

EDİRNE

INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT





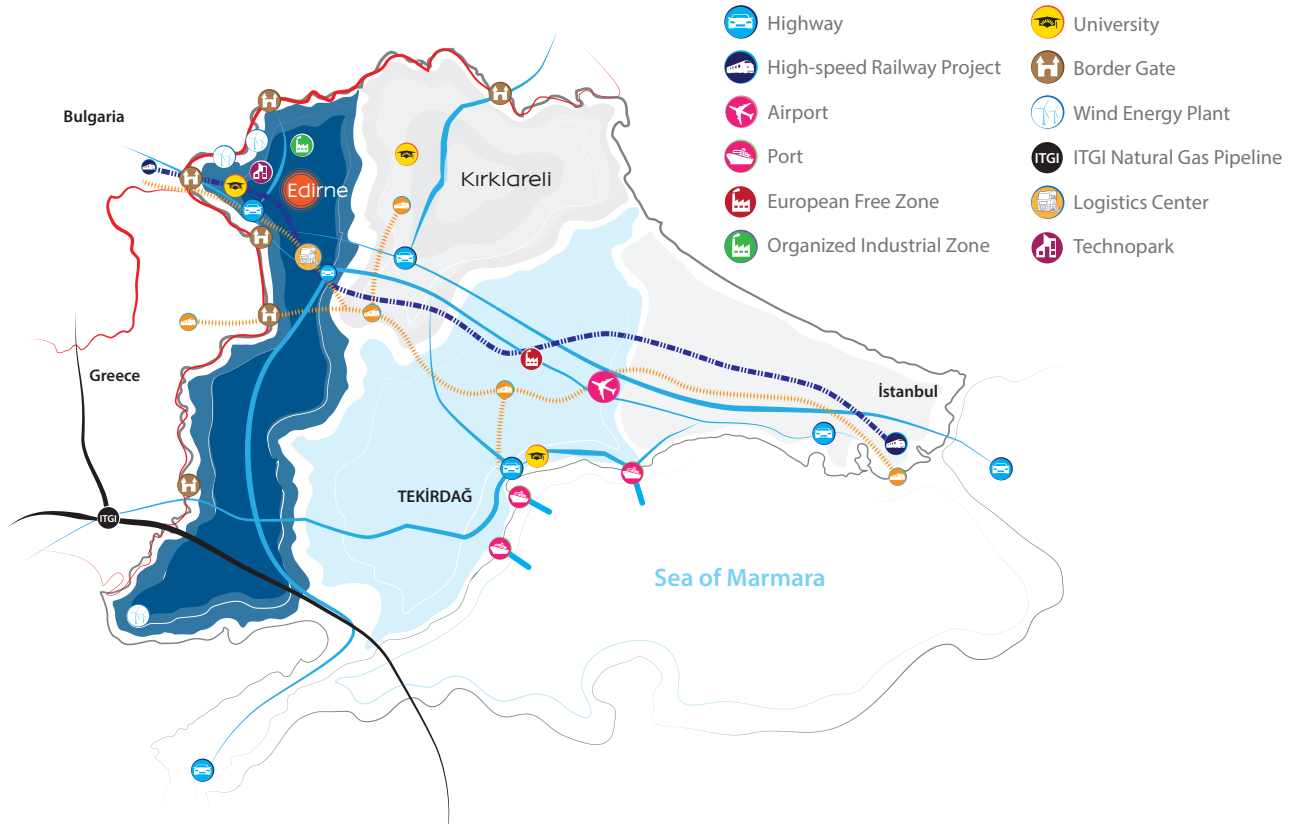
WHY EDİRNE?

- ▶ The 14th Most Competitive City in Turkey in terms of Socio-Economic Index
- ▶ High Scores on Education, Health and Socio-economic Indices
- ▶ High Scores on Agricultural and Livestock Production
- ▶ Fertile Soils with Raw Material Sources
- ▶ Existing and Potential Irrigation Possibilities
- ▶ A candidate City for New Investment Opportunities as a result of Industrialization in Surrounding Cities
- ▶ Proximity to Istanbul Market Area
- ▶ High Standards of Living
- ▶ Young and Dynamic Labor Force Ready for Training
- ▶ Social Infrastructure to Employ Skilled Labor Force from Outside the Region
- ▶ Energy Potential
- ▶ The Welcoming Face of Turkey



INTERCONTINENTAL STRATEGIC POSITION

- High Accessibility via Advanced Road Infrastructure
- Proximity to Production Centers and Markets
- Proximity to Turkey-Europe Border Zone
- Transit Corridor between Europe and Asia
- Strategic Importance with Hamzabeyli, Kapikule, İpsala, Pazarkule and Uzunköprü Border Gates



ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- The City is one of the Leading Cities of Turkey in terms of Divided Highways and Roads per km² with International Road Connections
- Located 151 km from Çorlu Airport , 229 km from İstanbul Atatürk Airport
- 140 km from Ports of Tekirdağ
- Direct Linkage between Europe and Anatolia with TEM (E-80)
- 688 km Road (267 km State Road, 421 km Provincial Road), 60 km Highway
- International Railway Linkage to Europe
- 96 km Railway Network

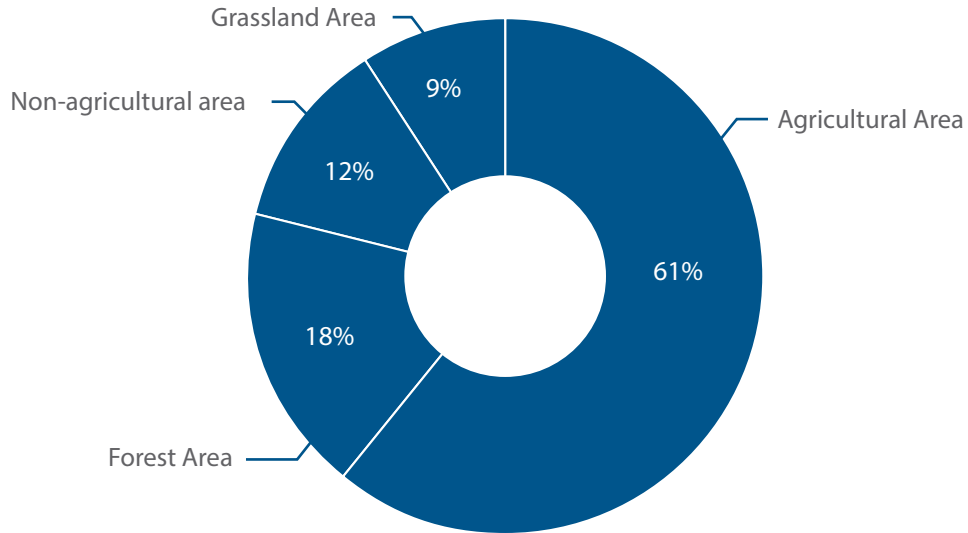


Figure 1: Form of Land Use in Edirne Province
Source: Sudy Report, Edirne Directorate of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, 2013.

Edirne Province consists of agricultural area (61%), forest (18%), grassland (9%) and non-agricultural area (12%).

Paddy, sunflower and wheat are the major agricultural products of Edirne Province.

The land in area is very fertile. Provincial land productivity of wheat, sunflower and paddy is proven by making the products as the world's highest average yield.



Field Crops

Cereals: Paddy, wheat, rye, oats (grain), corn (grain), birdseed, sorghum (grain), triticale (grain), barley (malting), barley (other)

Oilseeds: Sunflower (for oil), canola, safflower, sesame

Forage Crops: Alfalfa (hay), alfalfa (seed), sainfoin (herbage), sainfoin (hay), corn (yield), vetch (herbage), vetch (hay), corn (silage)

Industrial Crops: Sugar beet, tobacco, thyme.



Greenhouse Production

The greenhouse production in Edirne province mainly depends on cucumber, lettuce, tomatoes, green beans and spinach production. As a result of small greenhouses in central district, mostly lettuce, parsley, scallion, arugula and purslane are produced.



Vegetable Production

Most produced vegetables are watermelon, melon and tomatoes. Apart from them, other vegetables production is not sufficient for market.



Fruit Production

Walnut, almonds, apple, pear and cherry are the fruits produced prominently in Edirne province.

