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Bijeljina



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Location South E

South East Europe - Republic of Srpska, BiH

Population

116.663

Territory

734 km²; 72,6% arable land, 13,7% forests, 7% roads and other

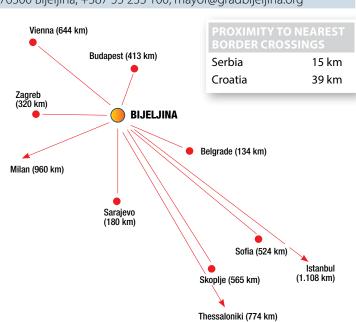
Budget

€ 24,46 million, 16% capital investments

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Bijeljina is situated in the centre of lowland, known as Semberija, in the North West part of Republic of Srpska and BiH, near the border with Croatia (EU) and Serbia. It is one of the most dynamic cities in BiH, the educational, cultural and sport center of the region and leader of economic development. Due to immigration, housing development and available Universities, the population has been growing over the last decade reaching almost 120.000 people. The main economic sectors are agriculture, food, metal manufacturing and wood processing. The fertile land, geothermal water (1.300 m deep, 75 °C), 1.700 hrs of sunny days annually and significant stock of kaolin clay represent its key natural resources. Being certified as a Business Friendly Municipality in South East Europe, Bijeljina is one of the most favorable investment locations in BiH, with easy and duty free access to major urban centers in the region and market of 5 million people. The City Development Strategy 2014-2023 outlines an integrated approach of local government to economic growth, agriculture development and environment protection.



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HUMAN RESOURCES

Total work force: 33.012, unemployment rate: 39,56 %

Average gross salary: € 675 per month

Education: 13,1 % college or university degree; 61,02 % high school; 25,88 % elementary and lower Relevant schools and faculties (100 km radius): 9 faculties (law, education, economy, agriculture, philological, IT, pharmaceutical, business, psychology)

LOCAL ECONOMY

Number of businesses: 915 companies and 1.827 entrepreneurs

Size of businesses: 94,58 % small, 4,98 % middle-sized, 0,44 % large

Dominant industries: Agriculture, food, metal, wood industries

The largest domestic companies: Spektar Drink (fruit and vegetables), ZP Komerc (meat products), Savi Mix (production of animal feed), Žitopromet (grain processing and bakery products), Orao (airline industry), Mega Wood processing Industry: Drvo (furniture), Steco Centar (wood) The most significant foreign investors: Sava (food industry, Austria), Natura Food (food industry, Austria), SEP (metal industry, Slovenia)



TRAFFIC CONNECTIONS

Highways: E70 (Corridor X) – 50 km away from Bijeljina

Main roads: Main roads: M18, M18.2 (connection with Serbia), M14.1 and regional roads: R459

and R459a

Railroad lines: Connected to railway junction in Šid, Serbia – distance 60 km

Ports: Port in Brčko (Sava river) – distance 39 km, port in Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia (Sava river) – distance 67 km

Airports: International airport "Nikola Tesla" Belgrade - distance 120 km, Sarajevo International Airport - distance 190 km

INDUSTRIAL ZONE 2

Land area and purpose

44 ha, greenfield, trade and service zone, industrial- manufacturing zone

Ownership structure

100 % city owned

Infrastructure

Direct connection to local road, water, high voltage electricity, sewerage, telecommunication

Location

5 km from city center, directly connected to the exits from the city

Price and type of acquisition

Auction starting price 5-15 €/m², payment in 60 installments no interest

Local incentives

85% reduction of charges and fees for production facilities, tax reductions