

Methodological Notes

GDP - regional level

The main concepts and definitions described by ESA 2010 (European System of Accounts) and following the territorial nomenclature of EU – NUTS (Nomenclature des unités territoriales statistiques) are used for regionalisation of GDP and GVA in Bulgaria. According to NUTS at level one- two statistical zones exist, at level two – six statistical regions, and at NUTS -3 there are 28 regions called „oblasti“. The extra-regio concept is not used.

GDP and GVA are presented at level NUTS-2. The calculations are consistent with the production approach – GVA is equal to gross output less intermediate consumption for every statistical region.

For services and agriculture allocation of a national figure among regions was made by means of a distribution key, which reflects as closely as possible the GVA (data from report for employed persons and compensation of employees).

The regional equivalent of GDP Gross Domestic Product per Region - (GDPR) is valued at market prices by adding the adjustments (taxes on products, net) to value added per region at basic prices keeping the regional structure.

The sum of GDPR at market prices for all statistical regions equals GDP at market prices for the national economy.