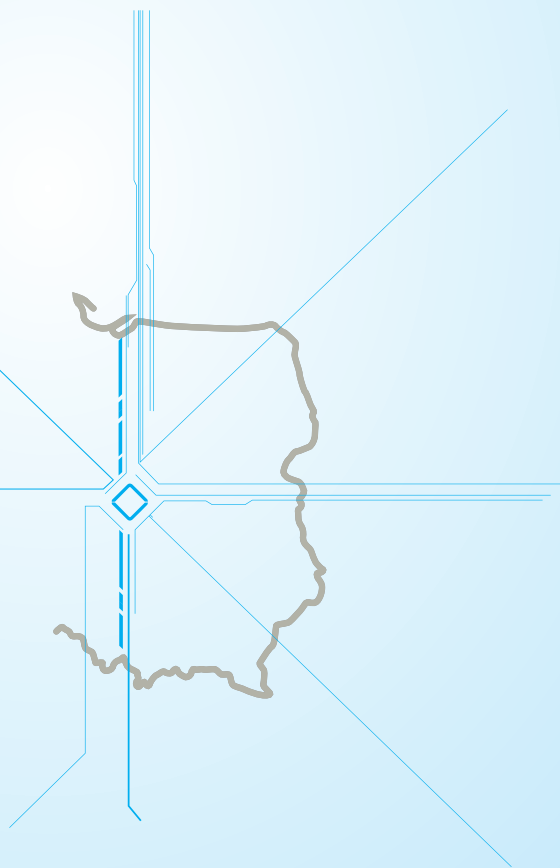




LODZKIE REGION

THE REGION FRIENDLY
FOR INVESTORS

LODZKIE HAS
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LODZKIE REGION – DISTRICTS





Lodz

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to present to you one of the most dynamically developing regions in the country – the Lodzkie Region. It is here that EU subsidies are spent the fastest, one of the biggest growth in GDP in the recent years has been recorded, and it is here that transport has been developing the most dynamically.

Lodzkie Region is not only a region which you can reach in the shortest time from every corner of the country, but also from which you can export manufactured goods the fastest.

Excellent road communication is ensured owing to two major Polish east-west and north-south highways which intersect here. We have a very well-developed railway network with country's biggest reloading centres, which allowed us to launch the first cargo railway connection in the EU with China. However, China is not the only economic power which wants to access Europe through our region. In 2013, we held the first Poland-Africa congress, aimed at opening a platform for cooperation of African counties with Europe, Poland and the Lodzkie Region.

Where does this dynamic and innovative approach to the economy come from? In the Lodzkie Region, there are many young people full of ideas. About 100 thousand students are currently attending various higher education facilities in our region. Over 98 percent of all local companies are micro- and small enterprises. It is



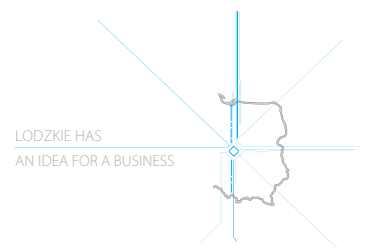
no coincidence that small business does so well here. The region supports entrepreneurs in their regular struggles. We have generated the best results in Poland in terms of management of grants under the Jeremie fund which offers EU subsidies as loans and guarantees for small companies. The region has been consistently investing in the Science and Technology Park, the Bio-Nano Park and a novelty – the Art Incubator, which help future entrepreneurs, artists, third-sector organizations and innovators enter the market.

Furthermore, we also support large entrepreneurs. For them, we decided to establish the Special Economic Zone in Lodz which is considered to be the best one in Poland.

Our region knows where it is heading. We follow the current Regional Development Strategy, we have developed the Innovation Strategy until 2030 and created the Brand Promotion Strategy. Lodzkie Region is a platform for creative, bold and go-ahead people. It is a region which places emphasis on design thinking – here, we test in practice everything that is innovative in any sphere of life

Marshal of the Lodzkie Region

Witold Stępień
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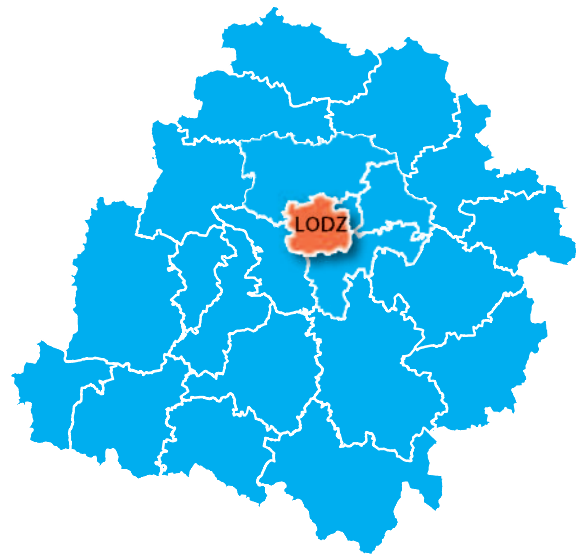


Lodz

LODZKIE REGION REGION PROFILE



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Marshal of the Lodzkie Region: Witold Stępień

Area: 18.219 km²

Population: 2.5 million people

Population density: 138 people/km²

Economically active: 1.5 million people

Unemployment rate: 11.8% (2014 r.)

Capital of the Region: Lodz

Number of districts: 24

Number of cities with district rights: 3 (Lodz, Piotrków Trybunalski and Skierniewice)

Number of communes: 177

Gross Regional Product (2013): approx. PLN 99.8 billion

Number of companies (2014): 240.000

Average gross remuneration (2014): PLN 3,696

Budget of the Region

Projected Income (2014): PLN 931,820,356

Projected Expenditures (2014): PLN 892,945,413

Exports (2013): approx. EUR 3.8 billion

Imports (2013): approx. EUR 6 billion

Natural resources: brown coal, kaolin clays, gypsum, limestone, marl, gravel, loams, thermal waters, quartz and foundry sands, travertine



Lodz

Number of students: approx. 100,000

Number of higher education institutions: 27, including 21 private ones

Selected higher education institutions:

- Lodz University of Technology
- University of Lodz
- Medical University of Lodz
- National Film, Television and Theatre School in Lodz
- Strzemiński Academy of Fine Arts in Lodz
- Academy of Music in Lodz

Major towns in the region: Bełchatów, Kutno, Pabianice, Piotrków Trybunalski, Radomsko, Sieradz, Skierniewice, Tomaszów Mazowiecki, Wieluń, Zduńska Wola and Zgierz

Special Economic Zone: Lodz Special Economic Zone (1,302 ha) and its subzones in the municipalities of Aleksandrów Łódzki, Brójce, Kleszczów, Koluszki, Ksawerów, Opoczno, Paradyż, Sławno, Stryków, Tomaszów Mazowiecki, Ujazd, Widawa, Wieluń, Wola Krzysztoporska, Wolbórz, Wróblew, Żychlin, and in the towns of Bełchatów, Konstantynów Łódzki, Kutno, Łęczycza, Łowicz, Łódź, Ozorków, Piotrków Trybunalski, Radomsko, Rawa Mazowiecka, Sieradz, Skierniewice, Tomaszów Mazowiecki, Zduńska Wola and Zgierz

Industrial and Technological Parks:

- The Bełchatów and Kleszczów Industrial and Technological Park
- the Kutno Agricultural and Industrial Park
- the Lodz Regional Scientific and Technological Park
- the Boruta-Zgierz Industrial Park

