hope that we can carry out joint projects, events and surveys, and to this end you can contact us at the following e-mail: office@bccibg.

With the ambition to continue to be a trusted data source to you I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*Tsvetan Simeonov
BCCI's President*

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA



General data

State government: Parliamentary Republic

Head of state: President

Head of government: Prime Minister

Capital: Sofia

Area: 111 001.9 sq.km.

Administrative and territorial division: 28 districts and 265 municipalities, 6 regions

Population: 6 951 482 persons as of 31.12.2019

Official language: Bulgarian

Religion: Mostly Eastern Orthodox Christians

National currency: LEV (BGN – fixed to the Euro, 1 EUR = 1.95583 BGN, since 1997)



Facts about Bulgaria

- ▲ EU, NATO and WTO Membership
- ▲ Strategic geographical location and openness to foreign markets: crossroad between Europe, Asia and Africa
- ▲ Stability in financial environment: Bulgaria's debt is the second lowest in the EU 27 (20.4% of GDP) as of 2019
- ▲ Business-friendly environment: Simple and low taxation
- ▲ Competitive operational costs and competitive labour level

Main indicators – actual data

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
GDP (mill. EUR)	45 675	48 620	52 309	56 086	60 674
GDP real growth rate (%)	4,0	3,8	3,5	3,1	3,4
Inflation (%)	-0,4	0,1	2,8	2,7	3,8
Government deficit/surplus (% of GDP)	-1,7	0,1	1,1	2,0	2,1
Exports (mill. EUR)	22 982	24 126	27 916	28 648	29 856
Imports (mill. EUR)	26 357	26 181	30 286	32 169	33 303
Employment rate (%)	62,9	63,4	66,9	67,7	70,1
Unemployment rate (%)	9,1	7,6	6,2	5,2	4,2

Source: Eurostat, Bulgaria National Bank, National Statistical Institute

Macroeconomic forecast

	2019	2020	2021
Real Gross Domestic Product (% change)	3,4	-7,2	6,0
Total Investment (% change)	2,2	-18,0	1,0
Employment growth (%)	0,3	-2,5	0,5
Unemployment rate (%)	4,2	7,0	5,8
Consumer-price inflation (%)	2,5	1,1	1,1
General government balance (% of GDP)	2,1	-2,8	-1,8
General government gross debt (% of GDP)	20,4	25,5	25,4

Source: Spring 2020 Economic Forecast, European Commission

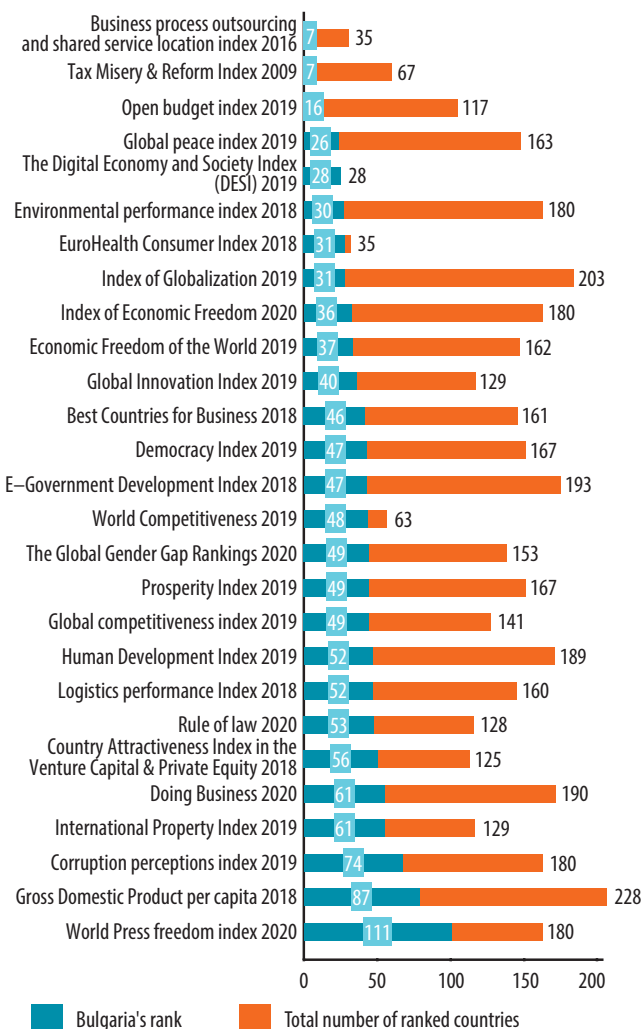
BULGARIA IN THE INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS

Bulgaria has competitive positions in numerous international indices. According to the following rankings the country has the best performance in terms of business process outsourcing (BPO), low taxes and openness of budget procedure.

For more information:

<https://www.bcci.bg/economic-analyses-en.html>

Bulgaria in international rankings

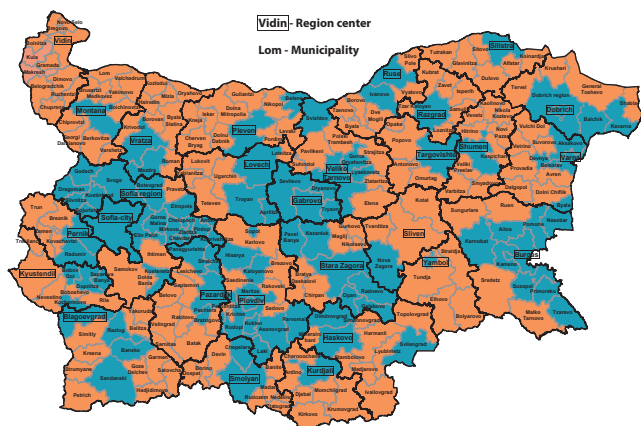


Source: Respective websites

FOCUS ON TAXATION

Flat-tax system is introduced in Bulgaria - a single 10% rate applied on personal income and a 10% rate applied on corporate income (imposed respectively in 2008 and 2007). For more than 12 years Bulgaria has not changed the low rates of the direct taxes. Since 1999 the standard rate of value-added tax in Bulgaria has been set on 20%, with the exception of hotel services, where a reduced rate of 9% is applied. In the middle of 2020 Bulgaria decided to reduce the VAT until 2021 on 9% for some products and services (children's goods, restaurant and catering services and books). In Bulgaria taxpayers are released from payment of corporate tax in regions with high unemployment rates. In 2019 about 2/3 of municipalities – 169 (of total 265 in Bulgaria) had 25% higher than the average rate of unemployment for the country and there is 0% corporate income tax.

