



# GALATI

*Romania's Danube Capital*

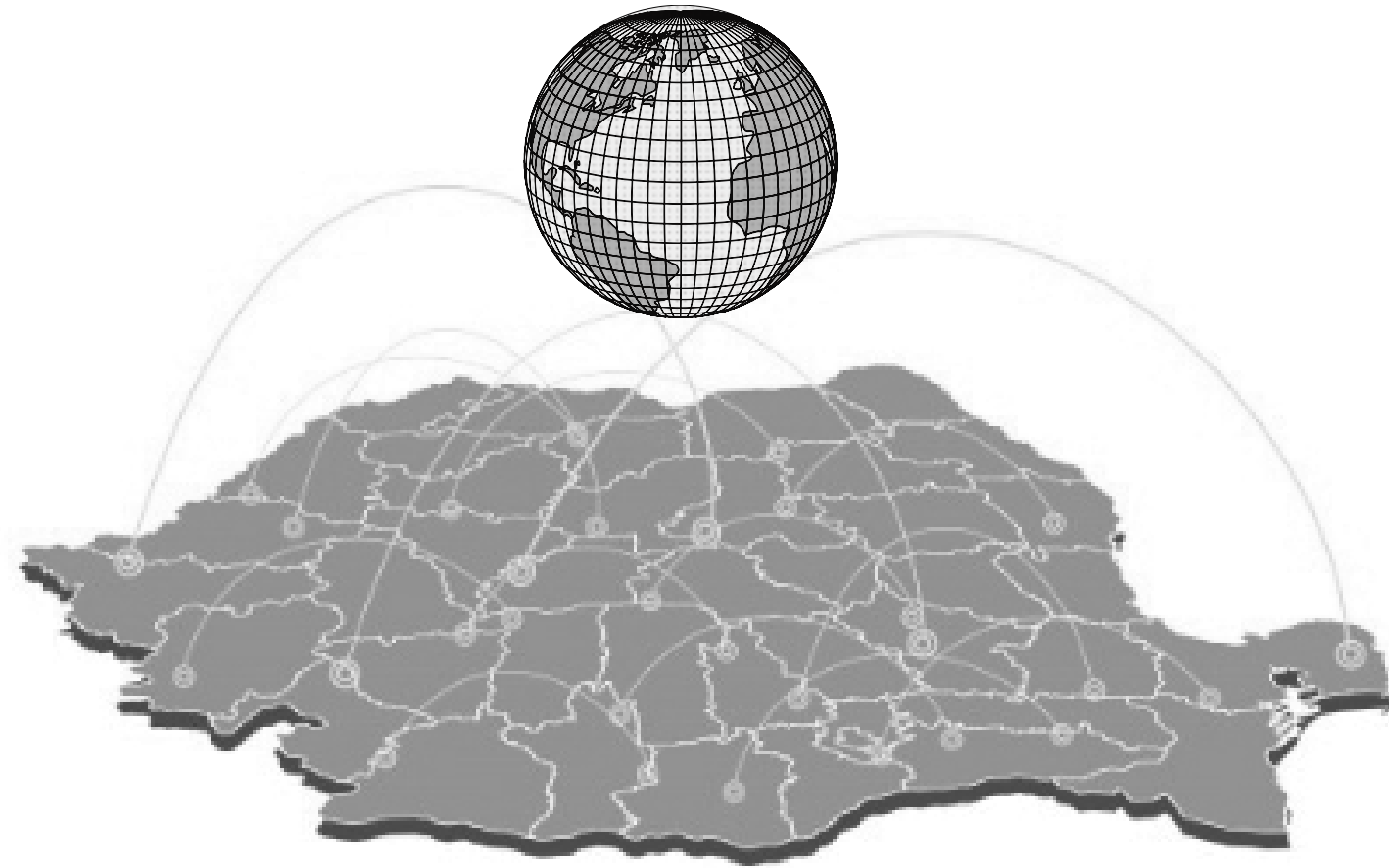


# Fast Facts

The city of Galati is the residence municipality in the county of Galati, being situated in its southeastern region. Galati is geographically located in the east of Romania, in the southern part of the Moldavian Plateau and on the left bank of the Danube river, at the junction of the Siret River and the Prut River, near Lake Brates. It is located 80 kilometers from the Black Sea. The nearest town is Brăila, 15 kilometers to the south. Galati is undoubtedly a first-ranked municipality of national importance and strategic relevance at European level. Being situated in the South Eastern Development Region of Romania, Galati represents one of the key urban poles constituting the Galati–Braila Urban System that encompasses approximately 500.000 inhabitants, the second largest urban agglomeration in Romania after Bucharest.



# why Galati?



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*Strategic Geographical  
Position*



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*Highly qualified  
workforce*

