INVEST INCROATIA

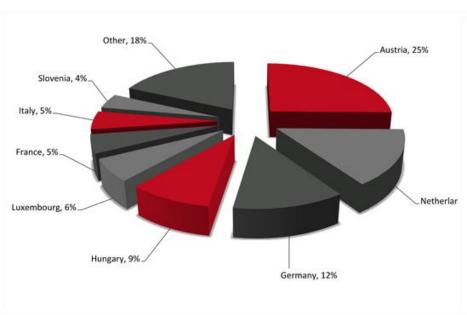


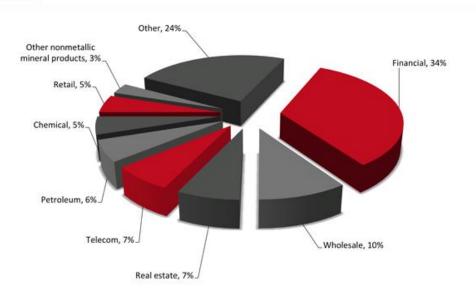
ABOUT CROATIA

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS (FDI)



FDI - 27,1 BILLION € (1993 - IIIQ 2013)







WHY INVEST IN CROATIA?

TODAY IS EASIER TO INVEST THAN 1 YEAR AGO



PRECONDITIONS FOR EASIER INVESTMENT REALIZATION HAVE BEEN CREATED

- ✓ Strong Government Commitment in attracting new FDI investments to Croatia
- ✓ Agency for Investments and Competitiveness supporting investors
- New business-friendly regulatory environment
- ✓ Encouraging investment incentives
- ✓ Law on Strategic Investments of the Republic of Croatia
- ✓ Working group for business climate and private investments
- ✓ Industrial Policy Strategy of the Republic of Croatia (2014.)
- ✓ Legislation on construction and physical planning
- ✓ Fast-track reforms
 (181 adopted measures, 75 implemented measures 5 reforms adopted by Doing Business)



ATTRACTIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK



Law on Investment Promotion

- € 150.000 minimum investment
- 0% 10% profit tax rate
- €3,000 €18,000 cash grants per employee
- up to € 1.0 million for capital expenses
- up to € 0.5 million for R&D

Law on Strategic Investment Projects

- quicker investment implementation
- less procedures and licenses needed
- each step of the investment process listed
- exact deadlines for each step of the investment process

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Legislation on construction and physical planning

- e- permits issued within 30 days
- construction permit valid for 3 years – time to start construction
- 3% discrepancy between main design and actual building will be allowed
- full on-line information on zoning, cadastre and ownership rights



INVESTMENT INCENTIVES

ELIGIBLE SECTORS AND COSTS



Sectors

- Manufacturing activities
- Technology centers
- Strategic business support services
- Tourism (4 plus star hotels and resorts, sports and health centers, etc)

Incentives

- Tax incentives
- Employment and education grants
- Incentives for modernization of technology and R&D activities
- Incentives for initial and capital expenses of the investment project
- Incentives for labor intensive investment projects

Eligible investment costs

- Equipment and machinery and intangible assets: patent rights, licenses, know-how, or
- 2 year-gross salaries



INVESTMENT INCENTIVES



Minimum investment: 150.000 € - SME's and large size companies

Incentives		
Tax incentives	0% - 10% profit tax rate	
Employment incentives	€3,000 – €18,000 per employee	
Incentives for Innovation and Development	20% of the eligible cost of buying the equipment/machinery (up to € 0.5 million)	
Incentives for Initial and Capital Expenses of the Investment Project	Cash grant in amount of 20% of the eligible costs (up to € 1.0 million)	

Respective investment incentives are calculated on an individual basis.





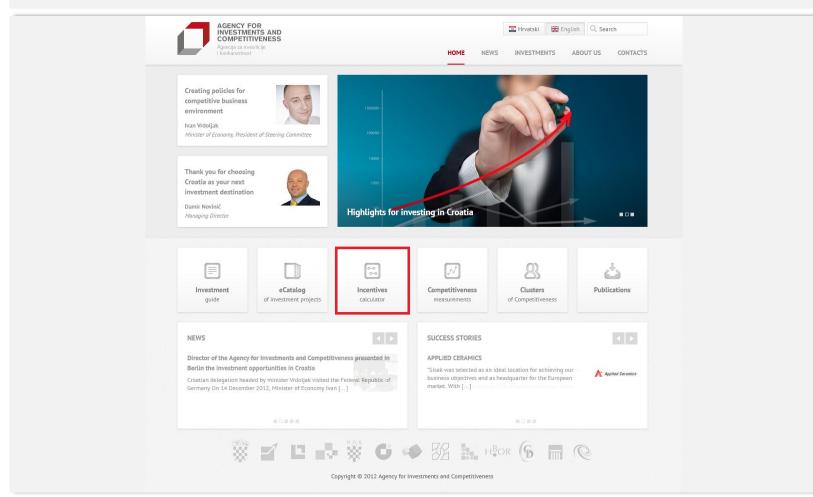
INVESTMENT INCENTIVES

CALCULATOR



You can calculate your investment incentives in Croatia by *Investment Incentives Calculator* available at AIK web pages