Unemployment by municipalities – 0% corporate tax in regions shown in orange

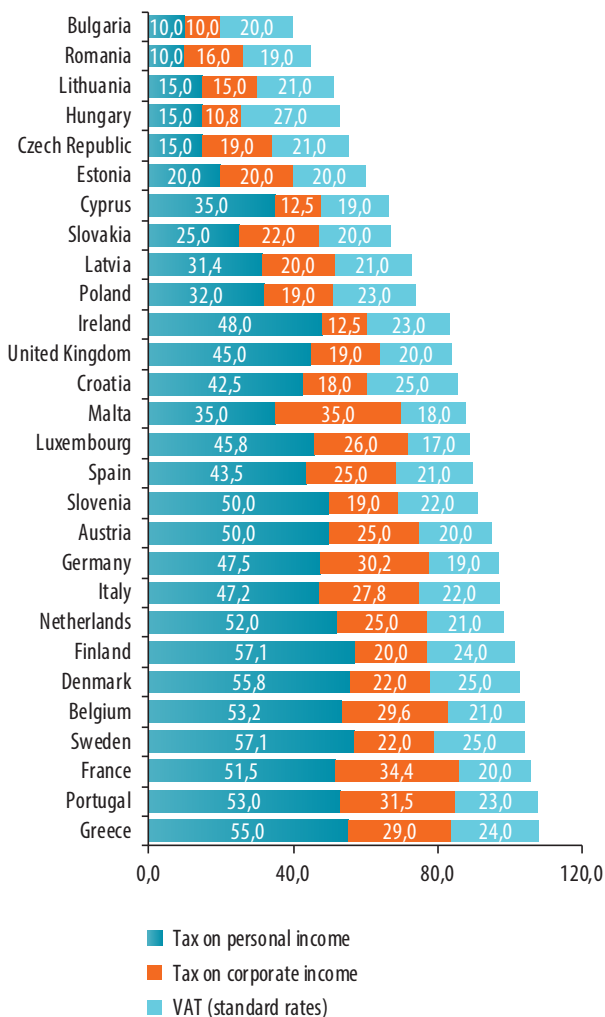


- Municipalities with an unemployment rate lower than the country's average or an unemployment rate equal to or higher than the country's average (Art. 3, (8) RAIPA)
- Municipalities with an unemployment rate 25% higher than the country's average (Art. 183, (1) CITA; Art. 3, (8) RAIPA)

Source: Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry,
Ministry of finance of the Republic of Bulgaria

Bulgaria is the third least tax burdened country in the EU as of 2018: The overall tax-to-GDP ratio in Bulgaria is 29.9% for 2018, compared to an EU average of 41.7%.

Top statutory income tax rates and standard VAT rates (2018), %



Source: Eurostat



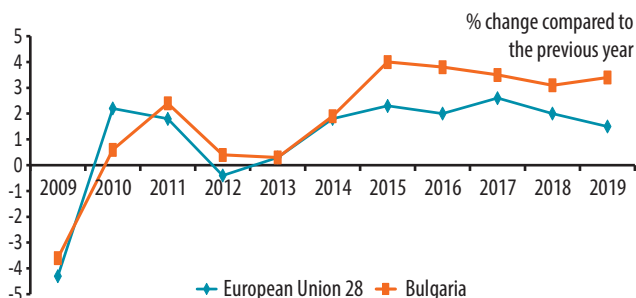
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

In the recent years the Bulgarian economy has been growing steadily, with higher rates than the EU average.

Over 2015 economic activity in Bulgaria accelerated significantly. In 2019 real growth of GDP in Bulgaria reached 3.3% (3.1% in 2018) according to provisional data.

Growing domestic demand was the main driver for GDP and it is expected to remain in the next two years.

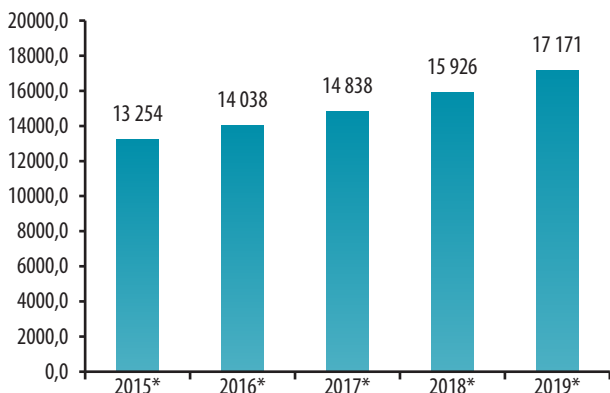
Real GDP growth rate



Source: Eurostat

Over the past five years the GDP per employed has grown. The main factor of growth has been the increase of Gross Value Added in the economy.

GDP per employed



* Preliminary data

Source: National Statistical Institute, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Gross Domestic Product and Gross Value Added by economic sectors and economic activity groupings at current year prices

Million EUR

Economic sectors and economic activity groupings	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019*
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1 838	1 957	2 111	1 891	1 938
Mining, quarrying and manufacturing	9 091	10 130	10 829	10 506	11 150
Construction	1 727	1 642	1 862	2 032	2 383
Wholesale and retail trade	8 871	9 326	10 085	11 255	11 629
Information and communication	2 092	2 585	2 758	3 302	3 538
Financial and insurance activities	2 728	2 974	2 960	3 237	3 444
Real estate activities	3 859	3 988	4 514	5 144	5 473
Professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities	2 492	2 633	2 738	3 152	3 428
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security; education; human health and social work activities	5 737	5 629	6 270	7 015	8 100
Arts, entertainment and recreation, repair of household goods and other services	998	1 003	1 054	1 098	1 205
Gross Value Added	39 433	41 868	45 182	48 633	52 289
Adjustments (taxes less subsidies on products)	6 242	6 752	7 127	7 453	8 385
Gross Domestic Product	45 675	48 620	52 309	56 086	60 674

* Preliminary data

Source: National Statistical Institute, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

