



Regional profiles: Indicators for development 2021

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Main features of the “Regional profiles”

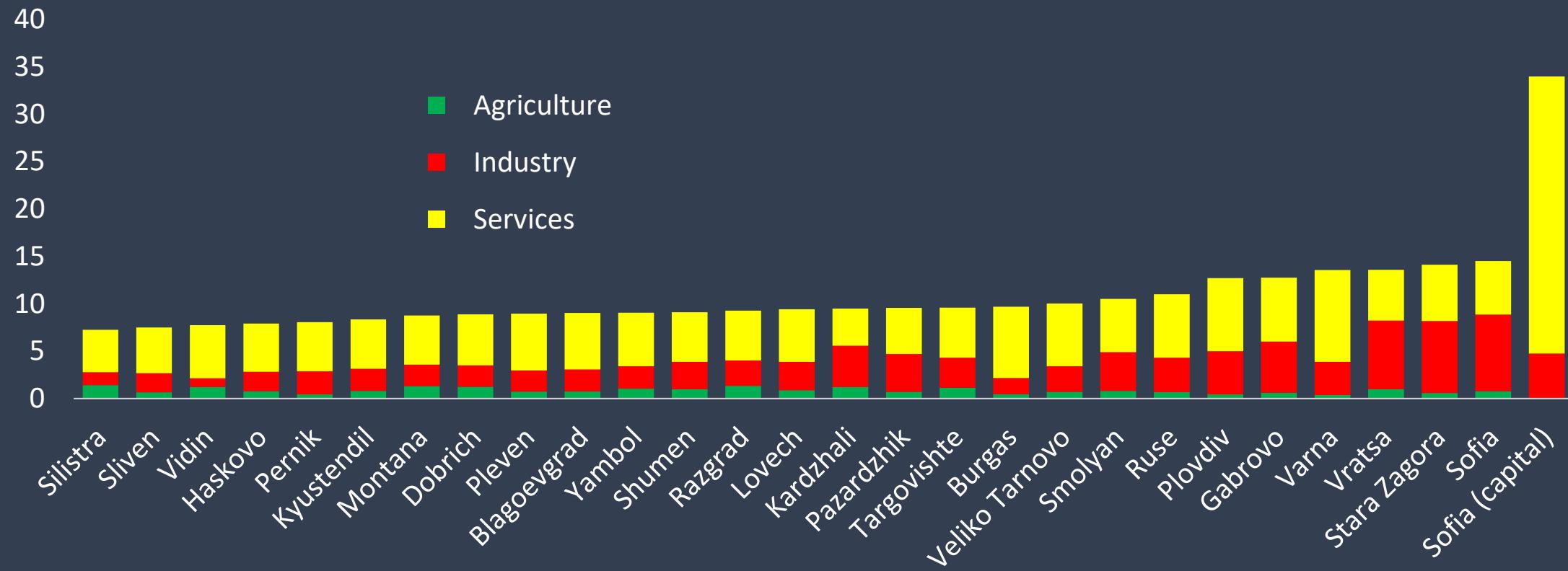
- Tracking the trajectory of economic and social development of the regions in the past 10 years
- An annual analysis of the 28 districts in Bulgaria
- 66 indicators of economic and social development, grouped in 12 categories
- A focus on Bulgarian municipalities: IME has written economic profiles and analyses of the economies of Sofia, Varna, Gabrovo, Veliko Tarnovo, Bansko, Vratsa, Panagyuriste
- The efforts are supported by “America for Bulgaria” foundation

Types of indicators included in the “Regional profiles”