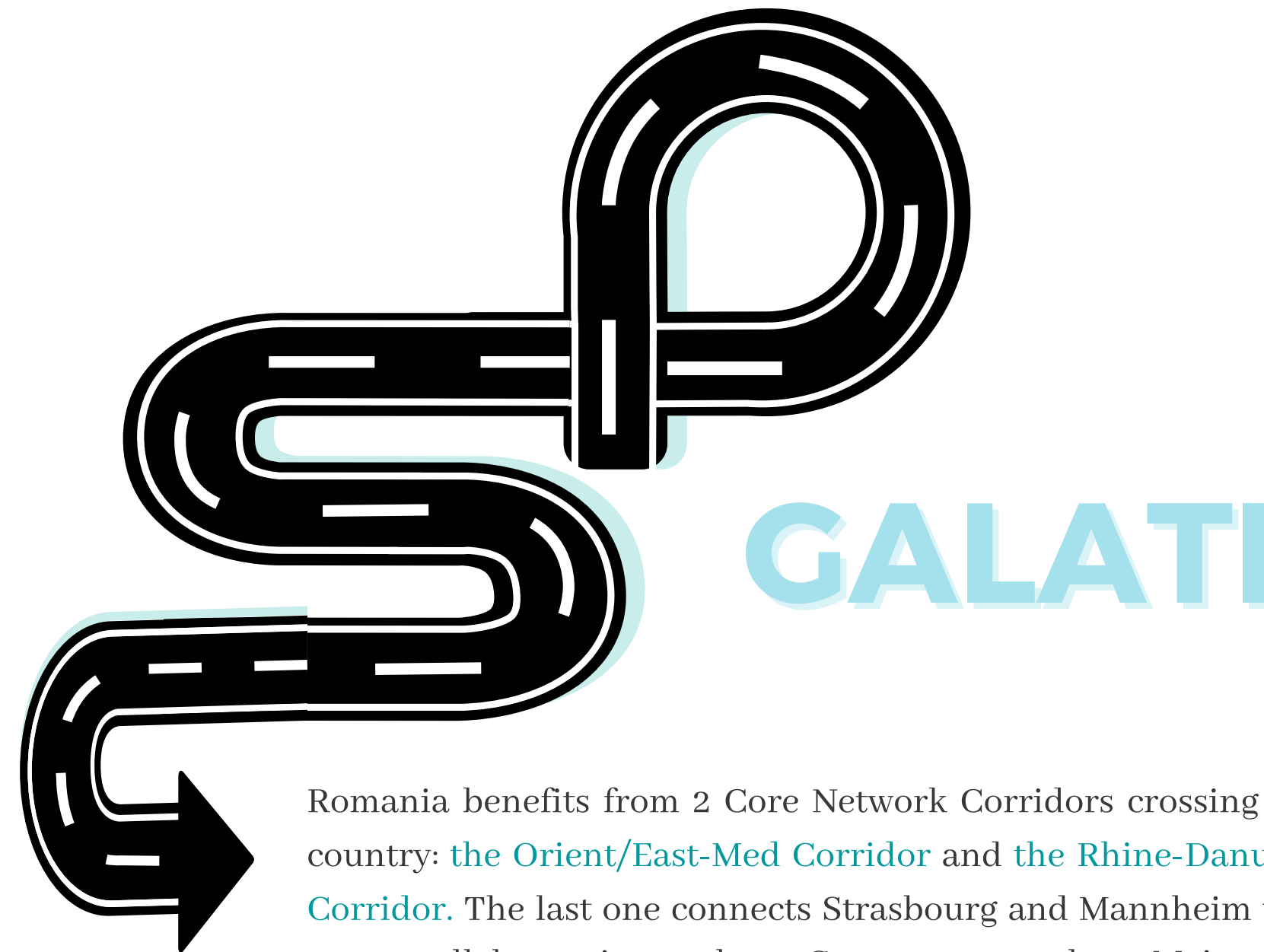
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*Well developed supplier  
structure*





