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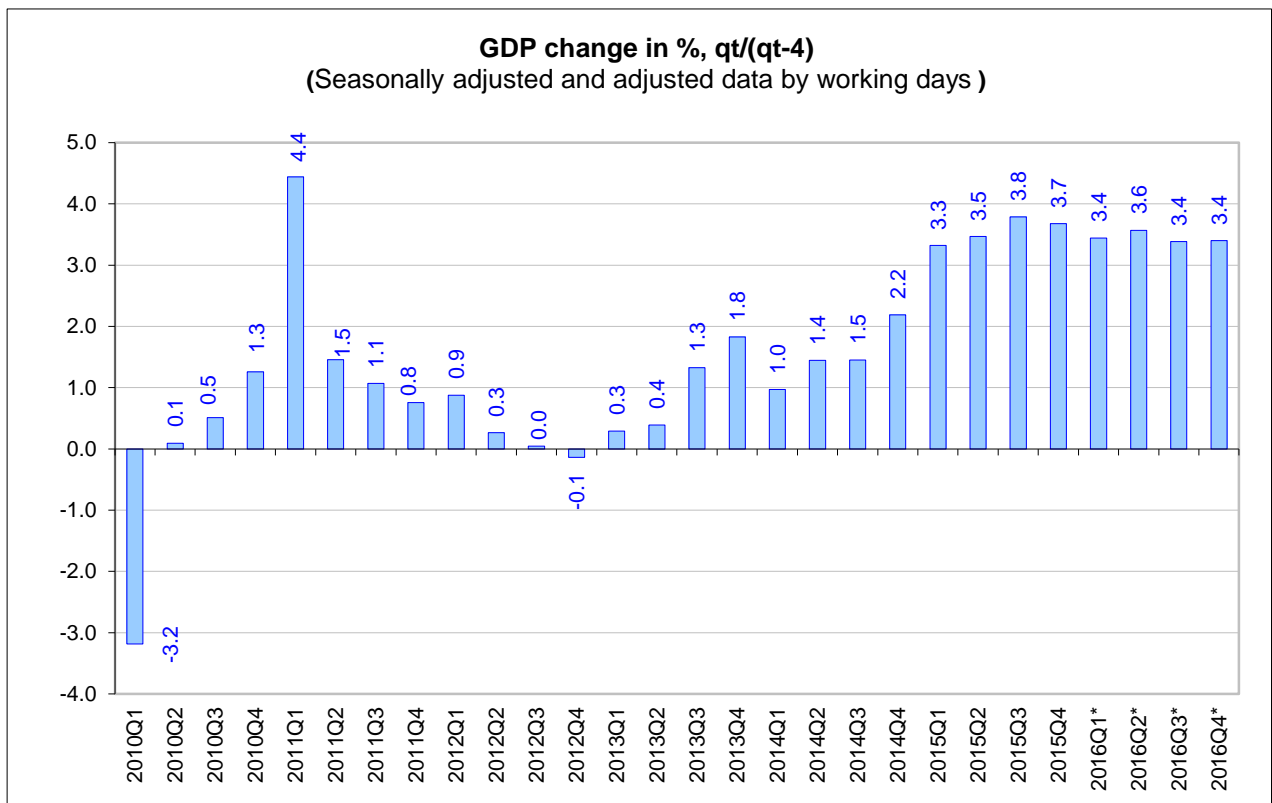
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# *Macro* **Bulletin**

