

GLIWICE



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Investor Guide

- **An Innovative Self-Government**
(1st place in the ranking of self-governments of the *Rzeczpospolita* daily in 2009)
- **A Leader Supporting SMEs**
(a winner of the nationwide programme of the Regional Chamber of Commerce in Katowice, 2011)
- **A Business-Friendly City**
(1st place in the ranking of the *Newsweek Polska* weekly, 2012)
- **Mayor of Gliwice, Zygmunt Frankiewicz - the fourth place among 15 best mayors of Polish cities**
(in the ranking of the *Newsweek Polska* weekly, 2012)
- **A Leader in terms of Investment Spendings in Silesia**
(acc. to the list of the Metropolitan Association of Upper Silesia, 2013)





ROAD TRANSPORT

Gliwice is lying at the intersection of trans-European transport corridors - the A1 motorway (north-south) and the A4 motorway (west-east). The corridors were linked in 2009 by the Gliwice-Sośnica motorway junction, which is considered biggest in Europe. Drogowa Trasa Średnicowa (Cross-Regional Highway) plays a very important role in the region. The Highway is currently reaching the following cities: Katowice, Chorzów, Świętochłowice, Ruda Śląska and Zabrze, and once construction is completed in 2015, it will also connect Gliwice (the length of 31.3 km).

RAILWAY TRANSPORT

Gliwice is one of the most important railway junctions in Poland. One can reach all the major cities in Poland from here. A railway line being part of the European E 30 railway line is also running via the city. Gliwice's largest investment project in co-operation with PKP S.A. and PKP PLK S.A. is the construction of the Central Transfer Hub (Centralny Węzeł Przesiadkowy).

WATERWAYS TRANSPORT

Gliwice has the biggest inland port in Poland. The port is connected, through the Gliwice Channel and the Odra River, with a group of the Szczecin-Świnoujście maritime ports and a waterways system of the West European countries. One can reach Berlin, Amsterdam or even Marseille from Gliwice as a result.


AIR TRANSPORT

The nearest international airport Katowice-Pyrzowice is situated 43 km from Gliwice and can be accessed by the A1 motorway and it takes not more than 30 minutes to get there. Other international airports are also relatively close, i.e. an airport in Kraków (about 100 km) and in the Czech Ostrava (about 116 km). There is a sports airport operating in the city that may become an important commercial airport in the near future.







The World Technopolis Association is an international organisation associating 80 members from 40 countries across the globe. The members come mainly from the countries of the Far East, but also Europe, notably from Frankfurt and Heidelberg in Germany, Uppsala in Sweden or Lille in France. The WTA's paramount aim is to facilitate the exchange of experience in promoting a knowledge-based economy. Gliwice is the only Polish city invited to the WTA. The city, as a very promising town friendly for innovation technologies, joined the Association in 2005.
www.wtanet.org

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-  TECHNOPARK GLIWICE
-  THE i3D COMPANY
-  FUTURE PROCESSING
-  LGBS POLSKA SP. Z O.O.
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Technopark Gliwice is supporting and promoting the activity of several dozen enterprises employing tomorrow's technologies on a daily basis. The companies are using the Park's office space, equipment and specialist training and services. The TG was voted Poland's best local authority company in 2012 (acc. to the Local Authority Academy's ranking). The same year, the Park signed a very important co-operation agreement with the South Korean Daejeon Technopark.
www.technopark.gliwice.pl



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The i3D Company creates interactive 3D visualisations and virtual reality (VR) technologies applied in industry, education, medicine, culture, tourism and in a host of other areas. Its partners include the Silesian University of Technology (Virtual Reality Laboratory), and its products are applied by numerous companies and institutions around the world. The company was among 50 best innovative enterprises of the EMEA region (Europe, Near East, Africa) in the last edition of the Deloitte Technology Fast 2012 competition.
www.i3d.pl

Future Processing operates on a global software market, also via its London-based sales office. The company's IT projects cover, notably, algorithm-based medical imaging systems, intelligent video supervision systems and visual inspection (financial sector). The company is headquartered in the "New Gliwice" Centre of Education and Business and has been collaborating on a daily basis with the Silesian University of Technology and the Opole University of Technology.
www.future-processing.com










