

PREFACE

This publication, which updates Publication No. 1389 (published in 2010), brings together data on the high-tech sector for the period 1995–2014.

A definition of the high-tech sector was formulated in 2004 by the Subcommittee for Official Classification of High-Tech Industries. The definition was adapted to accepted international definitions, as well as to theoretical definitions of the sector.

This publication presents tables from various units of the Central Bureau of Statistics (the Senior Department of Macro-Economic Statistics, the Senior Department of Micro-Economic Statistics, and the Higher Education and Teaching Staff Sector) that co-operated in the preparation of the material. The publication consists of several chapters, covering the following: average wages, characteristics of employees in the high-tech sector, economic characteristics of households, income and expenditure of households, and schooling and higher education. These chapters examine the realization of potential to enter into the high-tech sector, as well as presenting data on foreign trade, balance of payments, and national accounts.

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