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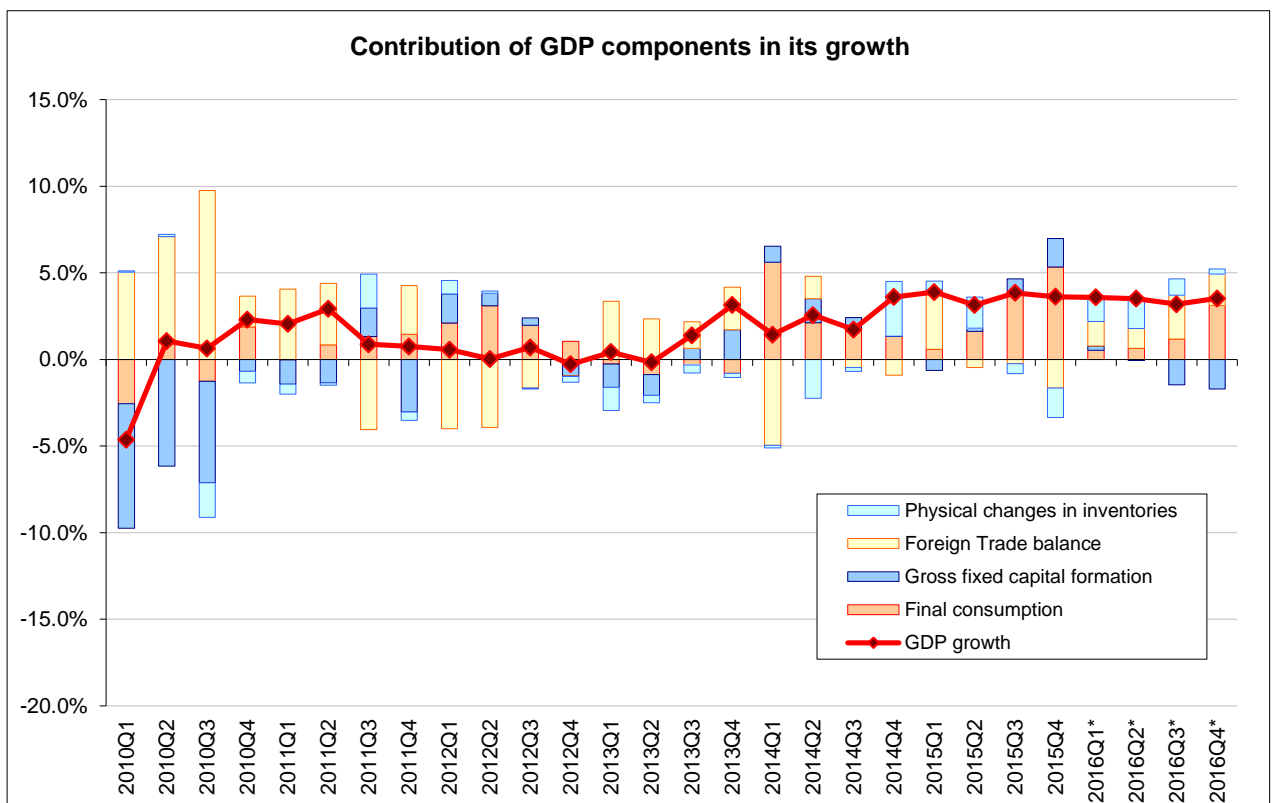
## **MAIN MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS**

*March 2017*



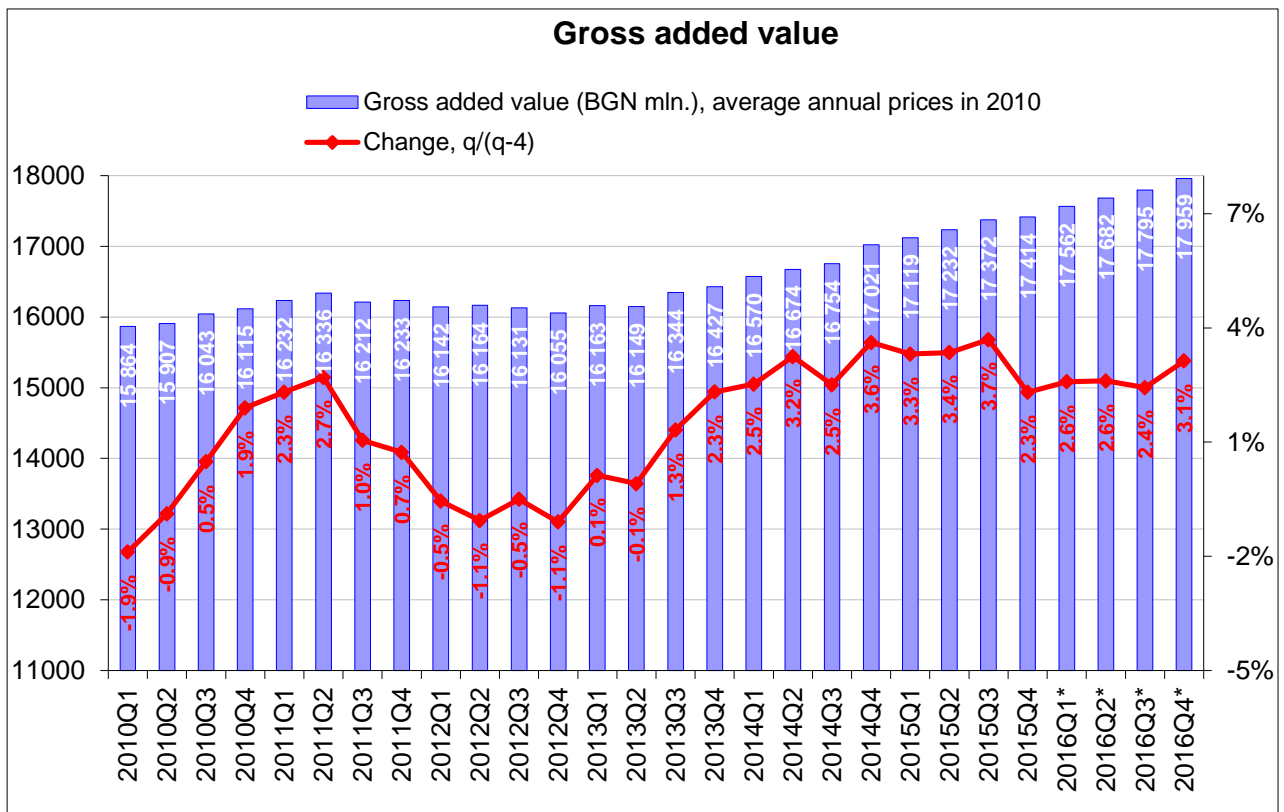
According to NSI estimates, in the fourth quarter of 2016, GDP of Bulgaria has grown by 3.4% compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Source: NSI (\*preliminary data)