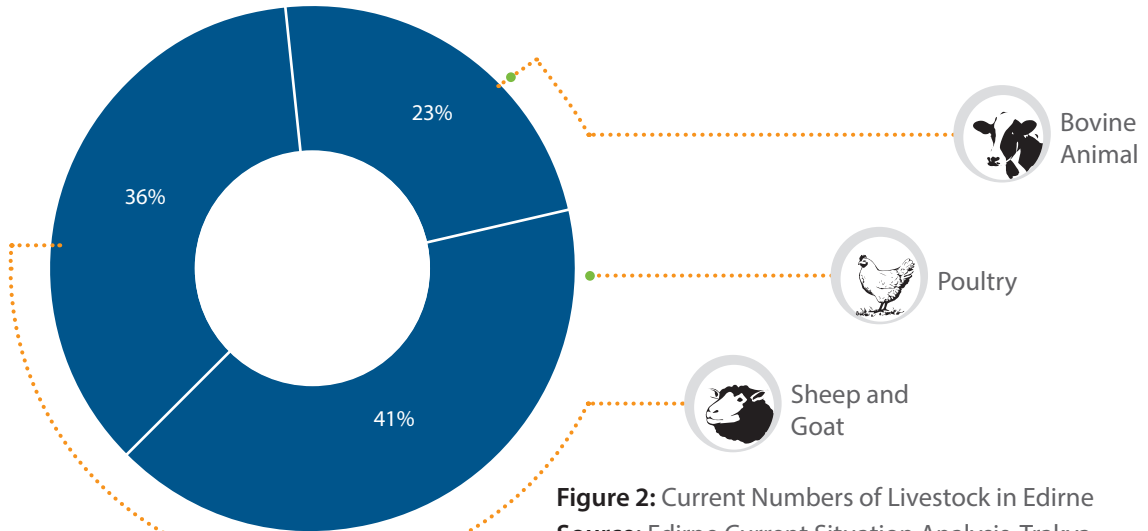


Figure 2: Current Numbers of Livestock in Edirne
Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency, 2014.



Figure 3: Contribution of Edirne to the Region in terms of Production of Milk, Egg and Honey

Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency, 2014

According to livestock statistics in the province the largest share belongs to the poultry, then sheep and goat and bovine animal, respectively.



Bovine and Sheep - Goat Breeding

According to animal production statistics, in the province the biggest number belongs to the culture cattle, then hybrid cattle and domestic cattle, respectively.

Table 1: Numbers of Bovine Animals

Culture Cattle	100.654
Buffalo	104
Hybrid Cattle	28.180
Domestic Cattle	3.516

Table 2: Numbers of Sheep and Goat

Domestic Sheep	203.667
Hair Goat	54.121
Merino Sheep	47.759



Poultry

In poultry the most common type is emerging as laying hen. Meat chicken, turkey, duck and goose follows the ranking, respectively.

Table 3: Numbers of Poultry

Meat Chicken	42.00
Laying Hen	212.610
Turkey	13.496
Goose	10.354
Duck	12.311



Fishing

Sea fishing is maintained in the sea side of Enez and Keşan districts. . Prominent seafood are; octopus, lobster, kalemerya, prawn and squid. Prominent fishes that are being caught; anchovy, whiting, mullet, mackeral, mirmir fish, Spanish mackeral, annular sea bream, sea bass etc. Examples of freshwater fishery are catfish and frog.



Beekeeping

Almost half of the total honey production of the region is made in Edirne. Similar to this, the biggest share of the beeswax production in the region belongs to Edirne.

Table 4: Beekeeping Statistics

Number of Beekeeping Enterprises (units)	592
Number of New Hives	46.387
Number of Old Hives	2.552
Total Hives	48.939
Honey Production (tonne)	694.457
Beeswax Production (tonne)	16.683

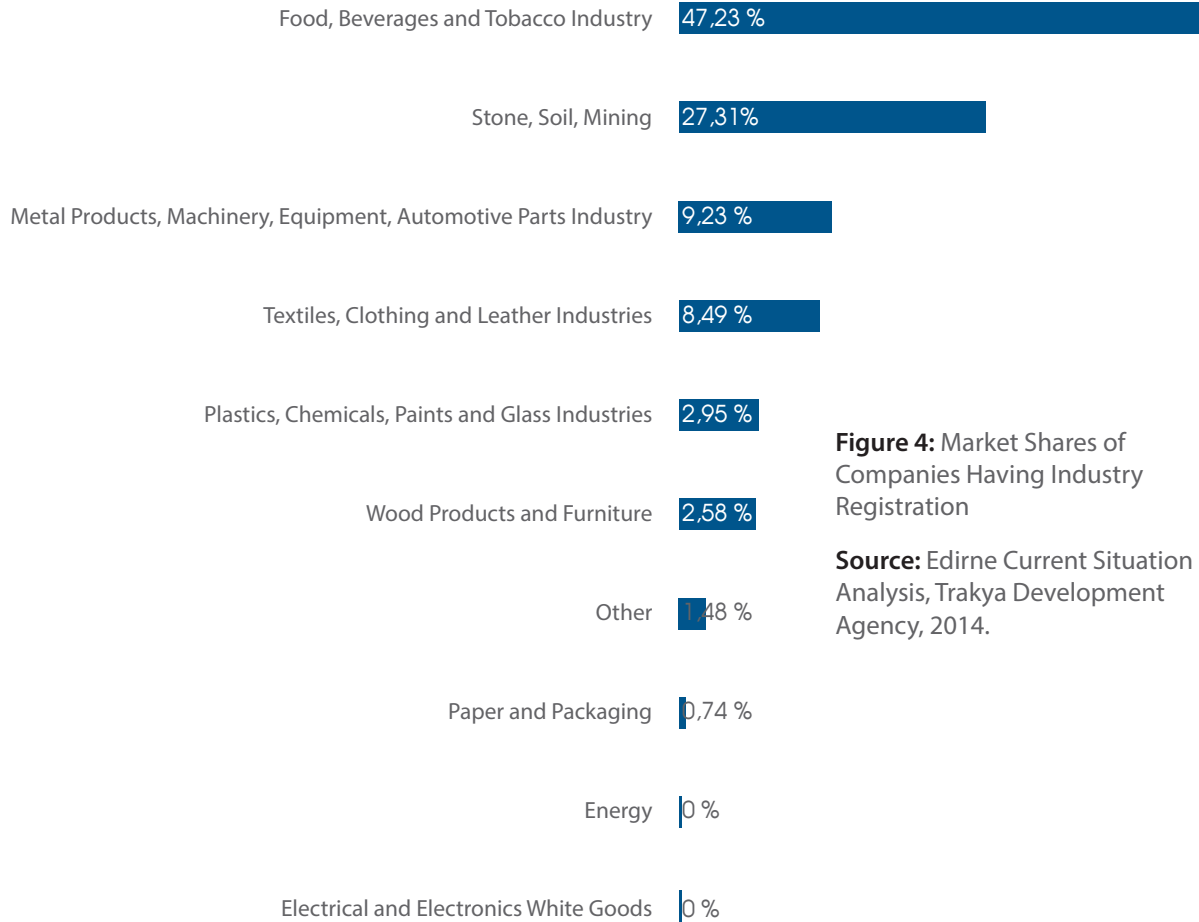


Figure 4: Market Shares of Companies Having Industry Registration

Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency, 2014.

According to 81 Provinces Status Report of Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology; Edirne takes place between provinces which have developing industries with a ratio of 0.3%.

Looking at the sectoral distribution of enterprises that have industry registration, "Food, Beverages and Tobacco Industry" has the highest share with its ratio of 47,23%. With a rate of 27,31% "Stone, Soil, Mining Industry" and with 9,23% "Metal Products, Machinery, Equipment, Automotive Parts industry" follow the ranking, respectively.