# Strategic Position

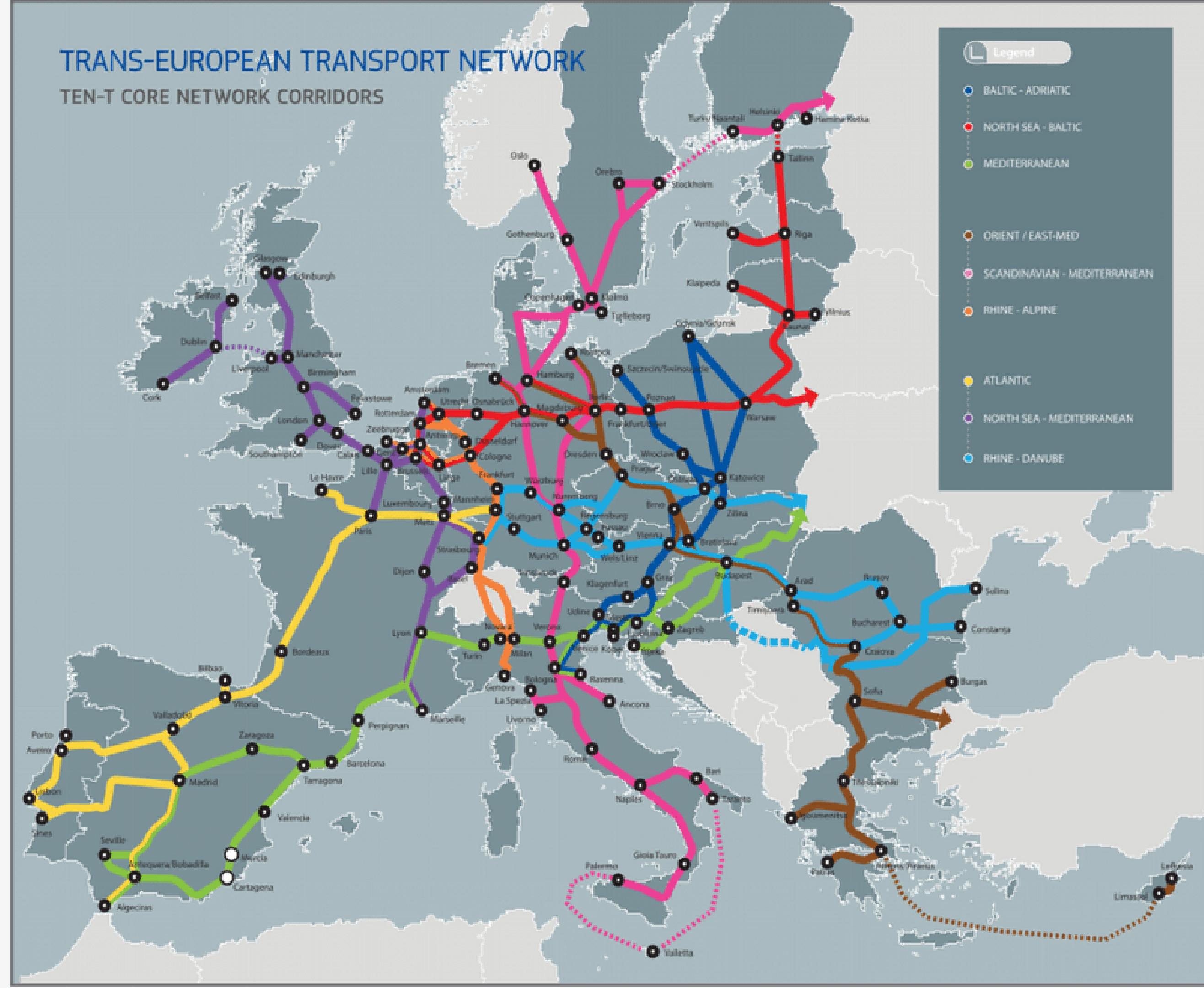


Romania benefits from 2 Core Network Corridors crossing its country: [the Orient/East-Med Corridor](#) and [the Rhine-Danube Corridor](#). The last one connects Strasbourg and Mannheim via two parallel axes in southern Germany, one along Main and Danube, the other one via Stuttgart and Munich, and with a branch to Prague and Zilina to the Slovak-Ukrainian border, through Austria, Slovakia and Hungary to the Romanian ports of Constanta and Galati. It covers rail, road, airports, ports, RRT's and the inland waterway system of Main, Main-Danube Canal, the entire Danube downstream of Kelheim and the Sava river.

The multimodal TEN-T Core Network with the Core Network Corridors will strongly contribute to European cohesion and strengthen the internal and international market.

# Network

Galati represents an important transport hub in the TEN-T network, therefore the modernization of the harbour has become a top priority and the necessity to develop a penta-modal node to include river, maritime, road and rail transport routes: THE GALATI MULTIMODAL PLATFORM.



# Galati Harbour

The maritime and river traffic represents a long tradition in Galati, being carried through the harbour complex. The Port of Galati is the biggest Romanian river-sea harbour, located on the left bank of the Danube river, having 4 anchorage areas. The Ports of Galati cover an area of 865,131 square meters, including 2 basins and 56 operating berths, consisting of 4 terminals.

The city of Galati is one of the most important Romanian commercial hubs as it is connected to the main European corridors – not only by river and road but also by railway, thus supporting the transition from large gauge tracks specific to the former Soviet Union countries to normal gauge tracks (european tracks).

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*Mineral Terminal*

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*Docks Terminal*

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*Commercial Terminal*

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*New Basin Terminal*





The "Galati Multimodal Platform" project aims at modernizing the port infrastructure, located in the area of the New Bazin Port, within the limits of the Galati Port.

The general objective of the project is to promote the use of inland waterways and maritime transport along the Rhine-Danube corridor, by modernizing the basic port infrastructure and supporting trans-shipment operations in Galați harbour, the model considered for the infrastructure development project being that of the German port Duisburg.

"Galati Multimodal Platform" project will highlight the strategic position and technical facilities of the ports of Galati with the creation of an intermodal fluvial maritime-railway terminal that will become a hub for the transport of goods between Asia and Western Europe.

# Multimodal Platform



# New Emerging Routes

via Galati, the biggest maritime Danube port

*For Galati, it is very important to make investments to ensure seaworthiness standards on the Danube, being a transport axis of enormous importance not only for Romania, but for the entire of Europe.*

01

The Eastern Europe - Western Europe routes encompass a total of about **562.000 tons/year**. There is a high potential that about **305.000 tons** could be redirected through the port of Galati.

02

The transport costs on the proposed routes are significantly smaller than those on the existing routes, the differences varying between **12% and 55%**.

03

The volume of traffic with potential to be attracted in the year 2035 in the Port of Galati is of approximately **9 million tonnes of cargo**.





Route	Relations	Commercial Exchange (tons/year)	Existing Route	Commercial Exchange on the existing route	Estimated cost (EUR/container)	Potential Route	Estimated cost (EUR/container)	Cost Difference	Potential based on cost
Western Europe - Eastern Europe	Austria - Rusia	189.000	Vienna - Moscow (railway)	84.000	1.220	Viena - Galati (river) Galati - Moscow (railway)	1.068	- 12%	High
	Hungary - Russia	246.000	Budapest - Moscow (road)	160.000	1.220	Budapest - Galati (river) & Galati - Moscow (railway)	1.068	- 12%	High
	Bulgaria - Russia	99.000	Sofia - Moscow (road)	33.000	2.214	Sofia - Galati - Moscow (railway - railway)	1.390	- 37%	Very High
	Serbia & Montenegro - Russia	28.000	Belgrad – Varna (road) & Varna – Novorossiysk (maritime) si Novorossiysk - Moscow (road)  Belgrad – Constanta (road) & Varna – Novorossiysk (maritime) & Novorossiysk - Moscow (road)	28.000	3.385	Belgrade - Galati (railway) and Galati - Moscow (railway)	1.512	- 55%	Very High
Western Europe - Eastern Europe	Turkey - Polland	140.000	Istanbul - Varsaw (road)	74.000	1.727	Istanbul - Galati (maritime) & Galati - Varsaw (railway)	1.550	- 10%	Very High
	Germany - Caspian Sea	236.000	Frankfurt - Odessa (railway) & Odessa - Poti (maritime)	48.000	2.056	Frankfurt - Galati (railway) & Galati - Poti (maritime)	2.115	3%	High
	Austria - Caspian Sea	47.000	Poti - Koper (maritime) & Koper - Viena (road)	38.000	44 EUR/ton	Poti - Galati (maritime) & Galati - Viena (river)	27 EUR/ton	- 39%	Very High
	Germany - Iran	501.000	Thüringen Region– Varna (road) – Iran (maritime)	131.000	1.860	Thüringen Region – Galati (railway) & Galati - Iran (maritime)	1.377	- 26%	Very High