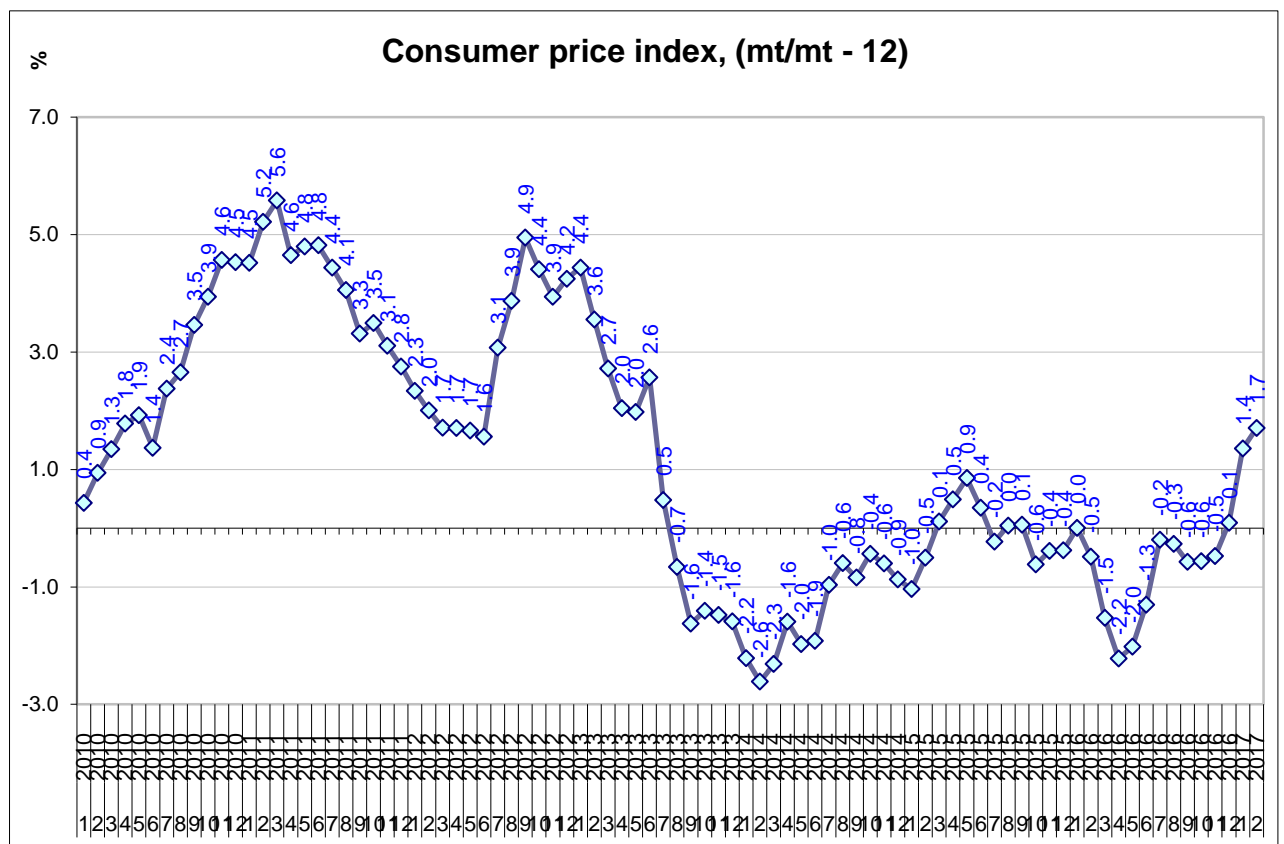
In 2010 gross fixed capital formation is the main factor for GDP decrease, while the trade balance acted positively on the GDP change. Since 2011 in most of the quarters positive GDP growth was recorded. The largest role for these growths had final consumption and foreign trade balance.