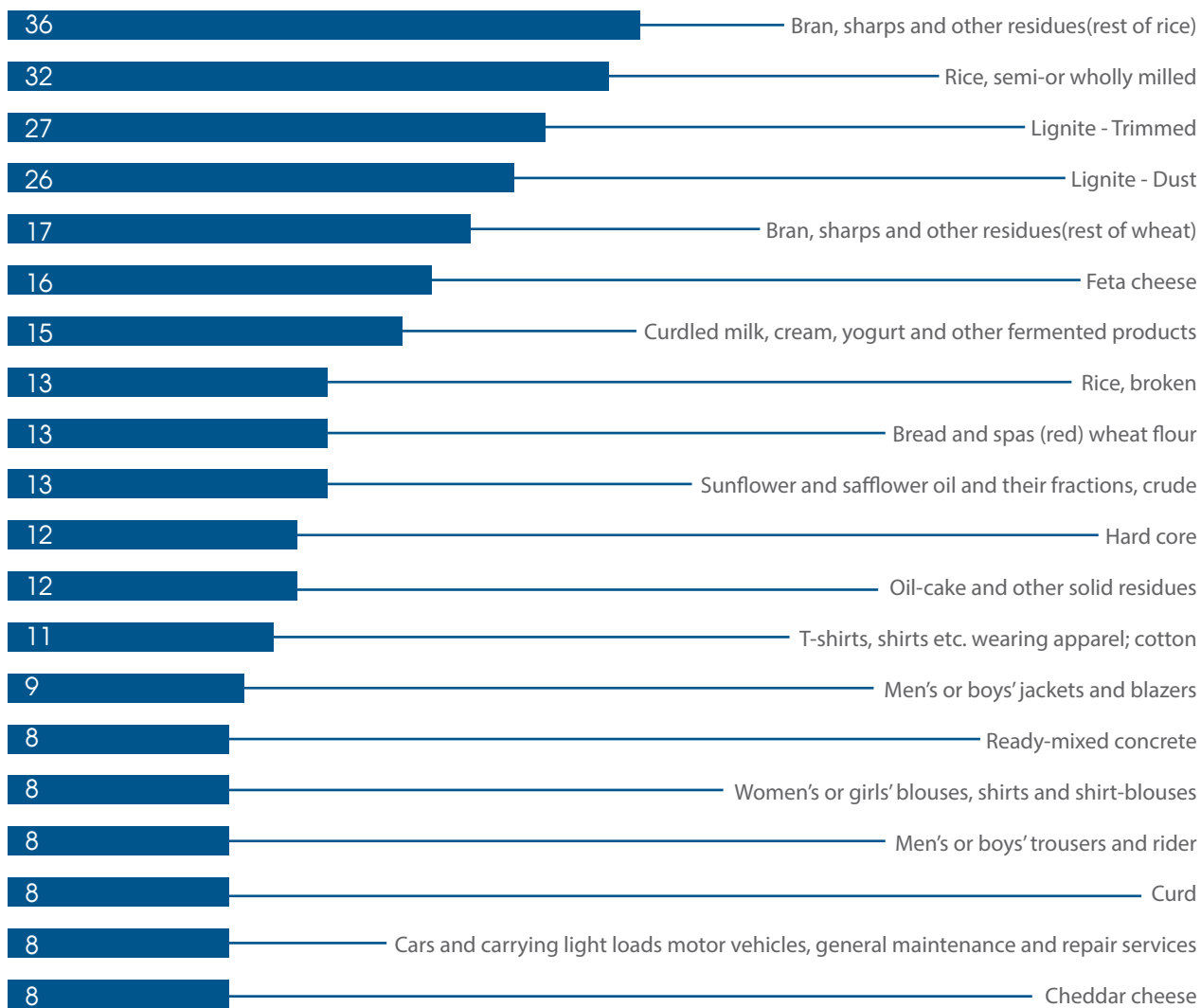


Figure 5: Top 20 Products Encoded in Edirne and Numbers of Capacity Reports

Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency,2014.

The graph above shows the most encoded (produced) first 20 products in the province of Edirne according to numbers of capacity reports.According to PRODCOM classification, the vast majority of industrial enterprises in Edirne are about the food industry.

BUSINESS DEMOGRAPHY

According to figures in terms of legal status of companies, the vast majority of the companies consist of limited companies (67,7%).

Table 5: Numbers of Firms by Legal Status

Unlimited company	59
Limited company	2029
Joint-stock company	314
Cooperative company	591
Total	2993

Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency, 2014.

PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

Considering the sectoral distribution of public investment, most expenditure goes on agriculture then comes education, transport-communication and health.

Table 6: Sectoral Distribution of Public Investment

Agriculture	64.438
Mining	2.612
Manufacturing	-
Energy	3.576
Transport and Communication	23.059
Tourism	5.319
Housing	-
Education	37.981
Health	10.300
Other public services	9.159
City total	156.144

Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency, 2014.

TRADING VOLUME OF COMMODITY EXCHANGES

Total trading volume of Edirne Commodity Exchanges is 2.469.459.336 and total trading volume of TR21 Trakya is accounted for 5,89% of Turkey which is 6.970.131.621 TL in 2011.

Table 7: Commodity Exchange Trading Volumes

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
TR21 Trakya					
Trading Volume	3.680.500.684	4.716.942.779	5.312.107.351	6.086.362.259	6.970.131.621
Turkey ratio%	5,89	6,83	6,92	6,54	6,09
Edirne					
Trading Volume	591.237.167	717.631.011	918.301.747	1.191.754.980	1.074.932.759
Turkey ratio%	0,946	1,039	1,196	1,281	0,939
İpsala					
Trading Volume	125.756.720	148.834.687	253.367.448	240.685.242	314.531.540
Turkey ratio%	0,201	0,215	0,33	0,259	0,275
Keşan					
Trading Volume	153.640.997	179.201.979	216.290.991	228.839.357	252.761.517
Turkey ratio%	0,246	0,259	0,282	0,246	0,221
Uzunköprü					
Trading Volume	338.385.705	441.254.735	489.188.992	580.428.519	827.233.520
Turkey ratio%	0,541	0,639	0,637	0,624	0,722

Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency, 2014.

FOREIGN TRADE

Companies in Edirne made exports worth 46.906 thousand dollar and imports worth 120.648 thousand dollar which corresponded to 5,98 % and 13,40 % of TR21 Trakya Region's exports and imports, respectively, in 2012.

