# BUSINESS FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITY SOUTH EAST EUROPE

# Šabac



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South East Europe - North West of Serbia Location

**Population** 115.884

**Contact** 

795 km<sup>2</sup>; 72,8% arable land, 14,8% forests, 12,4% roads and other **Territory** 

**Budget** €27 million, 15% capital investments

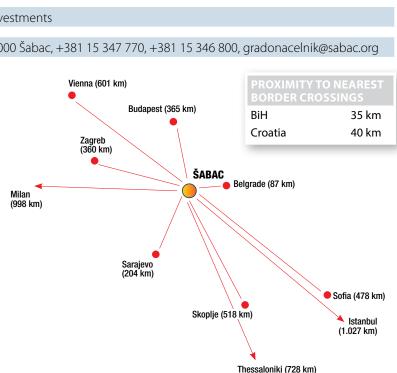
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Šabac is located in north-west part of Serbia, by rivers Sava and Drina, at the crossroad of the most important road, rail and water corridors connecting Sabac to CEFTA region and the EU. Within the Northwest work zone, the city offers the largest complex of industrial land in Serbia (600 ha) where investors can choose the size and position of the plot according to their own needs, while the city is obliged to provide all the necessary conditions for starting and developing a business – efficient local administration, fast permitting procedure, expert support team as well as infrastructure. Almost 50% of the industrial land is a Custom Free Zone which provides additional benefits: VAT exemptions, free flow of capital, profits and dividends. The City provides additional local incentives for investments in agriculture and food industry. Šabac is the first in Serbia to meet the international standards ISO 9001:2000 for quality management, which includes efficient organization and satisfied customers. In 2016, the city was certified as one of the business-friendly municipalities in South East Europe.







# invest in **Šabac**





### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Total work force: 80.737, unemployment rate: 14,49%

Average gross salary: € 430 per month

Education: 12,98% college or university degree; 50,01% high school; 36,70% elementary and lower Relevant schools and faculties (100 km radius): University in Belgrade, University in Novi Sad; 13 elementary schools, 8 secondary and 3 colleges in Šabac

## **LOCAL ECONOMY**

Number of businesses: 1.452 companies, 2.935 entrepreneurs Size of businesses: 91,61% small, 0,72% middle-sized, 0,11% large

Dominant industries: Chemical, pharmaceutical, metal works, mechanic, food

The largest domestic companies: Elixir group (agri-business and chemical industry), West-Gradnja (construction), DPS Klas group (grain mill products), Piramida 72 (paper and cosmetics) The most significant foreign investors: Hemofarm, Stada group (pharmaceutica products, Germany), Tikkurila (paints and varnishes, Finland), Zorka keramika (wall and floor tiles, Austria), BMR group (plants, technical and pipe construction, Austria), Asamer group (wall and floor tiles, Austria)



### TRAFFIC CONNECTIONS

Highways: Access to the highway Belgrade-Zagreb (Corridor X) – distance 24 km Main roads: Primary state roads IB No.21, IB No.26, secondary state roads IIA No.124, IIB No.322 Railroad lines: Direct access to line Ruma-Šabac-Zvornik connects Šabac to Corridor X and BiH Ports: Port in Sremska Mitrovica (Sava river) with access to Danube (Corridor VII) – distance 25 km Airports: International airport in Belgrade – distance 60 km

## **NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL ZONE**

Land area and purpose

46,7 ha (almost 50% in Customs Free Zone) – industrial production, warehouses, services

Ownership structure

5~km from city center and railway, connection with Corridors VII and X – distance 24~km

Infrastructure

100% city owned

Location

Access road, water, sewerage, high voltage electricity, gas, telecommunication

Price and type of acquisition

7 €/m<sup>2</sup>, public announcement sale

**Local incentives** 

Customs free zone, 50% reduction of fees for construction land development