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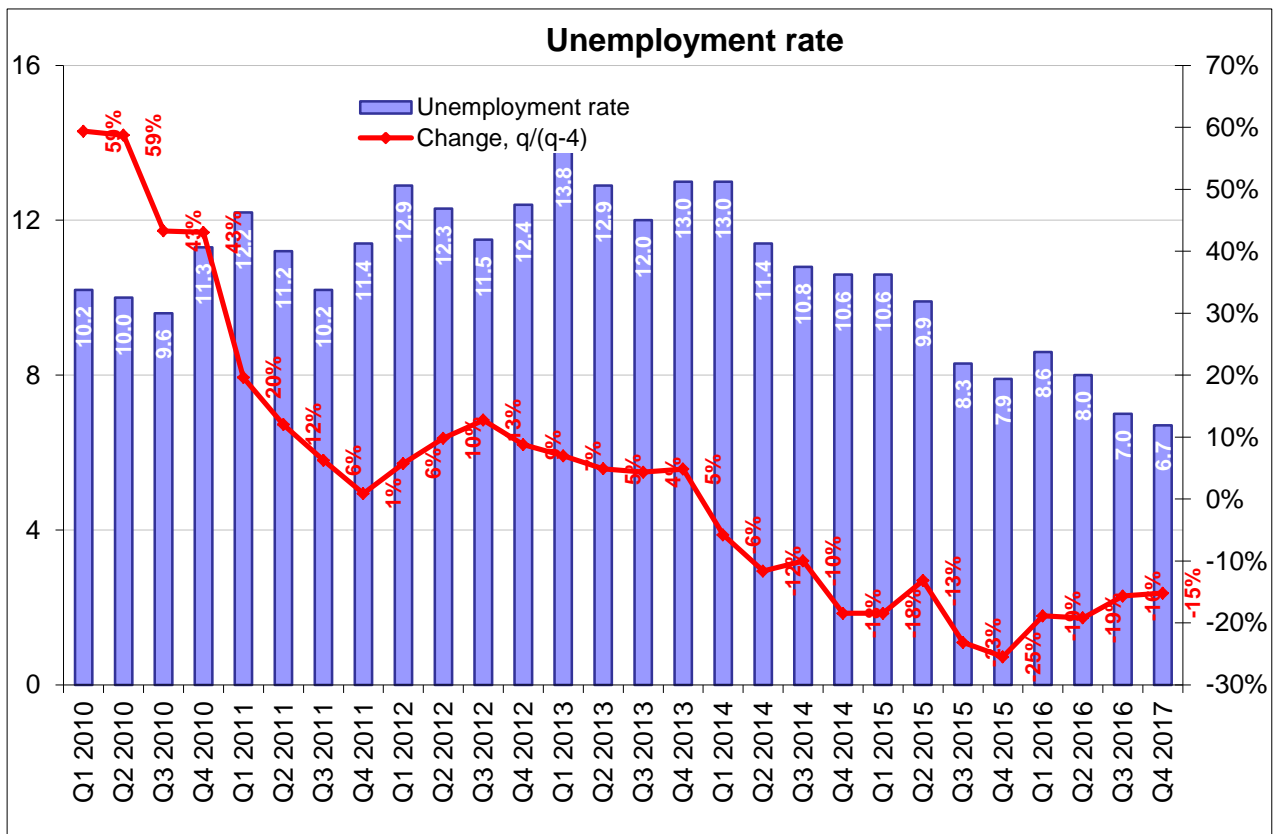
By preliminary data of NSI in the fourth quarter of 2016 gross value added is BGN 17 959 million.

Source: NSI (\*preliminary data)



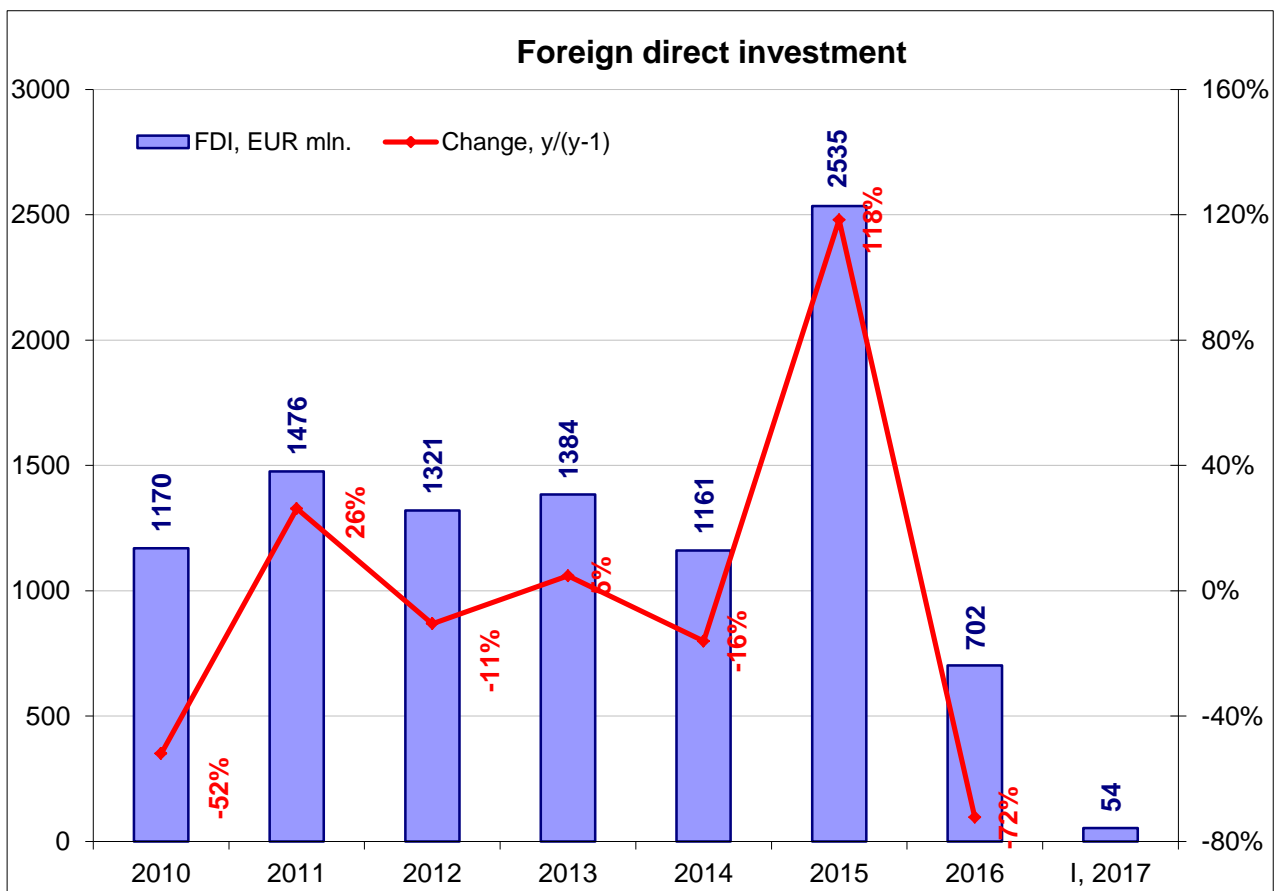
In February 2017 the consumer price index has increased with 1.7% in regard to the corresponding month of the preceding year.