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LAW ON STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROJECTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA







COMMISSION FOR ASSESSMENT AND DETERMINING PROPOSALS



THE LIST OF STRATEGIC
PROJECTS



COMMISSION PROPOSES TO THE GOVERNMENT THE ADOPTION OF THE DECISION ON DESIGNATION OF STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROJECTS



GROUP FOR THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL PROJECT



AGREEMENT BEETWEN GOVERNMENT AND THE INVESTOR

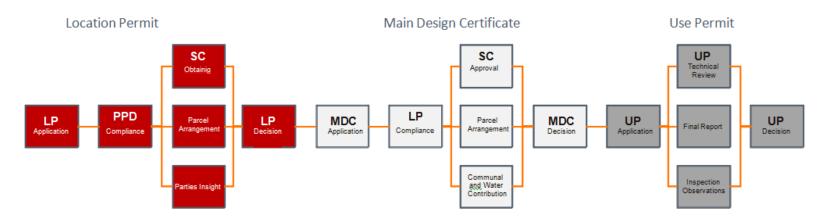




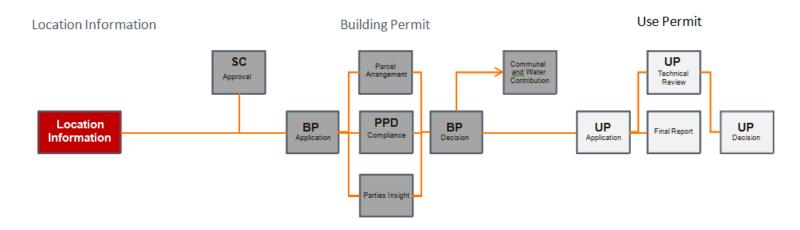
LEGISLATION ON CONSTRUCTION AND PHYSICAL PLANNING



LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK ON CONSTRUCTION BRFORE JANUARY 1, 2014



LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK ON CONSTRUCTION AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014





WORKING GROUP FOR BUSINESS CLIMATE AND PRIVATE INVESTMENTS



Agency for Investments and Competitiveness - main operational body

BUSINESS CLIMATE

181 adopted activities
from which
75 implemented for improvement
of business and investment
climate

The Global Competitiveness Report 2013–2014 2013 – 2014 75/148 2012 - 2013 81/144

<u>INVESTMENTS</u>

23 private projects

≈ € 1,2 billion

≈ 3,064 new work places

for 11 projects

≈ € 500 million

≈ 1,800 new workplaces

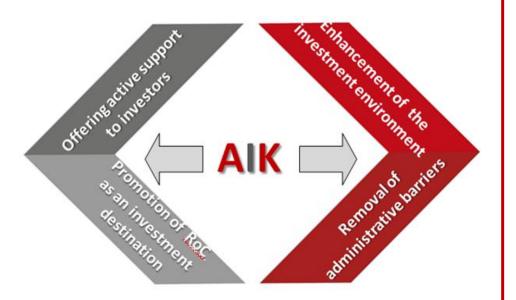




AGENCY FOR INVESTMENTS AND COMPETITIVENESS

ABOUT US





- ✓ Active approach to attracting new investments to the Republic of Croatia
- ✓ Assistance to all foreign investors entering the Croatian market
- ✓ Support prior, during and after realization of investment projects
- ✓ Emphasis on current investment projects reducing barriers in cooperation with other Government Institutions
- ✓ Enabling all investors to develop successful business in Croatia





AGENCY FOR INVESTMENTS AND COMPETITIVENESS



SERVICES

STRATEGY	EVALUATION	REALIZATION OF INVESTMENTS
WE PROVIDE YOU	Business Site selection	Operation After care service analysis
WE CONNECT WITH	Government bodies RDA	Local Utility institutions companies
WE ASSIST WITH	Investment Organizing opportunities identification	Gaining all Gaining necessary state permits incentives



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NOVEMBER 2012 - FEBRUARY 2014