International airport: Władysław Reymont Airport in Lodz

Selected foreign investors: ABB, AIG Lincoln, Amcor, BSH Bosch und Siemens Hausgeräte, BSN Gervais Danone, Coco Kunststoffwerk, Corning Cable System, DELL, Business Support Solutions, Citi Handlowy, ECE Projektmanagement, Euroglas, Fuji Seal Group, Fujitsu, Foxconn, GE Power Controls, Gillette Poland International Ltd., Hutchinson, IKEA, Icopal, Indesit, LG Group, Mercedes, Merloni Elektrodomestic, Metro AG, Nibco, Nordea, Saint-Gobain, Philips, Procter & Gamble, South-Western BPO, Steijn Design, Süd Wolle, Tate & Lyle, Toyota Boshoku, Veka



Investors' countries of origin: Austria, Belgium, China, Denmark, France, Ireland, Japan, Germany, Portugal, USA, Switzerland, UK, Sweden

Regional partnerships with other countries: Austria (Styria), Belarus (Vitebsk Oblast), the Czech Republic (South Moravia), France (Nord), Spain (Murcia region), Russia (Leningrad Oblast), Sweden (Örebro region), Ukraine (Chernivtsi, Odessa, Vinnytsia and Volyn Oblast), Hungary (Csongrad region), UK (West Midlands) and Italy (Piedmont)

Region's representative offices: Belgium (Brussels), China (Chengdu)

Industries with the greatest potential for further economic growth:

- 1) modern textiles and fashion (including design);
- 2) building;
- 3) medicine, pharmacy, cosmetics;
- 4) power industry, including renewable energy sources;
- 5) innovative agriculture and food processing;
- 6) information technology and telecommunications.

The Lodzkie Region is characterised by a high rate of urbanisation (almost 65% of the population lives in 42 cities and towns of the region).

The Lodz Metropolitan Area is the main economic centre of the region and comprises the districts of Brzeziny, Lask, Lodz Wschodnia, Pabianice, Zdunska Wola and Zgierz, and the city of Lodz.





Lodz

CAPITAL OF THE REGION

Today's Lodz is a major academic centre and a rapidly developing economic centre, the place of development of new technologies, the seat of modern financial institutions, as well as the regional centre of culture and art.

The city has good transport connections, several railway stations and one of the largest container station in Central Europe, Lodz Olechów, which supports, among others, the connection between Lodz and Chengdu in western China, Sichuan Province, and the container station in Kutno supporting Eastern Europe.

The Władysław Reymont Airport, situated only 6 km away from the city centre, supports medium-sized aircraft, offering passenger and cargo flights both in domestic and international air traffic

(www.lotnisko.lodz.pl).

Lodz offers relatively low real estate prices compared to such metropolitan areas as Warsaw, Cracow, Wrocław, Poznań or Gdańsk, as well as employment costs lower by approx. 20 per cent. This fact was noticed by big international corporations (ABB, Bosch, Dell, GE, Gillette, IKEA, Philips and Siemens) and companies which decided to establish their production facilities, commercial and service centres and logistics centres within the city and its surroundings. A large number of the latter is located in the vicinity of

Stryków (20 km from Lodz) where the North–South and East–West trans-European road transport corridors, designated as A1 and A2, intersect. Other large logistics centres are located in Tomaszów Mazowiecki, Piotrków Trybunalski, Kutno and Zgierz. They belong to such large multinational companies as: Kaufland, Raben, IKEA, KERAKOLL, Graveleau, Casino, LEK, Prologis, Segro, Blackstone and Panattoni.

In 2014, the cumulative value of all foreign investments in the region exceeded EUR 3 billion, among others, owing to new additional investments of ABB, Clariant (Colex), Gillette, Indesit, Nordea Bank, Toyota Boshoku, Ericpol, Barry Callebaut Manufacturing Lodz, Pini Polonia and SuperDrob S.A.

Some foreign entrepreneurs (over 250) located their branches in the Lodz Special Economic Zone and its several subzones which are a powerful magnet for investors. The Zone, which has been granted ISO 9001:2008 Certificate, provides investors with attractive incentives in the form of Corporate Income Tax (CIT) relief which from mid-2014 ranges from 35% for large companies, 45% for medium-sized companies, to 55% for small companies. The Zone also helps entrepreneurs obtain grants from the state budget aimed at supporting certain types of investments (www.sse.lodz.pl).



Lodz



Belchatow

ROAD CONNECTIONS

The Lodzkie Region is located in a place where European historical and transit routes intersect.

Currently, there is a large junction of motorways at the very heart of the region (near Stryków), which makes it a highly favourable location for investments aimed at supplying the domestic market and foreign markets.

Two major transport corridors of the Trans-European Networks (TEN) run through the Lodzkie Region and form a part of the European concept of space integration. These are corridor II (Berlin – Warsaw – Moscow) and corridor VI (Scandinavia – the Balkans).

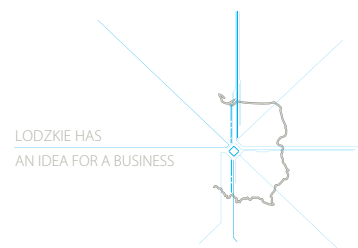
The region has a dense network of local, provincial, national and international roads such as:

- **A1 motorway / national road no. 1 (E75)**
North – South (Gdańsk – Katowice);
- **aA2 motorway / national road no. 2 (E30)**
East – West (Berlin – Poznań – Warsaw – Moscow);

- **S8 expressway / national road no. 14 (E67)**
South West – North East (Wrocław – Warsaw);
- **S14 expressway** (western section of the ring road of Lodz, located within the radius of approx. 20-30 km from the city centre and composed of A1, A2, S14 and S8 motorways and expressways).

Distance to selected European cities:

- **Lodz - Berlin** - 473 km;
- **Lodz - Prague** - 485 km;
- **Lodz - Dresden** - 476 km;
- **Lodz - Munich** - 680 km;
- **Lodz - Vienna** - 626 km;
- **Lodz - Lviv** - 470 km;
- **Lodz - Moscow** - 1,200 km;
- **Lodz - Stockholm** - 941 km;
- **Lodz - Oslo** - 1,640 km.





Brzeziny

AIR CONNECTIONS

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Airport in Lodz

The Władysław Reymont Airport in Lodz (IATA code: LCJ) is an international airport located only 6 km from the city centre. It has operated continuously since

1925. By the end of 1950s, it was an important transport hub in Poland.

In 2013, the airport handled over 400,000 passengers. It has a modern passenger terminal, opened in June 2013. The airport covers an area of 24,000 m², and its annual capacity amounts to about 2 million passengers. It also handles freight air traffic, and in 2013 it handled almost 3 thousand tonnes of freight.

The airport offers regular flights to Dublin, East Midlands, London Stansted, Oslo, Munich and Amsterdam. In addition, it handles holiday charter flights to Bulgaria, Egypt, Greece, Tunisia and Turkey.

The Władysław Reymont Airport in Lodz also supports private charter flights enjoying increasing popularity among foreign investors and businessmen. Flights of this type are used by stars of the music industry who come to Lodz for concerts at the Atlas Arena sports and event hall.

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Airport in Lodz



Kutno

RAIL CONNECTIONS

Several major national railway routes run across the region, including:

- E20 Warsaw – Kutno – Poznań;
- the Central Railway Main Line connecting Warsaw with Silesia and Cracow;
- the Coal Trunk Line connecting Karsznice, Zduńska Wola, Inowrocław and Gdynia.

Lodz is an important railway junction, providing connections to Warsaw, Wrocław, Poznań and Lublin.

On the outskirts of the city, there is one of Poland's largest container freight stations, Lodz - Olechów. In 2013, a new railway container line was launched on the route Lodz – Olechów – Odessa (Ukraine) – Almaty (Kazakhstan) – Chengdu in the Sichuan Province (China). Containers cover this route in 2 weeks.