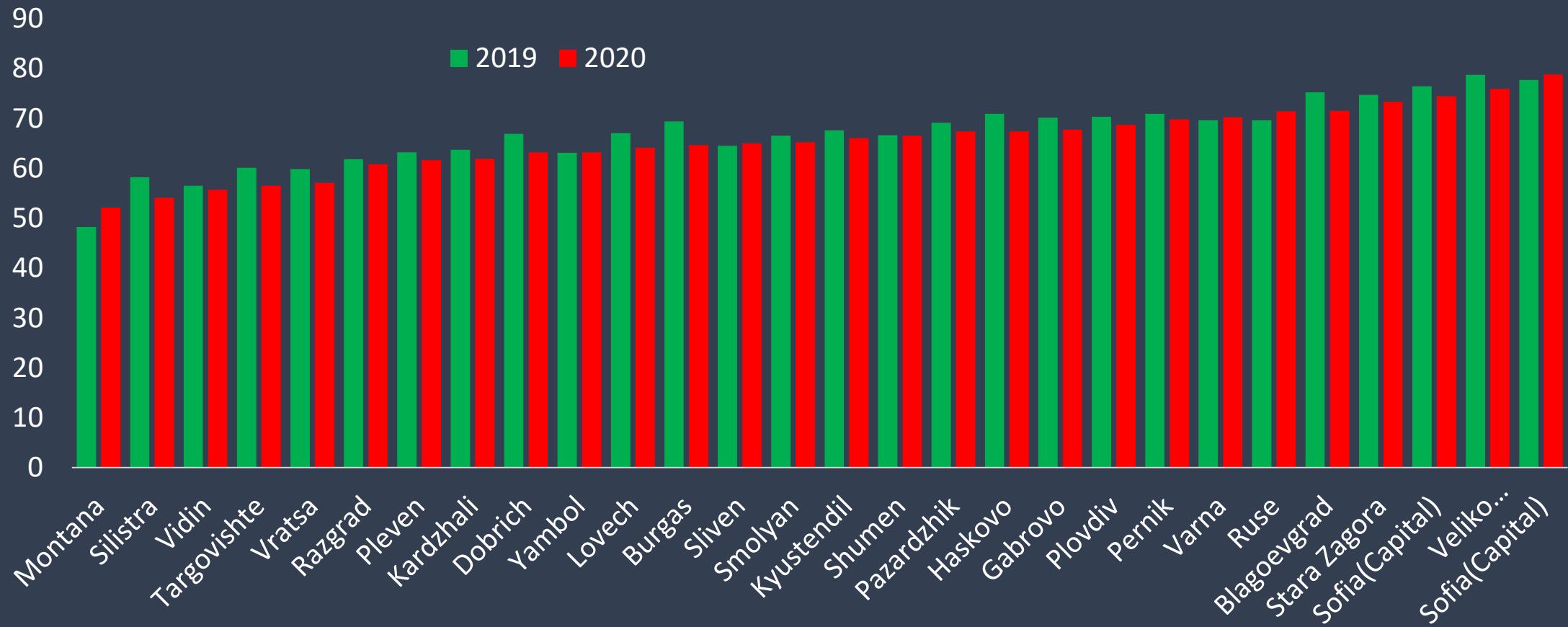
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
	Income and living conditions		Demographics
	Labour market		Education
	Investments		Healthcare
	Infrastructure		Security and justice
	Taxes		Environment
	Administration		Culture