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LGBS Polska Sp. z o.o. is a company from Gliwice with its local branches in several towns in Poland. The company is specialising in Microsoft technology-based software. It provides business, integration and mobile solutions. LGBS Polska is a member of, in particular, IAMCP and PITT organisations. The company was one of the winners of the Gazele Biznesu contest in 2011. www.lgbs.pl

Infinite Dreams is involved in creating computer games and applications for mobile platforms (iOS, Android, Mac OS X, Windows Phone and Symbian^3). The company's flagship product is a series of Mini Apps games. Infinite Dreams' games have been downloaded 25 million times since June 2012! The company has won numerous awards and distinctions, especially: Best of Mac AppStore 2011, Mobile TrendsAwards 2011 and Generation Mobile 2012. www.idreams.pl






Flytronic is a state-of-the-art R&D centre being part of the WB Group. It specialises in reconnaissance and surveillance systems using the FlyEye unmanned aerial platforms. The platforms are surveying and identifying the terrain and monitoring the events taking place in real time. The system won one of the awards in 2012 during the BALT Military Expo fair in Gdańsk. The company's innovative products have been used by the Polish army. www.flytronic.pl

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Katowice Special Economic Zone PLC comprises five sub-zones with the biggest zone being the Gliwice Sub-zone (covering 982 ha). Over 60 enterprises are operating in the zone from the following sectors: automotive, metal, construction, machine, electronic and logistic sector. The companies are based on Polish and international capital. The companies include mainly: General Motors Manufacturing Poland, NGK Ceramics Polska, Vlassenroot Polska, ZWS Silesia, Mapei Polska, Roca Polska and Mecalux. More than 6 billion zlotys have been invested here and around 14 thousand jobs created. www.ksse.com.pl



The Silesian Logistic Cluster is the new form of co-operation between enterprises and institutions operating in the logistic industry (since 2011). The key founders of the Cluster are the city of Gliwice, operators from the logistic sector, business environment institutions, schools and universities. The Cluster's activities are focussed on supporting and integrating its members, promoting the domestic and foreign investors and deploying the industry's cutting edge technologies. The whole undertaking is coordinated by the Local Development Agency in Gliwice. www.arl.pl

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Local Development Agency Ltd for more than ten years has been effectively supporting the activities of small- and medium-sized enterprises. The Agency's identifying feature is a rapidly growing "New Gliwice" Centre of Business and Education as well as business incubators operating throughout the town. The Agency provides services to individuals, enterprises and local authority units. At the onset of 2013, the Agency purchased nearly 80% of shares in Upper Silesian Agency for Entrepreneurship Promotion PLC - a majority stakeholder of Silesian Science and Technology Centre of Aviation Industry Ltd. based in Czechowice Dziedzice. www.arl.pl



Silesian Logistics Centre PLC is a company merging road, railway and waterway transport and is an important part of the European logistic infrastructure system. The company's advantage is its situation at the intersection of the following trans-European transport corridors: Berlin-Dresden-Wrocław-Lviv-Kiev and Gdańsk-Katowice-Žilina. The Centre's aggregate storage space covers 18 thousand sq.m. The Centre is linked to the Szczecin-Świnoujście maritime ports via the Gliwice Channel and the Odra river. www.scl.com.pl



"New Gliwice" Centre of Education and Business is a showcase example of rehabilitation of industrial areas (15 ha) currently used for modern educational and business purposes. More than 24 mEUR was spent for project implementation. As a result of the project, the old buildings of the Gliwice coal mine and the newly erected facilities are the seat of the Gliwice Academy of Entrepreneurship, Foreign Languages College of Silesian University of Technology, several dozens of innovative enterprises and the Business Incubator. The owner of the centre is the Local Development Agency in Gliwice. www.arl.pl

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-  THE GLIWICE SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP
-  THE TEACHERS' COLLEGE
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The Silesian University of Technology is one of the biggest and oldest technical universities in Poland (since 1945). The university encompasses 13 faculties, Institute of Physics and Foreign Languages College. Classes at some departments are held in English only. About 29 thousand people study here every year. The university has 135 thousand graduates and has awarded academic titles to almost 3.9 thousand doctors of science and approx. 640 habilitated doctors of science. www.polsl.pl