In turn, Koluszki (approx. 50 km from Lodz) is a railway junction which connects Lodz with Warsaw, Lublin, Katowice and Cracow.

The old Warsaw-Vienna and Kaliska railway lines are now of historical rather than practical significance.

Minor regional railway junctions include: Skierniewice, Łowicz, Tomaszów Mazowiecki, and Chorzew – Siemkowice.

It should also be noted that railway lines run through 70% of all district towns of the Lodzkie Region.

A strategic task for the region is to include Lodz in the network of lines with increased speed parameters, especially in the Warsaw – Lodz – Wrocław line. It will be facilitated, among others, by an intercity tunnel under the city and a new underground railway station Lodz Fabryczna.

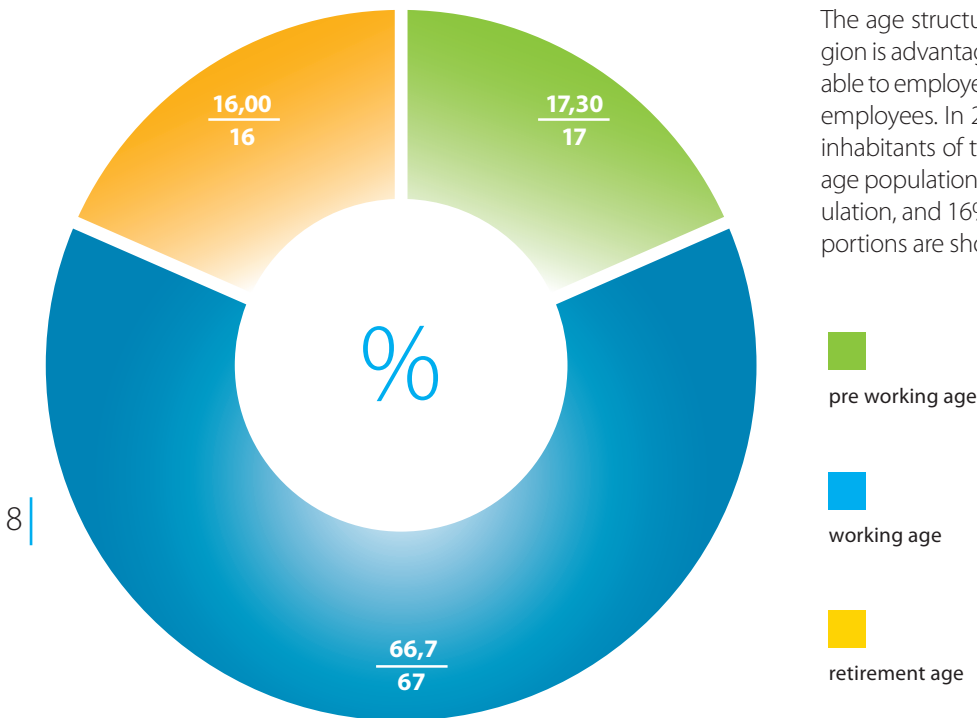


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HUMAN RESOURCES



The age structure of the population of the Lodzkie Region is advantageous in terms of human resources available to employers (investors) who plan on taking on new employees. In 2013, nearly 17.3% of approx. 2.5 million inhabitants of the region belonged to the pre-working age population, 64% constituted the working-age population, and 16% were in the retirement age. These proportions are shown on the chart below.

Age structure of the population of the Lodzkie Region in 2013 [%]

Source: Own work by M. Kudła based on the data of the Central Statistical Office in Warsaw.



The Lodzkie Region is also a large scientific and research base, and offers qualified academic staff.

Each year, the Lodz University of Technology has about 4,000 graduates of the Faculties of: Mechanical Engineering; Electrical, Electronic, Computer and Control Engineering; Chemistry; Biotechnology and Food Sciences; Civil Engineering, Architecture and Environmental Engineering; the Institute of Architecture and Urban Planning; the Faculty of Technical Physics, Information Technology and Applied Mathematics; and Material Technologies and Textile Design.

In turn, the University of Lodz supplies the labour market with approx. 6,000 graduates every year. They graduate from the Faculties of: Biology and Environmental Protection; Economics and Sociology; Philology; Philosophy and History; Physics and Chemistry; Mathematics and Computer Science; Geographical Sciences; Educational Sciences; Law and Administration; and Management.

ECONOMY

There are about 240,000 business entities in the Lodzkie Region, mainly small and medium-sized ones. These companies may be potential customers and partners (as suppliers of parts) for foreign entrepreneurs in the field of trade and investment cooperation.

Over 97% of them are private companies. The number of commercial companies with foreign capital amounts to approx. 1,800 entities. In turn, the share of public sector in the region is less than 3 per cent.

Small entrepreneurship dominates in all 24 districts of the Lodzkie Region. Many of these companies are subcontractors for parts and modules for large enterprises manufacturing household appliances, etc.

Almost one-third of all companies operating in the region deal with trade, about 13 per cent of them are industrial enterprises, and another 13 per cent do business as real estate service companies. These three groups account for over a half of companies registered in the region. The following sectors are represented, in the order in which they are listed: construction and transport, textiles, clothing and knitting, food, furniture, metal, tanning, pharmaceuticals (generic drugs, herbal medicines), and building ceramics (ceramic tiles).

The list of 500 largest enterprises in Poland published in 2014 includes 18 companies from Lodz and the Lodzkie Region which are listed below.

THE LARGEST ENTERPRISES IN LODZ AND THE LODZKIE REGION (BY REVENUES FROM SALES IN PLN THOUSAND) FROM THE "500 LIST." "RZECZPOSPOLITA" NEWSPAPER OF 23.04.2014. ALL FIGURES REFER TO 2013.

			REVENUE (PLN thousand)	EMPLOYEES (pers.)
1.	Pelion S.A. CG, Lodz	pharmaceuticals	7,301,991	6,870
2.	Rossmann SD Polska, sp. z o. o., Lodz	chain of drugstores	4,791,223	7,667
3.	Indesit Company Polska sp. z o. o., Lodz	household appliances manufacturing	3,443,262	3,187
4.	Okręgowa Spółdzielnia Mleczarska [Regional Dairy Cooperative], Łowicz	production of milk and milk products	1,609,003	1,245
5.	JTI Polska sp. z o. o., Gostków Stary	tobacco products manufacturing	1,352,770	867
6.	Uniq TU S.A., Lodz	financial and insurance activity	1,178,321	830
7.	Hurtap S.A., Łęczyca	wholesale and retail trade in pharmaceuticals	1,092,780	556
8.	Kofola S.A. CG, Kutno	production of soft drinks and mineral water	1,015,979	no data
9.	Mirbud S.A. CG, Skierniewice	construction industry	936,065	no data
10.	Rainbow Tours S.A. CG, Lodz	tourist services	775,606	350
11.	ZF Adamed Pharma SK CG, Ksawerów	production of pharmaceuticals and cosmetics	683,989	1,394
12.	Wielton S.A. CG, Wieluń	production of specialist semitrailers	588,184	1,204
13.	Barry Callebaut Manufacturing Polska sp. z o. o., Lodz	manufacture of chocolate products	516,167	88
14.	Sempertrans Belchatów sp. z o. o., Rogowiec	production of conveyor belts for the mining industry	499,954	344
15.	Redan S.A. CG, Łódź	manufacture of clothing	468,315	1,767
16.	Cementownia Warta S.A., Działoszyn	cement production	466,353	674
17.	Pamapol S.A. CG, Rusiec	production of ready meals, canned food and pâtés	457,939	no data
18.	SBS sp. z o. o., Łódź	wholesale and retail trade in sanitary heating and installation products	462,191	28

Abbreviations: CG – Capital Group



INVESTORS IN THE REGION

A large number of renowned global and European corporations have already invested their capital in the Lodzkie Region. The total of foreign direct investments made by about 2 thousand companies with foreign capital so far amounted to almost EUR 3 billion, thereby creating about 29 thousand jobs in newly established plants and service centres.