Primary findings of
„Regional profiles 2021“

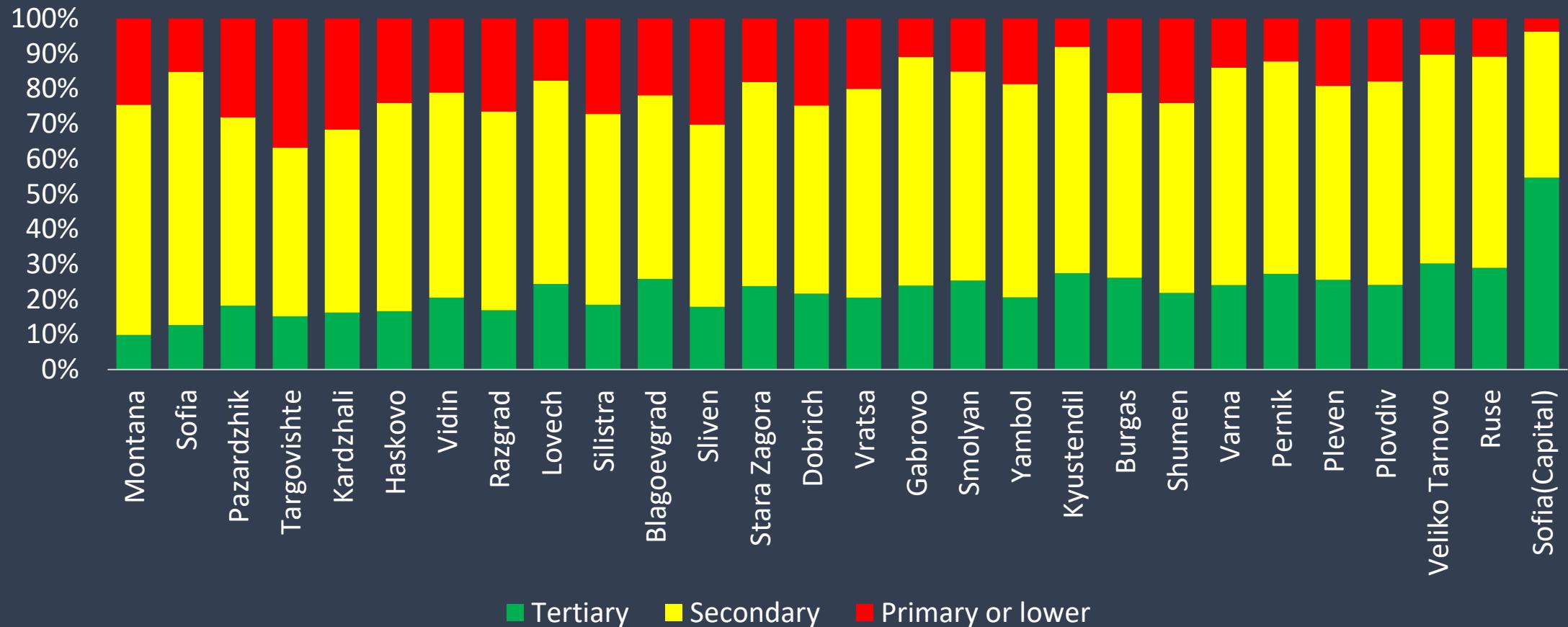
The economic profile of Bulgarian districts (2020 GVA)



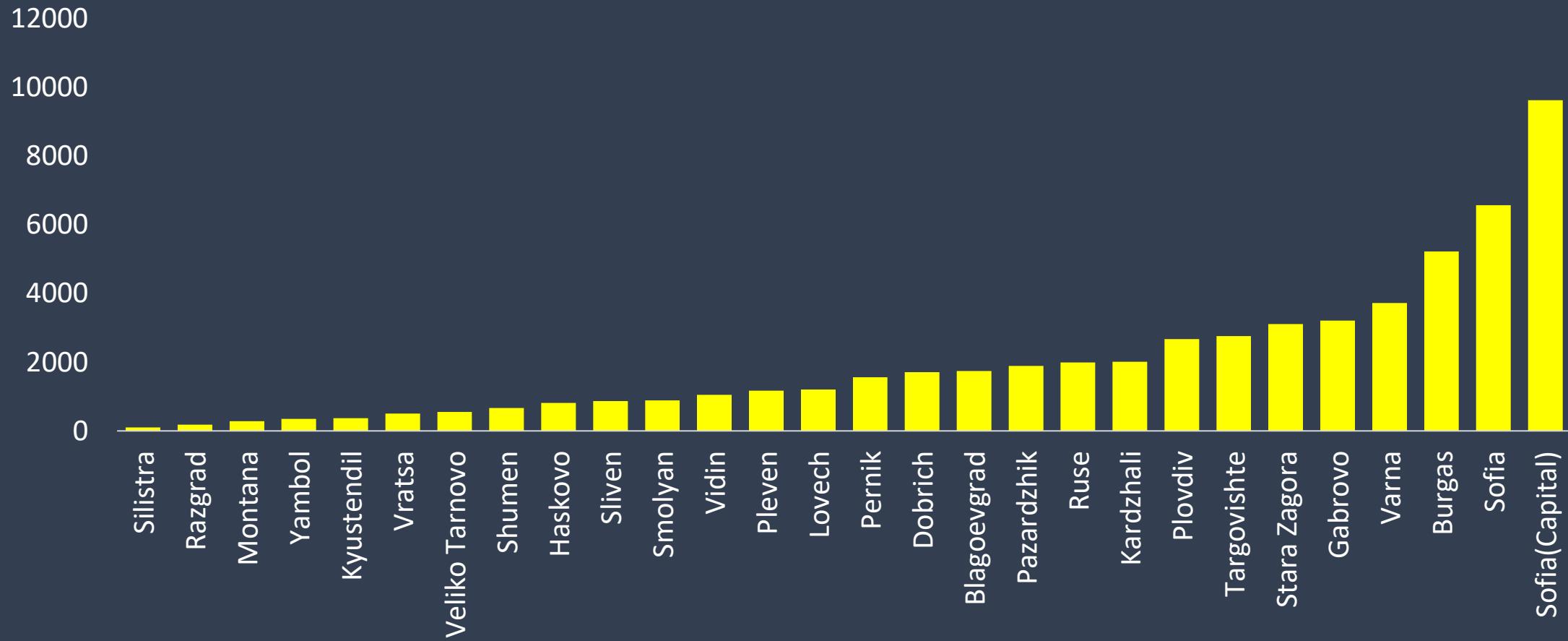
Pandemic employment went down (employment rate, 2019 and 2020)