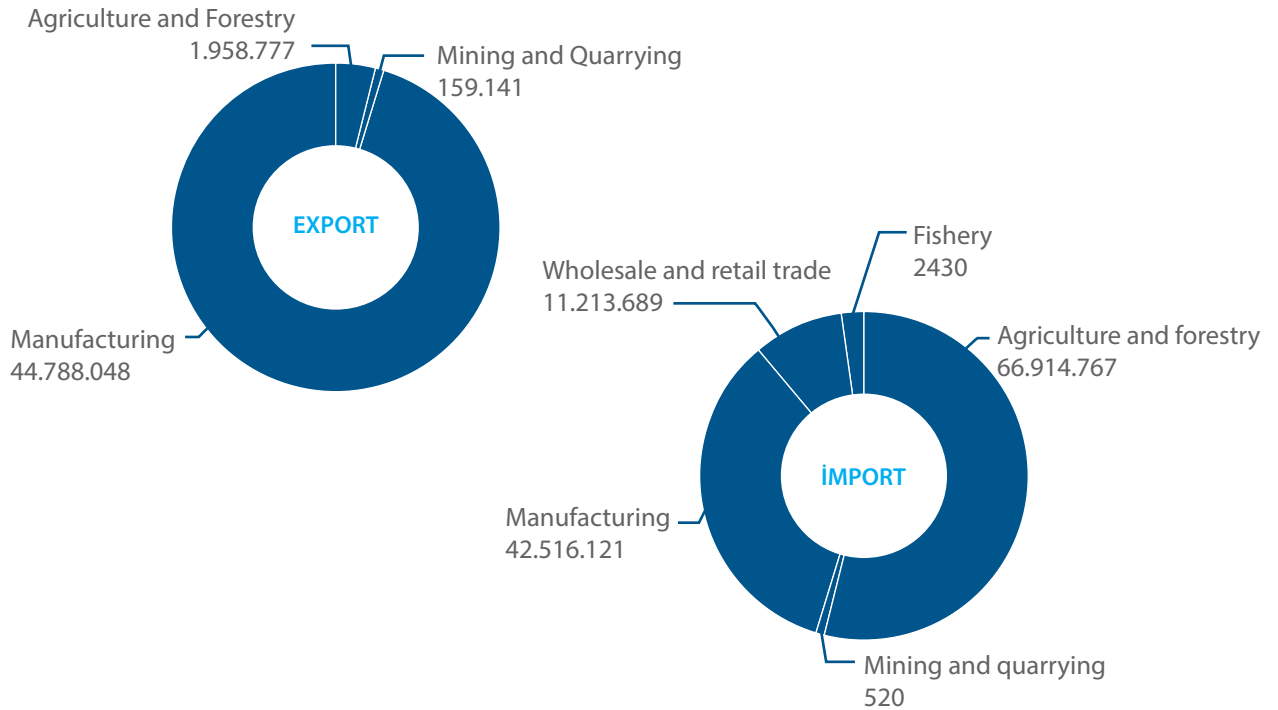


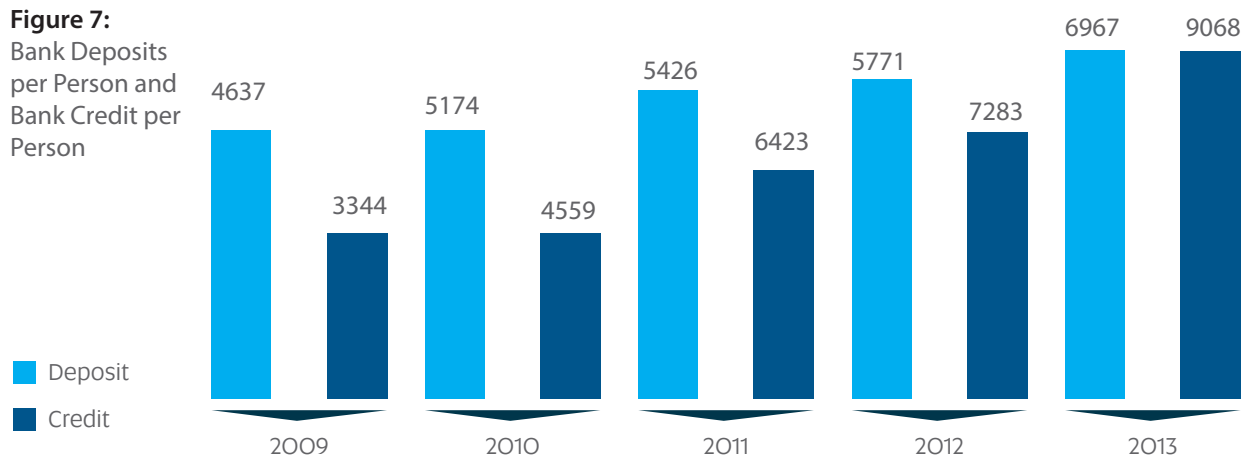
Figure 6: Exports and Imports Data by Economic Activity

Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency, 2014

Table 8: Export and Import Markets

EXPORT MARKETS	IMPORT MARKETS
Bulgaria, Netherlands, Kosovo, Italy, Russia	Ukraine, Bulgaria, Russian Fed., Romania, Indonesia

Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency, 2014.



Source: Banking Statistics, Banks Association of Turkey.

Sea and Nature Tourism

There are lots of places available in the province for Sea and Nature-based Tourism. Natural areas in Enez district with Istranca Mountains in the North and Ganos Mountains in the South gives important opportunities agrotourism and ecotourism. Prominent natural heritages in Edirne province are: Gala Lake Nature Reserve, Meriç Delta, Saros Bay Area, Sazlıdere in Keşan district, Gökçetepe, Mecidiye, Erikli, Danişment and Karaincirli, Vakıf, Gülçavuş, beaches in Enez and Pine Forest.

Ancient Cities and Historical Places

Enez (Ainos) ve Dolmenls, Sveti George Church and Synagogue

Ottoman-Era Artifacts

An Old Ottoman Capital City Edirne has many Ottoman atrifacts: Ali Paşa Bazaar, Kanuni Bridge, Rüstem Paşa Caravan-sary, Fatih Bridge, Old Mosque, Bedesten, Arasta Bazaar, New Bazaar, Edirne Palace, World-wide Mansion, Sand Mansion Bath, Babusseade, Matbahi

Amire, Justice Mansion, Three - Balcony Minaret Mosque, Bayezit II Mosque and Complex, Fatih Mosque, Sokullu Complex, Bayezit II Bridge, Gazimihal Bridge, Saraçhane Bridge, Meriç Bridge and Old Edirne Houses.

Gastronomic Tourism

There are lots of products in the province which have gastronomic value. Milk and dairy products, meat and meat products and Ottoman cuisine are some of them. Almond Paste, Edirne Pan fried Liver, Hardaliye, Edirne Meatball and Edirne cheese are the most popular tastes of Edirne Province.

Tourism Assets Carrying Brand Value

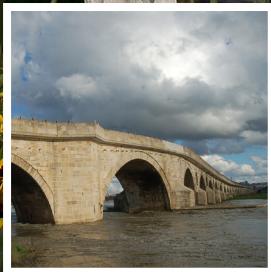
Selimiye Mosque: The Selimiye Mosque in Edirne was built by Mimar Sinan on the order of Sultan Selim II and remains one of the most important symbols of Ottoman architecture. It proclaimed the 'master piece' of Mimar Sinan is noted for its dome, minarets, ornamentation and unique architectural acoustics. The Selimiye Mosque and Complex were unanimously added to World Heritage List

by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.

Uzunköprü (Long Bridge): The structure known as the Ergene Bridge and Murat II Bridge was built by the Architect Müslihiddin by order of Murat II between 1426-1433. Uzunköprü has a reputation of being longest bridge in the world at the time with its length of 1238 m. The width of 6.80 m is remarkable along with its 174 vaults.

Saros Bay: It is an inlet of the northern Aegean Sea which is far from industrialized areas. Thanks to underwater currents, it is a popular summer recreation resort with sandy strands and crystal-clear sea. Scuba diving, windsurfing and fishing are the most practiced water sports here.

Kırkpınar Oil Wrestling Festival: The 653rd Annual Kırkpınar Oil wrestling festival was held on 16 - 22 June 2014. It is held annually since 14th century. The festival was added to Intangible World Heritage List by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in 2010.



ELECTRICITY

Figure 8: Installed Electrical Power of Turkey (66134 MW)

Source: TETC, 2014.

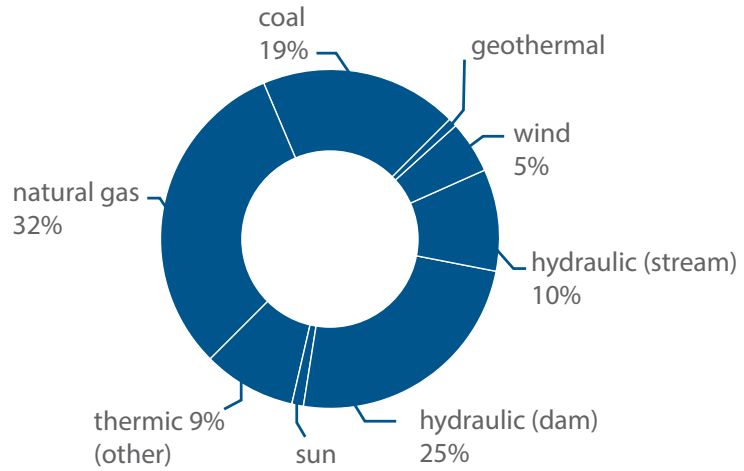
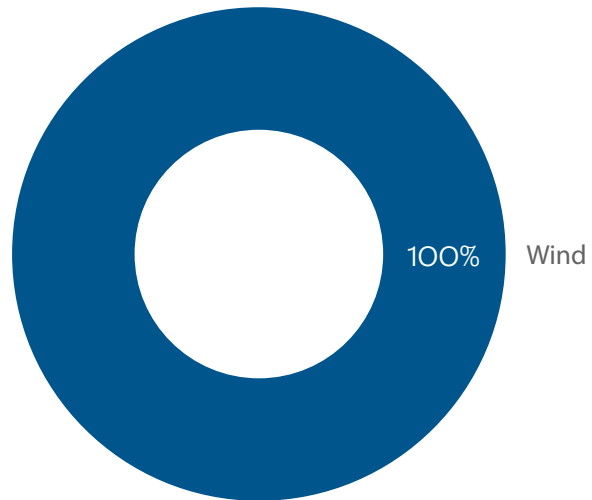


