

### **YAMBOL REGION HAS GOOD PERSPECTIVES FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH**

As part of Southeastern Bulgaria, Yambol region is situated close to Stara planina (the Balkan mountain) and the Black sea, and borders with the Republic of Turkey. This is a favorable factor for its economic growth and development. The working factories have modern technologies and markets, which are in constant development. This predetermines the development of trade, agriculture and the related manufacturing sectors - manufacture of food, wines and alcohol, as well as textile and machine-building. The main driving force of the local economy are the medium enterprises, generating the highest sales revenues. The climate and the soils are suitable for agriculture. There are opportunities for the development of modern agro industry - the manufacture and processing of plant and animal products, dairy and meat foods, wines, alcohol and tourism.

### **TRADITIONAL AND NEW PRODUCTION**

The industry of Yambol region is represented by the following sub-sectors: food industry, chemical industry, machine building and metal processing, textile and knitwear industry, clothing industry and others. There are new developing industries in the region, such as manufacturing of electrical systems for automobiles and recycling of plastic products for the production of fibres.

The favorable natural conditions in Yambol region create a good precondition for the development and construction of facilities for electricity production from renewable energy sources. There already are several working photovoltaic parks and several more are being built at the moment.

### **MINING AND QUARRYING**

Seven companies from Yambol region operate in the sector of Mining and quarrying. The development of this sector is related mainly with the quarrying of inert materials, marble and granite.

### **MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY**

493 companies operate in the sector of Manufacturing. During the years there has been growth in the production. 9 714 people are employed in this sector, which is 31% of all employed people in Yambol region.

The leading manufacturing companies in Yambol region work in several directions:

- Production of food and beverages: meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, ice-cream, alcohol and soft drinks;
- Metal-processing and production of machines and parts: prefabricated metal products, electrical systems for automobiles, steel pipes and profiles, hydraulic elements and systems;
- Production of materials and products for construction and building: concrete mixes, ceramic tiles, joinery and other.

### **MANUFACTURE OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES**

131 companies operate in the sub-sector of Manufacture of food and beverages.

Leading companies in this sector are:

- Manufacture of sunflower oil and other oils: “PAPAS OLIO” AD and “PETTAS BULGARIA” AD.
- The manufacturing and processing of meat and meat products: “ALIANCE-AGRICOL-ALAG” OOD which produces goose liver and duck meat; “MESOKOMBINAT BAI TECHO” OOD which processes and produces meat and meat products of pork and veal.
- The leading companies in the manufacture of flour, bread and bakery are: “YAMBOL-HLYAB” OOD, “HLYAB I HLEBNI IZDELIA” EOOD, “MILANOV-POPOV” EOOD.
- The production of milk and dairy products is also well developed in the region. “SAKARELA” OOD - produces milk and yogurt, white and yellow cheese. “KARIL AND TANYA” OOD is a leading producer of ice-cream and dairy products in the region and the country. The company “BULGARSKI YOGURT” OOD produces quality yogurt, cheese and mocarella.
- Processing and canning of fruits and vegetables: “SATKO” OOD “EFEB” OOD.
- Manufacture of beverages: “VINPROM-YAMBOL” EAD is one of the leading producers of white and red wines as well as the grape brandy “Yambolska rakia”. “PRIZMA MTA” OOD produces soft drinks.

### **MANUFACTURE OF TEXTILE, APPAREL AND SHOES**

About 80 companies operate in the sub-sectors of Manufacture of textile and textile products and Manufacture of apparel.

The leading companies in these sub-sectors are:

- Manufacture of apparel: “COTTONS INDUSTRY BULGARIA” AD, “DELI-99” EOOD, “ER I EM STYLE” OOD, “LUTER” OOD, “MEDICHI-TODOROVI I SIE” SD, “P.R.PRODUCTION” AD, “SATIRTEX” EOOD (working clothes), “YANITSA” AD, “YASHA-P” EOOD, TPKE “NEDYALKO TSAREV”
- Manufacture of textile and textile products “YOVATEX” AD, “KABILE” EOOD, “TONZOS 95” AD.
- Several companies from Yambol region operate successfully in the sub-sector “Manufacture of shoes”. The leading company among them is “DAMA PIKA I BRAUN” OOD which manufactures high quality men and ladies shoes of natural leather.