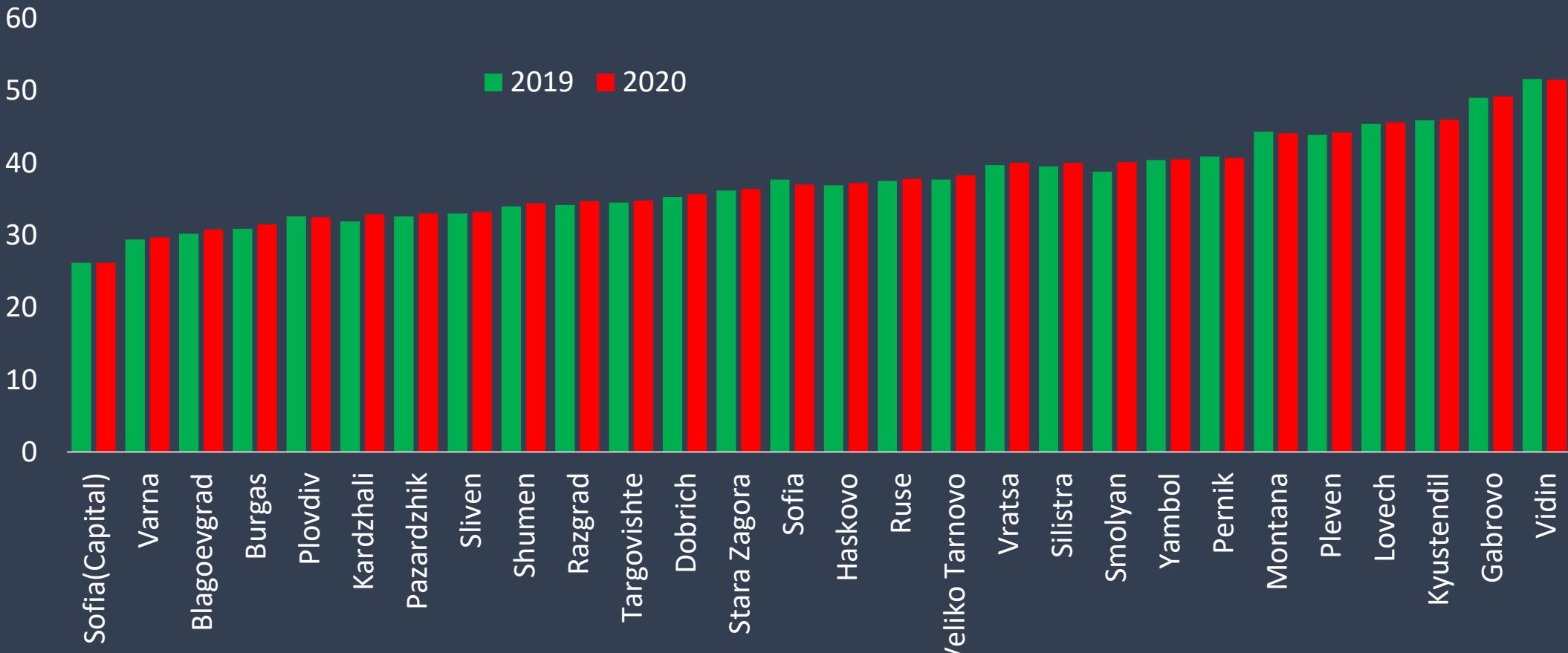
An educated workforce is key for economic transformation (population 25-64 by education)



