

Zenica–Doboj Canton

USES ITS NATURAL RESOURCES IN A BALANCED WAY...

ENSURES STABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT...

DEVELOPS ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT...

HAS AN ENERGY-INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE...

REGION OF DISTINCT BUSINESSES...

SHAPES AN INTERNATIONALLY COMPETITIVE ECONOMY...

HARMONISED WITH THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT...



Facts

Central part of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Regional Centre: Zenica

Total land area: 3,343 km² (6.5% of BiH)

Population: 401,590 (10.5% of BH)

The highest mountain peak: Karasonovina 1,472 m

12 municipalities: Breza, Doboj Jug, Kakanj, Maglaj, Olovo, Tešanj, Usora, Vareš, Visoko, Zavidovići, Zenica and Žepče



Natural Resources

Water

- 🏰 Catchment area of the river Bosnia with inflows of dozens of other streams
- 🏰 Significant energetic, touristic, sports and ecological resources
- 🏰 Springs of hot water rich in healing ingredients

Agricultural land

- 🏰 Total agricultural area 110,535 ha (33% of total area)
- 🏰 Arable land covers 89,701 ha or 81%

Forests

- 🏰 One of the most important natural resources – 210,749 ha or 63% of the total area
- 🏰 79% are top forests, and 16% are coppices of broad-leaf and conifers
- 🏰 Wood mass 33,998,000 m³



Resources and energy potential

Ores and minerals

- 🏰 Brown coal reserves amount \approx a billion tons
- 🏰 Other raw materials of strategic importance – lime, diabase, lead

Hydropotential

- 🏰 Potential for construction of 23 hydroelectric power plants with about 442 MW of installed power
- 🏰 Planned construction of HPP Kruševo (9.75), HPP Zeleni vir (2.13 MW) and HPP Vranduk (19.56 MW)

Geothermal resources

- 🏰 Large geothermal resources for heat and electricity production
- 🏰 Large number of active medicinal hot springs (Olovo, Breza, Kakanj...)



Transportation infrastructure

Road infrastructure

- 🇧🇦 Direction north – south, international intermodal transport corridor “Vc”
- 🇧🇦 Direction northwest - southeast corridor "Xe" that binds to the corridor "Vc"
- 🇧🇦 Density of road network is 51.8 km / 100 km², which is above the average of BiH

Railway infrastructure

- 🇧🇦 Railway road south-north in length of 124.50 km

Geo-strategic position

- 🇧🇦 Airport Sarajevo - the distance from Zenica 70 km
- 🇧🇦 Port of Ploče (Croatia) the distance from Zenica 255 km
- 🇧🇦 Beograd (Serbia) 328 km
- 🇧🇦 Zagreb (Croatia) 346 km



Economy

Economic structure

- 5.500 companies with 70,000 employees (17.5% in the Federation of BiH)
- The share of the processing industry is 45.41%, supply of electric energy, gas and water 34.77% and share of the mining is 19.82%

Import and export

- The coverage of imports by exports in 2009 was 85%, and in 2010 was 93%
- In 2010 exports increased by 29.45% compared to the year 2009
- 25% of total exports of the FBiH accounted for Zenica-Doboje canton
- It is mostly exported to Germany, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia, while the largest import came from Croatia, then Germany, USA and Italy
- The largest exporters: Arcelor Mittal, Natron Hayat, Prevent BH, Mann+Hummel BA, HeidelbergCement



Economy

Mining and energy

- 🇧🇦 Significant reserves of mineral resources that provide energy (coal) and construction materials (non-metallic mineral resources)
- 🇧🇦 Total realised production of coal in the year 2010 was 1,801,273 t
- 🇧🇦 Potential reserves around a billion tons
- 🇧🇦 Electric energy generation in 2011 was 2,158,540,000 kw/h

Metal and metal processing industries

- 🇧🇦 The tradition of steel production in Zenica and Vareš for more than 110 years
- 🇧🇦 Foundries - Visoko, "Novi život" Zenica, Tešanj (Jelah) and Maglaj
- 🇧🇦 Metallurgical Institute "Kemal Kapetanović" in Zenica
- 🇧🇦 Wide range of finished products: aggregates, tools and reproduction materials, heating furnaces, gears, screws, electrical equipment, metal furniture, steel constructions, parts for cars, tractors and accessories