# Suspension Bridge

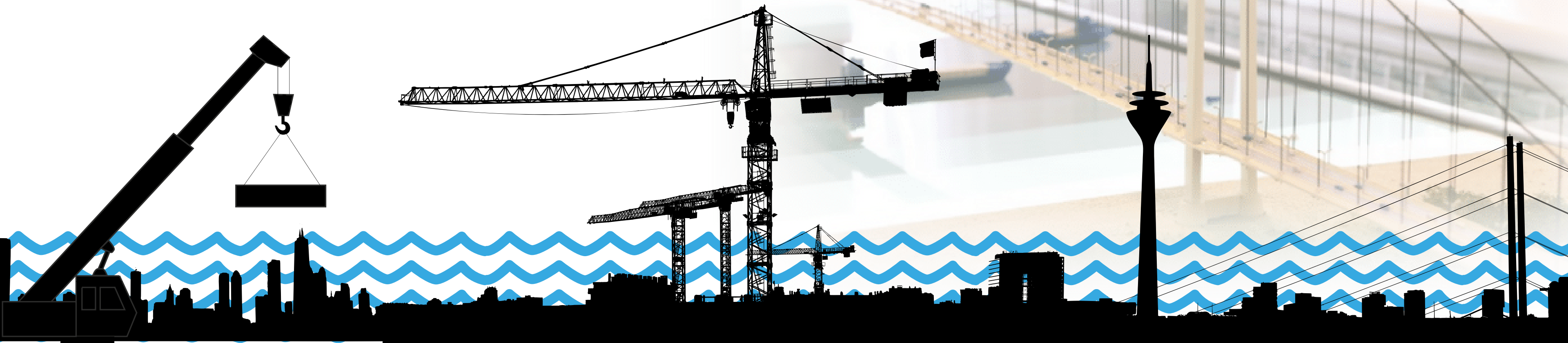
Galati - Braila, with a population of over 500 milion people, represents the second urban agglomeration in Romania after Bucharest, as the cities of Galati and Braila are located at a distance of about 15 km from each other.

The Brăila Bridge is a road suspension bridge in Romania, under construction over the Danube river, between Brăila, a major city in the east of Romania, and the opposite bank of the river in Tulcea County. It will be the first bridge over the maritime Danube sector, and the fourth bridge over the Romanian section of the river. The bridge will improve road traffic accessibility of the Galați-Brăila area to Constanța and Tulcea, and connections between Moldavia, Muntenia and Dobruja regions.

The project involves the construction of:

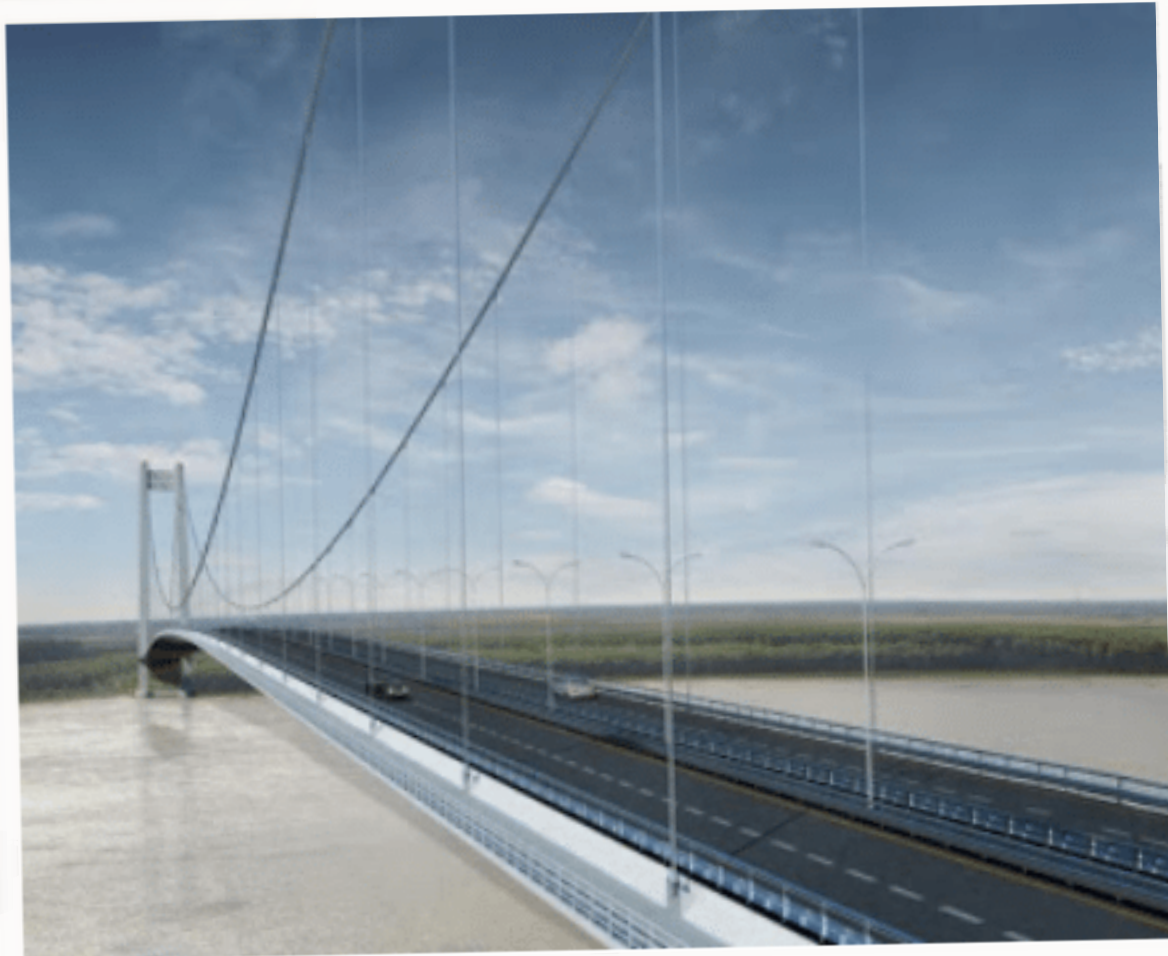
- a suspension bridge of 1,974.30 m (6,477.4 ft) length, with a 1,120 m (3,670 ft) main span, and two side spans of 489.65 m (1,606.5 ft) long on the Brăila bank of the river and 364.65 m (1,196.4 ft) long on the Tulcea bank of the river;
- two access viaducts of 110 m (360 ft) length on both sides (which will add to the length of the suspended bridge);
- a connecting road with a total length of approximately 23 km (14 mi).

Estimated value of project: € 433 million.