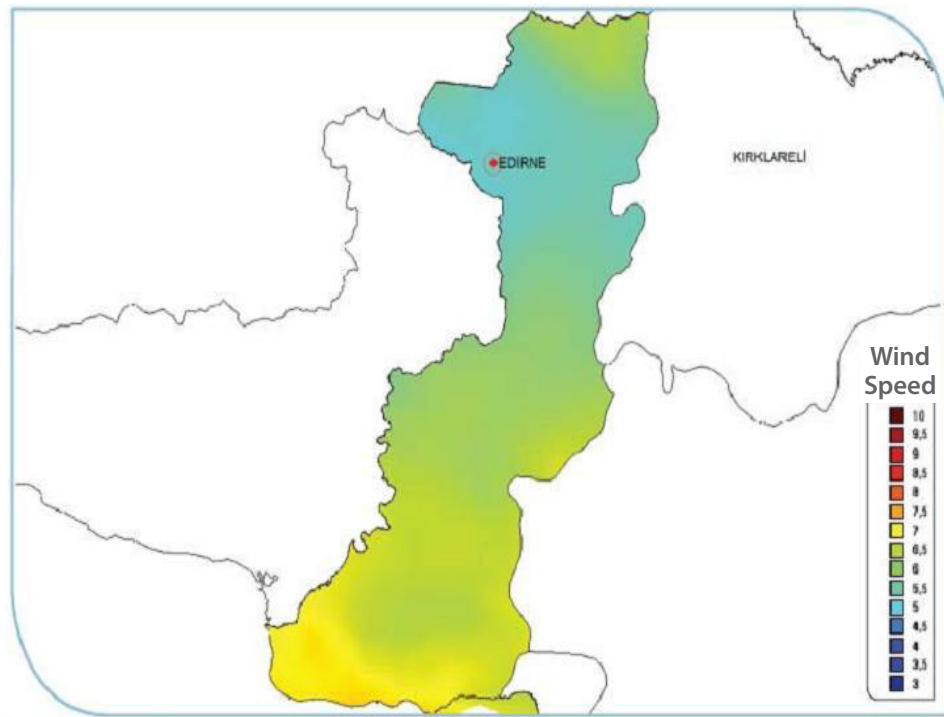
Figure 9: Installed Electrical Power of Edirne (174 MW)

Source: Energy Report , Trakya Developmet Agency, 2012



WIND

According to studies made by General Directorate of Renewable Energy of Turkey (GDRE), there are suitable areas for establishing wind tribunes in southern part of Edirne Province (694 km² and total of 3.470 MW) . Average wind speed is 5,5-7 m/s , for this reason the city has an important wind potential especially in Enez and Keşan.

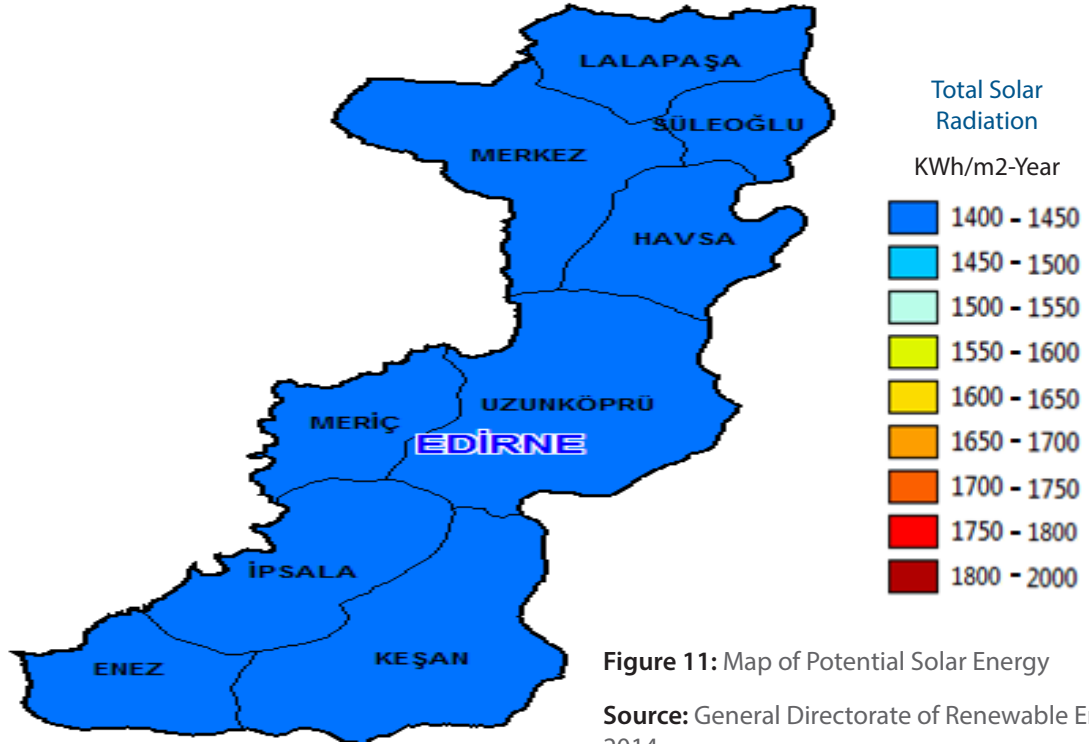


Wind Speed - 50 m

Figure 10: Map of Potential Wind Energy

Source: General Directorate of Renewable Energy, 2014.

SOLAR ENERGY



Turkey has a high solar energy potential thanks to its geographical position. The annual average total insolation duration is 2,640 hours (7.2 hours per day). Average annual solar radiation is 1311 kWh/(m²·yr) or 3.6 kWh/(m²·d). Solar energy potential is calculated as 380 billion kWh/yr. The annual average total insolation duration of Edirne is 6,08 hours per day according to data given by Turkish State Meteorological Service during the years 1954-2013.

BIOMASS

Turkey, which is an agricultural country, has a plentiful supply of agricultural wastes and product wastes. Trakya is a region of a country with fertile agricultural lands has a significant potential in terms of agriculture. Sunflower, paddy and wheat are mainly produced in Edirne. Amounts and potential energy amounts of wastes mentioned are given in the tables below for Edirne.

Table 9: Biogas Potential of Animal Wastes

Total Fertilizer (tons/year)	1.117.949
Total amount of biogas (m3 / year)	29.261.332
Biogas AID (kcal / m3)	5.000
Total Energy Value (MWh / year)	170.124
Combustion efficiency	60%
annual working time of Power Plant	7.000
Installed Capacity (MW)	15
Annual electricity generation (GWh)	102

Table 10: Electrical Production Potential from Urban Wastes

Collected waste (tons / year)	194.076
Installed Capacity (MW)	3
Annual estimated production (GWh)	23

Table 11: Total Forest Assets

The normal forest (ha)	65.465
Degraded Forest (ha)	40.315,5
Total forest (ha)	105.780,5

Table 12: Electricity Production Potential from Agricultural Waste

Total rice stalk (tons / year)	568.773
Total Rice Shell (tons / year)	75.836
Rice stalk to be used for energy production (tons / year)	341.264
Rice shell to be used for energy production (tons / year)	45.502
Total wheat stalk (tons / year)	451.743
Wheat stalk to be used for energy production (ton / year)	271.046
Total sunflower stalk (tons / year)	120.209
Sunflower stalks to be used for energy production (tons / year)	72.125
The total annual amount of energy (Gcal)	1.944.900
Approximate cycle efficiency	40%
The total annual operating hours	6500
Approximate theoretical installed capacity (MW)	139
Annual electricity generation (GWh)	905

Source: Energy Report ,Trakya Developmet Agency, 2012.

COAL

Lignite reserves in the region constitute 2,76% of Turkey's total lignite reserves. 29,35% of total reserves of lignite deposits of TR21 Trakya Region are located in the province of Edirne. Lignite deposits in the province are located in Demirhanlı, Küçükdoğanca, Karayusuflu, Uzunköprü-Harmanlı fields.. Amount of the total reserves having a quality of 2000-3500 kcal/kg is determined as 97 million tonne.



Table 13: Lignite Reserve

Reserve (1000 Tons)						
	Demirhanlı	Küçükdoğanca	Karayusuflu	Enez-Çavuşköy	Uzunköprü Harmanlı	Total
Visible	-	-	-	-	-	-
Probable	18.397	-	-	1.500	-	19.897
Possible	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	18.397	-	-	1.500	-	19.897
Source	56.874	5.755	1.000	-	13.556	77.185
Potential	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	75.271	5.755	1.000	1.500	13.556	97.082
Oparable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Results of Analysis						
	Demirhanlı	Küçükdoğanca	Karayusuflu	Enez- Çavuşköy	Uzunköprü Harmanlı	
Water %	40,00	38,00	32,63	29,00	19,20	
Ash %	11,65	20,00	30,45	25,00	23,29	
Sulfur %	1,63	2		3,98	0.71	
AID Kcal/kg	2700	2500	2005	2600	3500	
Equivalent (1000 tons)						
	Demirhanlı	Küçükdoğanca	Karayusuflu	Enez-Çavuşköy	Uzunköprü Harmanlı	Total
Petroleum	20.323	1.439	201	-	4.745	26.708
Hard Coal	29.003	2.055	286	-	6.778	38.152
Field of Use						
Demirhanlı	Küçükdoğanca	Karayusuflu	Enez- Çavuşköy	Uzunköprü Harmanlı		
Heating	Heating	Heating			Heating	
Operating Mode						
Demirhanlı	Küçükdoğanca	Karayusuflu	Enez- Çavuşköy	Uzunköprü Harmanlı		
On-Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	

Source: General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration, 2014.