Economy

Forestry and Wood Industry

- Based on the own natural resource and in a great extent export-oriented
- Primary and secondary wood processing
- World awards for furniture design (Köln, Germany)
- Technology centre for wood industry „Arteco“

Agriculture and Food Industry

- Climate and traditional characteristics provide favorable natural conditions for the production of fruits, vegetables, meat, milk and dairy products
- Cattle production is most developed, and continental fruits, vegetables and arable crops are successfully cultivated in an open space and greenhouses
- Developed processing industry



Economy

Textile and leather industry

- Yarn and fabrics are produced, as well as made-up textile products (knitting underwear, socks, textile clothes), leather garments, footwear and accessories
- In the total production of the processing industry, textile and leather industry accounts for 5,16% and employs over 6,600 employees
- “Prevent” from Visoko is on the list of top 25 exporters in BH – leather and textile upholstery for:



- “Napredak” Tešanj production program of men and women fashion confection for famous fashion labels:



Construction industry

- Number of companies in the construction sector and companies dealing with the production of building materials continues to increase (currently 5,000 employees)
- Building material industry produces: bricks, roof tiles, cement, lime, concrete accessories, construction carpentry, gravel mortar, concrete, sand, etc.



Bussiness Infrastructure

Industrial-business zones

- Free construction land in 7 bussiness zones along Vc Corridor (Zenica, Tešanj, Kakanj, Zavidovići, Žepče, Doboj-Jug, Usora)
- Free Zone in Visoko

5 reasons to invest in Zenica-Doboj Canton

- Geo strategic location
- Abundant natural resources
- Qualified, experienced and affordable workforce
- Very long industrial and corporate tradition
- Quality of life



Benefits for Investment

- 🇧🇦 The Foreign Investors Supports Fund
- 🇧🇦 Investment capital is exempt from paying import customs and customs duties
- 🇧🇦 Foreign investors may own real estate in BH
- 🇧🇦 The users of free zone do not pay VAT and import customs for manufacturing equipment
- 🇧🇦 Taxpayer has achieved 30% of their total revenue by export to be exempted from the tax payment for that year
- 🇧🇦 Taxpayer who in the period of five consequent years invests into production in the value of minimum 10 million EUR, on the territory of the FBiH is being exempted from the payment of corporate income tax for the period of five years
- 🇧🇦 Taxpayer who employs more than 50% of disabled persons longer than one year is being exempted from the payment of corporate income tax for that year
- 🇧🇦 European Union Investment Guarantee Trust Fund for Bosnia and Herzegovina, administered by the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA, member of the World Bank Group)

Foreign Investor Support

- 🇧🇦 www.zdk.ba
- 🇧🇦 www.bsczdk.ba
- 🇧🇦 www.rez.ba
- 🇧🇦 www.rez.ba/bestinvest



Tourism

- Plenty of attractive and interesting natural tourism resources
- Leisure and recreation in the hilly and mountainous tourist destinations
- Hunting, fishing and water sports
- Relaxation, recreation and therapy treatment in the thermal spas
- Cultural and historical heritage and religious tourism
- Manifestation of culture and art, sports and other traditional manifestations
- Nature park “Tajan”, located between the municipalities of Zavidovići, Kakanj i Vareš, at 1,297 m altitude.
- 37 categorised guest facilities with a basic capacity of over 1,500 beds
- Rich traditional cuisine



Zenica

- Capital and administrative center of Zenica-Doboј Canton
- Industrial and economic centre with approximately 130,000 inhabitants
- More than 130 years of tradition in metallurgical and metal processing industry
- Dominant sectors: metallurgy, metal processing, services, trade
- City with biggest foreign investment in B&H (Arcelor Mittal Steel Company) and fastest development of entrepreneurial spirit and environment in last 20 years
- "Arcelor Mittal" company Zenica in the year 2010 achieved revenue of EUR 524,377,000 - increased by 43.5% compared to 2009
- University of Zenica with 8 faculties and about 1500 students
- Metallurgical Institute "Kemal Kapetanović"
- General BH fair "ZEPS" since 1994
- Today B&H biggest building site – Cogeneration plant, Regional water supply line, Main city road, highway Vc, business zone, Technology park...