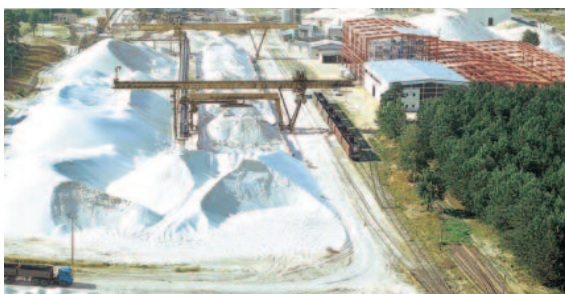
To date, investments have been made in the following sectors:

Financial, accounting and research services (BPO)

- Centrum Finansowo-Księgowe Infosys [Infosys Finance and Accounting Centre]
- Call Center mBanku i MultiBanku [mBank's and MultiBank's Call Centres]
- GE Power controls – accounting centre
- Unicredito Bank – software centre
- Centralwings – headquarters, office
- Accenture – IT centre
- CitiFinancial – financial centre
- BSH – R&D centre
- Transition Technologies – IT centre
- SAP – IT centre
- Hewlett-Packard Global Business Centre Lodz
- UPS – shared services centre

Household goods and appliances

- Merloni (brands: Indesit and Ariston)
- BSH Sprzęt Gospodarstwa Domowego Sp. z o.o.
- Coko-Werk – washing machine doors
- Wirthwein – plastic components
- Hirsh-Porzell – packaging



- HSV – packaging
- Cablex – bunched cables and wires
- Rettl – cables and control panels
- Cebal Tuba Sp. z o.o.
- Industrial Systems Sp. z o.o. (GE Power Controls)
- DSWI Sp. z o.o.
- E.G.O. Polska Sp. z o.o.
- KAMPMANN Polska Sp. z o.o.
- Mar-Mit s.c.
- Ciat Sp. z o.o.
- Mecalit Polska Sp. z o.o.
- Mesgo Polska Sp. z o.o.
- Asco Joucomatic Sp. z o.o.
- Sew Eurodrive Polska Sp. z o.o.
- TV AB Sp. z o.o.
- Teka Polska Sp. z o.o.

Logistics

- AIG Lincoln
- Rossmann
- Therab BV – Raben Holding
- Clement
- DHL Global Supply Chain
- DHL EXEL
- DHL EXPRESS
- LOGIS
- IKEA
- Masterlink
- Oninen
- Cassino
- Unilever
- Pelion S.A. (former Polska Grupa Farmaceutyczna)
- Diamond Business Park
- Ahold
- Poland Central – NOMI
- Gillette
- GEFCO
- Schenker
- Kaufland
- Diamond Business Park Lodz
- Diamond Business Park Strykow
- Logistic City
- Panattoni Park Lodz
- Parkridge Distribution Center
- Pro Logis Park
- Hatrans LOGISTICS Lodz



Opatoczno

SECTORS WITH CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL AND THEIR STRENGTHS

Innovative textile and fashion industry (textile, clothing and leather)

This traditional, historically shaped industry, focused on the production of high quality unique clothing, cotton, wool and synthetic fabrics, hosiery, towels, and velvet, has recently seized another opportunity to develop and match international competition, largely owing to the existing potential offered by:

- high-tech textile sector (Pro Humano Tex);
- qualified staff with large experience and professional expertise;
- strong scientific base formed by the following universities, institutes and research centres.

- > **Lodz University of Technology** – Faculty of Material Technologies and Textile Design (called the textile faculty), well-known in Europe for its scientific and educational achievements
- > **University of Lodz**
- > **Academy of Fine Arts**
- > **Textile Research Institute**
- > **Institute of Biopolymers and Chemical Fibres**
- > **MORATEX Institute of Security Technologies**
- > **Centre for Textile Machine Research and Development at the Institute of Machine Design and Operation**
- > **Department of Personal Protective Equipment in Lodz**
- > **Institute of Dyes and Organic Products in Zgierz**
- > **Leather Industry Institute**
- > **Cluster for Advanced Technologies in the Textile and Clothing Industry** which is the seat of the Polish Technological Platform for Textile Industry.

Major clothing and textile companies in the region:

1. CORIN
2. Kris Line
3. HEXELINE
4. PAWO
5. KASTOR
6. REDAN

7. MODESTA
8. KAN - owner of the TATUUM brand
9. TELIMENA S.A.
10. ADRIAN
11. GRUPA FERAX: Gatta, Zenit, Wola (Zduńska Wola)
12. ALLES Alicja Wojciechowska
13. Róża
14. MONNARI
15. ZWOLTEX WŁÓKNINA Fabryka Wyrobów Frotowych i Kocowych [Towels and Blankets Production Plant]



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- 16. ZTK Teofilów
- 17. POLCONFEX
- 18. MAGAM Sp. z o. o.
- 19. LENORA
- 20. WELTOM
- 21. OPTEX S.A.
- 22. COATS POLSKA Sp. z o. o.
- 23. WI-MA S.A.
- 24. ARELAN Sp. z o. o.
- 25. DYWILAN S.A.
- 26. FARBOLOUX Biliński Zakład Włókienniczy [Textile Plant]
- 27. DRAGO Sp. z o. o.
- 28. Fako S.A.
- 29. WEBERTEX Sp. z o.o.
- 30. OLIMPIA S.A.
- 31. Z.P.J. ORTAL S.A.
- 32. MISTRAL - ELAST
- 33. ELMATEX
- 34. Z.P.P. Lenora Sp. z o.o.
- 35. P.P.U. LENTA Pasmateria Sp. z o.o.
- 36. Alexia (former VERA Sp. z o.o.)
- 37. P.U.H Chemikolor S.A.

A major event for the entire industry is the FashionPhilosophy Fashion Week, Poland - great fashion week in Lodz with the participation of leading Polish designers. This is the biggest fashion event for designers in Poland. It takes place every year in October and is the only event in the country which lasts the whole week long.

Power industry and RES

Currently, the power industry of the region is mainly concentrated in the Piotrków-Bełchatów Industrial District which includes, among others, the Bełchatów Lignite Mine and Bełchatów Power Plant providing annually approx. 20 per cent of electricity produced in the country.

Progressing environmental protection will force steady increase in the share of renewable energy sources in the energy balance of our country and the region. The following advantages may be of practical importance in decisions regarding greater investments and the use of "clean energy sources":

- excellent location in the centre of Poland, facilitating easy connection with any region in the country;
- unique natural conditions, especially beneficial for the development of renewable energy sources;
- location providing favourable conditions for the development of wind energy;
- agricultural profile of the region ensuring the availability of land for construction of wind farms;
- geothermal deposits estimated at 10,837 million tonnes of coal equivalent (1/3 of Poland's resources);
- large capacities of plant biomass production (straw, energy crops);
- undeveloped agricultural land which can be used for potential energy crops;
- significant opportunities for the production and use of agricultural biogas for energy purposes, as well as the production of biogas from fermentation residues.





Innovative agriculture and food processing

Agriculture plays a significant role in the economy of the Lodzkie Region. Its share in the creation of gross domestic product amounts to approx. 10%, and agricultural land accounts for more than 48% of the region's area. The main crops include: wheat, rye, rape, agrimonia, sugar beets and potatoes.