Source: NSI



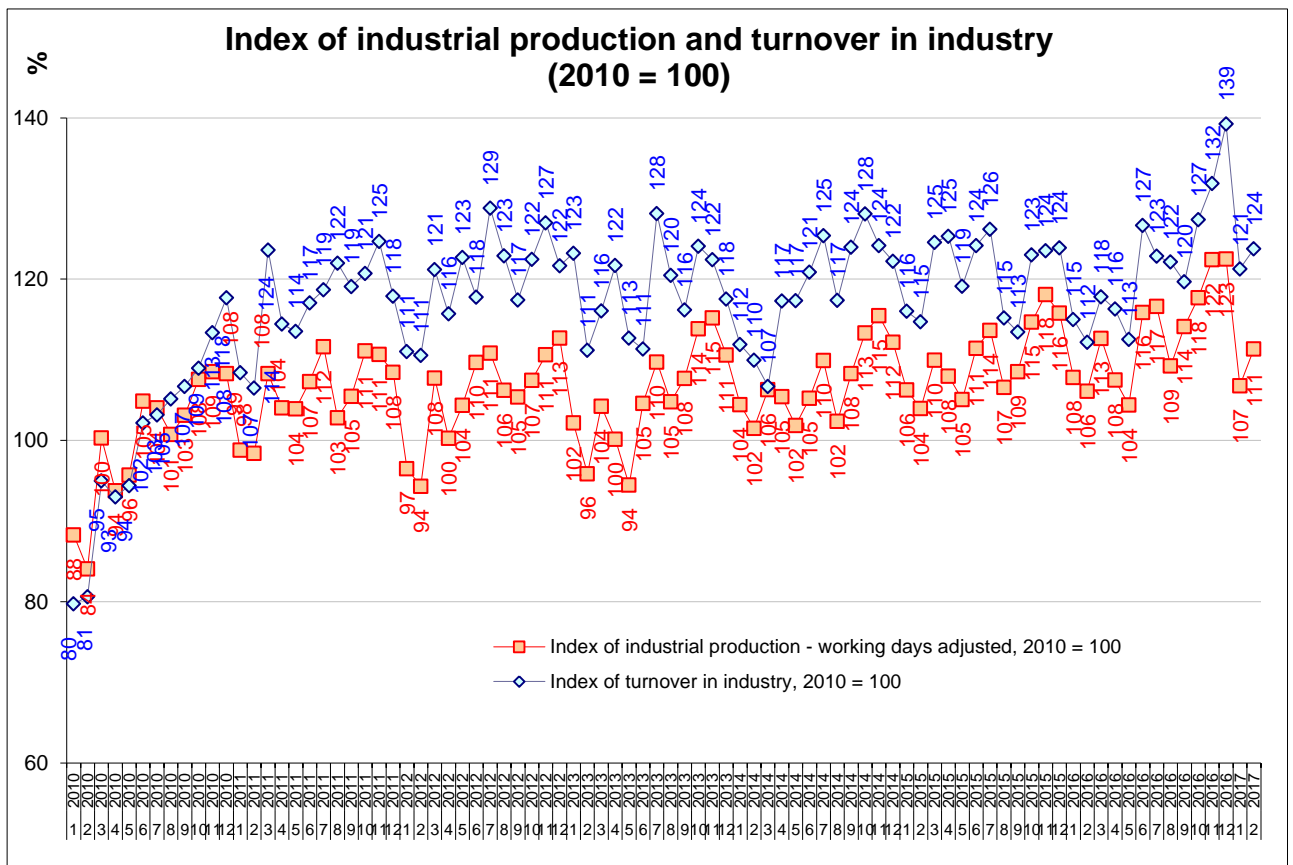
The unemployment rate in the fourth quarter of 2016 amounted 6.7% and decreased with 15% according to the corresponding quarter of preceding year.

