# FREE ECONOMIC ZONE "BALTI"

136.5 hectares

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# **BALTI MUNICIPALITY**

Balti municipality is the second largest city by economic importance and population in the Republic of Moldova. Balti municipality has a population of 150.7 thousand inhabitants. The total population in the radius of 45-50 km is circa 650 thousand inhabitants. The municipality is an important economic industrial center. Balti is the center for manufacturing of electric and electronic equipment and components, agricultural machines, construction materials, machine building, apparel and furniture industries.

# **EDUCATION**

- Balti State University;
- Balti branch of the "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași (Romania)
- Dniester Institute of Economics and Law;
- Balti Polytechnic College;

- Balti Light Industry College;
- Balti Railway Technical College;
- Medical College of Balti;
- Balti College of Music and Pedegogy
- 5 vocational schools.

LANGUAGES are widely spoken and understood













The Free Economic Zone represents excellent platform for export-oriented manufacturing companies, which benefit of preferential customs and tax regime.

FEZ "Balti" was established in 2010 for a period of 25 years. It administrates 11 subzones with a total area of circa 245 hectares, namely in Balti municipality (3 subzones – 148.4 ha); Staseni city (4 subzones – 40.2 ha); Causeni city (8.5 ha); Orhei city (8.0 ha); Cahul city (2 subzones - 40.0 ha).



# **GREENFIELD, SUBZONE 3**

FEZ "Blati" - Subzone 3 is located in the northeastern part of Balti city. The FEZ is delimited to the north along the national road R13 (Balti-Soldanesti-Ribnita) and to the west along the national road R14 (Balti-Sarateni-M2). The subzone is situated in the proximity of 2.2 km from the city center. The land plot size is 136.5 hectares.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

| Location            | Balti                 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Overall Population  | 150 700 inhabitants   |
| Total Area          | 78 km²                |
| Organizational Form | FEZ administration    |
| Land Ownership      | State owned land      |
| Land Destination    | Construction purposes |
| Land Area           | 136 hectares          |



# **INFRASTRUCTURE**

# TRANSPORT



- National magistral road M14 connecting cities: Brest (BLR), Chisinau (MDL) and Odessa (UKR);
- European route E583 B class road connecting the cities Roman (ROU) and Zhytomyr (UKR).



Junction point of three railway routes: Balti - Ribnita, Balti - Ungheni, and Balti -Ocnita. Balti municipality has 2 railway stations; the most important is northern station Balti-Slobozia.



Air access through two airports: Balti International Ariport and Marculesti International Airport. Currently both airports are used at their minimal capacity, providing occasionally only cargo flights. Proximity to Chisinau International Airport – 150km

# **UTILITIES**



Water supply: pipeline -Ø 800 mm;

Electric power: transmission line - 110/10 kV; substation -10 MW



Sewerage: 60 000 m<sup>3</sup>/24





Internet speed connection -Available: Topography and Geology surveys; Master plan.



Natural gas: pipeline -0.155-0.25 MPa, with Ø 426 mm



300Mbps - 1Gbps

# **INVESTMENT PROPOSAL**

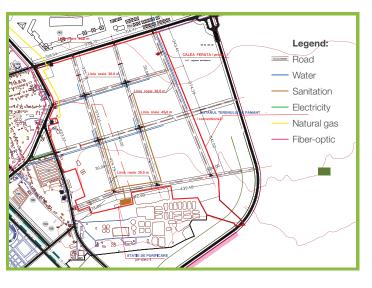
The FEZ is designed as an economic area by law of the Republic of Moldova to facilitate the economic development by attracting investment capital. For this purpose, special favorable terms similar to tax and customs facilities have been created. Due to these incentives but also due to favorable geographic location of Moldova which provides exceptional investment platform with opportunities to export to EU and CIS countries, many foreign manufacturing companies are interested to extend their production capacities in Moldova. It increases the demand for ready-to-use production halls for quick production start but also demand for development of build-to-suit (BTS) projects.

Subzone 3 of FEZ "Balti" is located on 136 hectares of industrial land for manufacturing and logistic activities. In order to provide detailed information on investment possibilities within FEZ "Balti", numerous investment projects have been developed, including:

- Construction of Business Center (including an exhibition center);
- Construction of the Agriculture and Food Centre (Packing house equipped with cold storage);
- Construction of the Multimodal Transportation Hub and International Logistic Center;
- Construction of photovoltaic panel manufacturing plant.

# **FEZ INCENTIVES**

- FEZs are connected to all important transport routes and have access to all regions through the national and international roads;
- All utilities available on site;
- Corporate income tax (CIT) rate: 6%;
- Exemption from CIT for a period of 3 years, when investing 1 million USD in fix assets of the company and/ or in FEZ infrastructure development (for 5 years, when investing 5 million USD);
- VAT for equipment and machinery: 0%;
- Customs procedures tax: 0.1% from customs value of goods;
- EUR/USD payment among FEZs residents;
- 10 years of state guarantee for protection against adverse changes in legislation;
- State investment protection.



# **UTILITY COSTS**

| Water          | 1.136 EUR/m <sup>3</sup> |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Electric power | 0.08 EUR/kWh             |
| Natural gas    | 0.274 EUR/m <sup>3</sup> |
| Sewerage       | 0.945 EUR/m <sup>3</sup> |

# FEZ RESIDENT FEES\*

| Fees for tender participation    | 400 EUR  |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Registration fee                 | 600 EUR  |
| Fee for business activity permit | 1000 EUR |

<sup>\*</sup> fees to be paid at the beginning of activity

# LAND LEASE & PURCHASE

Land plot with all utilities can be leased with extension option. FEZ "Balti" offers a long-term land lease contracts limited to the lifetime of FEZ.

#### Land lease fee

|                            | per 1 m²/year  |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| FEZ land plot              | 0.5 – 1.5 EUR  |
| Land plot (general regime) | 0.75 – 2.0 EUR |

### Adjacent land purchasing

Land plot under constructions within Subzone 3 can be purchased on state norm price.

3.5 EURO/m<sup>2</sup>

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