BUSINESS FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITY SOUTH EAST EUROPE

Serbia, 42°52'N 21°57'E

€ 24,9 million, 8,5% of capital investments

144.206

Leskovac

Location

Population

Territory

Budget

Contact

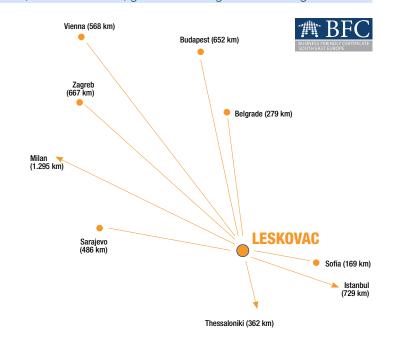


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Border Crossings

BiH Leskovac Bugaria (112 km), Macedonia (115 km) 1.025 km²; 37,18% arable land, 27,09% forests, 35,73% roads and other

With nearly 150,000 citizens and 4,902 businesses, the city of **Leskovac** represents the regional center of economic development and a strategic point for free trade with South East Europe countries, members of CEFTA and the EU. The city has excellent traffic connections – Pan-European Corridor X (E75 Highway) and international railway line Budapest-Belgrade-Niš-Skopje-Athens, while the distance from international airport in Niš is only 45 km. Leskovac has a long tradition in entrepreneurship with a vibrant SME sector, and is known for its fertile land and quality food. The most developed sectors are chemical, food-processing, textile, wood-processing industries. Due to well-established system of high-school and college education and vast labor pool (16,489 unemployed), the city can offer quality work force at a very competitive price – the average gross salary in Leskovac is 421 euros per month. The investors are offered fully equipped locations in the industrial zone as well as 251,000 m² of brownfield facilities and a package of financial incentives. Foreign investors such as Yura, Porr Werner & Weber, Actavis, Bonafarm group, Falke, Aptiv Packard and Jeanci testify to Leskovac reputation as a city with truly a business-friendly environment.



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Leskovac

HUMAN RESOURCES

Total work force: 97.806, unemployment rate: 16,85%

Average gross salary: € 421 per month

Education: 12,37% college or university degree; 49,61% high school; 37,43% elementary

and lower

Schools and faculties: University of Niš, Faculty of Technology, 2 colleges,

12 high/secondary schools in Leskovac

LOCAL ECONOMY

Number of businesses: 1.066 companies, 3.836 entrepreneurs

Size of businesses: 90,35% micro, 7,74% small, 1,63% middle-sized, 0,2% large Dominant industries: Food industry, chemical industry, textile industry, wood industry,

commerce

Major foreign investors: Yura Corporation (automobile industry, South Korea), Aptiv Packard (automobile industry, UK), Falke (textile industry, Germany), Auto-stop interiors (automobile industry, Greece), Jeanci Serbia (textile industry, Turkey), Mlekara Leskovac (dairy products, Hungary), etc.

TRAFFIC CONNECTIONS

Highways: Direct access to E75 (Corridor X)

Main roads: Primary state roads no. 1 and no. 9

Railroad lines: Access to railway line Belgrade – Niš – Skopje – Athens Ports: Distance from port in Belgrade (Danube – Corridor VII) – 279 km

Airports: Distance from international airports in Niš – 45 km, Sofia – 150 km,

Belgrade – 288 km

INDUSTRIAL ZONE GREEN ZONE

Size, purpose and ownership 971.500 m² (427.736 m² of infrastructure equipped land), 100% public

Location 4 km from city center, 200 m from main road, 7 km from highway, 4 km for rail station

Price and type of acquisition Lease for a period of 99 years

Local incentives Incentives for employment, exemption from land development fee and signage fee