Source: NSI



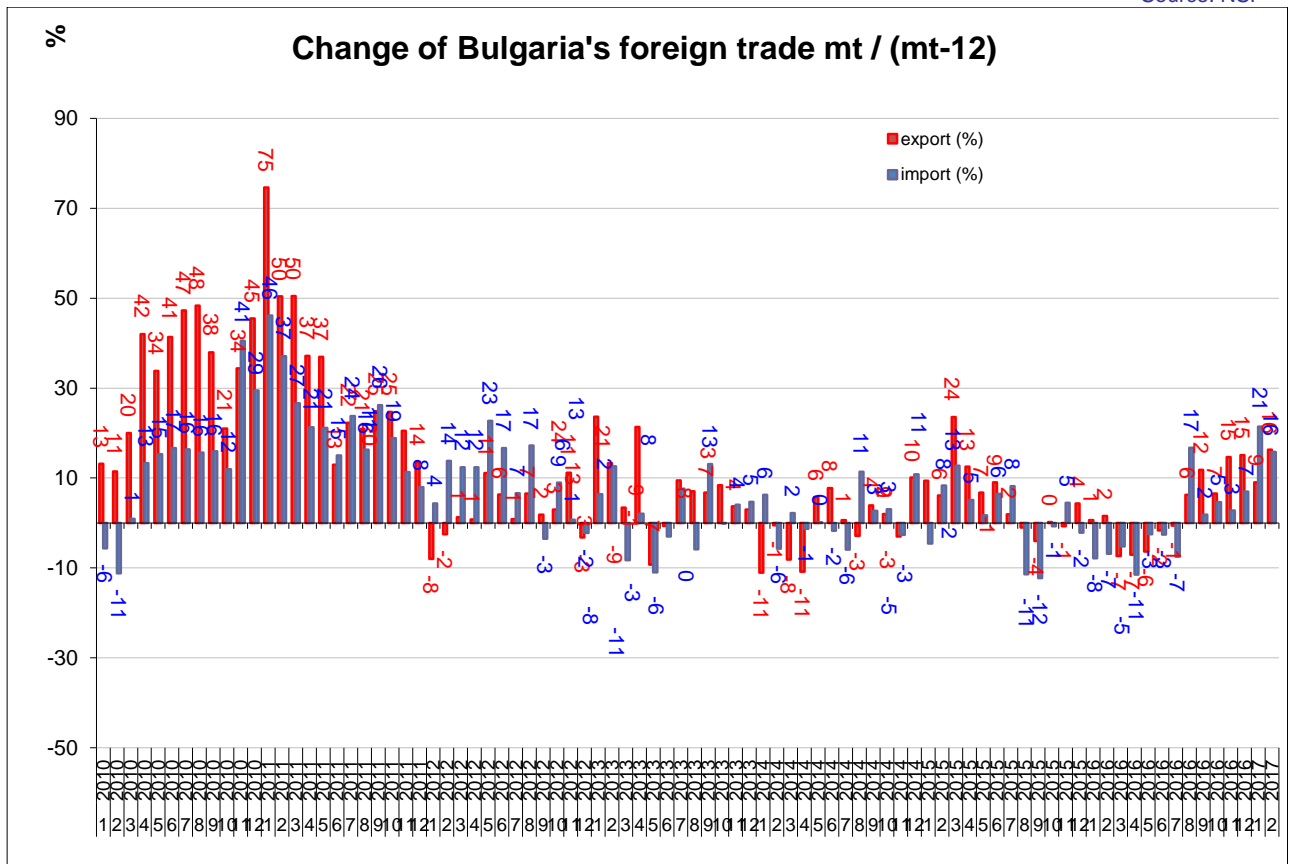
According to the Bulgarian National Bank, in 2016 the country received EUR 702 million FDI and in January 2016 EUR 54 million FDI was indicated.