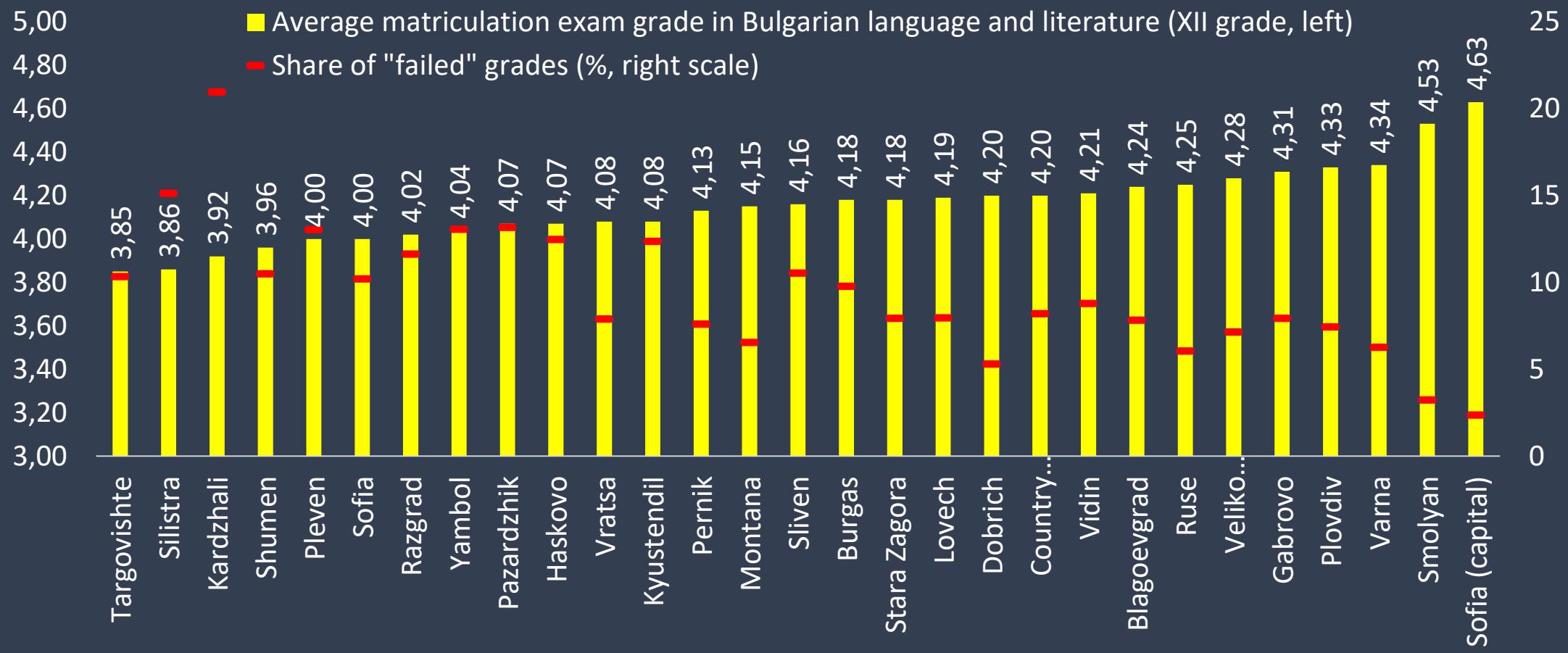
Foreign investment is concentrated in major economic centres (FDI per person, 2019)



