

#### **FOREWORD**

- The CEE attractiveness survey 2009 was carried out by Ernst & Young between February and June 2009 for the Hungarian Investment and Trade Development agency (ITD Hungary)
- This report is based on Ernst & Young's unique approach, which highlights the key findings from the survey of 202 international business leaders and the analysis of actual FDI trends regarding the attractiveness of CEE in relation to its international competitors.

## The Ernst & Young team

- As the investment promotion agency of the Hungarian Government, ITD Hungary commissioned Ernst & Young to produce a Hungary Attractiveness Survey for 2009.
- ITD Hungary has been so successful and effective in its 16 years of operation that the World Bank ranked it 14th in its Global Investment Promotion Benchmarking survey for 2009.

The ITD Hungary Team







## **KEY FINDINGS AT A GLANCE**





- Strong crisis impact on industrial sectors in CEE
- A changing competitive landscape in CEE
- ... Hungary is shifting towards services...
- ...but job creation still depends strongly on industrial sectors
- Logistics and R&D activities are competitively positioned within the region
- Hungary is perceived as a quality location relative to its international peers
- . Hungarian R&D potential is undervalued
- Critical perception gaps exist between established / nonestablished investors
- Loyalty: 50% of existing investors plan to expand their operations in Hungary
- Investors are confident in the future progression of Hungary's attractiveness





## **AGENDA**

- . Methodology
- . The reality of FDI in CEE and Hungary
- . The perception of CEE and Hungary & their future attractiveness







"Perception & reality check"







## AN IMAGE AND REALITY APPROACH



**Image:** 202 international business leaders interviewed by CSA research firm in 2009

**Reality:** 43 European countries surveyed for foreign investment projects since 1997

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Call centers

R&D

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Manufacturing

Back offices

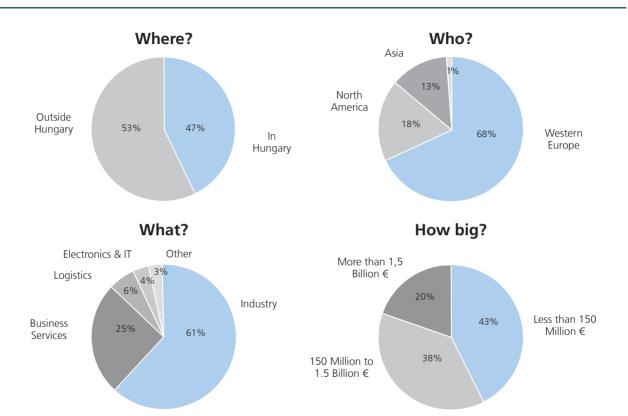
Logistics
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## A SAMPLE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL BUSINESS MODELS