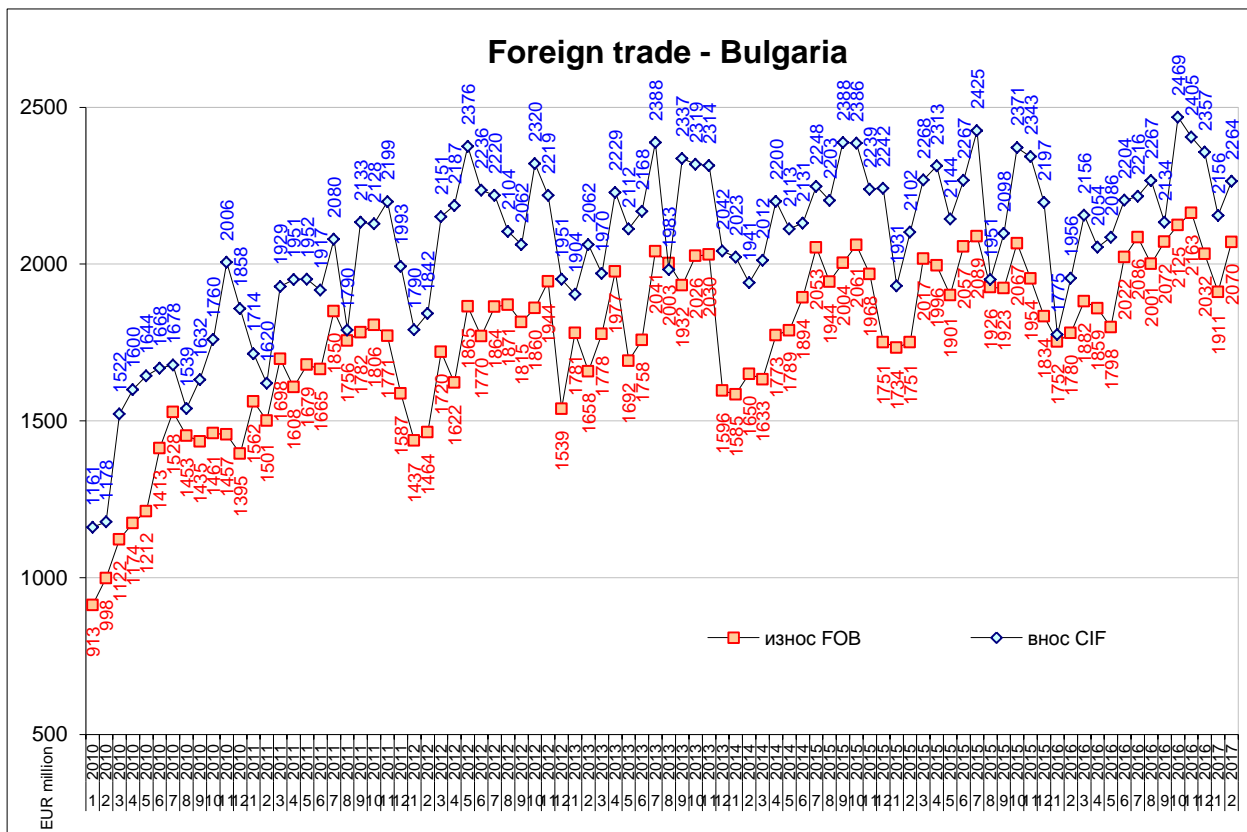
Source: BNB



In February 2016 the industrial production index is 111% (at base on 2010), while the index of industry turnover 124% (at base 2010).

