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INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTHEAST AREA OF ROMANIA
- GALATI FREE TRADE ZONE -

If your development projects include the expansion of production or logistics facilities or commerce based on the import and export of various products and raw materials, the Galati Free Trade Zone is at your disposal with the necessary space for safe and successful business.

The Galati Free Zone is a precisely delimited territory in which investors benefit from **customs and fiscal facilities** for their activities.

Potential investors in the Galati Free Zone can benefit from a number of **advantages**:

With an area of about 50 hectares of concessionable land, from which almost 46 hectares are already contracted and about 54 hectares still available to concession, the Galaţi Free Zone is practically **the only multi-modal area in the South-East of Romania** positioned in **the second urban-metropolitan area of the country** with over 600,000 inhabitants only in the municipalities of Galați and Brăila (without counting the two same named counties rural population) and which offers access to multiple means of communication and benefits of transport infrastructure.



- *The concessionable lands under free zone regime are positioned exactly at the exit of the future **Road Bypass Variant** which is part of the **expressway "Focşani - Brăila - Galaţi - Giurgiuleşti"** - high speed road that ensures the access of heavy means of transport to **Moldova and Ukraine** but also to the express road network and Romanian highways*
- *Galați Free Zone is located only a few kilometers from the **Bridge over the Danube** between Galați and Brăila with immediate access via the new **Belt of Galați Municipality** and the future **express road Galați-Brăila.** With the bridge, access to Constanța Black Sea Port and the other main ports in Bulgaria and Turkey isith considerably shortened.*

- *The land under free zone **regime is bypassed by a wide gauge railway (the only Free Zone that offers proximity with wide Russian gauge as well as a European gauge**). In the western vicinity of the Galati Free Zone - there is the Gara Largă railway junction - where the junction between the Russian wide railway and the European standard railway is made.*
- ***Naval transport on the Danube** (both for **river vessels and for sea vessels**) with free access to 3 river-sea berths for every company operating inside the free zone regime.*
- *The **Galati Airport** project is included in the General Transport Master Plan. Thus, the procedures for elaborating the necessary documentation to obtain the financing and construction of this objective will be started soon.*

In terms of utilities, the Galati Free Zone offers:

- *Direct access to **high power connection – with a transformation point of 1000 kVA**;*
- *Direct access to the **natural gas** network;*
- *Proximity access to the **running water** network **provided by the Galati City Water – Sweage Company;***
- *The sewerage network that will be built in the near future, the project being already included in the strategy for accessing European funds.*

Economic and fiscal advantages

- *The Galati Free Zone offers a geo-strategic advantage, being at the **eastern border of the European Union** at 7 kilometers from Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.*
- *The Galati Free Zone is an excellent **logistics and storage center** for goods and raw materials.*
- *The Galati Free Zone can offer **compact land** for any type of investment project.*
- ***Customs duties and VAT are exempt (only in the specific conditions of the EU Customs Code)** from payment for goods brought into the Galati Free Zone for processing, storage or sale between Free Zone residents.*
- *Transit of goods between free zones is also duty free.*
- *Access to **skilled labor at low costs**.*
- *In the Galati Free Zone, land is offered for concession for periods of up to **49 years** with the possibility of extension for **another 25 years**.*
- *Financial operations are made in freely convertible currency.*
- *The Galati Free Zone is located in the immediate vicinity of the **LIBERTY Steel Plant**, the largest integrated plant in the country and leader in the manufacture of a wide range of flat steel products (thick sheet, rolls, galvanized sheet and organically coated sheet) and longitudinally welded tubular, which they are used in the shipbuilding industry, in construction, in the automotive industry, in the pressure equipment market, in the oil and gas industry, and for the transportation of other fluids.*
- *Also near the Galați Free Zone is the **DAMEN SA Shipyard**, which is one of the largest production units within the Dutch Damen Group, which brings together 35 construction sites around the world. Since 1999, the shipyard has delivered more than 400 ships to customers worldwide (patrol vessels, offshore vessels, ferries, dredges and barges, super-yachts, military vessels and tugs).*

The proximity of these industrial points of national and regional importance but also the direct access to the maritime navigable Danube - make the Galati Free Zone a major point of interest for the

development of businesses in the range of production, logistics or trade in Southeast Romania.

Labor benefits

The Galati Free Zone is positioned within an important demographic basin. Thanks to the industrial tradition of the area, the large productive production units as well as an important number of technical and economic education units (**Galați is an important university center in the fields of metallurgy, shipbuilding, mechanical engineering, food industry**, etc.) there is an important available skilled workforce. According to current statistics, out of the more than 10,000 unemployed registered in Galati County at the end of 2021, more than 6,000 people have vocational, art and apprenticeship studies - or are high school or higher education graduates. There is thus a significant base of **labor available at much lower costs** than in other regions of Romania.

In conclusion, for investors who are interested in developing their activities especially with the eastern part of Europe or the Middle East - Galati Free Zone is a point to consider.

We are open to discuss any project you may have in this area and we are sure that together we can find a good solution for both sides. Do not hesitate to contact us by **e-mail: office@zlgalati.ro**. You can also access our website: https://www.zlgalati.ro for more details about the Galati Free Zone.

Sincerely,

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