91 PROJECT

7,2 BILLION €

10.364NEW WORK PLACES

In 2013. Agency removed barriers for 23 investment projects, with total amount of 3.1 billion €, which will create 4.311 new work places



AIK - PUBLICATION

PUBLISHED PUBLICATION SO FAR



INVESTMENT GUIDE

ON ENGLISH AND ITALIAN LANGUAGE

CATALOGUE OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MADE IN CROATIA –INVESTORS
GUIDE TO MANUFACTURING AND
LOGISTIC

7 SECTORS PROFILES





WHY INVEST IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY



Access to EU market of 500 million people

Excellent geostrategic location

Cost competitive labor force

Modern infrastructure



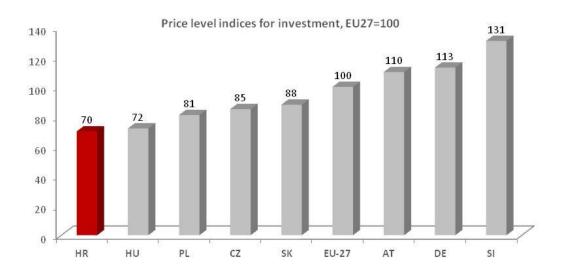




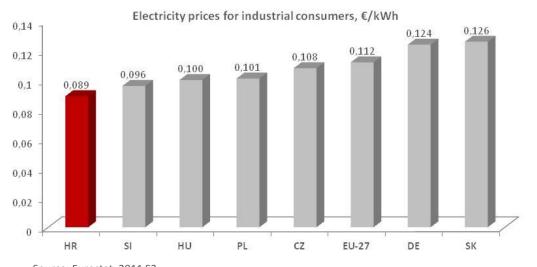
COMPETITIVE COSTS

INVESTMENTS AND UTILITIES





Favorable initial investment costs



Electricity prices for industrial users the lowest among competitors

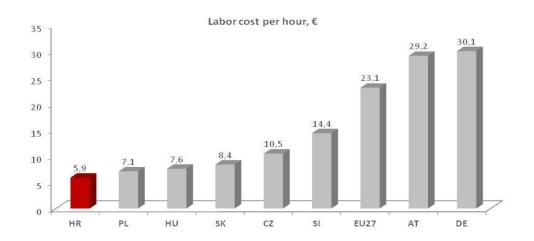
Source: Eurostat, 2011 S2

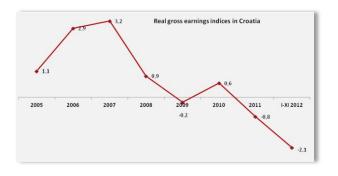


LABOR COSTS

LABOR COSTS PER HOUR







Source: CBS, 2011

Source: Eurostat, 2011

Industry	Average labor cost aper hour, €	Average monthly gross wage, €
Manufacturing industry Pharmaceutical	5.9	905
industry	9.2	1,800
ICT	6.4/8.5	1,425
Tourism	5.1	866

Cost competitive workforce



INVESTMENT LOCATIONS

THREE POTENTIAL INVESTMENT LOCATIONS FOR IRISH COMPANIES



Pharmaceuticals and other Manufacturing Industry



Other Investment Projects







Potential Investment Locations

Industrial Park Nova Gradiška



Business Zone Prelog North



Business Zone Podi





WHY INVEST IN ICT SECTOR



KEY FIGURES

ICT market value (2012)

€ 820 million

Number of employees

29,648

Average gross salary (2011)

€ 1,425

Share of ICT in GDP

4.2%

Operating gross profit rate

24.6% / 20.9%

CROATI

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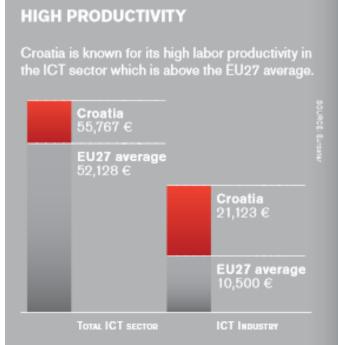




AVERAGE PERSONNEL COSTS (€ 1000/PERSON)











WHY INVEST IN TOURISM



KEY FIGURES

ourism annual turnover (2012)

€ 6.8 billion

Registered companies

18,324

Number of employees

91,452

Average gross salary (2011)

866 €

Percentage of GDF

14.4 %

Greenfield Projects

- Project Pineta
- Project Kupari



State Owned Companies

- Imperial Plc.
- → Hoteli Makarska Plc.
- Hoteli Maestral Plc.





THANK YOU!



We are standing at your disposal for any additional questions:



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