

INVESTMENT ACTIVITY IN INDUSTRY¹ MARCH 2021

In March 2021, National statistical institute carried out the regular business survey of investment activity² among industrial enterprises, which provides information about both the investments made by them in 2020 and their investment plans in this year.

According to the survey data, in 2020 the expenditures for acquiring fixed tangible and intangible assets in industry are by 8.7% less compared to 2019.

The inquiry results of the investment activity show that the plans of industrial enterprises in 2021 are for a decrease of investments by 15.5% in comparison with the previous year. The share of the private sector in the total volume of the expected expenditures for acquiring fixed tangible and intangible assets in this year is 85.2%, as the managers in this sector foresee a decrease of their investments programs by 17.5% compared to 2020.

According to the main industrial groupings³ (Figure 1) the industries producing intermediate goods form the greatest share of expected investments in 2021 (38.2%) with an expected decrease of 13.8% in comparison with the previous year. In the second place in foreseen volume of investments are the energy and water-related industries (with a relative share of 31.1%) which expect an increase of 4.7% compared to 2020. The industries producing non-durable goods are next with relative share of 15.8% as the managers' expectations are for a decrease of the investment programs by 30.8% compared to the previous year.

¹ Since April 2011, the NSI has started publishing the business survey data according to the new Classification of Economic Activities (NACE.BG 2008) (NACE Rev. 2). All of the time series have been recalculated according to the Classification and are comparable throughout time.

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³ The classification 'Main industrial groupings' include production of durable goods, production of non-durable goods, energy and water related industries, production of intermediate goods, production of capital goods and others.

Figure 1. Distribution of expected investments in 2021 by main industrial groupings

