

FREE ECONOMIC ZONE IN UNGHENI MUNICIPALITY



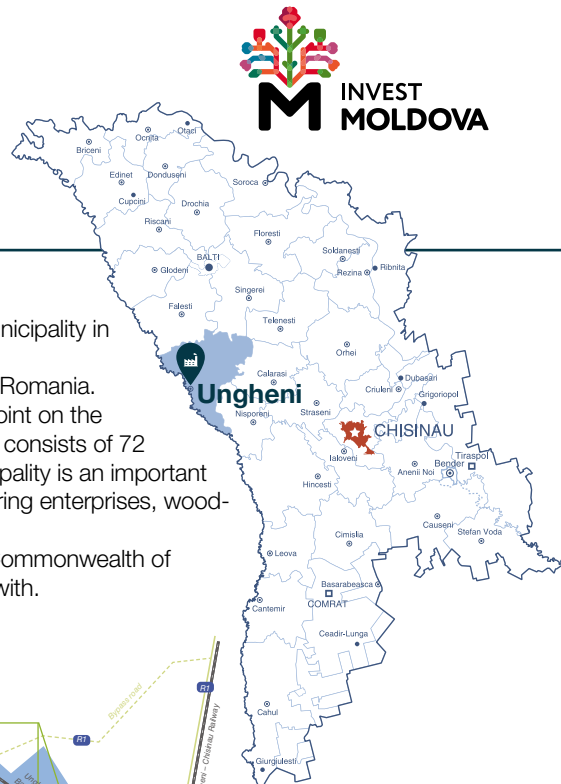
UNGHENI MUNICIPALITY

Ungheni Municipality is the administrative centre of Ungheni District and is the fifth largest municipality in the Republic of Moldova in terms of economic and social importance.

Ungheni is located in the central-western part of the Republic of Moldova, at the border with Romania.

There is Sculeni customs point on the European route E58 and Ungheni-Cristesti customs point on the railway. Ungheni Municipality has a population of 38.3 thousand inhabitants. Ungheni District consists of 72 localities and 2 cities with the total population of 117.1 thousand inhabitants. Ungheni Municipality is an important economic and industrial center. The municipality hosts light-industry and apparel manufacturing enterprises, wood-processing enterprises, alcohol and construction materials producers.

Ungheni Municipality is located at the intersection of the major motor roads connecting the Commonwealth of Independent States and the European Union, which Moldova signed free trade agreements with.



EDUCATION

- Ungheni branch of the European Studies University
- Medical College
- Agribusiness College
- Border Police National College
- Vocational school

FEZ UNGHENI – BUSINESS



FREE ECONOMIC ZONE “UNGHENI-BUSINESS”

The Free Economic Zone (FEZ) is an excellent platform for the companies producing export-oriented commodities benefiting from customs and tax advantages.

FEZ “Ungheni-Business” was created in 2002 for a 42-year period. The FEZ is located in the north-western part of the city, within the industrial area. The zone consists 12 subzones with a total area of 145.2 hectares in two Development Regions of the Republic of Moldova (Center and North), namely in Ungheni Municipality (4 subzones – 49,57 hectares), Ungheni District, Zagarancea village (2 subzones – 14,60 ha) Soroca Municipality (2 subzones – 20.62 ha), Hîncești Municipality (1.99 ha), the City of Nisporeni (2 subzones – 26.11 ha), and the Călărași City, Tuzara village (32.27 ha).

LANGUAGES

widely spoken and understood



Romanian



Russian



English



Ukrainian

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Ungheni
Overall Population of District	117,100 Inhabitants
Total Area of the City	16.4 km ²
Organizational Form	FEZ administration
Land Ownership	Private
Free Buildable area	5.15 hectares



INFRASTRUCTURE

TRANSPORT



- Very close proximity to the European route E58 – International E-road connecting the cities of Vienna (AUT) and Rostov-on-Don (RUS) which is also National road R1 (Chisinau – Ungheni – Sculeni – border checkpoint with Romania)

Distances:

- 110 km to Chisinau
- 25 km to the nearest border checkpoint with Romania
- 182 km to the nearest border checkpoint with Ukraine



- Junction point of three railway routes: Ungheni – Chisinau, Ungheni – Balti; Ungheni – Iasi (ROU).
- There is a railway customs crossing point Ungheni-Cristesti with Romania, within the premises of the International Station Hall. The distance from Ungheni to Iasi (ROU) through Ungheni-Cristesti railway customs point is 17 km.



- Proximity to Chisinau International Airport – 125 km
- 53 km to Iasi International Airport



- Ungheni Municipality has a river port on the Prut River operated by “Portul Fluvial Ungheni” SE.
- Giurgiulesti International Free Port is located at circa 290 km distance from Ungheni Municipality. It is the only Danube River and Black Sea port in Moldova with direct access to international waterways.

UTILITIES



Water supply:
Ø 400 mm



Electric power:
220/380 KWh; 600/1000 kVA



Natural gas:
0.2 – 0.3 MPa (Ø 160 mm)



Sewerage:
Ø 800 mm



Internet speed connection
(optical fibre): 100Mbps – 1Gbps



UTILITY COSTS

Water	1.047 EUR/m ³
Electric power	0.097 EUR/kwh
Natural gas	0.29 EUR/m ³
Sewerage	0.77 EUR/m ³

INVESTMENT PROPOSALS

The FEZ is designed as an economic area under the 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 as well as to 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 in extending 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. FEZ “Ungheni - Business” which is located in Ungheni Municipality consists of 4 subzones (49,57 hectares), Ungheni District, Zagarancea village 2 subzones (14,60 ha). Out of the total area of FEZ, circa 5 hectares are available for industrial production, manufacturing and services provision.

INCENTIVES OFFERED IN FREE ECONOMIC ZONES

- FEZs are connected to all important transport routes and have access to all regions through the national and international roads;
- All utilities 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.

FEZ RESIDENT FEES*

Tender fees	400 EUR
Registration fee	600 EUR
Fee for business activity permit	1000 EUR

* a single payment for the entire period of activity in the free economic zone

LAND LEASE & PURCHASE

Land parcels and premises of FEZ “Ungheni - Business” are in private ownership. All negotiations on lease and purchase shall be carried on with the real estate owners.

Land lease fee

FEZ building	1.2 – 3.0 EUR/m ² (production and warehouse premises) 3.0 – 5.0 EUR/m ² (offices)
Building (general regime)	5.0 – 10 EUR /m ²
FEZ land plot	0.5 EUR/m ²

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