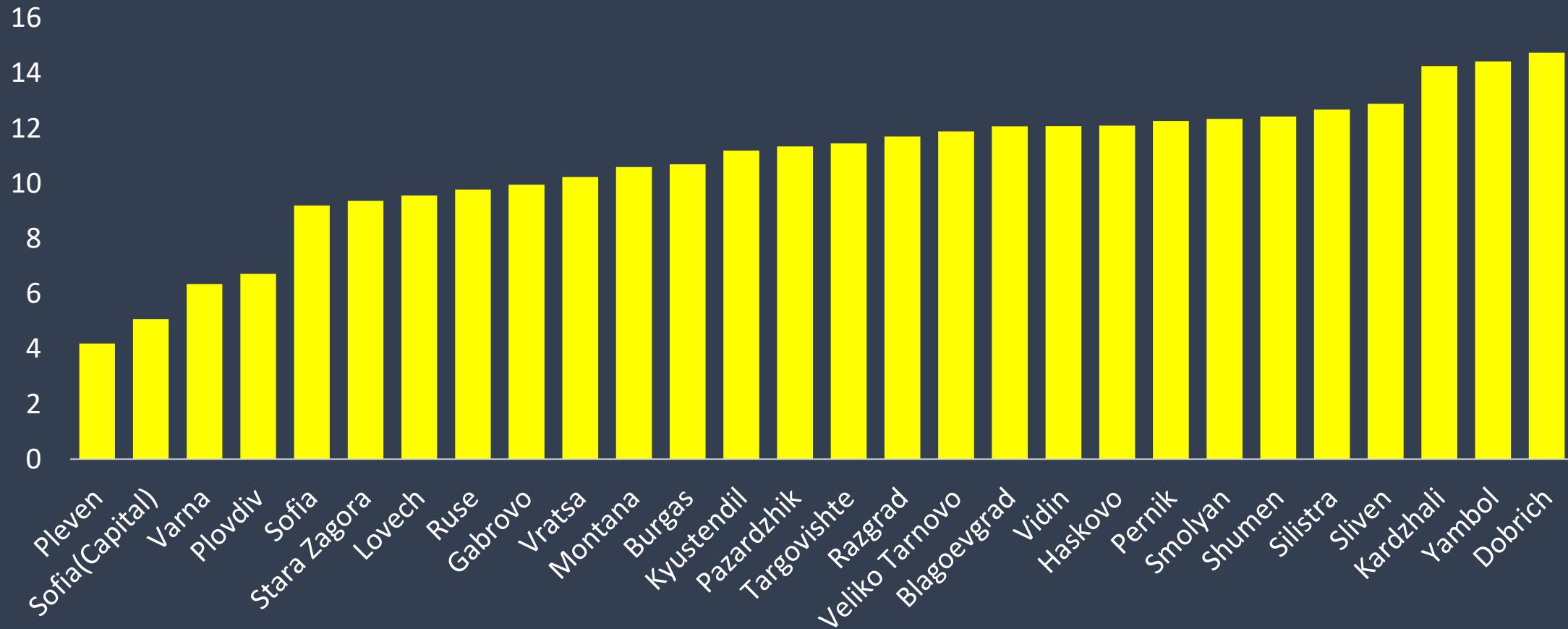
Demography as the limiting factor (Age dependency – 65+ to 15-64, 2020)



