

Bjelovar

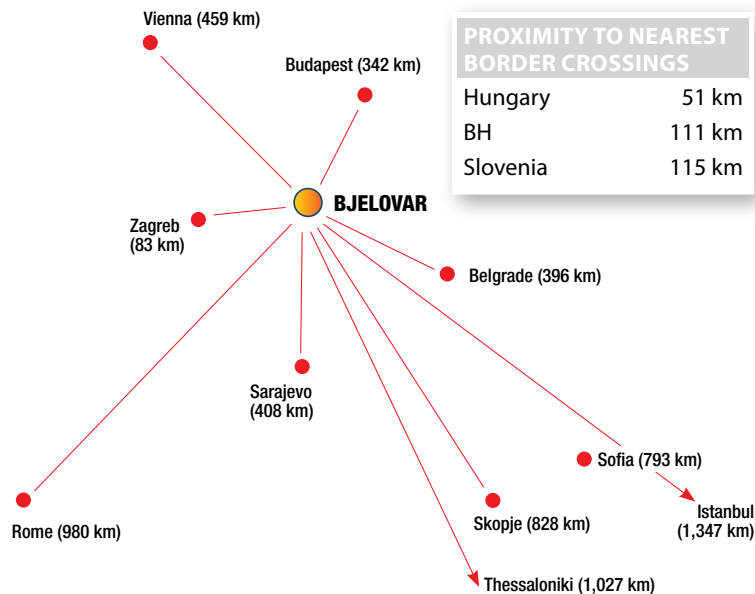


45°55'N, 16°50'E» www.bjelovar.hr



Location	North West Croatia
Population	40,276
Territory	192 km ² ; 52.74% arable land, 19.32% forests, 27.94% roads and other
Budget	€ 13.9 million, 38% capital investments
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Bjelovar is a city in central Croatia, in close proximity to border with Hungary. Throughout its short but rich history, it developed into the economic, administrative, educational, cultural and sports center of Bjelovar-Bilogora County. The key business sectors in Bjelovar are wood and timber processing that attracted the Italian investor Corno, as well as metal processing, agriculture, food-processing, trade and catering. The city has three business zones for small and medium entrepreneurship, equipped with infrastructure available for development. Bjelovar participates with 60% in the total income of Bjelovar-Bilogora County entrepreneurs. The area of Bjelovar is rich in important sources of oil, gas, quartz sand, thermal waters and other natural resources. Quality and extensiveness of agricultural land, expanded cattle-breeding, as well as rich and heterogeneous wood sources are the basis of development in this area. Bjelovar is the city of competitive production, new technologies and lifelong learning; city of civil society and the richness of diversity. Domestic landscapes and warm-hearted people give excellent conditions for catering and tourism.



PROXIMITY TO NEAREST BORDER CROSSINGS	
Hungary	51 km
BH	111 km
Slovenia	115 km

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TRAFFIC CONNECTIONS

Highways: Indirect access to Corridor X – Branch A via D-28 and B-28 – 31 km away
Main roads: Regional road D-28, connecting D-5 in Veliki Zdenci to the E-65/E-71 motorway
Railroad lines: Direct access to railroad line Bjelovar – Zagreb and Bjelovar – Rijeka, access to railroad lines towards Ljubljana, Budapest, Vienna, Belgrade, Sarajevo via Zagreb
Ports: Sea port in Rijeka – 243 km away
Airports: International airport in Zagreb – 91 km away

HUMAN RESOURCES

Work force: 26,975
Education structure: 14% college or university degree; 53% high school; 33% elementary and lower
Main faculties / schools: 5 elementary schools, 8 secondary schools, 1 college
No. of unemployed: 5,952; unemployment rate 22%
Average gross salary: € 498 / month

LOCAL ECONOMY

No. of businesses: 533 companies, 949 crafts, 1,482 entrepreneurs
Size of businesses: 97.8% small, 1.8% middle-sized, 0.4% large
Dominant industries: Metal-processing industry, wood and timber-processing industry, agricultural and food-processing industry, trade and catering industry
The largest domestic companies: Metalind Assa Abloy (metal processing industry), Hittner (metal processing industry), Prima Commerce (furniture industry), Troha-dil (PVC doors and windows), Koestlin (food industry), Gala (production of table eggs), Sirela (dairy industry), Kronospan Group (wood-processing industry), Esco (spring factory)
The most significant foreign investors: Corno Ltd. (wood joinery, Italy)

INVESTMENT LOCATION

Land area and purpose

360,000 m²; 64,687 m² available for construction

Ownership structure

53% city ownership, 47% private ownership

Infrastructure

Water, sewerage, gas, high voltage electricity, access road, telecommunications

Location

3 km from the city center

Price and type of acquisition

€ 6.5 / m², purchase (starting price)

Other investment-related costs

Municipal contribution € 3 – 8 / m³; municipal monthly fee € 0.01 – 0.45 / m²

Local incentives

Initial lease of electricity included in land price, partial exemption of local fees