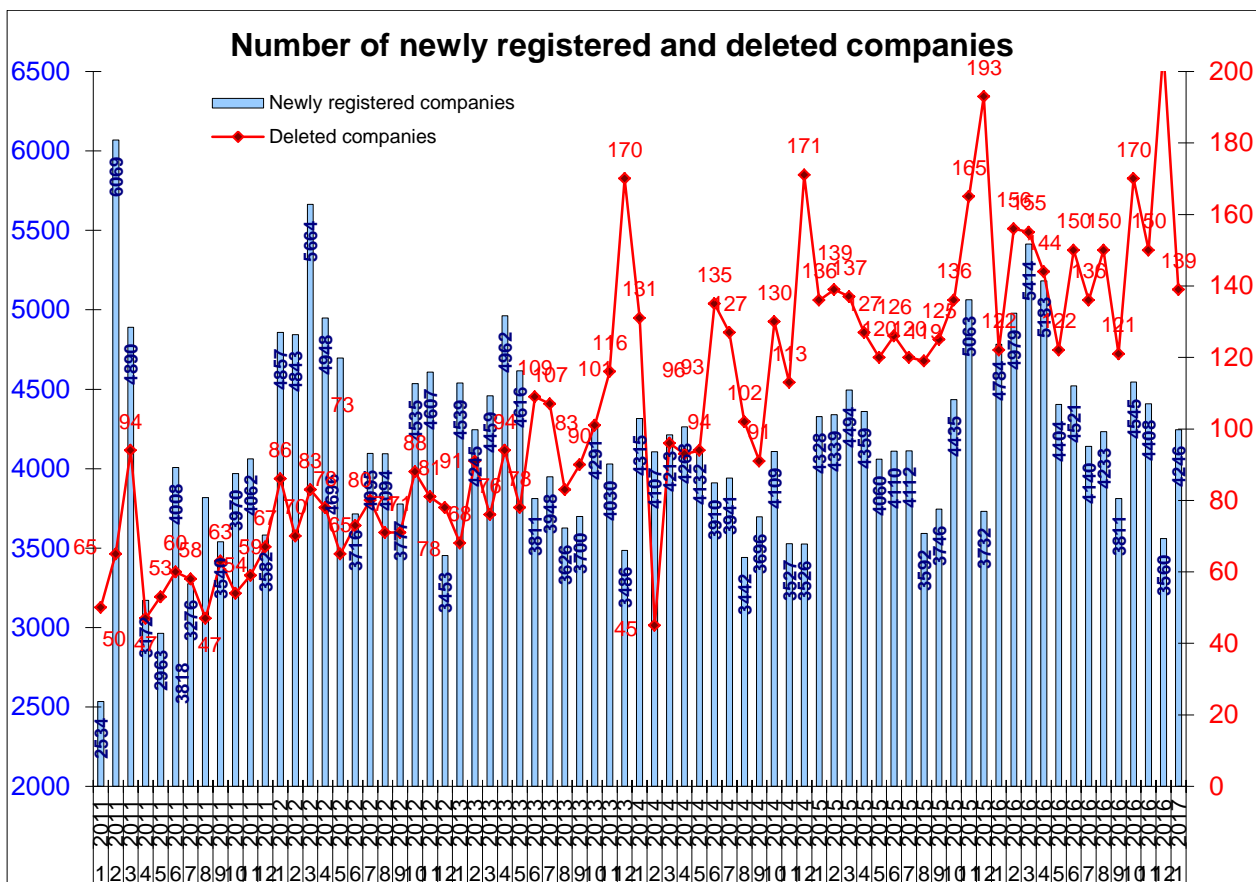
Source: NSI





In February 2017 the exports amounted EUR 2.07 billion, while imports EUR 2.26 billion.

Source: NSI



In January 2017 were registered 4 246 new companies and 139 were deleted.

Source: Registry Agency

## Main macroeconomic indicators

	Measurement unit	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
<b>Real sector</b>								
<b>Gross domestic product</b>								
Gross domestic product	(million BGN)	82 040	82 166	83 634	88 571	92 635		-
Gross domestic product	%, YoY	0.0	0.9	1.3	3.6			-
Final consumption	(million BGN)	66 642	64 969	66 496	69 672	70 991		-
Gross capital formation	(million BGN)	18 001	17 534	17 928	18 768	18 812		-
Exports of goods and services	(million BGN)	49 882	53 122	54 373	56 781	58 884		-
Imports of goods and services	(million BGN)	52 485	53 459	55 161	56 650	56 051		-
<b>Consumer price index</b>								
period over period change	%	4.2	- 1.6	- 0.9	- 0.4	0.1	III	-0.5
average annual change	%	3.0	0.9	- 1.4	- 0.1	- 0.8	III	-0.2
<b>Unemployment</b>								
At the end of the period (EA data)	%	11.4	11.8	10.7	10.0	8.0	II	8.2
<b>Industry</b>								
Industrial production index at the end of the period	% (2010 = 100)	114.2	112.0	113.5	108.9	124.2	II	111.4
Industrial turnover index at the end of the period	% (2010 = 100)	121.7	117.5	122.2	115.3	139.4	II	123.8
<b>External sector</b>								
<b>Balance of Payments</b>								
Current account	(million EUR)	- 357.7	535.6	35.1	- 60.5	1 988.6	I	- 9.7
Trade balance	(million EUR)	-3 992.0	-2 932.7	-2 776.6	-2 622.4	-1 844.8	I	- 146.0
Exports, FOB	(million EUR)	19 674.9	21 217.8	21 026.3	21 919.4	22 555.6	I	1 907.6
Imports, FOB	(million EUR)	23 666.9	24 150.5	23 802.9	24 541.8	24 400.4	I	2 053.6
Foreign direct investment	(million EUR)	1 320.9	1 383.7	1 160.9	2 534.8	701.7	I	54.0
Current account	% of GDP	- 0.9	1.3	0.1	- 0.1	4.2	I	0.0
Trade balance	% of GDP	- 9.5	- 7.0	- 6.5	- 5.8	- 3.9	I	- 0.3
Foreign direct investment	% of GDP	3.1	3.3	2.7	5.6	1.5	I	0.1
<b>Public finance</b>								
<b>Budget</b>								
Budget deficit(-) / surplus(+)	(million BGN)	- 262.5	- 339.6	-4 559.0	-1 489.9	443.9 (Q3)		-
Budget deficit(-) / surplus(+)	% of GDP	- 0.3	- 0.4	- 5.5	- 1.7	0.5 (Q3)		-
<b>Government and government guaranteed debt</b>								
State debt (Maastricht debt)	(million BGN)	13 700.3	13 978.1	22 553.9	23 049.5	26 255.8 (Q3)		-
State debt (Maastricht debt)	% of GDP	16.7	17.0	27.0	26.0	28.6 (Q3)		-

Source: BNB, NSI

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