POPULATION

According to the criteria of the United Nations (UN), population between the ages 0 to 14 is considered as a child, population between the ages 15 to 64 is defined as the number of people who could potentially be economically active and ages over 65 is described as the elderly population. 12% of total Edirne population is 65 years or older while it is nearly 8% in Turkey. 16% of Edirne population is child population whereas it is 25% in Turkey.

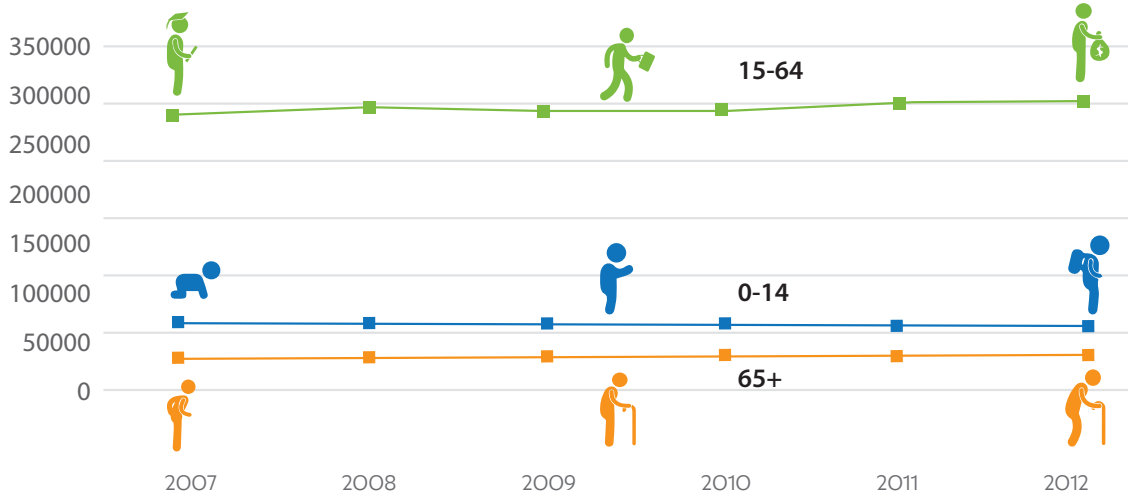


Figure 12: Population by Age Groups

Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency, 2014.

EDUCATION

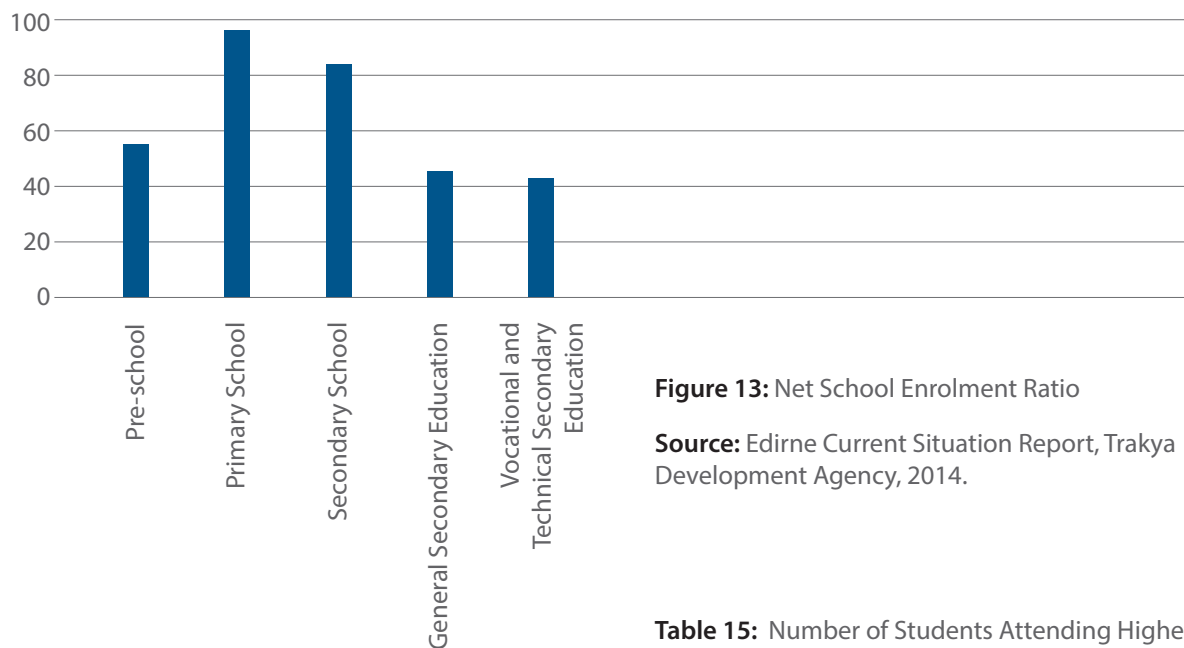


Figure 13: Net School Enrolment Ratio

Source: Edirne Current Situation Report, Trakya Development Agency, 2014.

Table 14: Number of Students Attending Vocational and Technical Secondary Education, Academic Year of 2012-2013

Schools	Students
51	9.876

Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency, 2014.

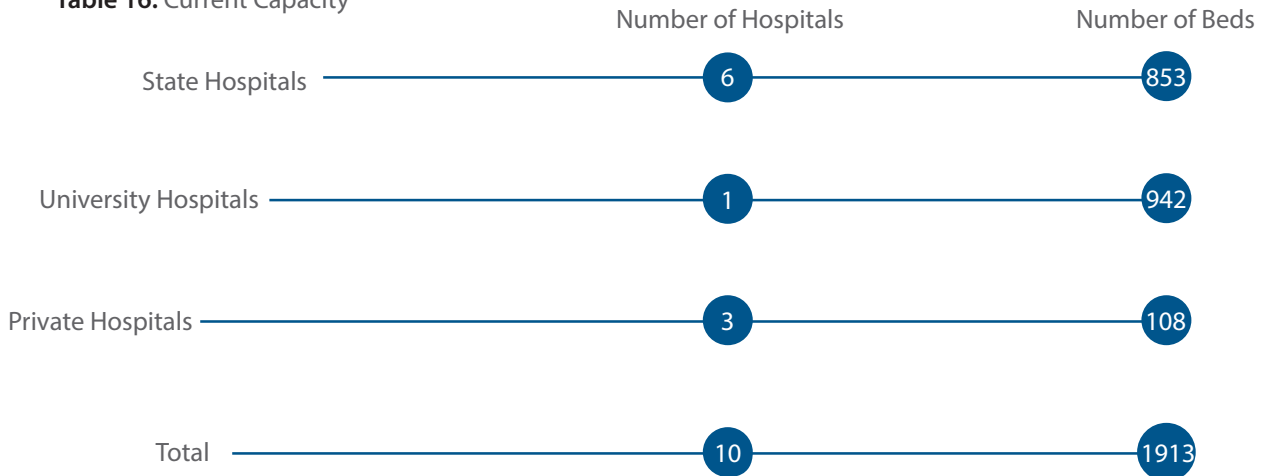
Table 15: Number of Students Attending Higher Education Institutions, Academic Year of 2011-2012

Faculties	15.345
Colleges	2.627
Institutes	1709
Vocational Colleges	11.561
State Conservatory	39
Total	31.281

Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency, 2014.

HEALTH

Table 16: Current Capacity



Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency, 2014.

Table 17: Number of Medical Staffs

Medical Specialist	554
Practitioners	238
Assistant Physicians	313
Dentists	104
Health Officers	724
Nurses	885
Midwives	451
Pharmacists	164

Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency, 2014.

LABOR FORCE

According to TR21 Trakya Region labor market data in 2012, population over the age of 15 is about 1.300.0000. Nearly 713.000 of that number can be considered as a labor force. Labor force participation rate in the region is 54,8%, whereas it is 50% in Turkey. Unemployment rate in the region is around 7,4% and non-agricultural unemployment rate is around 8,5% which are below national unemployment rate.