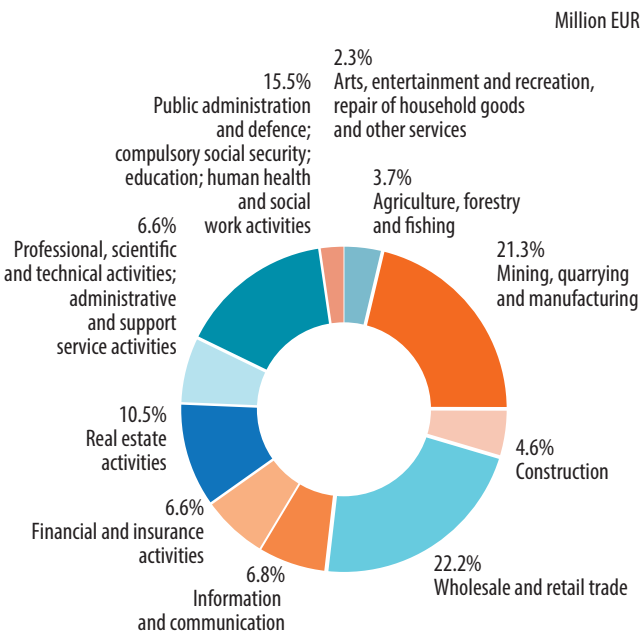


In 2019 Financial and Insurance activities and Real Estate Activities were the most important engines for the growth in the gross value added compared to 2018.

The sectors that reported the largest contribution to GDP in 2019 (share of 46%) were Mining, Quarrying and Manufacturing and Wholesale and Retail Trade.

The relative share of Industry in the GVA of the national economy is 26%. The Services sector creates 70% of the total GVA and Agriculture – 4%.

Structure of Gross Value Added by economic sectors and economic activity groupings in 2018



Source: National Statistical Institute, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

EXPORT

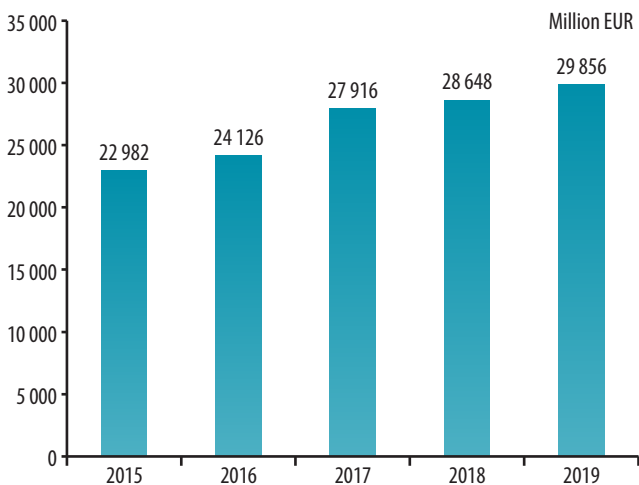
Exports have made strong contribution to GDP.

Despite volatility in the world economic environment Bulgaria's export of goods and services picked up. Increasing external demand of Bulgarian goods had reflected and strengthened the competitiveness of the Bulgarian economy.

Exports (FOB) in 2019 amounted to EUR 29.8 billion. Almost all commodity groups grew nominally in 2019. From all products exports of Beverages, Fertilizers and Raw materials for the food industry reported the highest growth compared to 2018.

In 2019 the exportation of Bulgaria to the EU Member States registered a 3% increase compared to the previous year. Exports to Germany, Italy and Romania had the largest share of Bulgarian export to the EU members (about 50%).

Exports by years



Source: Bulgarian National Bank

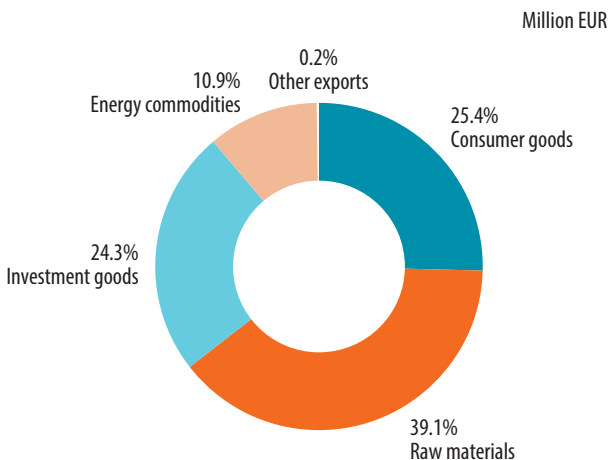


Exports by commodity groups

Years	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Consumer goods	5 736	6 465	6 849	7 098	7 583
Food	1 197	1 435	1 649	1 718	1 788
Tobacco	226	150	138	97	63
Beverages	85	97	102	114	179
Clothing and footwear	1 609	1 711	1 661	1 623	1 620
Medicines and cosmetics	929	1 007	1 103	1 134	1 261
Furniture and household appliances	880	1 039	1 087	1 130	1 227
Others	810	1 027	1 108	1 283	1 444
Raw materials	9 121	9 394	10 878	11 385	11 669
Iron and steel	549	403	536	676	608
Non-ferrous metals	2 231	1 808	2 821	2 759	2 323
Chemicals	335	326	422	463	494
Plastics and rubber	718	847	955	1 014	1 147
Fertilizers	192	220	214	190	236
Textiles	423	520	560	598	604
Raw materials for the food industry	1 844	2 064	1 893	1 973	2 336
Wood products, paper and paperboard	475	496	523	535	555
Cement	17	31	33	23	20
Raw tobacco	133	168	128	121	122
Others	2 205	2 512	2 794	3 033	3 224
Investment goods	4 302	5 764	7 023	7 204	7 266
Machines and equipment	1 209	1 334	1 558	1 671	1 856
Electrical machines	502	685	815	1 029	1 183
Vehicles	410	517	635	584	651
Spare parts and equipment	1 149	1 415	1 574	1 771	1 851
Others	1 032	1 814	2 441	2 148	1 726
Total non energy commodities	19 160	21 623	24 750	25 687	26 518
Energy commodities	2 911	2 456	3 109	2 902	3 269
Petroleum products	2 369	1 704	2 259	2 078	2 346
Others	543	753	850	823	923
Other Exports	34	47	56	60	69
TOTAL EXPORTS /FOB/	22 105	24 126	27 916	28 648	29 856