Braila  
Suspension  
Bridge







# Road Network

The national strategic objective is to implement a project to connect the Galati - Braila metropolitan area with all important transport networks. **Investments in the transport infrastructure in Galati and Braila, in the next 5-6 years, will ensure the connection of Galati and Braila to Pan-European transport Corridor 4 and 9.**

The connection with Constanta will be made through the Braila Suspension Bridge, through the Galati-Braila-Tulcea-Constanta expressway. This connection is very important because it will ensure the connection with the Pan-European Corridor 4 and, especially, with the port of Constanta, an important gateway to Europe. The national infrastructure investment program also includes, in addition to the Galati Ring Belt and the Galati-Braila expressway, the construction of two more expressways connecting Galati and Braila to Pan-European corridor 9, via the Braila-Focsani expressway and the Braila-Buzau expressway.

Galati County is strategically located as regional connection between the countries in the western area of the Black Sea: Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Republic of Moldavia and Ukraine.

## Galati-Braila Express Way

Length : 11 km.

Estimated value: 111 million.

Duration: 10 months design + 24 months construction + 60 months warranty.

Design speed: 120 km/h.

Platform : 22 m, 2x2 3.5 m lanes, median 3 m, shoulders 2x2.5 m.

Includes:

- 2 bridges over irrigation canals

- 2 viaducts (845 m and 389 m) over Siret river and railway, and the extension of DN 28 to 2x2 for 0.5 km from Galati to the intersection with the expressway

## The Ring Road of Galati

The project involves the widening to four lanes on certain road segments, modernizing approximately 11 km of road and constructing a gabled bridge. The main objective of the investment is to provide an extended and modernized road access route that connects the eastern point, the northern part and the western exit point of Galati as a ring road variant with county road status. The implementation of the project will ensure the flow of heavy and very heavy traffic that currently crosses the municipality of Galati, increasing traffic safety, shortening the transit time in the area. Such a project offers multiple economic advantages through easy access to the industrial areas of the city located on the route of this public road, increasing the speed of traffic, circulation, increasing load capacity, reducing noxiousness.

# Industry

## Supply Network

The city of Galati is amongst the biggest economic centers in Romania, as the economic environment of the municipality has developed around the shipyard, the port and the steel plant. Galati has an industrial based economy and the metallurgical industry of the city accounts for over 50% of the country's total steel production and laminated production, as well as for 90 % of the plates and cold rolled coils production.

Liberty Galati is the largest integrated steel plant in Romania and a leader in manufacturing metallurgical products, with a current production capacity of 2 million tons of steel.

Liberty Steel completed in July 2019 the acquisition of 7 major steelworks and 5 service centers across seven European countries from ArcelorMittal, including the steel plant located in Galati.

Liberty Steel, part of Sanjeev Gupta's global GFG Alliance, plans to invest around EUR 200 million in its newly acquired Galati steel plant in order to maintain capacity, expand product ranges and make more higher quality products.

In addition to the metallurgical tradition represented by the former Liberty Steel Plant, Galati is also widely known for its shipbuilding industry through DAMEN Shipyards Galati and the Naval Research and Design Institute of Galati – ICEPRONAV, river navigation and port activities, as well as for various enterprises in food, such as the oil production company Prutul S.A., or constructions, such as Arabesque SRL.





# Education

Galati is widely recognized for its qualified workforce in engineering, with the engineering graduates being highly sought as a professional human resource on the job market in Romania.

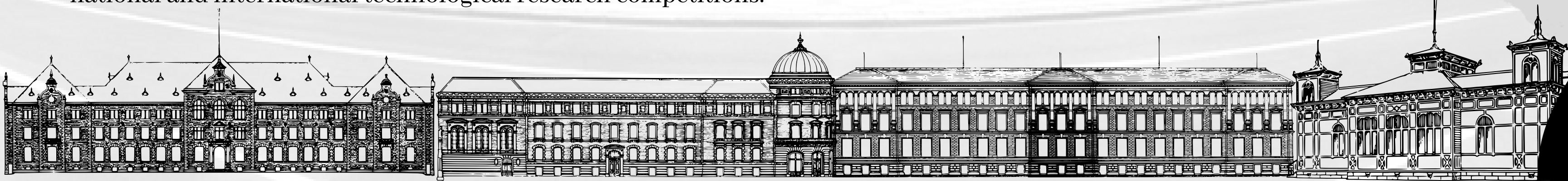
Furthermore, the graduates of the Galati technical faculties have an **employment rate of over 90% in the field.**

The two universities in Galati are preparing over **16,000** undergraduate students, master students and doctoral students every year, generating a highly educated and skilled workforce in mechanical engineering, naval architecture, electrical engineering, food chemistry and humanities or arts.

Students in Galati display a great interest in the technological field from an early age. The „Traian Vuia Technical College” of Galati, for example, prepares graduates with qualifications in the automotive industry such as electrical/electronics automotive mechatronics technicians and transport technicians. The students of the Galați highschoools are distinguished winners of national and international technological research competitions.

*„Dunărea de Jos” University is the largest higher education establishment in South Eastern Romania.*