Tešanj

- Tešanj ranks as the municipality that has best developed entrepreneurship with most registered businesses
- Developed industrial culture and a long tradition in manufacturing of automotive parts for some of the world's leading manufacturers (VW, BMW, MANN-HUMMEL..)
- Textile and leather industry produce for decades for worlds brands s.Oliver, Otto Kern, Steinbock, Pierre Carrdin...,
- High quality producers of designed furniture
- Mineral water springs and bottling of "the best mineral water in the world", as confirmed by the International Fair of mineral water (Barkeley Springs, USA)
- Rich with ancient cultural - historical monuments such as ancient fort, Ferhadija mosque, built in 1,564 year
- Clock tower is one of four in Bosnia, which still work, and was built in the 17th century and 18,5 meters high



Kakanj

-  Energy heart of the Canton with rich deposits of high-quality brown coal and the largest power plant in Bosnia and Herzegovina
-  Kakanj Coal mine is over a hundred years old company with an annual production of more than 1 million tons
-  Kakanj cement factory, a member of Heidelberg Cement group produced and sold approximately 500,000 t of cement in 2011
-  Tradition in metal processing industry (hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, equipment and construction)
-  Kraljeva Sutjeska, place of residence of the Bosnian kings and medieval old town Bobovac
-  Franciscan monastery with a museum where the data on Bosnian statehood in the middle ages are kept
-  Tourist-recreation potential in sources of thermal water of 57°C temperature



Maglaj

- ❏ Center of paper and cellulosis industry in BiH, production of milk and dairy products, metal industry, construction industry, textile industry...
- ❏ Natron-Hayat company is one of the biggest investments in B&H, member of the Turkish Hayat Group, today is a leading producer of cardboard and packaging paper in the Balkans
- ❏ Underutilized agricultural capacities, the investment in agricultural production might encourage the development
- ❏ Valuable cultural-historical sites, such as Jusuf-pasha's mosque, so called "Kuršumlija" mosque, built in 16th century and covered with lead (lead=kuršum)
- ❏ Maglaj fortress "Gradina" from 14th century and more then 60 others important sites
- ❏ An old legend says that the fog used to be so dense, that those who only came into Maglaj thought it was cotton and jumped from the fortress walls









Visoko

- Traditionally a town of good entrepreneurs, craftsmen and traders,
- Known for high quality production of leather, textile and textile items
- “Prevent” company manufactures genuine leather and textile seat covers for all major manufacturers in the car industry in Europe, including Renault, GM, VW, Peugeot, Volvo, Ford, Audi, Porsche, Citroen, Daimler, Seat and BMW
- The factory is located in the free zone in Visoko and currently employs over 1,500 workers
- Visoko used to be a centre of medieval Bosnia - a crowning place of the Bosnian kings
- Site of new archeological research and hypothesis that there are five pyramids in Visoko, which are assumed to be the work of the advanced civilization. In 2011 the archaeological sites of the pyramids attracted over 300,000 tourists
- Since June, 2004, Visoko can be proud to have the largest coffee pot in the world (height 124 cm and diameter 95 cm), which is confirmed by Guinness World Records certificate



Žepče

-  Industrial and business zones create the conditions for establishing new businesses and strengthening the competitiveness of existing ones
-  Entrepreneurial environment with many small and medium family businesses in wood and metal processing
-  The area is ecologically clean and suitable for healthy food production and development of tourism - hunting, fishing, sports and recreational, rural and religious tourism
-  In the immediate vicinity of the town and in the town itself there is 14 sources of mineral water
-  All branches of agricultural production in Žepče, livestock farming and greenhouse production are increasing
-  The area is rich in hunting game: deer, fox, boar, wild goose, pheasant. Around Žepče there are 16 hunting lodges