Black earth occurring in the northern districts of Kutno, Łowicz and Łęczyca allows horticulture and market gardening to develop. This, in turn, constitutes the basis for growth in food processing, canned vegetables and meat production, as well as the production of concentrates, juices and beverages. This type of processing is also thriving in the Skierniewice district, where it is effectively supported by the famous Research Institute of Horticulture in Skierniewice, founded by Professor Szczepan A. Pieniążek (www.inhort.pl).

The communes of Kielczygłów, Siemkowice, Osjaków and Rusiec are the real leaders of horseradish cultivation in Poland, and provide about 70% of the national production of this vegetable.

In the Lodzkie Region, there is a number of agriculture producers' groups which offer high-quality organic food without artificial preservatives or food colouring, such as: Grupa Producentów Owoców RAJPOL [RAJPOL Fruit Producers Organization], Zrzeszenie Plantatorów Owoców i Warzyw w Łowiczu [Association of Fruit and Vegetable Growers in Łowicz], "MALUS" Sp. z o. o., Kwiaty Polskie Grupa Producentów Sp. z o. o., Zrzeszenie Plantatorów Owoców i Warzyw w Łowiczu [Association of Fruit and Vegetable Growers in Łowicz], Elit, Sadex, Aplet, and Aura.

Major agriculture and food processing companies in the region

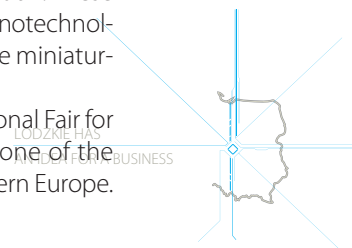
1. Zakład Produkcji Spożywczej Krzetzle [Krzetzle Food Production Plant] from Osjakow
2. KAD – POL Marek Stępień
3. Transarr Sp. z o. o.
4. ALMAR – Zakład Przetwórstwa Owoców i Warzyw [Fruit and Vegetable Production Plant]
5. FH Ceres Sp. z o.o.
6. Firma Braci Urbanek J.A.W. Urbanek Sp. J. [Urbanek Brothers Company]
7. Fructos – Kijanka Klimczak i Kijanka Sp. j.
8. Fruitpol Gospodarstwo Rolno-Ogrodnicze [Agricultural and Horticultural Farm]
9. Łódzki Rynek Hurtowy Zjazdowa S.A.

10. Fructodor Sp. z o. o.
11. PPHU Rolfoods Głowno
12. Ptasieńscy Glinik Susze Warzywne
13. Spółdzielnia Ogrodniczo-Pszczelarska [Gardening and Agriculture Cooperative] in Kutno
14. PPHU E. Kapusta Bedlno
15. Spółdzielnia Ogrodniczo-Pszczelarska [Gardening and Agriculture Cooperative] "Pszczółka" in Kutno
16. Ybbstaler Fruit Polska Sp. z o.o. w Białej Rawskiej
17. ZPS Romir Mirosław Kwaśniewski
18. Mar-pol s.c. Piotr Marczak and Tadeusz Marczak, Biała Rawska
19. PPHU Marines Cielądz
20. PPHU Kazimierz Wasilewski Cielądz
21. Pomiar s.c. Mim Kowalscy Marzęćice
22. Medal Palatyński Działoszyn
23. Simpol Zakład Przetwórstwa Owoców i Warzyw [Fruit and Vegetable Processing Plant], Zdunek, Siemkowice
24. ZPHU Moryń s. j. Siemkowice
25. Victus Zakład Przetwórstwa Owoców i Warzyw [Fruit and Vegetable Production Plant], Działoszyn
26. WaldiBen Zakład Przetwórstwa Owoców i Warzyw [Fruit and Vegetable Production Plant], Działoszyn
27. Klimex Firma Produkcyjno Handlowa [Trading and Production Company], Siemkowice
28. RADOSZ Sp. J. Nowak, Pawlicy Siemkowice
29. Fruka Napoje Sp. z o. o.
30. Agros Nova in Łowicz ("Fortuna" and "Łowicz" brands)
31. Hortex Holding S.A. w Skierniewicach
32. Raz na Wozie z Buczka
33. Wiatrowy Sad z Dmosina
34. Regional Dairy Cooperative in Łowicz
35. Regional Dairy Cooperative Wart-Milk in Sieradz
36. Regional Dairy Cooperative in Radomsko

Medicine, pharmacy, cosmetics

These sectors are increasingly using modern technologies, such as biotechnology. Owing to this discipline, living organisms are involved in the creation of new products or technological processes. Biotechnology is one of the most dynamically developing disciplines of technical sciences in the region, successfully applied in medicine, pharmacy and cosmetics production. These sectors are also increasingly making use of nanotechnology which, among other things, enables the miniaturisation of some medical devices.

It is Lodz that hosts the Bio-Forum International Fair for Biotechnology and Biobusiness, which is one of the largest event of this kind in Central and Eastern Europe.





Piotrków Trybunalski

The largest enterprise in the Lodzkie Region, Pelion S.A., operates in the medical and pharmaceutical industry. Pharmaceutical products of Polfa Kutno, Polfa Pabianice and Polfa Łódź are highly valued both in Poland and abroad.

In turn, Medana Pharma S.A. from Sieradz is a recognised manufacturer of pharmaceuticals and medical cosmetics of the highest quality.

Additionally, the region has great scientific and research potential, especially in the field of biology, medicine and chemistry, as well as a large medical and academic base (Medical University of Lodz, Polish Mother's Memorial Hospital-Research Institute, Institute of Occupational Medicine and Lodz Science and Technology Park). The latter conducts research on new formulations of cosmetics, drugs, bio- and nanomaterials.

The above-mentioned centres carry out research and development projects which provide a very good foundation for the growth of the biotechnology and nanotechnology sector in the region.

The Lodzkie Region takes pride in a considerable number of students and graduates of Biotechnology, Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Chemistry, taught at the city's three largest higher education institutions: Lodz University of Technology, Medical University of Lodz and University of Lodz.

Major biotechnological companies in the region:

1. Bio-Tech Consulting LLC
2. Mabion INC.
3. Proteon Pharmaceuticals LLC

4. Celther Poland LLC
5. BTL Sp. z o. o.
6. IFOTAM Co. LLC
7. Pharmena INC.

Modern building materials

This sector is particularly well developed in the Lodzkie Region. More than half of the national production of ceramic goods and building materials (ceramic tiles, floor tiles, cement and construction adhesives, glass) comes from well-known manufacturers recognised in Poland and Europe, such as: Atlas Group, Paradyż Group, Opoczno sp. z o.o., Tubądzin, Euroglas, CER-ART, CER-ROL and Nova - Ceramica.

It is worth noting that in Działoszyn, in the south of the Lodzkie Region, close to the popular Cement Warta S.A. cement plant, travertine is mined, and it is a valued construction material.

Media, information and communication technologies (ICT)

A variety of initiatives are undertaken in the Lodzkie Region, aimed at creating favourable conditions for the development of the media industry. Their purpose is to help artists, companies and entrepreneurs in the execution of media (film, TV, theatre, Internet) projects with the use of potential of the local economy and academic base provided by the Lodz Film School and other regional education and R&D centres. A special role in the process of implementing the said initiatives





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and developing new media is played by the Leon Schiller National Film, Theatre and Television School in Lodz. This higher education institution, which celebrated its 65th anniversary in 2013, is one of the most popular film schools in the world (www.filmschool.lodz.pl).

Its comprehensive technical infrastructure and modern facilities for artists, including a modern and innovative film, sound and live performance complex, is supported by TOYA SOUND STUDIOS. The complex is the only facility of this kind in Poland and one of the few in Europe.