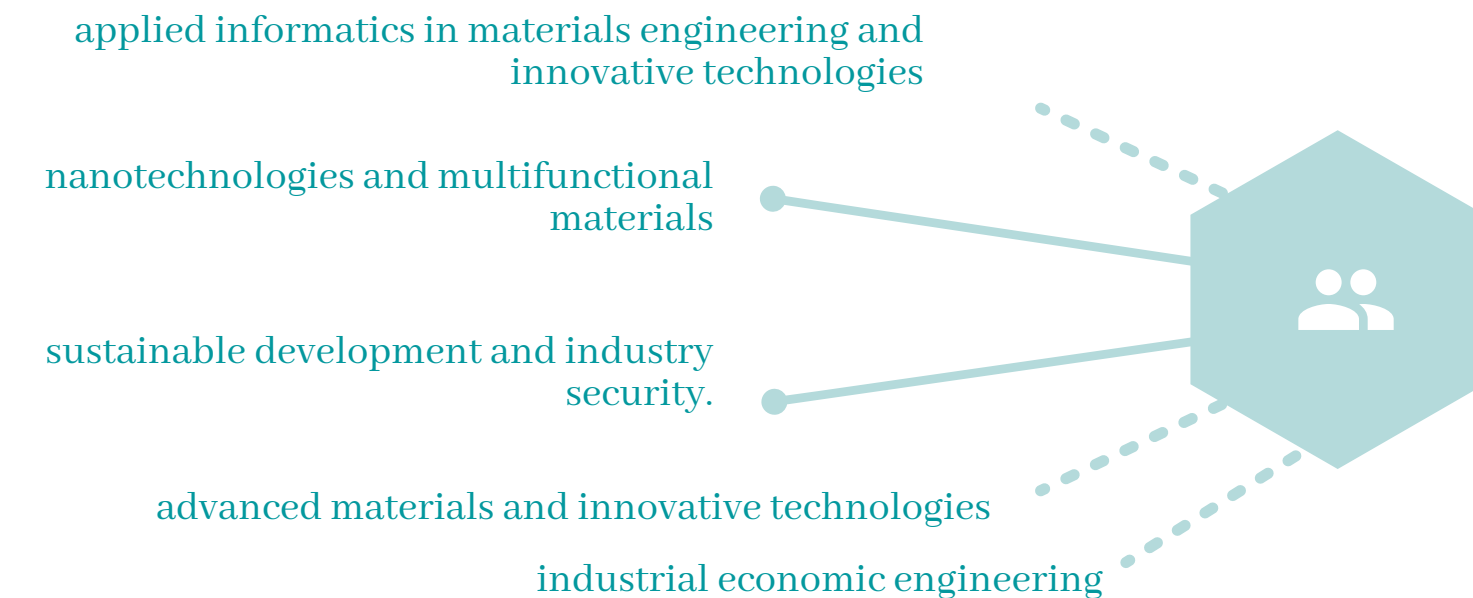
*Danubius University is a modern, dynamic and entrepreneurial university.*





# Qualified Workforce

The greatest benefit for your organization is the immediate access to a labor market, which is not only highly qualified in the field of processing production, but also a very innovative one. The graduates of the Galati universities are internationally recognized as specialists in several areas of expertise, amongst which:



UGAL INVENT Innovation and Research Exhibition is an annual event organized by "Dunărea de Jos" University that supports innovation at a national and international level and it is an opportunity for inventors to display their known works for the industrial environment and also for the public. UGAL INVENT is a good opportunity to present innovative products and the perfect chance to build successful business relationships. Over 150 inventions and works are being registered every year for this competition.

Every year, the Faculty of Automation, Computers, Electrical Engineering and Electronics of „Dunărea de Jos” University generates 120 graduates in the field of IT and Communication. and 85 graduates in the field of electrotechnics, whereas the Faculty of Engineering of the same university prepares 80 graduates annually in the field of robotics and mechanics. Renault for example, recruits its workforce for the „Titu Technical Center” from the Galati engineering faculties.

# Administrative Support

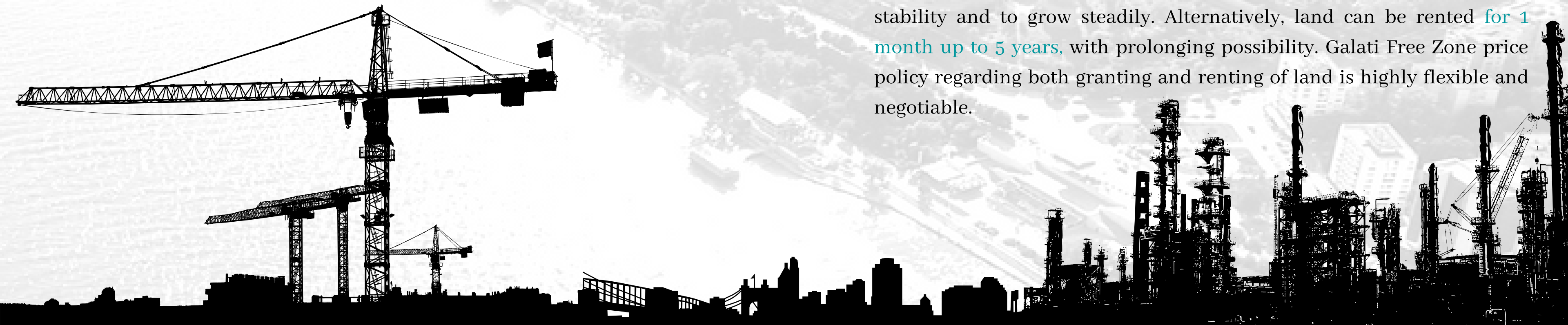
Free trade zones are special areas inside customs territory of a state or EU Community. Goods placed within these areas are free of import duties, VAT and other import charges. Galati Free Zone can be an important depositing, bonded-warehousing and transit point between Europe and Orient markets, and, as well, an important commercial point that can serve millions of customers. Galati Free Zone provides investors with a great strategical position at the eastern EU border with quick and efficient access to markets from all over Europe and Orient. The land is in the close vicinity of terrestrial and naval communication ways and also near all kind of utilities (water, sewage, electric power, methane gas).

## Free Zone Galati

The place where Europe meets the Great East in the most profitable way, the only free zone in Romania that provides access to wide gauge railway (russian type railway) and normal gauge railway inside its premises.

- Great strategical position at the eastern E.U. border with quick and efficient access to markets from all over Europe and Orient.
- Easy access to all communication means: road, railway, naval.
- Free and compact land enough for any kind of investment projects at very competitive rates.
- Favourable customs facilities.

In Galati Free Zone one can take in concession land for a period of up to **49 years with prolonging possibility for another 25 years**. On all concession duration, price remains unchanged for one's business to have stability and to grow steadily. Alternatively, land can be rented **for 1 month up to 5 years**, with prolonging possibility. Galati Free Zone price policy regarding both granting and renting of land is highly flexible and negotiable.





