BULGARIAN TELECOM MARKET AND ICT

1. Telecom market 2003 - 12% growth, 5.8% of GDP, 1.4% of GVA in the services sector

2. FDI in telecoms - reached USD 1 bn in 2003/2004

3. Communications infrastructure - highest penetration of telephone service in Eastern Europe

4. Information and communication technologies - fastest growing sector

5. Talent Based Bulgaria - leading in education and qualification

Note: number of certified professionals per 10,000 inhabitants

Source: CRC, IBM Business Consulting Services, 3rd Report on Monitoring of EU Candidate Telecommunications services sector

Source: Bulgarian National Bank, Foreign Investment Agency

Source: Bulgarian Telecommunication Company, company information

Source: Bulgarian National Bank, BFIA, Source: Brainbench, 2001

Source: www.brainbench.com Source: EUROSTAT, OECD statistics portal

Source: CEE, EU candidates, IT project

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