## THE REALITY OF FOI IN CEE AND HUNGARY



# "Shifting to value"

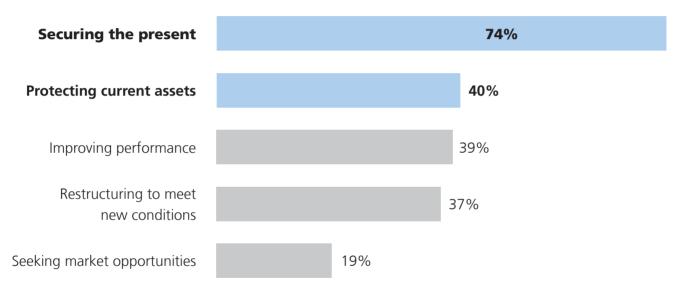






#### 2009: INVESTORS SEEK TO SECURE THEIR ASSETS

. Foreign investors' priorities as a result of current downturn



Source: Opportunities in adversity, Ernst & Young 2009

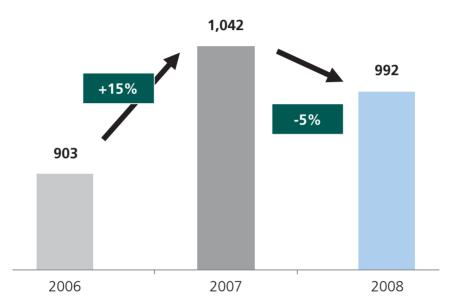
Respondents: 337 board executives





## INVESTORS HAVE SLOWED DOWN THEIR FDI PROJECTS IN CEE

● FDI projects in Central and Eastern Europe in 2008

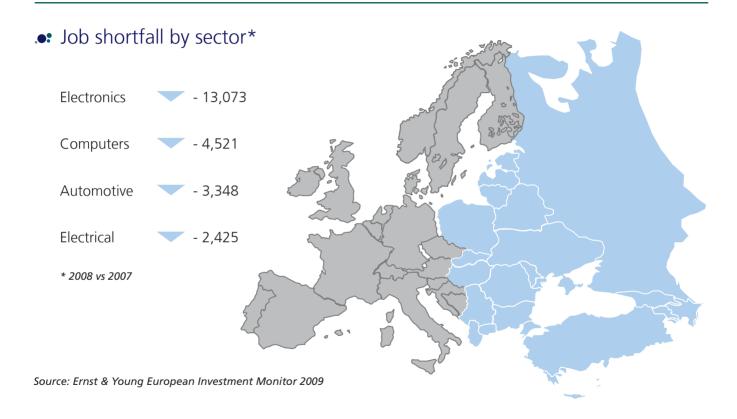








## DIRECT IMPACT ON INDUSTRIAL SECTORS IN CEE

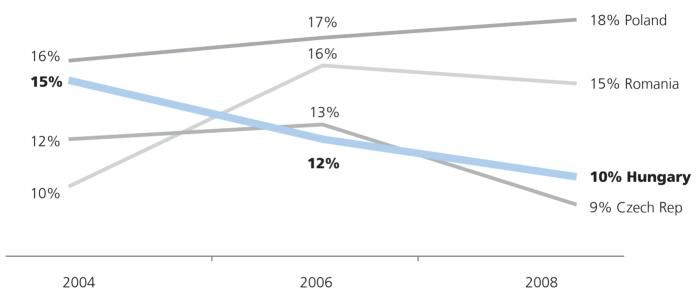






## CRISIS COMBINES WITH A CHANGING COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

. Top CEE countries for FDI projects (market share by number of projects 2004-2008)





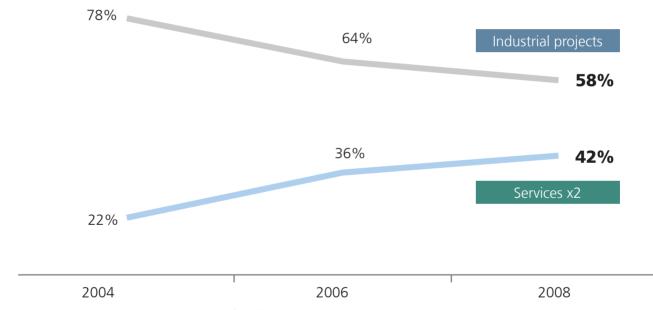






## HUNGARY IS SHIFTING TOWARDS A SERVICES PROFILE

● Distribution of industrial / services projects over the period (number of projects)







## KEY SERVICES... WHILE AUTO INDUSTRY REMAINS CRUCIAL

• Top 5 CEE countries for Business Support Services

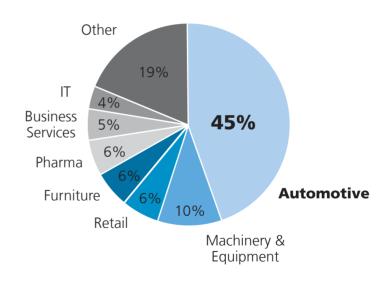
(number of FDI projects, 2008)

Hungary 21%

Poland 23%

Romania 18%

• Top FDI sectors in Hungary (in job creation, 2008)



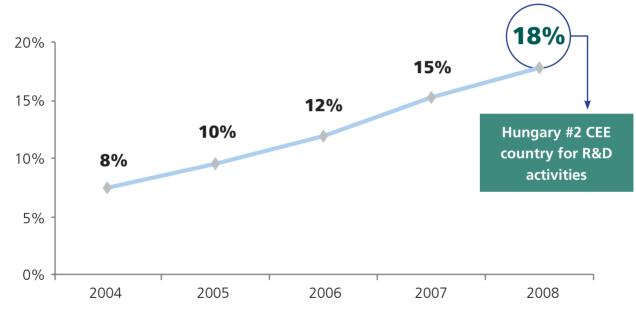






#### HUNGARY MOVES CLOSER TO LEADING THE CEE IN R&D

**. ■** Evolution of Hungary's market share within CEE for R&D projects (number of projects, 2008)







## THE PERCEPTION OF CEE AND HUNGARY & THEIR FUTURE ATTRACTIVENESS



"A quality asset to be developed"

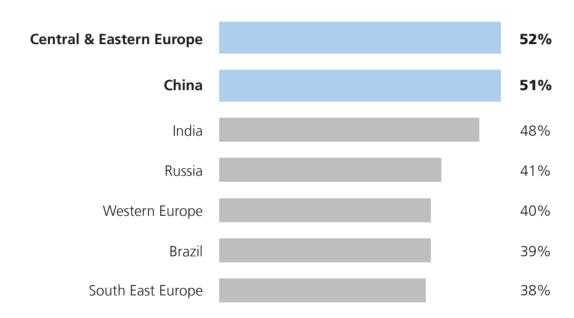






## PROMISING FUTURE FOR CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

. Most attractive regions over the next 3 years



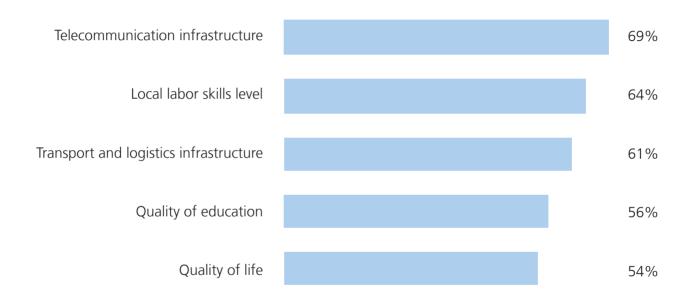
Respondents: 809 Ernst & Young European attractiveness survey 2009





