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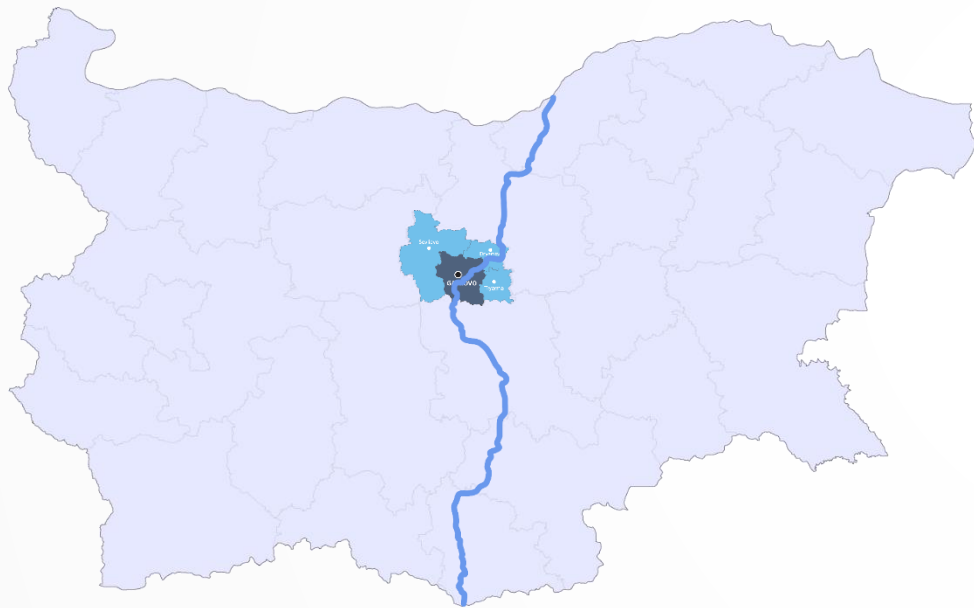
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SCIENCE MEETS REGIONS

Gabrovo, 16 November 2017



GABROVO IN THE CENTER

Geographical center of Bulgaria

Important transport intersection

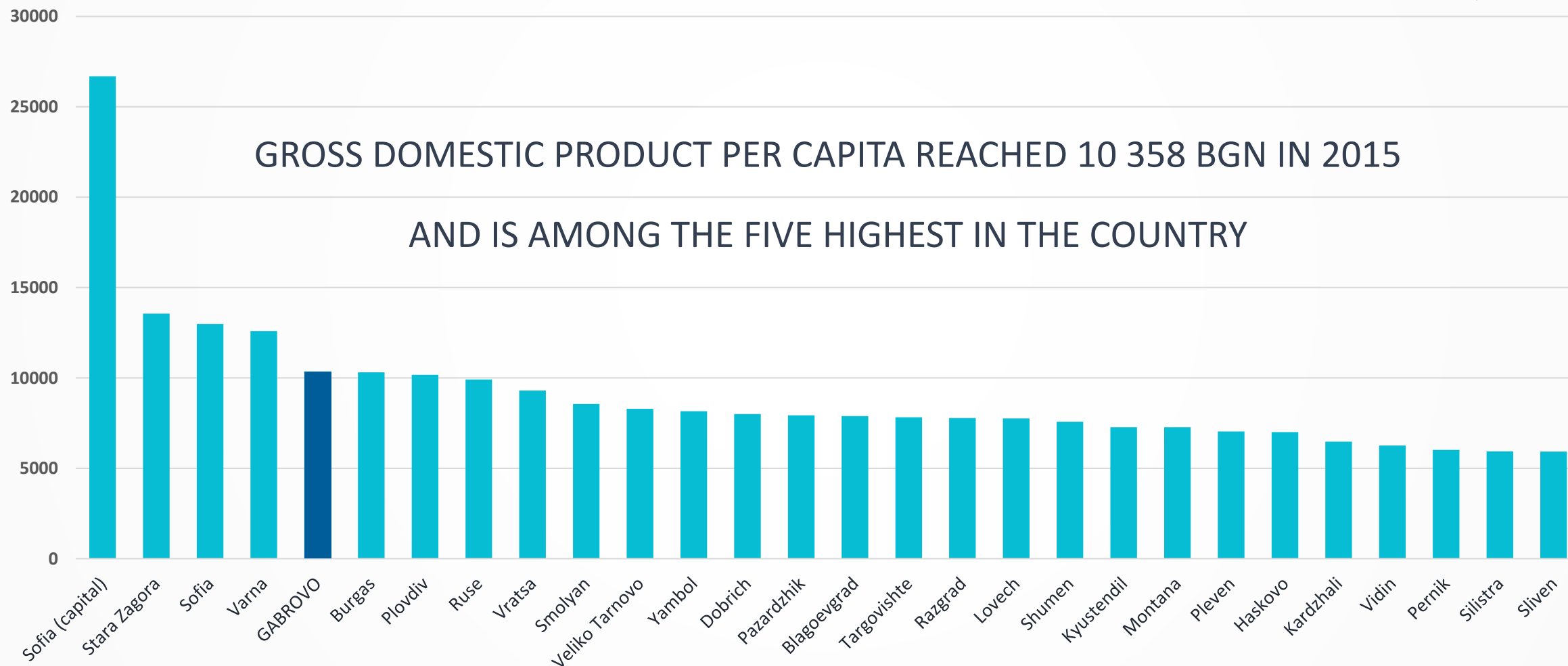
Part of the trans - european transport
corridor 9 (Helsinki – Istanbul)

