

WHY CROATIA !!!!!

“Discover Croatia – your partner for co-operation”

Croatia is situated at the heart of Europe, only 1-2 hours air distance to any European destination. With its unique geostrategic position and the farthest reaching European sea inlet, Croatia is a gateway to Central and Eastern Europe providing an easy access to European and world markets.

Croatia offers the shortest route over land and sea connecting Europe and other overseas destinations. Croatian companies wish to cooperate with Israeli partners, whose know how, technologies and experience are well appreciated. Croatia today enjoys all the benefits from EU membership which are especially visible through several EU funds for development of national infrastructure, for investments in agriculture, maritime and fisheries, for development of competitiveness of business, for R&D,... worth more than 10 billion Euros (Cohesion Fund, European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and European Maritime and Fisheries Fund).

The Republic of Croatia strongly supports investments. With the aim of stimulating investments in manufacturing sector activities, technology centers, strategic business support and high value-added services as well as tourist activities, investors are offered various incentives.

The incentives offered for business activities to investors range from tax incentives, incentives for employment and education, to additional incentives for investment in areas of special state concern.

Investments in the sector of industry, especially in the not so developed parts of the country, are strongly supported in order to incite the creation of new job opportunities and preconditions for strengthening export-oriented sectors.

Depending on the amount of investment and the number of newly created workplaces, investors are granted the following incentives:

- *Tax incentives – Partial or full exemption (50-100 %) from profit tax in the period of up to 10 years, depending on the amount of investment.*
- *Employment incentives - Up to 9,000 Euros per employee, depending on unemployment rates in the investment area*
- *Grants - Coverage of up to 80% of employee’s training costs, depending on the type of training and the size of the business*
- *20% regular profit tax rate -> 10 – 0% profit tax rate for investors*

Croatia has highly developed road and rail network, the network of international sea ports of great importance, the network of river ports and airports, as well as inland waterways and intermodal terminals.

The network of modern motorways place Croatia together with leading European countries, and let's not forget that there are three Pan-European international corridors passing through Croatia, thus making it an essential part of all major European and international transport routes. The country is 100% digitized, with its entire territory covered by broadband Internet. Its highly developed natural gas distribution network places it at the very top of European countries.

Land connection to all European transport routes:

29,547 km of roads

2,726 km of rail network

1-2 hours air distance to any European destination:

7 international airports (Zagreb, Split, Dubrovnik, Zadar, Rijeka, Pula, Osijek) and 2 airfields (Mali Losinj, Brac)

The inmost sea into the heart of European continent

6 seaports (Rijeka, Ploce, Sibenik, Zadar, Split, Dubrovnik)

4 river ports (Vukovar, Osijek, Slavonski Brod, Sisak)

One of the most developed natural gas distribution networks in Europe

100% digitized country

100% broadband Internet coverage