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 Cormo, 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.
# Bjelovar

## 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: Cormo Ltd. (wood joinery, Italy)

## INVESTMENT LOCATION

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