Population: 60 747 people

Area: 555.57 km²



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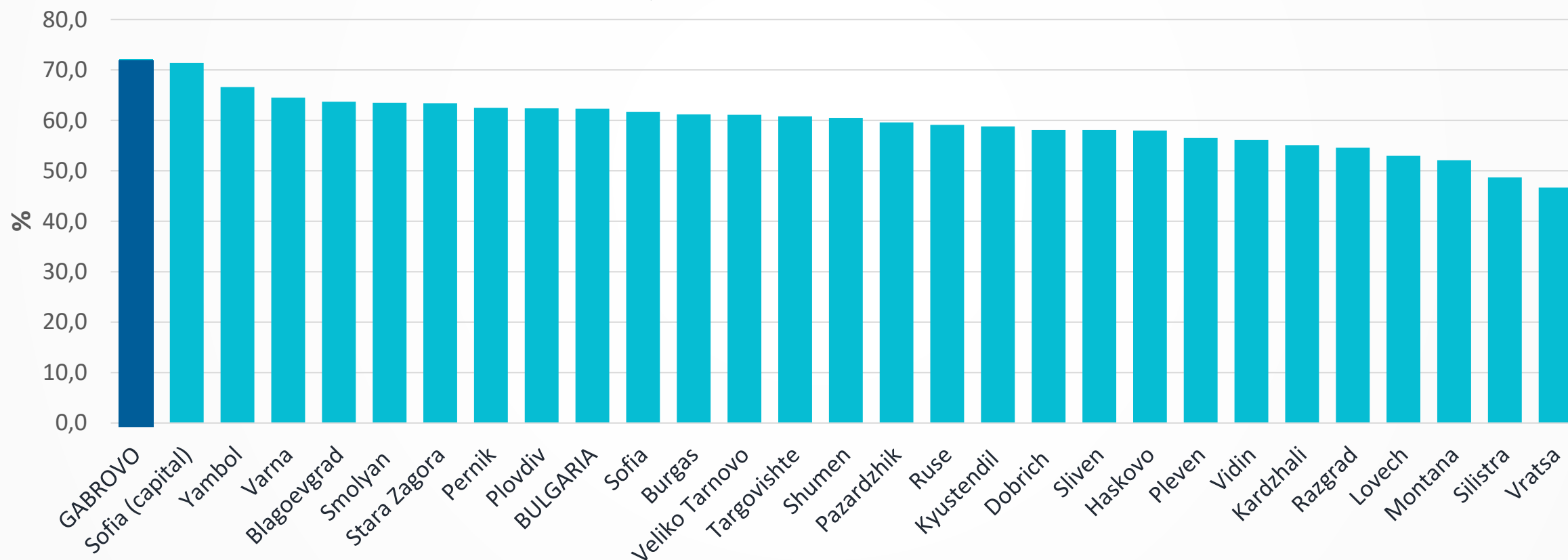
Source: National Statistical Institute