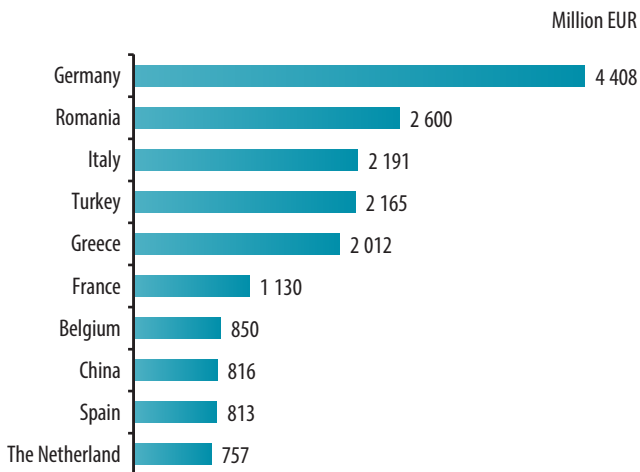
Source: Bulgarian National Bank

Structure of exports by commodity groups in 2019



Source: Bulgarian National Bank

Exports to the TOP 10 Bulgarian trade partner countries in 2019



Source: Bulgarian National Bank

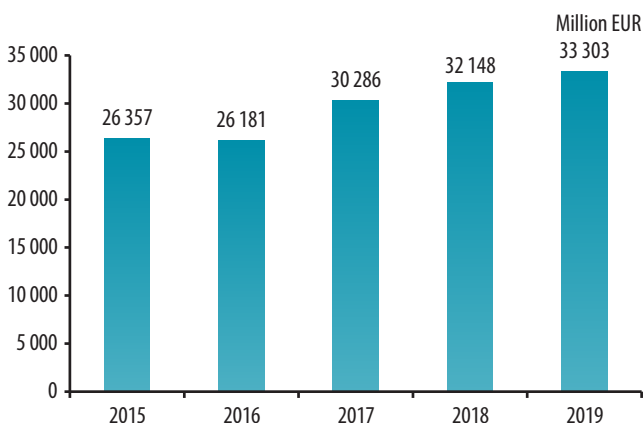


IMPORT

In the recent years dynamics of imports as well as exports amendment have reported an increase with the exception of 2016. According to the balance of payments data, at the end of 2019 imports reached EUR 33.3 billion. In 2019 nominal imports of goods registered an increase compared to 2018. Imports from Germany, Italy and Romania had the largest share of Bulgarian export to the EU members (about 50%).

Consumer goods and investment goods contributed most significantly to the rise of imports. For instance in 2019 the import of electrical mashines reported tangible increase – 18% compare to year earlier.

Imports by years



Source: Bulgarian National Bank

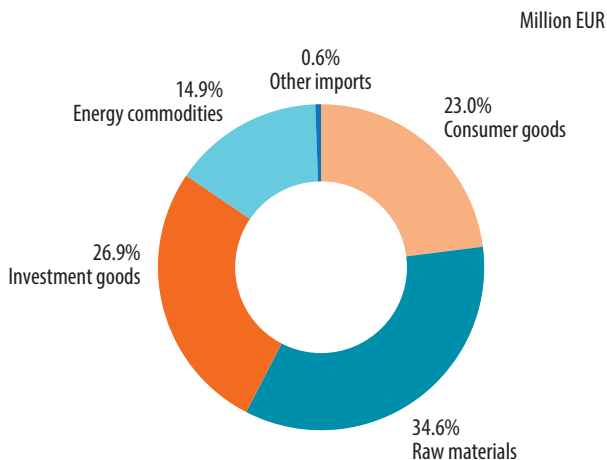
Imports by commodity groups

Years	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Consumer goods	5 600	5 961	6 527	6 955	7 656
Food, drinks and tobacco	1 757	1 879	2 087	2 231	2 540
Furniture and household appliances	799	766	823	896	1 032
Medicines and cosmetics	1 222	1 273	1 375	1 442	1 529
Clothing and footwear	631	760	800	830	904
Automobiles	372	398	481	491	499
Others	819	885	961	1 065	1 153
Raw materials	9 674	9 425	11 159	11 811	11 525
Ores	1 315	1 052	1 741	1 838	1 341
Iron and steel	830	796	1 024	1 208	1 207
Non-ferrous metals	709	678	964	979	883
Textiles	1 192	1 217	1 246	1 242	1 201
Wood products, paper and paperboard	513	547	577	627	648
Chemicals	642	608	692	743	767
Plastics and rubber	1 473	1 494	1 651	1 761	1 835
Raw materials for the food industry	675	692	744	702	844
Raw skins	103	92	79	77	72
Raw tobacco	80	85	88	85	79
Others	2 143	2 164	2 354	2 551	2 649
Investment goods	6 751	7 121	7 837	8 562	8 966
Machines and equipment	2 255	2 241	2 603	2 778	2 869
Electrical machines	977	1 069	1 088	1 199	1 417
Vehicles	1 282	1 320	1 371	1 603	1 497
Spare parts and equipment	1 078	1 199	1 395	1 645	1 659
Others	1 159	1 292	1 379	1 338	1 524
Total non energy commodities	22 024	22 507	25 522	27 329	28 147
Energy commodities	4 204	3 535	4 609	4 654	4 969
Crude oil and Natural gas	3 250	2 677	3 522	3 786	4 082
Coal	2 955	2 275	3 031	3 310	3 580
Fuels other than Crude oil, Natural gas and Coal	103	60	87	89	72
Energy commodities; Fuels other than Crude oil, Natural gas and Coal	192	342	403	387	431
Energy commodities; Energy commodities other than Fuels	954	858	1 088	868	886
Oils	954	858	1 088	868	886
Electricity	0	0	0	0	0
Other imports	129	139	155	166	188
TOTAL IMPORTS /CIF/	26 357	26 181	30 286	32 148	33 303