EMPLOYMENT

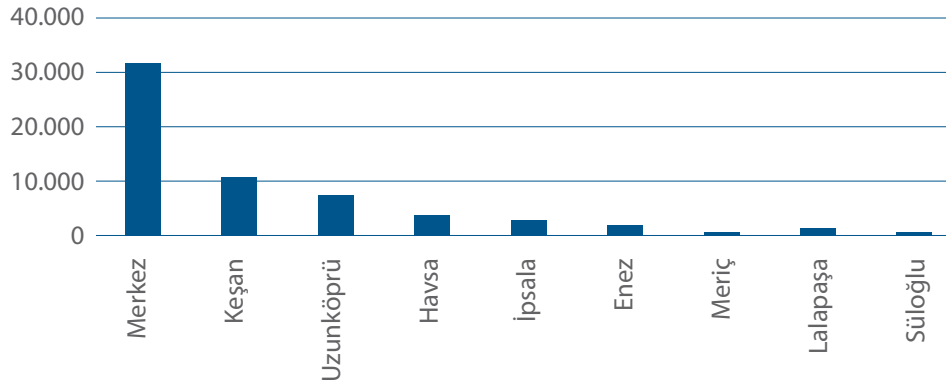


Figure 14: Number of Employment by Settlements

Source: Edirne Current Situation Analysis, Trakya Development Agency ,2014.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Table 18: Unemployment Rates Of Edirne

Years	Unemployment (%)
2010	9,2
2011	9
2012	7,5

Source: Regional Statistics, TSI, 2014.

Table 19: Edirne Organized Industrial Zone

Total Area (M2)	1.070.000 m2
Current Electric Capacity Available to Site	9 MVA
Fresh Waters Capacity (M3/hour)	144 M3 /hour
Average Labor Costs of Workers	1.071,00 TL
Advantages	<p>The nearest OIZ to the EU Near by main motorways and border gates 130 km from Çorlu Airport, 200 km from İstanbul Atatürk Airportf, 30 km from TEM 145 km from Ports of Tekirdağ Uninterruptable and cheap electricity power Corporate waste treatment plant Geologically ideal territory Easement of access to agricultural and livestock raw materials Easement of production raw material importation Closeness to İstanbul</p>

Source : <http://www.edirneosb.org.tr/>



Table 20: Trakya Technopark

Total Number of Offices	44
 <p data-bbox="257 835 393 863">Advantages</p>	<p data-bbox="506 357 1339 417">Technopark allows for new collaborations by moving the developments in industry to the college environment</p> <p data-bbox="506 445 1389 504">Offers to mediate academic knowledge to be transferred to industry by sharing the knowledge and research infrastructure of Trakya University</p> <p data-bbox="506 533 1350 592">Gives support to the newly established firms during the periods of long and labor intensive and incubation</p> <p data-bbox="506 620 1381 680">Contributes to the development of the company in need of training / seminars or consulting services</p> <p data-bbox="506 708 1354 768">Provides opportunities to R & D projects in need of infrastructure and super-structure</p> <p data-bbox="506 796 1404 856">Provides social amenities to the all staff employed in the region with the aim of providing enjoyable and fruitful work atmosphere</p> <p data-bbox="506 884 1370 943">Provides the inspection and usage of Technology Development Zones Act exemptions used by the companies</p> <p data-bbox="506 972 1342 1031">Recognizes opportunities to the employment of qualified R & D staff and it contributes to their development</p> <p data-bbox="506 1059 1381 1119">Takes initiative while forming synergy in the international arena and between all stakeholders</p> <p data-bbox="506 1147 1386 1207">Creates public awareness on Technology Development Zone, R & D, Innovation and Entrepreneurship issues</p> <p data-bbox="506 1235 1284 1263">Makes contribution to the businessmen, scientists and entrepreneurs</p> <p data-bbox="506 1292 1350 1351">Gives support to the undergraduate and graduate students in their projects educations and patents with the Trakya Bridge Unit</p>

Source: <http://www.trakyateknopark.com.tr/>

Table 21: Havsa International Logistics and Industrial Centre

Total Net Area(M2)	2.112.116,07 m2
Advantages	<p>Waste and clean water treatment facility daily capacity of 2500 tonne</p> <p>After biological water treatment facility, water will be used for irrigation</p> <p>An environment-friendly project</p> <p>Ideal infrastructure and management approach to be one of the logistics center of Europe and Asia</p> <p>Surrounding with three seas</p> <p>Suitable for intermodal transportation with its railway, sea road, airway and road infrastructures</p> <p>5 Border gates in the city</p> <p>3 Universities in the region with skilled labor force potential</p> <p>Located in the same city with Trakya Technopark</p> <p>Accessibility to labor force from close area</p> <p>Well-designed center taking into account need for major logistics center</p> <p>Located on the D100 (E5) and connected to TEM (E80)</p> <p>An intersection point for the vehicles using Çorlu, Çerkezköy, Babaeski, Uzunköprü, Havsa directions</p> <p>Management Company will provide fair business environment and take into consideration of Project participant</p>

Source: <http://www.havsa.com.tr/>





Transportation Infrastructure of Edirne is improving by Edirne – İstanbul High Speed Project

With the help of Edirne- Istanbul High Speed Train Project which is planned to be completed in 2017, the distance between İstanbul and Edirne is expected to reduce to about 1.5 hour. The project will shift Trakya region to become an hinterland of Istanbul and assist faster development in other transportation means, attraction of more tourism investments, boost in economy and as well as the social life.

Enez Port Project

The port will be restructured and will be used for passenger transport. When ferry service starts to Dedeğaç , the economy in the region will be revived.



Demirhanlı Airport

The airport will be active soon, after that the flights will begin. THK started studies in order to establish Aviation Vocational School.

Keşan OIZ

The second Organized Industrial Zone of Edirne is planning to be established in Keşan district.

Greenhouse
Energy Investments
Biogas Investments
Milk Powder Manufacturing Plant
Ready - Made Clothing Production
Theme Park Investments
Meat Processing Investments
R & D investment (at Technopark)
Hotel Investments (especially Saros Region)
Agricultural Investments (Livestock, Fruits and Vegetable)
Tourism Investments (Agency-Service-Accommodation)
Pasteurized Milk and Dairy Products Manufacturing Plant
Processed Fishery Products Manufacturing Plant
Canned Vegetables and Fruits Production Plant
Biscuit and Wafer Manufacturing Plant
Pasta Manufacturing Plant

Edirne is located in the 2nd district according to the incentive system. Investments that will be carried out in this area can take advantage of General Investment Incentive, Regional Investment Incentive, Large Scale Investment Incentive, Strategic Investment Incentive. Contributions provided to investors through incentive instruments depend on the characteristics of the investment and applicable schemes.

General Investments

Any investment subject not incentivized by the Regional, Large Scale or Strategic Schemes under the new Investment Incentive Program can benefit from supports granted by the General Investment Incentive Scheme, as long as it fulfills certain criteria. The minimum fixed investment amount should be 1.000.000 TL, the investment subject under the program should not be one of "Investment Subjects not Supported" and should meet specific criteria set for the "Conditionally Supported Investment Subjects". There are two supports for this scheme:

Value Added Tax (VAT) Exemption: Investment machinery and equipment which is imported and/or locally provided within the scope of the incentive certificate will be VAT exempt.

Customs Duty Exemption: Investment machinery and equipment imported within the scope of the incentive certificate will be exempted from customs duty set in the Import Regime Decree.

Regional Investments

Investment projects can benefit from supports offered by the Regional Investment Incentive Scheme, provided that they meet the minimum investment amount and capacity requirements for industries identified for the province. Supports granted by the Regional Investment Incentive Scheme for the province are given below.

Value Added Tax Exemption				Available
Customs Duty Exemption				Available
Tax Deduction	Until 31.12.2014	Rate of Contribution %	Outside OIZ	20
			Within OIZ	25
		Tax Reduction Rate (%)	Outside OIZ	55
			Within OIZ	60
	By 01.01.2015	Rate of Contribution %	Outside OIZ	15
			Within OIZ	20
		Tax Reduction Rate (%)	Outside OIZ	40
			Within OIZ	50
Social Security Premium (Employer's share)	Until 31.12.2014	Term of Support (years)	Outside OIZ	3 years
			Within OIZ	5 years
		Rate of Contribution(%)	Outside OIZ	15
			Within OIZ	20
	By 01.01.2015	Term of Support (years)	Outside OIZ	3 years
			Within OIZ	5 years
		Rate of Contribution (%)	Outside OIZ	20
			Within OIZ	25
Land Allocation				Available

Large scale Investments

Large scale Investment Incentive Scheme supports 12 different investment categories which will potentially foster Turkey's technology and R&D capacity and competitiveness. Investment projects in 12 designated investment areas should have the following minimum fixed investment amounts, in order to be supported by this scheme. Terms and Rates of Supports in Large Scale Investment Incentive are given in the following table.