Education in times of pandemic



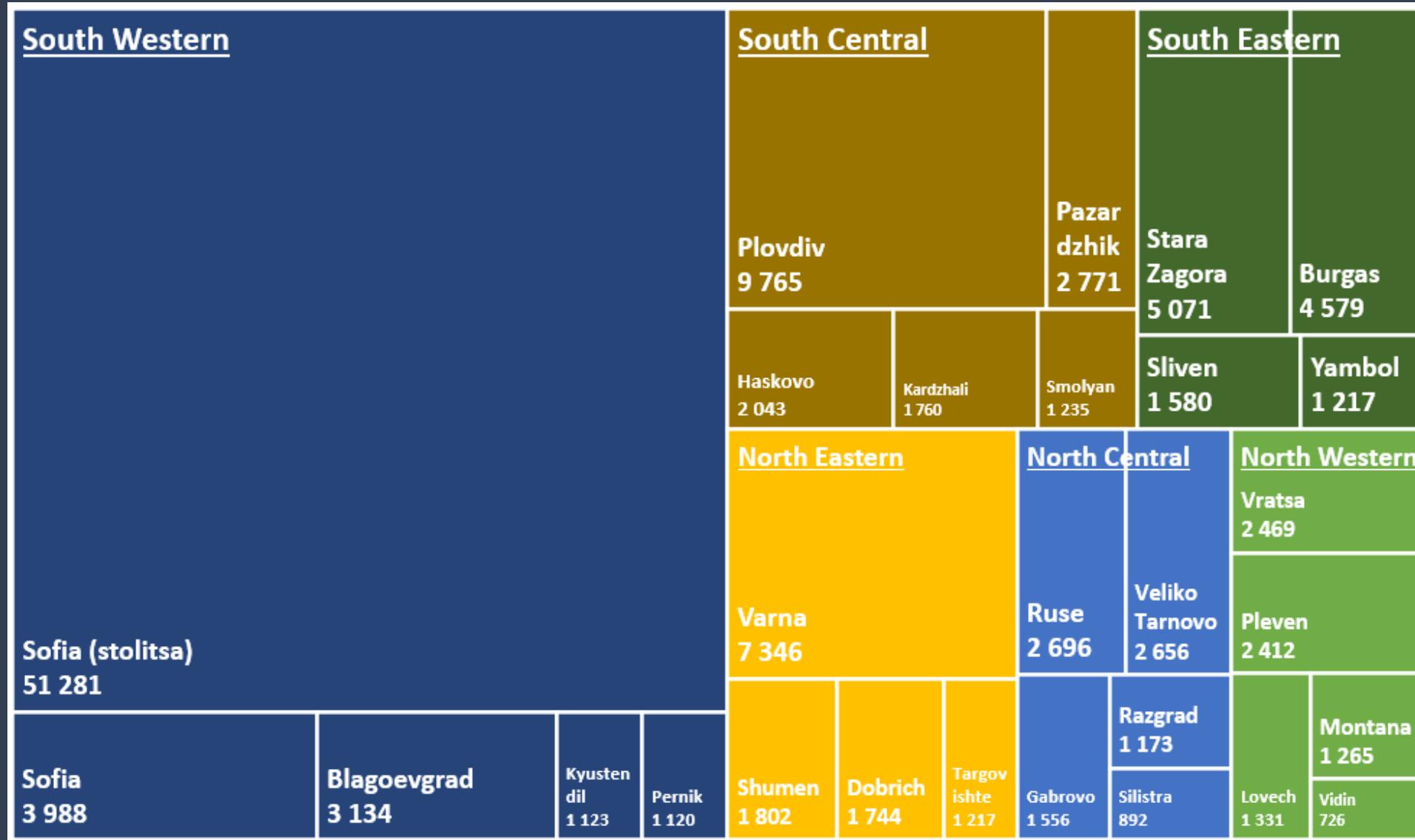
Regional divisions in healthcare (Access to specialist doctors – lower is better, 2020)



The regions beyond the pandemic

- The transformation of the Bulgarian economy is ongoing, despite the pandemic – industry is turning towards higher value added, driven by the high-tech world
- Local authorities are looking for a new model, facing towards knowledge and attracting investment
- Decentralization and increasing municipalities' own resources is key to medium-term success
- Municipalities are defining their strategies for the 2021-2027 period
- Next Generation EU can be important for the future development of regions

GDP in Bulgarian Regions (2020)



Average Wage in Bulgarian Municipalities (2019)



FDI in Bulgarian Municipalities (2019)



IME's Regional Initiatives

Regional Profiles

Indicators of Development

The publication „Regional Profiles: Indicators of Development“ aims to provide objective and comprehensive information on the development of Bulgarian districts. Through the elaboration of separate district profiles and regular thematic analyses, the publication presents the economic and social aspects of life in every district.