Source: Bulgarian National Bank

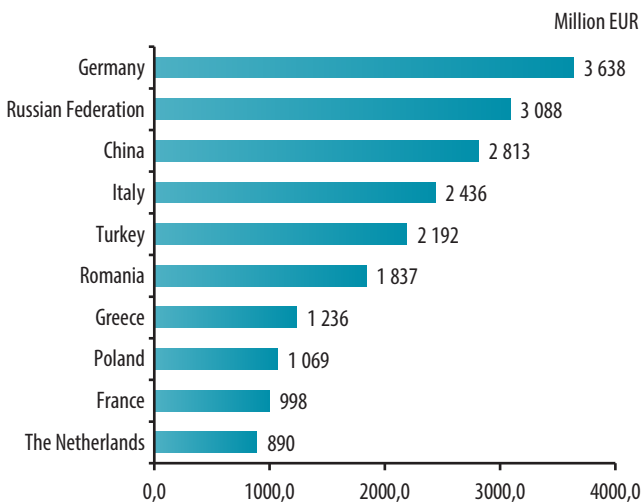


Structure of imports by commodity groups in 2019



Source: Bulgarian National Bank

Imports from the TOP 10 Bulgarian trade partner countries in 2019



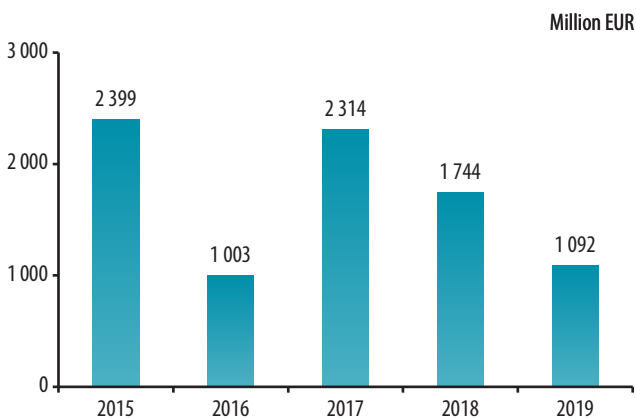
Source: Bulgarian National Bank

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT

Foreign direct investment in Bulgaria reached EUR 1 092 million in 2019.

The composition of FDI by country in 2019 suggests that foreign direct investment attracted from United Kingdom (EUR 304 million), the Netherlands (EUR 285 million) and Germany (EUR 168 million) accounted for the largest shares.

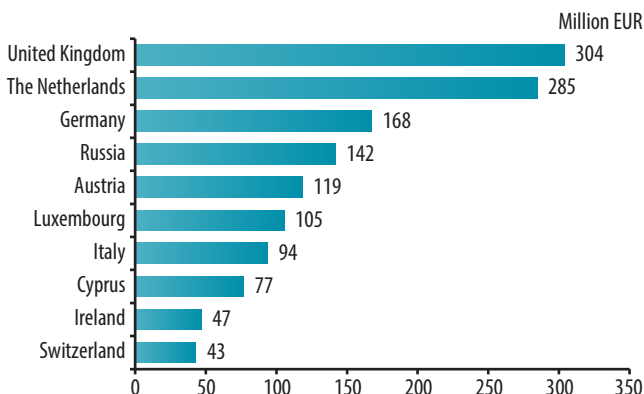
Foreign direct investment flows in Bulgaria by years



Source: Bulgarian National Bank

Foreign direct investment flows in Bulgaria by economic activity

Wholesale and retail trade and Real estate activities attracted about 70% of FDI flows in 2019.



Source: Bulgarian National Bank



Foreign direct investment flows in Bulgaria by economic activity

Manufacturing and Wholesale and retail trade attracted about 65% of FDI flows in 2019.

Million EUR

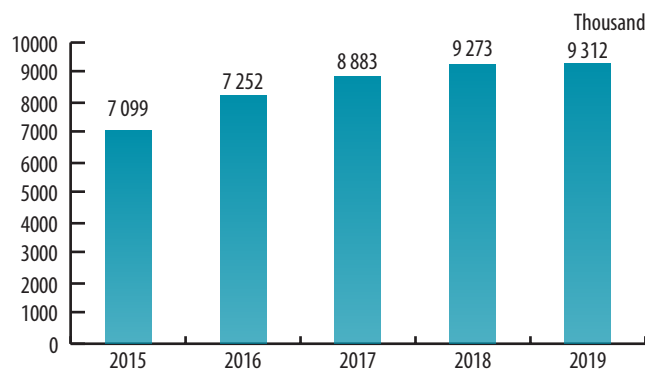
Year	2019
All FDI activities	1 744
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	523,3
Real estate activities	233,4
Manufacturing	97,6
Information and communication	70,7
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	66,6
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	46,8
Not allocated	42,8
Construction	33,8
Mining and quarrying	20,3
Transportation and storage	15,0
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	7,6
Human health and social work activities	0,6
Professional, scientific and technical activities	0,1
Other service activities	-0,7
Education	-1,9
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-3,5
Administrative and support service activities	-7,8
Accommodation and food service activities	-10,5
Financial and insurance activities	-41,6

Source: Bulgarian National Bank

TOURISM

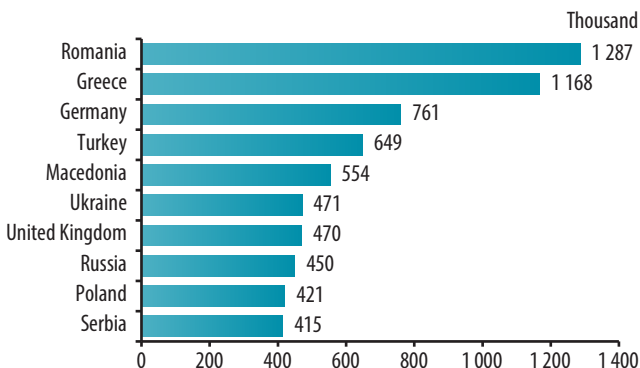
Tourism plays an important role in Bulgaria because of its economic, social and employment potential. The number of international tourists has been growing rapidly. In 2019 Bulgaria attracted a record-high number of tourists – 9.3 million tourists.

Foreign tourists in Bulgaria



Source: Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of Bulgaria

TOP 10 countries ranked by number of tourists in Bulgaria for 2019

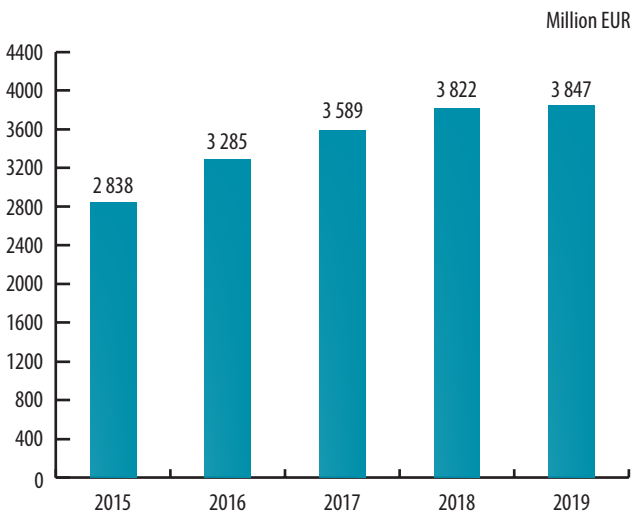


Source: Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of Bulgaria

The ranking by number of tourists for 2019 is headed by Romania with 1 287 thousand tourists, followed by Greece with 1 168 thousand tourists, and Germany with 761 thousand tourists.