GABROVO IN THE CENTER

THE EMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE POPULATION

AGED 15-64 FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2016 IS THE HIGHEST IN THE COUNTRY



FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT

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Gabrovo is among the districts with the biggest amount of attracted foreign direct investment per capita

Gabrovo is a leader in the EU funds absorption

Gabrovo municipality was a beneficiary of 34 grant contracts at the amount of 95 million EUR, financed under 5 Operational programmes, programme period 2007 – 2013



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THE MAIN GOALS OF THE INITIATIVE

- knowledge-based decision making
- facilitate a better understanding of EU policies among scientists
- foster a greater mutual understanding between scientists and parliamentarians, and
- contribute to closing the gap between researchers and policy-makers



MOTIVE



THE SCIENCE AND REGIONS PARTNERSHIP - A FACTOR FOR SMART SPECIALIZATION

- to support efforts to address development issues and opportunities
- capacity-building
- more efficient, effective and forward-looking urban policies



Main topics

- Smart specialization of the region - Factors, Policies and Funding Opportunities
- Science - a factor for the sustainable development of cities and regions
- Smart City Solutions



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INTELLIGENT SPECIALIZATION OF THE REGION

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TANYA HRISTOVA

Mayor of Gabrovo Municipality

“ We need to make the connection between science and regions really strong, because both sides are committed to the citizens to create conditions for working and living together.

Today's discussion is an opportunity to support an informed decision-making process that is based on facts and research that could directly contribute to the quality of life in our municipalities and regions



KORNELIA MARINOVA

Mayor of Lovech Municipality

“ Innovative, reasonable, thorough and related to the future" was the concise remark of the Mayor of Lovech and European Committee of the Regions member, Mrs. Kornelia Marinova. She described the discussion as a really visionary and as far as the intelligent specialization was concerned she mentioned that this is a possibility without alternative for municipalities, regions and science which have to work in partnership and with the support of government



JOHN EDWARDS

Joint Research Centre

“ My advice to local authorities is that they have to have dreams, but also realistic goals. To see what they are strong in, not to try to do something impossible. To seek ideas beyond their own limits, but also to see what they have and whether they can apply it. Regularly check how they do, not just have a strategy, but make sure they assess and monitor what they do. And if necessary - change the strategy



PROF. LUBOMIRA POPOVA

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District Governor of Veliko Tarnovo district and Chairman of the
Regional Development Council of North Central Region

“ We are constantly talking about partnerships between businesses, local and regional authorities and academics, but here I see the desire and concrete steps for action by your municipality. We are the heart of Bulgaria and the best investment is in people and their education, it is to me the key to a better quality of life for people and they will return this investment to society



ELISA GERUSSI

Joint Research Centre (JRC-Seville)

“ The key elements for smart specialization are related to the local context, which means that smart specialization is based on the bottom-up approach, i.e. we include all strategic actors that are important for local development. This is why we talk about local authorities first, but also about businesses, universities, research centers, non-governmental organizations and other active citizens. Intelligent specialization is closely related to the region, which means that we identify those local advantages from economic resources to human resources that can be used, increased and strengthened to create something innovative, new and more competitive, effective and successful to enter the international markets



PROF. DR. RAYCHO ILARIONOV

Rector of the Technical University - Gabrovo

“ Innovations are all around us and they constantly change our lives, and the role of universities is to prepare young people for this change. Intelligent specialization, innovation and science are the essential element of urban development in line with the dynamics of the time we live in





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THANK YOU!

Tanya Hristova

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