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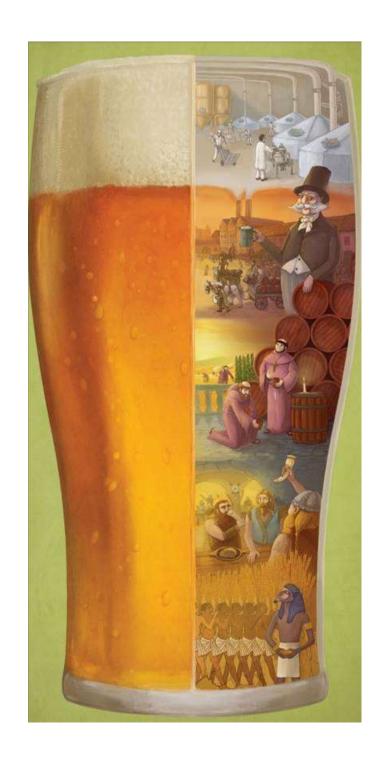
# Skill challenges in the knowledge-based economy

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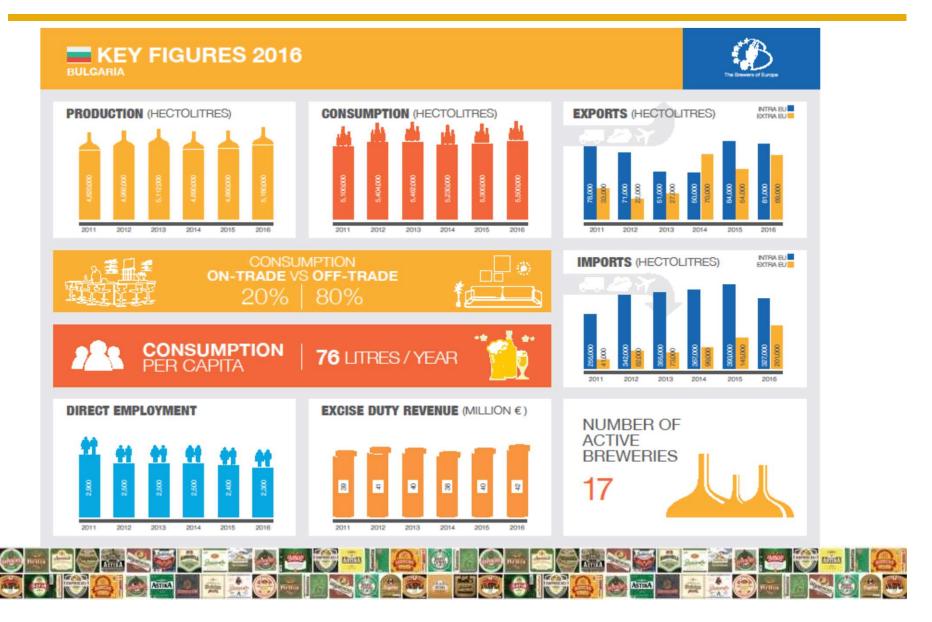
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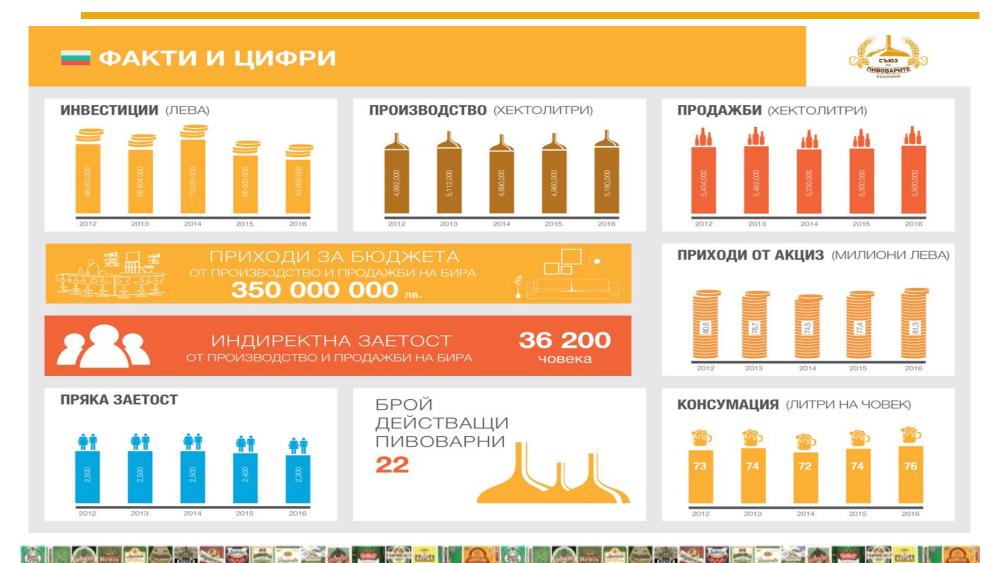
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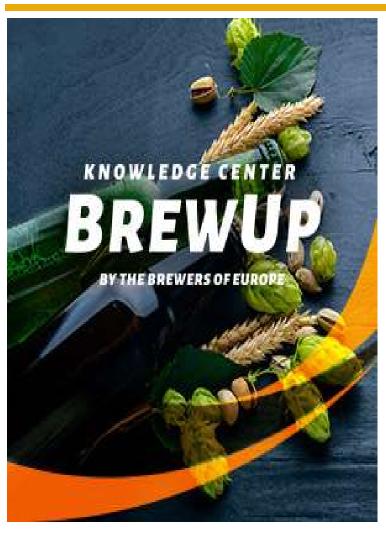
- Innovative corporate culture
- □ Investment in human capital development
- Constant learning
- Models of academic knowledge in business environment
- Functional competencies & innovation transfer
- Evaluation systems
- In-business and best practices exchange





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- Mobility, job rotation,competition of ideas, focus on talents
- □ B to B training
- Initiation & support to R&D projects
- Common platforms for bridging knowledge/skills for all brewers
- Virtual knowledge centers –public and private



## Inspired by the good models Meet the challenges. Help me to help you.



- Motivation and mutual support of stakeholders
- In-business support for entrepreneurial training
- Training tools diversification in real business environment
- Internship programs innovation and new competencies
- Exchange of knowledge and cooperation
- Expertise transfer/knowledge-based skills from business to educational institutions
- Modernization of teaching
- □ Involvement of business in the formal educational system



### 3 C Communications – constant, consistent, creative Change the attitude



- Communications value added creator for all stakeholders
- Let's speak together
- Dissemination of good practices
- Evaluation and best buys
- National communication strategy to promoteVET/work based professions
- Employers' organizations pro-active approach





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#### Thank you for your attention!

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