According to data from the balance of payment, in 2019 the revenue from international tourism in Bulgaria exceeded EUR 3.8 billion.

Revenue from international tourism in Bulgaria



Source: Bulgarian National Bank



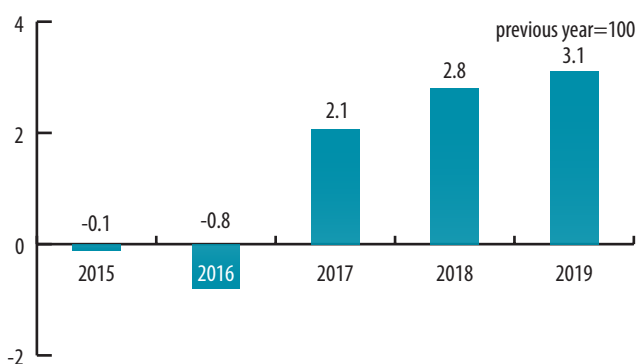
CONSUMER PRICES

Consumer price indices and annual inflation

In 2019 the average consumer price index was positive at +3.1 per cent.

Increased prices of all product groups had the contribution to the rise in the inflation with an exception of Clothing and footwear and Communication.

Consumer price index (annual average inflation rates – %)



Source: National Statistical Institute

Annual average consumer price index by main categories (annual average inflation rates – %)

Main categories	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Average consumer price index (CPI)	-0,1	-0,8	2,1	2,8	3,1
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0,3	-0,2	4,0	2,2	5,2
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0,8	2,0	1,5	3,4	2,2
Clothing and footwear	0,6	-0,5	-1,4	-1,4	-0,7
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	3,4	0,0	3,2	4,6	3,9
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	-0,4	-1,5	-0,3	1,6	0,9
Health	-1,6	-0,2	0,2	0,2	1,3
Transport	-9,1	-6,4	3,7	4,9	0,0
Communication	-3,1	-3,7	-2,6	2,6	-0,7
Recreation and culture	2,8	-0,5	-2,5	3,5	4,5
Education	2,7	2,7	4,5	3,0	2,8
Restaurants and hotels	1,1	1,4	2,5	4,5	5,3
Miscellaneous goods and service	-0,2	-1,2	0,3	2,0	2,1

Source: National Statistical Institute

LABOUR MARKET

Labour force

According to the latest statistics, in 2019 the labour force in Bulgaria consisted of 3.3 million people – 54% men and 46% women. Most of the labour force (87%) has completed some forms of higher or upper secondary education.

Labour force

Thousand

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total	3 366	3 337	3 264	3 357	3 326	3 376
By sex						
Male	1 799	1 782	1 749	1 797	1 787	1 814
Female	1 567	1 555	1 515	1 560	1 539	1 562
By level of education						
Higher	997	1 018	1 014	1 020	1 021	996
Upper secondary	1 907	1 890	1 849	1 921	1 887	1 848
Lower secondary	391	364	339	349	346	357
Primary or lower	71	65	62	67	72	76

Source: National Statistical Institute

Employment

In 2019 the trend of increasing employment, which started in 2014, continued with more significant results. The growth of the economic activity and demand for employees by companies have been the main factors for labour market recovery. The number of employees reached more than 3.2 million people in 2019.

Employment

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Employment rate (15-64 years), %	61,0	62,9	63,4	66,9	67,7	70,1
	Thousand					
Total employment	2 981	3 032	3 017	3 150	3 153	3 233
Employees in private enterprises	1 904	1 968	1 982	2 102	2 114	2 199
Employees in public enterprises	706	699	681	674	672	684
Self-employed	238	237	228	235	227	215
Employers	114	108	107	115	117	115
Unpaid family workers	21	20	19	25	24	20

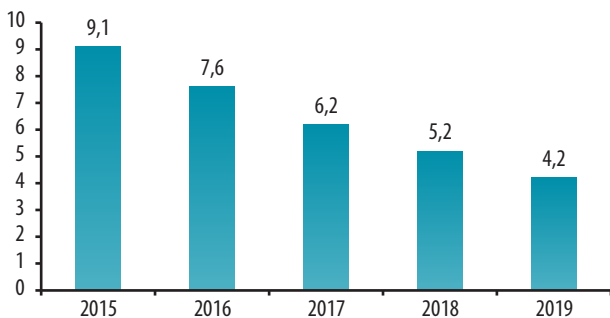
Source: National Statistical Institute



Unemployment

In 2019 unemployment rate continued to decrease, reaching 4.2%, which is the lowest level for more than 30 years.

Unemployment



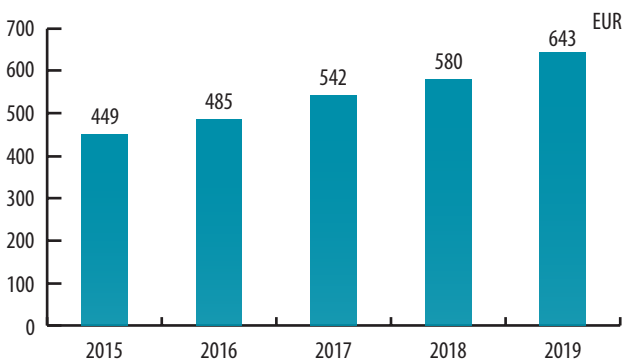
Source: National Statistical Institute

Average monthly salary

In 2019 average hourly labour costs recorded in Bulgaria (EUR 5.4) were more than 5 times lower than the EU average (EUR 27.4).

In 2019 the average monthly wage per employee in Bulgaria amounted to EUR 643, an increase in nominal terms by 11%.