### **MANUFACTURE OF FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT**

84 companies operate in the sub-sectors “Manufacture of fabricated metal products” and “Manufacture of machinery and equipment”.

The leading companies of the sector are active in different aspects of metal processing and manufacture of machines and parts:

- Mechanic processing of metals: “AS-ENGINEERING” EOOD
- Manufacture of electrical systems and parts for vehicles: “YAZAKI BULGARIA” EOOD and “ELPROM ELHOVO” AD
- Manufacture of steel pipes and profiles :“ZPT” AD
- Manufacture of calibrated steel profiles: “KALIBROVANI STOMANI” AD

· Manufacture of hydraulic elements: “HYDRAULIC ELEMENTS AND SYSTEMS /HES/” AD and “HYDROSYSTEM” EOOD.

### **MANUFACTURE OF FURNITURE**

31 companies in the region are specialized in the manufacture of furniture. The sector is one of the fast and successfully growing sectors. It is well-developed and has many years of experience.

There are several companies that work on national and international level:

· Manufacture of cabinet furniture : “VIDENOV GROUP” OOD, “DORYANA” OOD, TOMPS-TODOR KARAGROSHEV”, “ARS MEBEL” AD.

· Manufacture of furnishings and equipping of schools: “KAN-UCHTEHSPORT-BULGARIA” OOD.

· Manufacture of upholstered furnishing: “RETROUYUT AKSAGA” EOOD

· Manufacture of mattresses: “HEGRA D” OOD

### **MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC AND HEAT ENERGY AND GASEOUS FUELS. DELIVERY OF WATERS; WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION**

20 enterprises work in the sectors Manufacture and distribution of electric and heat energy and gaseous fuels, Delivery of waters, waste management and restoration.

The sector Waste management and restoration is comparatively new but is developing dynamically and successfully. There are several companies operating in it, including some that have been created in the past few years, but have introduced new and advanced technologies for the utilizing of waste, like:

· “EKO PLAST 2000” - the one of a kind enterprise in Bulgaria that recycles plastic (PET) bottles, from which it produces granulate and fibres.

· “AKVA PRODUKTI” OOD - an enterprise that produces thermo-insulations based on mineral wadding.

The sector Manufacture and distribution of electric and heat energy is also developing actively in the past several years, especially in the field of use of renewable energy sources - wind, sun and bio-gas, because the nature and climatic conditions in the region are suitable.

### **BUILDING**

The sector “Building” is one of the fastest growing sectors in the region. The number of firms in Yambol region that operate in it is close to 220. There is a preponderance of housing construction over civil engineering in the region. The development of the building sector in the region is determined by the proximity of the Black sea coast, because a large portion of the building companies in Yambol successfully work on tourist building and infrastructure. The road building and infrastructure is well-developed, as well as the building of grid and distributing network.

### **TRADE**

The percentage of trade companies in the region is big. There are 2 057 trade companies in

Yambol region, which is 47% of all companies in the region. Close to 5 000 people are employed in this sector, which is 15% of all employees in the region. Bulgaria`s joining to the EU stimulates the development of the trade sector.

### **AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISH INDUSTRY**

There are 243 companies functioning in the sector of Agriculture, Forestry and Fish industry. 7% of all employed people in the region work in this sector. The favorable natural conditions - the fertile soils and mild climate contribute to the development of plant-growing in Yambol region. Well-developed are grain-production - wheat, barley and sunflower seeds, the production of vegetables, technical and ethereal oils, vine-growing and fruit-growing.