Strong academic centre in the field of IT, specialising among others in software and digital image processing, operates at such renowned universities as: University of Computer Sciences and Skills, University of Lodz and Lodz University of Technology.

Major media and electronics companies in the region:

1. Ericpol Telekom Sp. z o. o. Lodz
2. ZETO S.A. Lodz
3. Herkules PC Components Sp. J. Lodz
4. Poltronics Sp. z o. o. Lodz
5. AMG.net S.A. Lodz
6. Lucky Star Polska Sp. z o. o. Lodz
7. Laser S.A. Lodz
8. Biurosystem Serwis Sp. z o. o. Lodz
9. SOCO Sp. J. Lodz
10. Cade Expert Sp. z o. o. Lodz
11. NT Group Sp. z o. o. Lodz
12. Toya Telekomunikacja Sp. z o. o. Lodz
13. Arisco Sp. z o. o. Lodz
14. NT Group, Lodz
15. Apexim - Lodz S.A.
16. Inwar & Biuro System S.A.
17. INVAR Consulting Sp. z o. o.
18. Telekomunikacja Związku Gmin Ziemi Wieluńskiej S.A. [Wielun Land Communes' Telecommunication Company]

Mechatronics

This sector - being a combination of mechanical, electrical and computer engineering, automation and robotics, and serving to design and manufacture modern equipment - is well represented in the region. It supports the development of some leading industries in the region, e.g. power engineering.

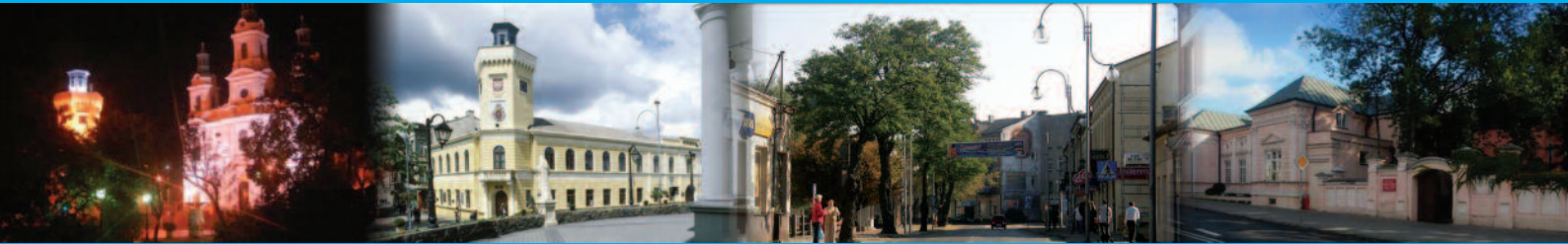
In the Lodzkie Region, there is a large group of experienced specialists in the field of mechatronics. As many as 10 vocational schools and colleges offer education in mechatronics.

Lodz Centre for Teacher Development and Practical Training is Poland's first and one of the best centres providing training in the field of mechatronics. Lodz University of Technology, in turn, has the Institute of Mechatronics and Information Systems, operating within the Faculty of Electrical, Electronic, Computer and Control Engineering. Students who major in this field of study are taught how to creatively use these elements of technical knowledge, artificial intelligence and computer engineering which will be most useful in solving practical tasks when designing and implementing mechatronic systems.

Major companies in the Lodzkie Region with mechatronics departments

1. ABB Sp. z o. o.
2. Bosch and Siemens
3. Indesit Company Polska Sp z o. o.
4. Gillette Poland International Sp. z o. o.
5. Dell
6. Philips Lighting Poland
7. RR Donnelly
8. Flextronics Logistics Poland Sp. z o. o.
9. Alu Rehab Poland Sp. z o. o.
10. Amcor Rentsch Sp. z o. o.





Radomsko

SCIENCE

Lodz is a significant scientific and research centre and a large higher education centre on a national scale. Over a dozen universities, scientific institutes and research centres offer young people the opportunity to gain professional qualifications and create conditions for the development of academic staff.

in some cities of the region (Tomaszów Mazowiecki, Piotrków Trybunalski, Skierniewice, Radomsko, Bełchatów, Sieradz, Kutno, Wieluń).

It should be added that research and development centres are a significant part of the scientific potential of the Lodzkie Region. The most important centres include: the Molecular Research Centre of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Occupational Medicine, Moratex Institute of Textile Engineering and European Institute of Lodz.

Lodz is also Poland's leading and internationally renowned research centre in the field of chemistry, physics and polymer technology, as well as in the area of their use in the production of plastics and synthetic fibres.

Furthermore, Lodz is home to a number of cultural and educational institutions, such as: Alliance Francaise, British Council, Eastern Studies Centre, German Studies Centre, Centre for European Studies, and foreign language schools issuing internationally recognised certificates.

The scientific and research potential concentrated in Lodz is an important factor facilitating scientific cooperation of the Lodzkie Region in Poland and in the international arena.

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In the city and the region, there are about 27 higher education institutions with about 100,000 students.

In Lodz, there are six state universities (Academy of Fine Arts, Academy of Music, National Film, Theatre and Television School, Lodz University of Technology, Medical University of Lodz, and the biggest university in the region – University of Lodz) as well as 21 private universities. There are also many branches of these universities





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REASONS FOR INVESTING IN THE LODZKIE REGION

Main strengths of the region:

- favourable geographical location in terms of transport, at the intersection of major East-West and North-South transport corridors, which facilitates access to both neighbouring EU markets and the Russian, Belarussian and Ukrainian market, owing to the Lodz – Chengdu (China) railway connection;
- highly skilled and committed workforce. Numerous higher education institutions and vocational schools provide employees with the highest professional competence;
- well-developed economic infrastructure of the region's capital city – Lodz;
- rich deposits of lignite, which makes the Lodzkie Region the second (after Silesia) largest energy producer in Poland with a surplus of cheap electricity;
- major scientific and research potential of Lodz universities and research centres;
- geothermal resources which provide the basis for the development of renewable energy and health resorts in the region (thermal spa in Uniejów and a new thermal water intake in Poddębice can serve as examples);
- active economic policy of regional authorities, aimed at the development of friendly administration for micro- and small enterprises and attractive conditions of employment;
- attractive investment offers for investors in 44 sub-zones of the Lodz Special Economic Zone which has already attracted over 250 companies, including Dell, Procter & Gamble, Fujitsu Services, Gillette, Bosch – Siemens and Indesit;
- effective and resourceful business partners. Apart from big companies, there are many small and medium-sized enterprises dealing with industrial processing, crafts and services. Therefore, each investor has at their disposal a large number of innovative parts suppliers, buyers and business partners.

- and its subregion is ranked very high in terms of:
- investment attractiveness for industrial activities (3rd place)
 - investment attractiveness for service activities (2nd place)
 - investment attractiveness for high-technology activities (4th place).

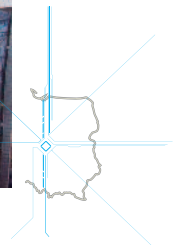


Underground Railway Station in Lodz



Lodz – EC1

According to the report by the Institute for Market Economics assessing the investment climate of individual regions and subregions of Poland, the Lodzkie Region





SUPPORT FOR INVESTORS AND ENTREPRENEURS

In the Lodzkie Region, there is a number of specialist entities providing support to domestic and foreign entrepreneurs, including investors.

