

## ARE THERE STRATEGIC SECTORS?

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### Abstract

Are there strategic sectors? An economic sector is strategic if it benefits from additional attention within national policies consisting in facilities for investment and various forms of subsidization. Viewed from an economic perspective, these subsidies and facilities are designed to reduce production costs and increase product competitiveness in the international trade. At a closer look, when you lay aside the economic importance of strategic sectors, it appears that economic specialization on a specific economic sector or area makes it dependent on other nations in terms of interstate trade. A nation will establish strategic economic sectors when is pursuing the objective of increasing competitiveness in the international market and cashing of benefit cost in economic areas of prime importance (for example, in the field of food or energy). For answer, it has developed a case study on the energy sector in Romania. In this sense were assessed specific indicators (level of energy dependency, domestic production of energy, the share of renewable energy, indices of structure of final energy consumption, energy intensity and the subsidization level of renewable energy) in order to substantiate the strategic character of one sector of the economy. The energy sector has a vital importance for economic and social development and for improving the quality life of the population. According to the adopted national development policies, States can approach strategically the energy sector, through funding and subsidizing it or can consider it as well as any other sector of the economy, without advantage it in any way.

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