[Read more about the project](#)

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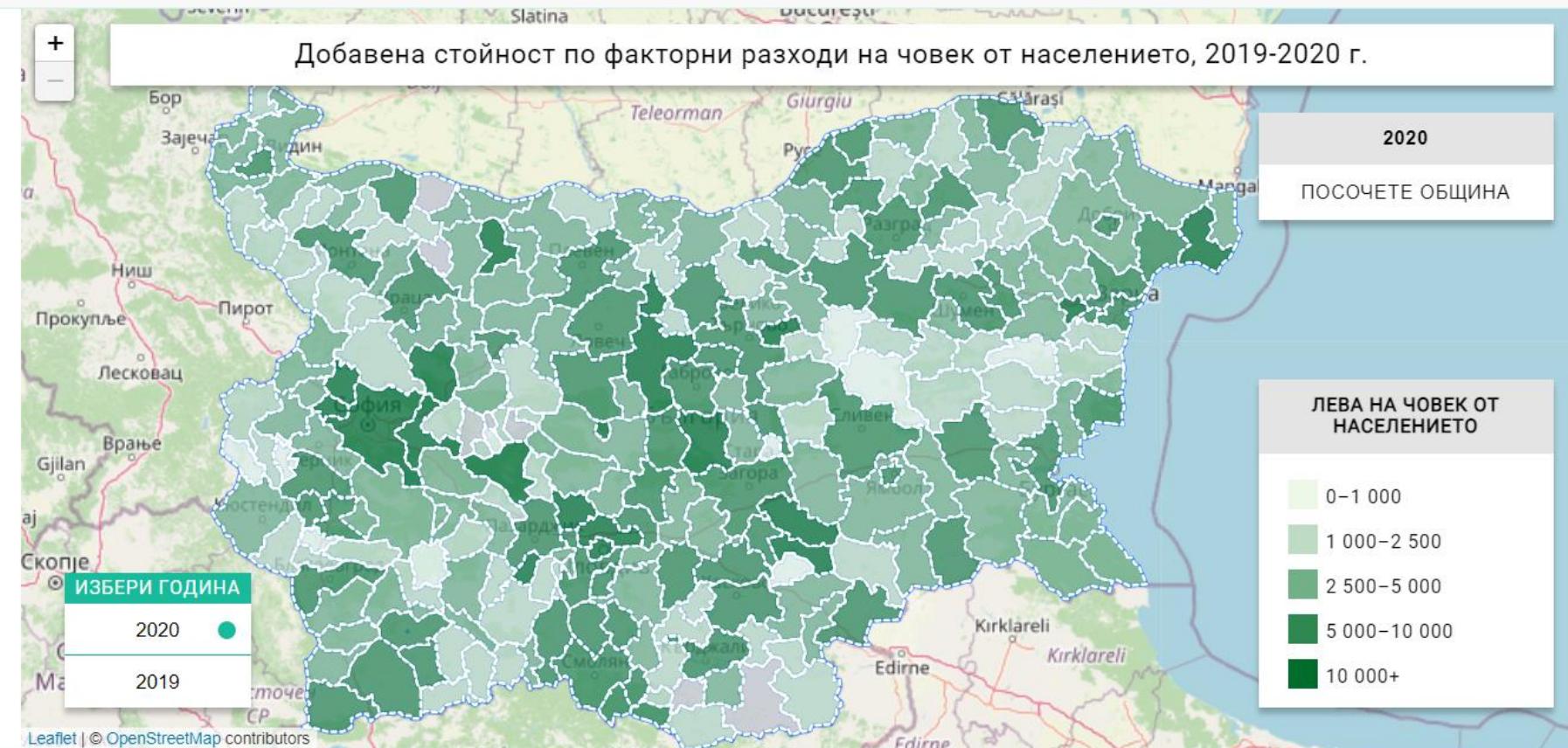
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The Competition between the Municipalities is positive for everyone. That's why let's encourage her.

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