Average monthly salary of employees by labor contract



*Preliminary data

Source: National Statistical Institute, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

EDUCATION

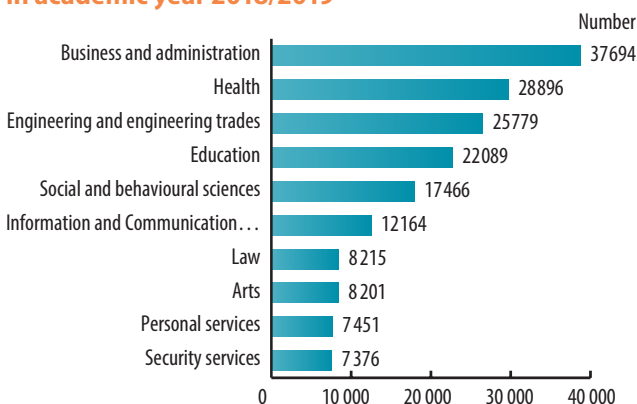
Higher education plays a crucial role for the development of intelligent and sustainable economy. Thanks to the efforts of the higher education institutions in the country, they continue to attract the most talented students. Bulgarian universities offer a wide range of specialties.

Higher schools by type

Academic year	Number
2019/20	
Total	54
Universities and equivalent higher schools	50
Colleges	21
- Independent colleges	4
- Colleges, at the universities and equivalent higher schools	17

The types of higher educational institutions in Bulgaria are Universities and equivalent higher schools and Colleges. During the 2019/2020 academic year in the 54 educational institutions the total number of the students (in degrees 'Professional bachelor', 'Bachelor', 'Master' and 'PhD') is 220 168.

TOP 10 field of education by number of students in academic year 2018/2019



The most preferred fields of education (for all degrees) in Bulgaria are "Business and Administration" (17%), followed by "Health" (13%) and "Engineering and engineering trades" (12%).

Universities in Bulgaria attract many international students due to excellent quality education, diploma recognised in EU/EEA... and beyond, good level of costs and different programs in English, German and French.

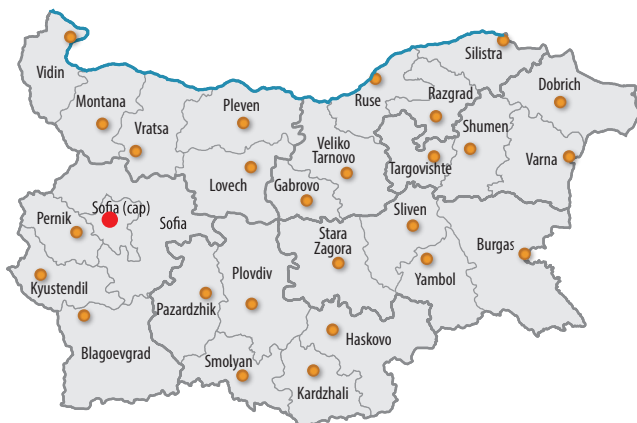


BULGARIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY – important facts and figures

- ▲ The BCCI is the leading employers' association in Bulgaria – comprising of over 50 000 members, in which are employed with labor contract more than 844 thousand persons (38% of total employed in the country).
- ▲ The BCCI is based on the principles of voluntary membership, autonomy and self-financing and seeks to establish ethical and socially responsible relationships in business.
- ▲ The BCCI contributes to the creation of a more favourable business environment and dedicates many efforts to the promotion and support of entrepreneurship and innovation initiatives.
- ▲ The BCCI is a part of the Association of the Organizations of Bulgarian Employers (AOBE) – a free union of the four employers' organizations that are officially acknowledged as representative according to the operating legislation.
- ▲ The BCCI is a universal organization in which all members are companies from various sectors and of different sizes, which comply with the Code of Business Ethics.
- ▲ 28 Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry are united in the Unified System of Bulgarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.
- ▲ The BCCI participates in over 200 public-private bodies.
- ▲ The BCCI is a regular member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), World Chambers Federation (WCF), Association of European Chambers of Commerce (Eurochambres), World Trade Centers Association (WTCA), Association of the Balkan Chambers (ABC), Regional Cooperation Council, International Council on Cooperation, BSEC Business Council, Central European Initiative (CEI), GS1 International Association, Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce (SRCIC), Three Seas Initiative, etc.
- ▲ A Club of Joint and Foreign Chambers in Bulgaria with over 50 organizations operates at BCCI.
- ▲ The 92 Sectorial Organizations are united in a Council of Sectorial Organizations at the BCCI.
- ▲ At BCCI operates an Arbitration Court with more than 120 years of activity.

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The 28 Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry

<http://www.bcci.bg/chambers-en.html>

Structures and services



**BCCI – CENTRE FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING,
TRANSLATIONS, CONSULTATIONS
AND COMPANY SERVICES EOOD**

i Additional information:

<http://www.center.bcci.bg>

Main activities:

1. Consultations on economic activity; legal issues; projects for financing; marketing research; tax issues.
2. Filling in/elaboration of commercial documents.
3. Translation / interpretation services.
4. Training.
5. Fairs and Exhibitions.

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TRADE REGISTER AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORATE



Additional information:

<https://www.bcci.bg/tradereg-general-en1.html>

Main activities:

1. Trade Register Services
 - ▲ Registration in the Unified voluntary trade register of the BCCI – around 50 000 companies and organizations and other legal subjects;
 - ▲ Obligatory registration of commercial representative offices of foreign persons in Bulgaria;
 - ▲ Maintenance and updating of the information on file subject to registration;
 - ▲ Issuing of certificates and references in Bulgarian and foreign languages for the status and financial condition of the registered legal subjects;
 - ▲ Providing oral and written references in Bulgarian and foreign languages with data about the registered legal subjects.
2. Membership with BCCI.
3. Issuance and validation of documents:
 - ▲ Certificates of origin of goods; BCCI is the only organization in Bulgaria accredited by ICC WCF to issue certificates of origin. BCCI has a permit from the Bulgarian Customs Agency to issue non-preferential of origin.
 - ▲ Validation of signatures.
4. Issuance and validation of ATA Carnets.
5. Issuance of Force-Majeure Certificates.
6. Assistance for validation of invitation-declarations for business trips of foreigners to the Republic of Bulgaria.
7. Assistance in obtaining information about the existence and current status of foreign companies.
8. Obtaining a qualified electronic signature certificate by physical persons and legal entities respectively StampIT Doc and StampIT DocPro.
9. Excellent SME certificate.
10. Carrying out coordination and keeping constant relations with the 28 Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry (RCCI).
11. Carrying out coordination with the sectorial organizations members of the Council of Sectorial Organisations with the BCCI.