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# GALATI FREE ZONE

## ZONA LIBERA GALATI

Spre Republica Moldova

PLAN DE SITUATIE

DRUM NATIONAL DN 2

DRUM ACCES

S.C. AGROGAL GALATI

S.C. MINERURILE GALATI

FLUVIUL DUFARBA

GALATI  
BRAILA  
TULCEA

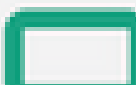
Danube



Concessed space



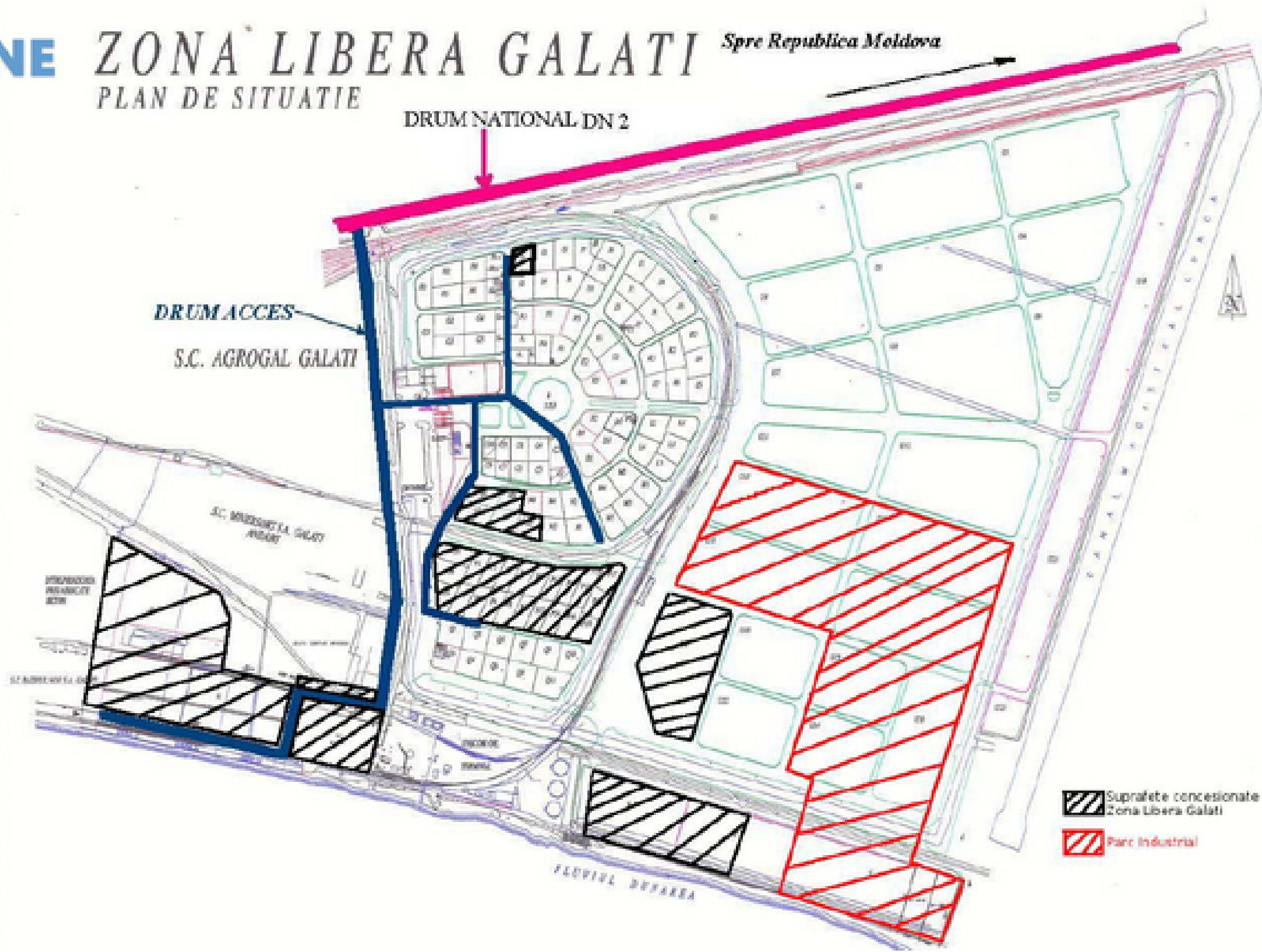
Industrial Park



Free Space

Suprafata concesiunata  
Zona Libera Galati

Parc Industrial



# Benefits

## COMPACT LAND

GFZ offers compact land in sufficient surface suitable for any type of industrial and commercial project.

## VAT EXEMPTION

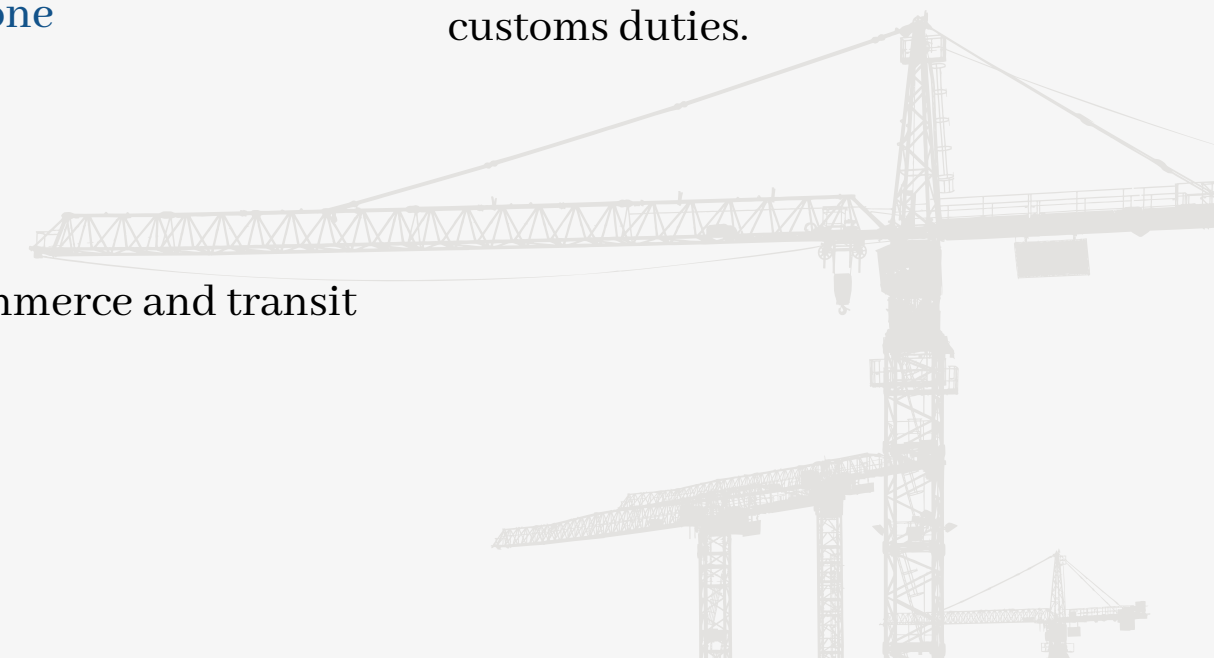
- One does not have to pay customs duties and VAT for goods exported from GFZ outside European Union.
- One has the advantage to deposit goods inside GFZ without paying any kind of customs duties or VAT up till the moment the goods are exported from GFZ towards community space and only for the quantity you want to sell towards community space (European Union Space).