Value added tax Exemption				Available
Customs Duty Exemption				Available
Tax Deduction	Until 31.12.2014	Rate of Contribution (%)	Outside OIZ	25
			Within OIZ	35
		Tax Reduction Rate (%)	Outside OIZ	55
			Within OIZ	60
	By 01.01.2015	Rate of Contribution (%)	Outside OIZ	25
			Within OIZ	30
		Tax Reduction Rate (%)	Outside OIZ	40
			Within OIZ	50
Social Security Premium (Employer's share)	Until 31.12.2014	Term of Support (years)	Outside OIZ	3 years
			Within OIZ	5 years
		Rate of Contribution (%)	Outside OIZ	5
			Within OIZ	8
	By 01.01.2015	Term of Support (years)	Outside OIZ	Unavailable
			Within OIZ	3 years
		Rate of Contribution (%)	Outside OIZ	5
			Within OIZ	8
Land Allocation				Available

Strategic Investments

There is no exclusive list of strategic investment subjects. Investment projects which satisfy all criteria serving for the purposes of the scheme are regarded as strategic investments. A project that meets the following criteria can be supported within the scope of the Strategic Investment Incentive Scheme:

Minimum fixed investment shall be 50 million TL,

The domestic production capacity for the product(s) to be manufactured with the investment shall be less than the import of that product(s),

The added value brought with the investment shall be minimum 40% (excluding the refining and petro-chemical investments),

The total import value of the product(s) to be manufactured with the investment shall be minimum 50 Million \$ as of the past one year (excluding the products that are not manufactured domestically).

Terms and Rates of Supports in Strategic Investment Incentive Scheme are given below.

Value Added Tax Exemption		Available
Customs Duty Exemption		Available
Tax Deduction	Tax Reduction Rate (%)	90
	Rate of Contribution (%)	50
Social Security Premium (Employer's share)	Term of Support (years)	7 years
	Rate of Contribution (%)	15
Land Allocation		Available
Interest Rate Support	TL Denominated Loans (points)	5
	FX Loan (points)	2
	Maximum Support Amount (Thousand TL)	50.000
VAT Refund for building expenditures of the strategic investments over 500 Million TL.		Available

Investments Benefited From Level Upgrade

The following categories of investments within the Regional and Large Scale Investment Incentives Schemes will get more benefits by getting, level upgrade in regional rates and terms of tax reduction and social security premium support (employer's share):

- Investments in Organized Industrial Zones (OIZ),
- Joint investments to be made by at least 5 companies operating in the same sector with the purpose of integrating these companies to this joint investment.

Specific Priority Investments

According to the Decree, there are some specific priority investment areas. If an investor interested in investing on these areas, investment will be supported by the measures that are applicable for the 5th Region even they are made in 2nd Region. This is an upgrading opportunity for the investors.



TRAKYA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Call for Proposals

Call for Proposal is an invitation for potential applicants, carrying necessary qualifications, to submit project proposals which have to comply with the pre-determined subjects and conditions. The details regarding to the call for proposal will be involved in the application guide.

The minimum and maximum amounts of support per project can differ upon the special conditions of the support program. While determining these limits, factors such as general and special objectives of the program, the qualifications of potential applicants, the appropriate project subjects and their costs, program budget and the relevant legislation are considered by the board of directors.

The co-finance rate of the projects submitted by the profit making real and legal persons and supported by the Trakya Development Agency is to be at least 50% of total relevant cost where this rate cannot be decreased in any case.

Direct Activity Support Program

The aim of the Direct Activity Support Program is to provide financial support for strategic research,

planning and feasibility studies targeted to make contribution to local/regional development, and improve the implementation capacity of regional progress and plans. The Direct Activity Support Program apparently complies with legislation and is undertaken in the frame of national plans and programs.

Direct Activity Support Program supports activities that do not contain any investment component. The time duration for the projects financed under this program is maximum three months. The three month implementation phase begins just one day after contract is signed.

Municipalities, universities, other public institutions, professional organizations with public institution status, Non-Governmental Organizations, Unions and Cooperatives are only institutions/ organizations that can benefit from Direct Activity Support Program.

Under this program, Trakya Development Agency provides financial support for the activities defined in line with strategic priorities determined for regional development. Therefore, the projects that will be prepared must comply with the plans and programs in implementation.

Under the Direct Activity Support Program, minimum and maximum amounts that will be

given for each project are decided upon in the limits of the legislation and determined by the Trakya Development Agency for each program. Support amounts of Direct Activity Support Program in 2014 were determined 25.000 TL and 90.000 TL as minimum and maximum amounts respectively.

Guided Project Support

Guided Project Support is designed for providing financial and technical supports to projects contributing acceleration of regional development and enhancement of entrepreneurship and innovation capacity of the region.

The Agency determines the project areas to be supported with its general framework and also the possible actors competent to implement it. In this type of support, cooperation among public sector, private sector and nongovernmental organizations is highly encouraged.

The implementation period of the projects under the Guided Project Support shall not exceed 2 years. The Agency may provide support at a maximum rate of 90% per project.

Technical Supports

The purpose of the technical support to be provided by the Agency is to provide technical support to the

operations of local actors which have importance for the regional development however, owing to the difficulties that have been encountered during preliminary and implementation stages due to lack of institutional capacity.

Beneficiaries from Technical Support:

- Local authorities and union of local administration,
- Universities, vocational schools, research institutes,
- Other state institutions and organizations,
- Professional organizations with the status of public entity
- Non-governmental organizations.
- Technical supports will be provided in the following context:
 - Training,
 - Providing consultancy service

EDİRNE INVESTMENT SUPPORT OFFICE

Introduces Investment Environment of City

- Does research to promote the city's business and investment environment
- Arranges business events trip such as domestic and international conferences, seminars, meetings
- Provides the participation to the organizations about promoting Investment environment

Analysis, Reports, Policy Studies

- Prepares the report about the investment environment
- Prepares databases matters that will need for Investors
- Prepares investment business flowchart
- Ensure "Technical Support" to Investors about requested issues
- Prepares reports about sectoral analysis

Conducts Studies in order to Enhance the Competitiveness of the Province

- Studies for development of entrepreneurship
- Bilateral studies with intuitions
- Studies for enhancing the entrepreneurship capacities of enterprises

Permits and Licenses

- Following and coordinating the private sector investors' permission and authorization procedures which are carry out by the public institutions and other administrative work and procedures
- Providing priority to the the private sector investors' permission and authorization procedures which are carry out by the public institutions and other administrative work and procedures
- Identifying the obstacles and problems of private sector investors and attempting to solve the problems with related authorities

Studies for Improvement of the Investment Environment of the Province

- Studies related to the identification and resolution of issues about business and investment environment of the province
- Establishing cooperation with institutions involved in the process of investment

Inventory Studies

- Prepares the necessary information and data about development of business and investment environment for investors
- Prepares database of businesses
- Prepares inventory like land, buildings and facilities that are suitable for investment in
- Collects data about the cost of investment in, related to the issues as Energy, logistics, workforce, investment and so on that impact on taking an investment decision

Investment Incentives Operations

- Introduces Investment Incentives System
- Guide to investors who wants to benefits from

governmental support for their investment and the preparation of the application file about Investment Incentives

- Does monitoring, reporting investments development made over during the investment incentives
- When investments completed, prepares closing documents of investment

Consulting - Technical Assistance

- Financial and technical support and giving information to investors on the issues about public and private sectors in central and local level
- Provision of information and guidance services to investors in the investment process and after that
- Assistance in the provision of investment location
- Helping to eliminate the need for labor
- Assistance in investor relations with other institutions



MARZIPAN (ALMOND PASTE)

It is a historical taste prepared in the palace kitchen when Edirne was the capital city in Ottoman period. It is made by using sweet almond, honey and sugar.



DEVA-Î MİSK

It is a delicious healing remedy which was prepared for people with health problems during the Ottoman period.



EDİRNE CHEESE

Edirne Cheese is one of the most famous products of Edirne. For this reason, feta cheese in the country market has been called as Edirne Cheese for many years. Feta and Cheddar Cheese have high reputation among the country.



EDİRNE PAN FRIED LIVER

One of the most famous meals of Edirne cuisine is prepared with liver out of cattle brought up in the Edirne region, wheat flour specific to the region as sunflower seed oil. This Edirne meal served with a grilled red pepper.



EDİRNE MEATBALL

Meatball is one of the most popular tastes of the restaurants in Edirne which is made up of region's delicious animal meat .





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