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EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND EUROPEAN PROJECTS DIRECTORATE

i Additional information:

<http://www.bcci.bg/projectsBCCI.htm>

<http://www.bcci.bg/seminars-en.html>

<http://www.bcci.bg/en-een.html>

<http://www.bcci.bg/economic-analyses-en.html>

Main activities:

1. Participation in EU funded projects.
2. Enhancing the BCCI's capacity to manage activities under EU programmes.
3. Supporting the development and strengthening of the SMEs.
4. Enterprise Europe Network is the largest information and consulting network in the world that helps SMEs to take advantage of business opportunities in the EU single market, to increase their competitiveness in Europe and find reliable technology, business and project partners.
5. Business research inquiries at a request of the customers.
6. Economic analyses by sectors.
7. Database references about the financial results of a company or a group of companies.
8. Annual classification TOP 100 – The leading companies in the Bulgarian economy.
9. Provision of information based on the annual financial statements of the companies.
10. Publication of annual financial statements.

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORATE

i Additional information:

<http://www.bcci.bg/business-delegations-en.html>

<http://www.bcci.bg/seminars-en.html>

<http://www.bcci.bg/company-presentation.html>

Main activities:

1. Participation in EU funded projects.
2. Enhancing the BCCI's capacity to manage activities under EU programmes.
3. Supporting the development and strengthening of the SMEs.

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ARBITRATION COURT AT BCCI

i Additional information:

<http://www.bcci.bg/arbitration/index.html>

Main activities:

1. Out-of-court tribunal institution for fast and efficient settlement of private law property disputes.
2. Four times lower taxes for big claims in comparison with the taxes, applied by public court.
3. Possibility to include foreign arbitrators, if the company has more than 50% foreign capital.
4. 98% of the cases are solved within 12 months period.
5. Possibility to involve private law enforcement agents.
6. AC at BCCI provided to the participants in the arbitration proceedings access to the case files through bilingual electronic internet-based platform.
7. Regional lists of arbitrators are created.

Arbitration Clause, recommended by the BCCI: "Any disputes arising from this contract or concerning it, including disputes arising from or concerning its interpretation, invalidity, non-performance of termination, as well as disputes about filling gaps in a contract or its adaption to newly arisen circumstances, shall be settled by the Arbitration Court at the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in accordance with its Rules for cases based on Arbitration Agreements."

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GS1 BULGARIA

i Additional information:

<http://www.gs1bg.org>

Main activities:

Member organization of GS1, global, neutral, non-profit standards organization that brings efficiency and transparency to the supply chain. GS1 standards are proven by industry and can help companies achieve their public policy goals.

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INDUSTRIAL ZONES

i Additional information:

<http://www.bcci.bg/zones/>

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INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK AITOS, Aitos
BURGAS INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Burgas
INDUSTRIAL ZONE “MEDEN RUDNIK”, Burgas
INDUSTRIAL ZONE “POBEDA”, Burgas
INDUSTRIAL ZONE “NORTH”, Burgas
INDUSTRIAL ZONE “SOUTH”, Burgas
BALGAROVO INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Balgarovo
DOBRICH BUSINESS ZONE, Dobrich
INDUSTRIAL ZONE “NORTH”, Dobrich
INDUSTRIAL ZONE “WEST”, Dobrich
GENERAL TOSHEVO INDUSTRIAL ZONE, General Toshevo
GABROVO INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Gabrovo
DIMITROVGRAD INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Dimitrovgrad
FREE ZONE - SVILENGRAD, Svilengrad
SVILENGRAD INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Svilengrad
INDUSTRIAL ZONE KARDZHALI - SOUTH, Kardzhali
LETNITSA INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Letnitsa
TROYAN INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Troyan
TECHNOLOGY PARK, Montana
INDUSTRIAL PARK - PAZARDZHIK, Septemvri
INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Pernik
INDUSTRIAL PARK PERNIK - EAST, Pernik
INDUSTRIAL ZONE PERNIK, Pernik
INDUSTRIAL ZONE DOLNA MITROPOLIA, Dolna Mitropolia
INDUSTRIAL ZONE - PLEVEN, Pleven
TELISH (PLEVEN) INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Telish
INDUSTRIAL PARK RHODOPES, Plovdiv
KRUMOVO LOGISTICS ZONE, Plovdiv
ASSENOVGRAD INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Asenovgrad
MARITSA INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ZONE, Plovdiv
NORTH INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Plovdiv
PLOVDIV FREE ZONE, Plovdiv
KALOYANOVO INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Kaloyanovo
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ZONE KARADZHALOVO, Karadzhalovo
KUKLEN INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ZONE, Kuklen
RAKOVSKI INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Stryama
BUSINESS ZONE “PERISTAR” - RAZGRAD, Razgrad
RUSE EAST INDUSTRIAL PARK, Ruse
INDUSTRIAL PARK RUSE, Ruse
IVANOVO INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Shtraklevo
KASPICHAN INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Kaspichan
SHUMEN INDUSTRIAL PARK, Shumen
DANUBE INDUSTRIAL PARK, Silistra
TCHAVDAR PARK BOTEVGRAD, Botevgrad
INDUSTRIAL PARK SOFIA, Sofia
INDUSTRIAL PARK SOFIA EAST, Elin Pelin
SAMOKOV INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Samokov
INDUSTRIAL PARK PROMOEEST BULGARIA, Sofia
INDUSTRIAL PARK WEST, Sofia
ELIN PELIN INDUSTRIAL PARK, Elin Pelin
GORNA MALINA INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Gorna Malina
INDUSTRIAL PARK - PETARCH, Petarch
STARA ZAGORA INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Elenino
INDUSTRIAL ZONE ZSK, Stara Zagora
TARGOVISHTA INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Targovishte
INDUSTRIAL ZONE VARNA - WEST, Devnya
FIRST INDUSTRIAL ZONE - AVREN, Avren
INDUSTRIAL ZONE VETRINO, Vetrino
SUVOROVO INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Suvorovo
VARNA WEST INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Varna
INDUSTRIAL ZONE - SOUTH, STRAZHITSA, Strazhitsa
SVISHTOV INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Svishtov
VRATZA INDUSTRIAL ZONE, Vratza



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