## HUNGARY IS PERCEIVED AS A QUALITY LOCATION

## .• Top 5 satisfaction assets



Respondents: 202 \*'Very attractive' + 'fairly attractive' responses

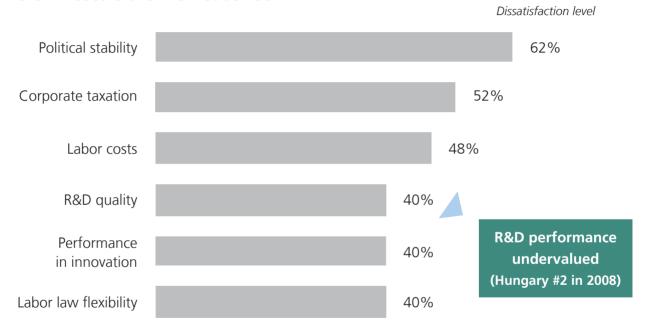






## BUT CERTAIN STRATEGIC WEAKNESSES NEED TO BE IMPROVED

## . Where investors are NOT satisfied



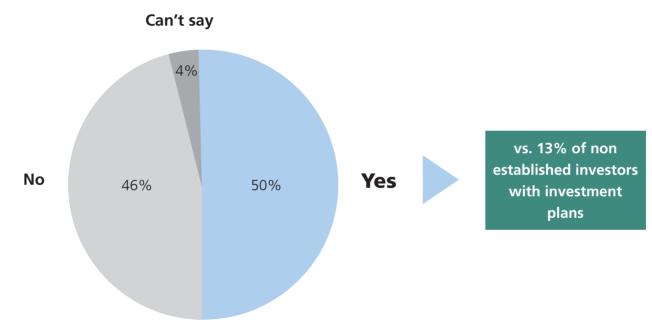
Respondents: 202 \*'Not very attractive' + 'Not at all attractive' responses





# TRUST OF FOREIGN INVESTORS ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN HUNGARY

• Established investors considering developing activities in Hungary





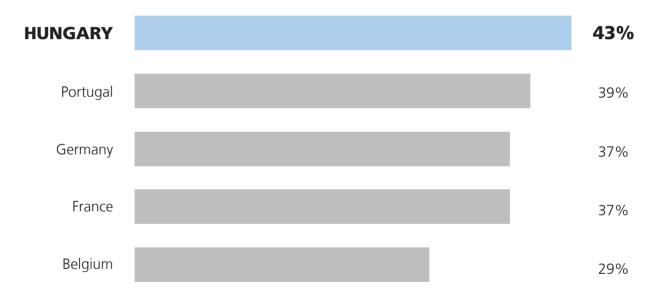






## CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE ATTRACTIVENESS OF HUNGARY

• Confidence that the attractiveness will improve over the next three years



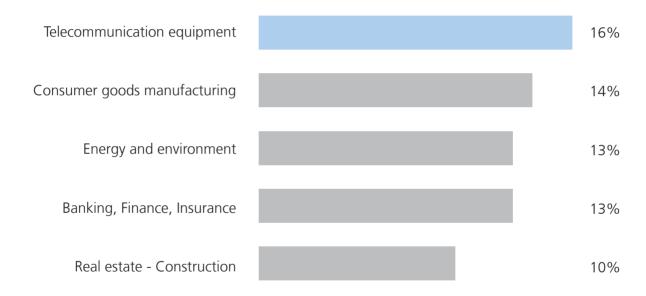
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## SECTORS EXPECTED TO DRIVE THE EUROPEAN RECOVERY

## . The top sectors to drive Europe's recovery



Respondents: 202 Source: European attractiveness survey 2009







## WANTED: PREDICTABILITY AND FLEXIBILITY

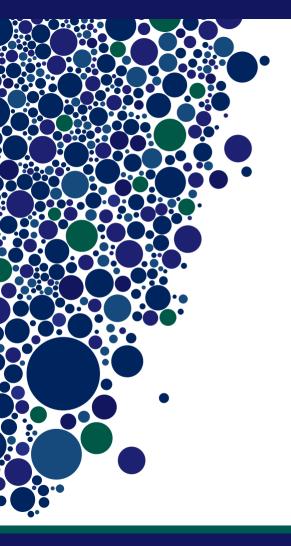
. Measures to be taken to improve Hungary's attractiveness

Make tax and legal regulation more flexible	40%
Ensure predictable environment	37%
Promote economic growth and SME development	27%
Promote entrepreneurship	21%
Encourage sustainable development initiatives	20%
Reform the social model	20%
Update the training and education system	18%

Respondents: 202 Total > 100%: many possible answers









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