These are:

- Regional Investor and Exporter Service Centre of the Marshal's Office of the Lodzkie Region (RCOIE);
- Entrepreneur Service Centre of the Marshal's Office of the Lodzkie Region;
- Łódzka Specjalna Strefa Ekonomiczna S.A. [Lodz Special Economic Zone];
- Łódzka Agencja Rozwoju Regionalnego S.A. [Lodz Regional Development Agency];
- Łódzki Regionalny Park Naukowo-Technologiczny Sp. z o. o. [Lodz Regional Park of Science and Technology];
- Investor Service Team at the City of Lodz Office;
- Bełchatów and Kleszczów Park of Industry and Technology;
- Kutno Park of Agriculture and Industry.

Regional Investor and Exporter Service Centre of the Marshal's Office of the Lodzkie Region

As an official partner of the Ministry of Economy and the Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency (PAIILZ), the Regional Investor and Exporter Service Centre (RCOIE, after its Polish acronym) is a direct partner for investors and Polish exporters in the Lodzkie Region.

Activities of the Centre are aimed at increasing the activity of enterprises from our region on foreign markets by facilitating access to information necessary to plan, organise and launch export and/or sale on the Single European Market, as well as investments abroad (as part of the so-called "pro-export" information service). RCOIE's activities are also to increase the level of foreign investments in Poland, including in the Lodzkie Region, through providing access to information about the conditions of establishing a business (investing) in our region (as part of the so-called "pro-business" information service).

The services of RCOIE are free of charge.

The Centre provides support to investors from the initial presentation of investment offers of individual

communes and districts to the moment of launching an investment project.

RCOIE offers the following services:

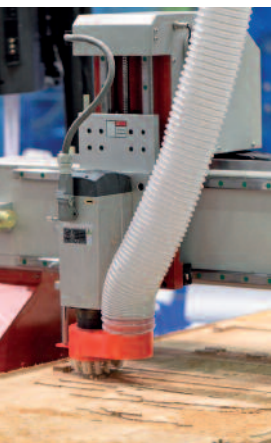
- searching for the best place for investment according to the needs and requirements of the investor (location, infrastructure, logistics, workforce, etc.);
- collecting data necessary to prepare a feasibility study of the project (statistics, potential buyers and suppliers, legal framework, tax liabilities, available human resources);
- organisation of study visits to the Lodzkie Region for foreign investors, to the selected commune/district (transport, organisation of meetings, translation);
- assistance in negotiations concerning potential investment locations, help in preparing incentive packages;
- providing exporters from the Lodzkie Region with addresses of potential business partners on foreign markets;
- organising free meetings and conferences for companies from the Lodzkie Region interested in launching export to foreign markets;
- organisation of trade missions (for a fee) to foreign markets for companies from the Lodzkie Region in order to find a business partner as well as foreign incoming trade missions to the Lodzkie Region.

All information provided by RCOIE during the preparation of investment projects is confidential.

Entrepreneur Service Centre Funds for the enterprising

Entrepreneur Service Centre is a region self-government unit implementing the Regional Operational Programme for the Lodzkie Region, in the part directed mainly to entrepreneurs. The European Funds, which the Centre manages, are intended for the smallest and the most numerous entities in the Lodzkie Region, i.e. micro, small and medium companies that are the driving force of our economy, but also for entities of the local authorities, research centers and business maintenance.

It is our intention to develop economy based on knowledge and able to compete with other European regions. This money, therefore, are foreordained mainly





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for upgrading innovativeness and companies' competitiveness, research and development studies, development of business environment, and also 'brand' and regional products' advancement and tourist infrastructure. A significant quantity of funds was allocated to JEREMIE European activity, i.e. to support companies by means of low interest loans and pledges. This initiative differs from the EU grant aid mostly in the necessity to pay the obtained funding back. Thanks to this, however, the fund is revolving, and it can help in development of an unlimited number of enterprises. Preferential loans and guarantees may help secure investment capital and make it available to small and medium-sized businesses which have limited access to bank loans, usually companies with no assets of suitable value or start-ups with no credit history. It is a new opportunity for entrepreneurs that is worth making use of.

It seems that European Funds stimulating economic development and innovation in the Lodzkie Region have been used wisely up to now. Within the ROP LV for the years 2007-2013 over three thousands projects received the EU Funds for grants, loans and guarantees.

We encourage you to apply for EU Funds and use them effectively in the near future, according to the principles stipulated by the EU budget for the period 2014-2020, in which the Lodzkie Region has 486,46 million Euros for the support of the economy.. Contact::

Entrepreneur Service Centre

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 e-mail: cop@cop.lodzkie.pl
www.cop.lodzkie.pl

**Lodz Special Economic Zone
 Joint Stock Co.**

The Lodz Special Economic Zone occupies an area of 1302 hectares in three regions: Lodz, Masovia and Greater Poland.

We guarantee:

- A high level of state aid (up to 55%),
- A perfect location right in the centre of Poland and Europe: at the intersection of the A1 (E75 Helsinki-Athens) and A2 (E30 Berlin-Moscow) motorways; railway cargo service between Lodz and Chengdu

(China); the international Lodz Wladyslaw Reymont Airport,

- Attractive investment sites,
- A professional team ensuring comprehensive service for every Investor,
- Good contacts with local authorities and the office staff who are responsible for investor service, which facilitates the process of issuing permits for business operations in the Lodz SEZ,
- Working in cooperation with vocational schools and higher education institutions in the Lodz region,
- Establishing contacts and cooperation between companies and vocational schools with the aim of creating sponsored courses, adjusting curricula to the requirements and expectations of future employers; good practices of the Lifelong Learning Centre of New Technologies in Lodz (Centrum Kształcenia Ustawicznego Nowoczesnych Technologii w Łodzi) , promoting dual education and professional courses,
- International standard of living and attractive overall conditions, including British International School of the University of Lodz (for Investors children).

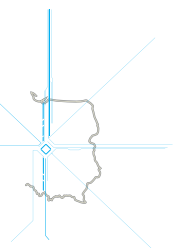


*the situation as at 01 July 2014

State aid

Investors implementing economic activity on the area of Lodz SEZ may benefit from state aid in the form of exemption from corporate or personal income tax. It is also possible to obtain exemption from real estate tax.

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State aid is granted for:



The level of state aid depends on the size of a given enterprise and the region. The situation in the Lodz region is as follows:



vestment plots, fully equipped and easily accessible, are available in 45 sub-zones located in Central Poland.

To find out more about our investment sites please visit the website of: mapa.sse.lodz.pl/en

SME

Lodz SEZ is open to small and medium-sized enterprises. They constitute 50% of all companies operating within Lodz SEZ. We provide companies from this sector with:

- **Investment sites and offices with a smaller area**
Lodz SEZ has in its portfolio plots of land with a minimum area of 0.5 hectare located in different sub-zones in the Lodz region, Masovia and Greater Poland. We also offer office space covered by the status of the Zone where it is possible to conduct BPO and IT business.
- **Business support**
As part of the support for implementing investments, the employees of Lodz SEZ help in contacts with utilities providers or in filing applications forms for the issuance of conditions for connection to, for example, a gas main pipeline or power grid. The

Investment portfolio

The Lodz Special Economic Zone offers a wide range of investments including both A-class office space perfect for BPO and IT businesses as well as greenfield sites perfect for the construction of production plants. Many in-





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Zone established the Partner Program whose aim is to promote reliable and proven companies specializing in many fields, such as technical design, construction, supervision, provision of equipment, recruitment and other services (financial, consulting etc.).

- we work closely with local authorities in order to facilitate the investment process,
- we support Investors in contacts with utility providers (suppliers of gas, power, etc.),
- we organize free training for Investors,
- we organize annual integration meetings for Investors,
- we promote Investors in the media,
- we provide support in dealing with the Ministry of Economy.