The Gliwice School of Entrepreneurship is the town's youngest higher education institution set up in 2005 and based in the "New Gliwice" Centre of Education and Business. About 1.4 thousand students attend courses here every year. The school is running six departments: of economics, pedagogy, design, philology, architecture and urban planning, and finance and accounting and has been perfectly complementing the staff of the Silesian University of Technology. www.gwsp.eu



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The Teachers' College is a school offering three programmes of special pedagogy with information technology. The students acquire skills in working with the disabled, including those with hearing impairments and reduced mobility. The school has been closely collaborating with the Silesian University in Katowice and University of Lower Silesia in Wrocław.
www.kn-gliwice.edu.pl

The Higher School of Security is one of few schools in Europe to train specialists in a broad field of state (internal and external) security. The school is seated in Poznań with its local branches in Gdańsk and Gliwice.
www.wsb.net

The Research and Development Institutes operating in Gliwice are robustly supporting the development of the modern economy. The institutes include three departments of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Institute of Chemical Engineering, Institute of Theoretical and Applied Informatics and Centre of Polymer and Carbon Materials), as well as the Welding Institute, Institute of Refractory Materials, Institute of Non Ferrous Metals, Research and Development Centre for Mechanical Equipment OBRUM and MODUS Institute of Economics.



-  THE CROSS-REGIONAL HIGHWAY
-  THE SPORTS AND SHOW HALL
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-  THE GLIWICE AIRPORT

The Cross-Regional Highway is a modern transportation solution to link in the near future the centres of the six Silesian towns: Katowice, Chorzów, Świętochłowice, Ruda Śląska, Zabrze and Gliwice. The ultimate length is 31.3 km. The Katowice-Zabrze section (19.4 km long) is already in service. It is a collision-free, dual carriageway road with at least three lanes in each direction. The highway is to have 26 junctions once the investment is completed. This will ensure direct access to the A1 motorway and indirect access to the A4 motorway (via the Gliwice-Sośnica hub).



The Sports and Show Hall will be one of the largest such venues in Poland (56 thousand sq.m.) with completion scheduled at 2015. The main hall will accommodate 16.6 thousand persons and the training hall approx. 3 thousand persons. All requirements of international sports associations and federations will be satisfied with the technical solutions adopted. The facility will host multiple uses and music concerts, congresses, fairs and similar events will be held here, in particular. The facility will incorporate a commercial and service complex with a fitness parlour, SPA centre and catering services.

INVESTMENTS IN THE PIPELINE

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The New Centre of Gliwice will, beside the old town, represent another vital urban space within the city in the near future and will cover more than 40 hectares. The Central Transfer Hub, where different modes of transportation can be used, will be its central venue. A railway station and a newly erected facility in the northern part will be part of the hub. The new facility will host mainly catering and service establishments and an underground car park. This planned investment, envisaging also reconstruction of squares, roads and pedestrian routes in the railway station area, is a joint undertaking of the city of Gliwice and PKP S.A. and PKP PLK S.A.

The Gliwice Airport was founded in 1916. Between World War One and World War Two the airport was lying at the crossing of important air routes from London to Teheran and from Rome to Warsaw. Nowadays, it is a sports airport operated by the Gliwice Aeroclub. It has also been used since 2007 as a Polish Medical Air Rescue base for Silesian Province. The facility's nearest future is connected with building a new runway with artificial pavement and the necessary technical infrastructure to accommodate commercial air traffic and also with the development of airport-related functions.

GLIWICE IN FIGURES

- the area of 134.2 sq.km.
- population of 186,267 people (2011)
- unemployment rate of 6.9 per cent (2012)
- financial liquidity rate of BBB+ (international rating) and A+ (domestic rating) acc. to Fitch Ratings
- office space of over 60,000 square meters
- warehouse space of 48,803 square meters
- 1,535 beds
- shopping malls and galleries covering 170,000 square meters
- the largest employers in the city (above 1,000 employees): General Motors Manufacturing Poland Sp. z o. o., Silesian University of Technology, NGK Ceramics Polska sp. z o.o., the Maria Skłodowska-Curie Institute of Oncology/Gliwice branch



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