Mrkonjić Grad Municipality is located in the north east part of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in Republic of Srpska at the intersection of major regional routes – 100 km to EU border. Economic growth of Mrkonjić Grad is based on development of small and medium enterprises, agriculture and processing industries. The agriculture sector offers investment opportunities in fruit and vegetable processing plants and meat industry. The wood sector has potential for new investment in value added products of wood and other wood mass byproducts (e.g. pellets, wood chips etc.). Being certified as one of the business-friendly municipalities in South East Europe, Mrkonjić Grad offers favorable conditions to investors looking to locate or expand their business in the heart of CEFTA region, with 18,5 ha of fully equipped industrial zone and competitive workforce available at € 450 per month. In 380 km radius, investors have duty free access to a market of 5 million people.
invest in

Mrkonjić Grad

**HUMAN RESOURCES**
Total work force: 12,500, unemployment rate: 23%
Average gross salary: € 450 per month
Education: 16,22% college or university degree; 64,69% high school; 19,09% elementary and lower
Relevant schools and faculties (100 km radius): University of Banja Luka with 18 faculties, 11 private universities and colleges; secondary schools – general and mechanical engineering

**LOCAL ECONOMY**
Number of businesses: 362 companies and 328 entrepreneurs
Size of businesses: 93,4% small, 4,7% middle-sized, 1,9% large
Dominant industries: Wood, metal, textile, footwear and food industries
The largest domestic companies: Bema (footwear factory) and Mrkonjić putevi (civil engineering)
The most significant foreign investors: RS Silicon (production of the metal sillicium, Italy)

**TRAFFIC CONNECTIONS**
Highways: E70 (Corridor X) via newly built motorway E661 – 107 km away
Main roads: M-5, M-15, M-16 (connection to Croatia, EU), R-412, R-411
Railroad lines: No access
Ports: Sea port in Split – distance 190 km, Port in Šamac (Sava river) – distance 141 km
Airports: International airport “Franjo Tuđman” Zagreb – distance 244 km, International airport “Nikola Tesla” Belgrade – distance 386 km, Sarajevo International Airport – distance 187 km, Banja Luka-Mahovljani commercial airport – distance 64 km

**BUSINESS ZONE PODBRDO**

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