Team support

Each Investor in the Lodz Special Economic Zone is assigned an advisor who helps them to get through the entire process related to the issuance of an operating authorization as regards business activity in the Lodz Special Economic Zone. We also offer our assistance to those entrepreneurs already operating in the Zone. We have already received awards for the high level of our services, and the list of issued permits (272) is the best recommendation for the whole team at the Lodz Special Economic Zone.

Corporate social responsibility

The Lodz Special Economic Zone Joint Stock Co. is the only such economic zone in Poland whose objective is to revitalize historical industrial areas. It is also not by accident that CSR is based on the philosophy of Henryk Grohman, one of the greatest Lodz factory owners – German by origin, Polish by choice – and a remarkable patron of the arts and culture. Referring to the codicil of its mentor, the Lodz SEZ focuses on the visual arts, music and socially-oriented activities aimed at strengthening civic attitudes. For more information, go to sse.lodz.pl/en/about-lodz-sez/csr



Head of Lodz Special Economic Zone, a former Grohman factory

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Lodz Agency of Regional Development Joint Stock Co.

The Lodz Agency of Regional Development Ltd. is a business support institution, a provider of services including financial consultancy, legal advice, business advice, support in exports and/or imports, preparation of strategic documents for business and public sector. The Agency has played the role of Regional Financing Entity since 2001, carrying out programmes supporting the financing of new technologies, specialist consulting services, training employees and developments of exports. Acting as the Regional Financing Entity, we have implemented business projects of 1 billion zlotys in the Lodz province in 2007-2013. Since 2011, the Lodz Agency of Regional Development has co-operated with Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego, acting as a financial intermediary within JEREMIE initiative. Having joint funds of 80 million zlotys in hand, the Agency grants low interest loans and guarantees to micro, small and medium enterprises.

Our system of values is based on reliability, confidence, responsibility and a team of committed professionals. Our ambition is to make the Agency a place for the development of every entrepreneur, every business and every business initiative.

Contact: www.larr.lodz.pl

Lodz Regional Scientific and Technology Park Ltd. Co.

Technopark Lodz main objective is creating the most growth-conducive environment for local entrepreneurs involved with innovation and new technologies. An important aspect is the building of a knowledge-based economy through strengthening the cooperation of science and business.

Technopark Lodz is a limited liability company, which shareholders are the most important institutions of Lodz: the City, the Province, three biggest public universities, as well as business representatives.

Multi-activity of Technopark Lodz is based on several pillars. Currently, a key role is played by the implementation center for business BioNanoPark and Lodz Technology Incubator. In addition, Technopark has got an attractive investment areas for the high-tech companies and modern conference background. Investment offer is especially attractive to those companies that do not want to create their own R&D units, so they can test their products, under favorable conditions, in the BioNanoPark's laboratories. There are already first investors - one of them is a foreign pharmaceutical company, and the other one operates in the environmental sector and is planning to build in the Technopark area a model passive house.





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BioNanoPark is the best equipped implementation center for business in this part of Europe, specialized in bio- and nanotechnology, which makes congeneric research of products at every stage of their development, for diverse industries. It consists of two laboratories: industrial biotechnology and molecular and nanostructural biophysics. What is more, some units come within so called Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) procedure. One of the elements of the BioNanoPark is an Individual Medical Implants Lab, that, as the only one in Poland, creates medical implants prepared for a specific patient using so called „Rapid Prototyping” method.

Technopark Lodz is intensifying efforts leading up with the launching the BioNanoPark + project, which involves the creation of a new, specialized laboratories, including the Analyzer Real Complex Systems (ARUZ).

Lodz Technology Incubator supports young, innovative entrepreneurs by creating them the best conditions for running and development their own businesses. The services of Lodz Technology Incubator have benefited more than 90 companies, and several are in the incubation period. Those companies have also been very successful, winning many prestigious awards, such as the titles of National Leaders of Innovation, Leader of New Technologies, Park Eagles, Business Wings or European Business Award. In LIT began their first steps in business companies such as: w4e Wind for Energy, Analytical R & D, MobileMS, LIW Care Technology or Gecos – now another follow in their footsteps.

www.technopark.lodz.pl

Investor Service Team at the City of Lodz Office

The Investor Service Team deals with implementing the strategy for the development of cluster in Lodz, which is based on a project called “Lodz Cluster as the Region’s Network for Innovative Cooperation.” The tasks of the Team include:

- attracting investors in priority sectors (BPO, household goods and appliances, logistics, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and R&D centres);
- providing organisational support for investors at the stage of preparing the project and further assistance during its implementation;
- developing and preparing city’s investment offers, with particular emphasis on the priority sectors;

- preparing individual presentations of the city adjusted to the needs of particular investors;
- building and maintaining business relations with investors and other public institutions in Lodz and in Poland, including the Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency, Lodz Special Economic Zone, Marshal’s Office of the Lodzkie Region, Office of the Voivode of Lodz, and adjacent communes, in the scope of supporting and attracting investors;
- presenting investment offers of the city at trade fairs and exhibitions;
- recommending actions to create favourable conditions for investment in the city.

Contact: www.lodz.pl

Bełchatów and Kleszczów Park of Industry and Technology

Bełchatów and Kleszczów Park of Industry and Technology plays a vital role in activating the economy of the Bełchatów District. Located in a specially allotted area, the Park makes use of local infrastructure and offers preferential terms of setting up a business, especially to small and medium-sized enterprises.

The Park’s mission is to break the one-sided nature of the industry of Bełchatów, contribute to economic growth in the region, and to reduce unemployment by creating and developing high-tech industry, and stimulating innovations and widely understood entrepreneurship.

This mission is accomplished by preparing offers which meet the expectations of investors and creating a business-friendly atmosphere in the area.

The Park also has investment areas in its offer. In addition, it rents office space within the Technology Incu-



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bator and provides such services as gas nitro-sulphuring and applying protective coatings on medical implants.

The Park offers the possibility of purchasing or leasing available areas or facilities, using infrastructure and professional support services, transfer of technology, as well as assistance in obtaining funds, including the European Union structural funds.

Shareholders of the Park:

- Town of Bełchatów;
- Foundation for Development of the Kleszczów Commune;
- Kluki Commune;
- PGE Kopalnia Węgla Brunatnego S.A. [Lignite Mine];
- PGE Elektrownia Bełchatów S.A. [Bełchatów Power Plant];
- Lodz University of Technology;
- Rząśnia Commune;
- Bełchatów District

Contact: www.ppt.belchatow.pl

Kutno Park of Agriculture and Industry

Established in 1998, the Kutno Park of Agriculture and Industry is located adjacent to the E-30 international road and the E-20 main railway line. The A-1 motorway will run at a distance of about 1.5 km from the Park.

In the Park there are power supply points, water conditioning plant, municipal heating plant and collective sewage treatment plant.

Currently, the Container Terminal at the E-20 main railway line is being expanded. Additionally, two landline telephone operators from Kutno provide the possibility of instant access to a fibre network. The Park covers the Kutno Subzone of the Lodz Special Economic Zone with approx. 30 hectares of available land fully serviced with municipal utilities. Investors who wish to set up a business in the areas belonging to the zone are offered tax relief and many exemptions. The most important among them are:

- corporate income tax relief of up to 55% of investment or labour costs;
- assistance of the Labour Office in recruiting and training new employees;
- exemption from property tax granted by the local government.

Contact: www.um.kutno.pl



Mine in Belchatow



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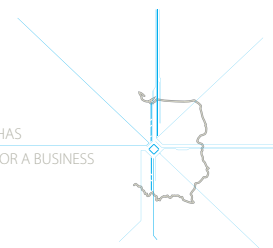
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