Zavidovići

- The synonym for wood processing industry in B&H, established in Austro-Hungarian period
- Located at the foot of the mountains and hills that are heavily forested, and leaned on the three rivers Bosna, Krivaja and Gostović
- Growing and exploitation of forests, use of hydro energy, production of ecologically clean healthy food, collecting medicinal herbs and forest fruits, production of construction material
- Krivaja - TMK company is B&H leading company in production and export of prefabricated houses for all purposes and other solid wood products
- Natural park Tajan is ideal ground for the development of eco and adventure tourism, trekking, climbing, caving speleology, mountain biking, excursions, camping along the river, rafting, hunting and fishing
- Rafting enthusiasts traditionally gather each season (last weekend in May) on the river Krivaja, enjoying its rapids and challenges of genuine fight with her strength



Olovo

- 🏰 In written documents Olovo (Bosnian - lead) was first mentioned in 1382 under the name Plumbum (Latin-lead) and since then known as area with thermal springs used as spa
- 🏰 The 70% territory is under forests and forest land
- 🏰 Natural resources, sources of thermal water and acrothermal wells, water and timber, are prerequisites for the development of health, winter, mountain, hunting and fishing tourism
- 🏰 Surface flows, exceptionally good fishing areas which fall into the first category of the sports – tourist fishing grounds
- 🏰 Alma Ras is leading company for underware in B&H
- 🏰 Famous gorge called Čude (7 km far from Olovo)
- 🏰 Bijambare cave, 17 km far from Olovo, second largest speleological object in BH



Usora

- ❑ Natural resources represented by arable land, particularly suitable for vegetables, fruits and livestock production, the river Usora with hydro and fishing and tourism potentials, and deciduous and pine forests
- ❑ Favourable location and good transport links
- ❑ “Ćosićpromex” company is the largest BH shipbuilder whose activity also includes metal processing, construction and trade, employs about 1,000 people
- ❑ Religious tourism is cherished here. Church of St. Anthony of Padua, although built in the early twentieth century, has a very important place in the Catholic world. Every year on 13th June pilgrims come from the surrounding areas to this church



Breza

- ✿ Mine Breza, existing for 105 years now
- ✿ Coal reserves for the next hundred years of exploitation; geological study indicates 32 million tons of coal reserves
- ✿ Thermomineral water source its temperature in the source is about 20 °C, and mineralisation 1.5 gr/litre).
- ✿ Numerous archeological remains lead by the monumental ancient Roman basilica from the sixth century
- ✿ One of the oldest mosques in Bosnia and Herzegovina, mosques in Podgora, a number of tombs
- ✿ According to the words of an English travel writer from 1875, "nailed to Breza is the most beautiful gorge in the world", arguing that he "never saw anything to surpass it"










Vareš

- Placed at 829 m altitude, surrounded by the mountains
- One of the most densely wooded municipalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Vast mineral wealth, where iron ore was dug and iron melted way back in ancient times
- The beauty of this place gives it unimagined possibilities for the development of summer and winter tourism, excursions, hunting, religious, health, and particularly rural tourism
- Royal place of Bobovac, built early in 14th century, in 14th and 15th century was the royal capital of the Bosnian state, a place where Bosnian crown was kept
- In Očevija forging mines, in the heart of the mountain Zvijezda, iron has been forged by water power in the same fashion for 800 years now. This way of iron forging has survived only in Schwarzwald mountains in Germany.



Doboj Jug

-  One of the newest and smallest municipalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina
-  Favourable location and good transport links
-  Has a rather new industry, all companies were formed in recent times (the last 10 years)
-  Small privately-owned companies engaged in food production, building materials, wood and metal processing (carpentry and plumbing workshop)
-  Several large industrial objects: metal, textiles and the production of asphalt, glass and processing of precious metals: silver and gold
-  Beekeeping, fruit and vegetables growing , seep and cattle breeding and floriculture are in a developing phase
-  Rich in pheasants, rabbits and foxes, suitable for hunting