## CUSTOMS TAX

- Customs duties are paid only in the moment when they are introduced in free circulation;
- Stations of goods inside Galati Free Zone is not limited in time;
- introducing goods inside GFZ doesn't require customs warranty or declaration of customs regime.
- transit of goods between free zones is also exempted from customs duties.

## Types of businesses already existent in Galati Free Zone

- commerce and transit of general cargo
- warehouse and bonded customs warehouse
- oil and oil derivatives (LPG) terminal, bunkers, commerce and transit
- Steel and metal commerce and processing
- cereals commerce, transit and storage





# Industrial Park

In order to ensure a real support to the economic agents within the park, we provide properly equipped spaces that will respond to specific requirements of companies, such as: conference rooms, spaces for organizing symposions, protocol locations, etc., or for other services. of common utility.

## Total Area

The surface is divided into 8 plots, with the related utilities (electricity and running water).

Galati Industrial Park provides the necessary utilities for carrying out industrial activities:

- running water,
- wastewater treatment plant,
- electrical current.



## Administrative headquarters

1463 sqm<sup>2</sup>

## Storage hall

1100 sqm

The dimensions of the hall are  $A_c = A_d = 1157$  sqm. if  $H = 9.12$  m.

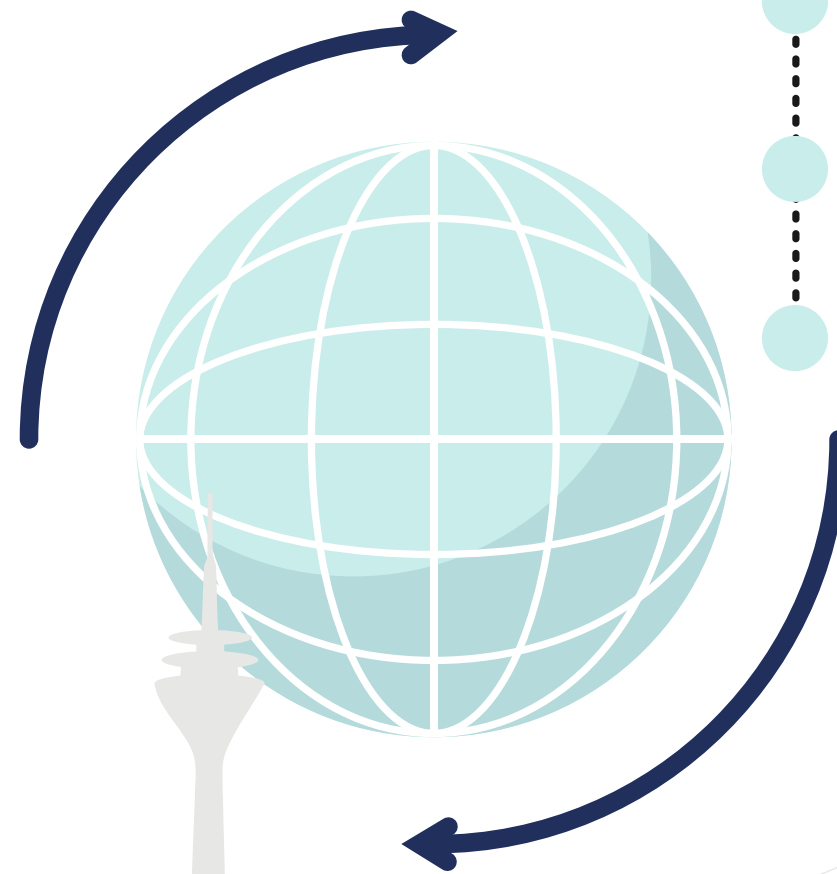


# Reasons to invest

## in Galati

Free trade zones are special areas inside customs territory of a state or EU Community. Goods placed within these areas are free of import duties, VAT and other import charges.

There is a fruitful history of collaboration between your organization and the municipality of Galati. Intel entered the Romanian market for the first time more than a decade ago, by acquiring the American software company Wind River Systems, which at that time owned one of the most important centers in the world in Galati by incorporating the local company Comsys Galati - founded in 2000 by two graduates of the "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați. The Intel Foundry Services division will thus benefit from access to a middle-management system structured and familiar with the history, the object of activities and especially the culture of the Intel organization.



You should partner with us:

Due to the geographical location and the intermodal container terminal project aiming at increasing the freight transfer capacity, the newly emerging routes via the port of Galati could decrease investors' costs and time of transport.

The Galati Free Zone is an economic area exempted from customs duties, where investors could set up a warehouse, manufacturing facilities or an assembly line.

Liberty Galati, the largest steel mill in Romania in Galați is a leading steel supplier in Europe. Placing the investors' capacity in close proximity to its premises could ensure fast access to supplies, thus decreasing costs of stocks and transport.

The highly qualified workforce could provide investors' with needed technical knowhow at lower costs compared to Western Europe.

The growing automotive industry is one of the most profitable sectors of the Romanian economy in recent years, therefore investors could benefit from high exposure and gain a competitive advantage, given the limited number of players in Romania.



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