

Investment guide of Žepče municipality



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WELCOME TO ŽEPČE



The municipality of Žepče is located in Central Bosnia, in the Zenica–Doboj canton, on the most important route connecting Eastern Europe and the Adriatic Sea (E73 or M17: Bos. Šamac–Sarajevo–Mostar).

Municipality of Žepče – Your new investment destination

- Žepče is a part of the **BEAR** (Business Excellence Area) development initiative in Bosnia and Herzegovina. **FDI Magazine (Financial Times Group)** has chosen BEAR area as one of the top 10 destinations for investing in Europe, according to the cost-effectiveness criteria for investors (2014/15).
- The municipality of Žepče is becoming a location that is increasing in interest to new investors.
- With minimal bureaucratic procedures and easy access to parcels equipped with basic infrastructure in the Industrial zone "Polja", which is 100% owned by the Municipality of Žepče, excellent opportunities for greenfield investments are provided.
- A dynamic and skilled workforce is educated according to the needs of the enterprise and tailor-made for the business environment.
- The municipal mayor with departments is committed to making it easier for a private initiative to invest in the municipality of Žepče.
- Favorable operating expenses and incentives for investors are provided. The services of the Development Agency Žepče within the Center for Investors of the Municipality of Žepče and the Business Competence Center are available to investors. The E-advisor service allows you to communicate directly with the municipal administration in solving your investment request in the municipality of Žepče.





BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE MUNICIPALITY OF ŽEPČE

- Location: **Central Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- Territory: **282 km², 16% agricultural area, 62.7% forest, 21.3% of the road and other**
- Population: **30.219 (2013th)**
- Administrative affiliation (canton, entity): **Zenica-Doboj canton, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- Nearest administrative center: **Zenica**
- Climate: **Moderately continental**
- Time zone: **GMT +1**

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Strategic vision

“The municipality of Žepče is an enterprising community of educated, innovative and environmentally conscious citizens that combines tradition and modern opportunities, accepts the principles of sustainable development and builds the foundations for a responsible partnership with a private sector.”





GEO-STRATEGIC POSITION AND LOGISTICAL CONNECTIVITY



Žepče is located on one of the vital roads in central Bosnia connecting Eastern Europe and the Adriatic coast (M-17 highway Bos. Šamac – Sarajevo – Mostar and Ploče – Sarajevo – Šamac – Budapest railway line) and along the highway M-17.1. Žepče – Zavidovići.

Doing business in the municipality of Žepče means access for export to the market of close to 600 million consumers without customs duties (Free Trade Agreements of BiH: Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA): Albania, Serbia, Moldova, Macedonia, CG, UNMIK/Kosovo; Turkey; Stabilisation and Association Agreement; European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA): Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Lichtenstein).

- Excellent transport connections with important regional centers (Zenica 40 km, Doboj 41 km, Sarajevo 114 km, Banja Luka 160 km, Tuzla 76 km, Zagreb, Croatia/EU 300 km, Belgrade, Serbia 310 km).
- Planned routes of the highway "Corridor Vc" (Ploče – Budapest) connecting Central Europe with the Adriatic Sea and the highway to Tuzla that is planned through the municipality of Žepče.



Overview of delivery deadlines from Žepče to major European destinations

Destination	Number of hours by truck	Number of breaks regulated by EU law	Total days/hours to the destination
Rotterdam (Netherlands)	23 h	2 x 11 h	2 days 7 hours
Munchen (Germany)	13 h	1 x 11 h	1 day
Berlin (Germany)	18 h	2 x 11 h	1,5 days
Beč (Austria)	12 h	1 x 11 h	1 day
Budimpešta (Hungary)	9 h	1 x 11 h	1 day
Brussels (Belgium)	23 h	2 x 11 h	2 days
Milano (Italy)	14 h	1 x 11 h	1 day



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Overview

10%
INCOME
TAX RATE

10%
VALUE
ADDED
TAX RATE

17%
CORPORATE
TAX RATE

Area

282
km²

Population (2013)

30.219

Working age population (2021)

21.332

Imports
(in million KM) 2021

94

Exports
(in million KM) in 2021

92

Average gross salary
(in KM) 2021

1097,00
KM

Source of data: Federalni zavod za programiranje razvoja 2022. (podatci za 2021.), Vanjskotrgovinska komora BiH i Porezna uprava FBiH.



97,52 %

**IMPORT-
EXPORT
COVERAGE**

-2,35

**TRADE
BALANCE (IN
MILLION KM)**

Foreign trade

The municipal administration in Žepče decided to take a proactive approach in creating a favorable business environment for the development of entrepreneurship, thus creating favorable conditions for easier investment in the municipality of Žepče.

The opening of new production companies especially in the field of metal and textile industry resulted in a positive trend of continuous decrease in imports in the period from 2018 to 2020. Exports have seen an increase from 2016 to 2019, with a slight decrease in 2020, caused by the coronavirus pandemic. In 2021, import and export increased compared to 2020.

Overview of foreign trade for the 2015 – 2021 period

Year	Total foreign trade	Import (1,000 KM)	Participation in the import* (%)	Export (KM 1,000)	Participation in the export* (%)	Coverage of imports by exports (%)	Trade balance (KM 1000)
2015	210.017	106.694	-	103.323	-	96,84	-3.371
2016	159.261	82.042	-	75.219	-	91,70	-6.823
2017	137.778	71.240	3,60	66.538	3,56	93,40	-4.703
2018	173.465	92.453	4,42	81.012	3,95	87,63	-11.440
2019	177.277	91.340	4,71	85.937	4,79	94,08	-5.403
2020	155.004	76.286	4,81	78.718	4,99	103,19	2.432
2021	187.498	94.928	4,73	92.570	4,37	105,48	-2.359

* Participation in imports and exports to FBiH



ECONOMY PROFILE

Why invest in Žepče?

- Favorable geographical location – on the most important route connecting Eastern Europe and Adriatic Sea (E73 or M17: Bos. Šamac – Sarajevo – Mostar), located on the planned route of the highway “Corridor Vc” (Sea port Ploče – Budapest) connecting Central Europe with the Adriatic Sea and the main road to Tuzla that will pass through the municipality of Žepče;
- Tradition in metalworking, wood and textile industry, investment opportunities in agriculture;
- Business infrastructure prepared for the needs of investors (Business zones “Polja” and “Radovlje”);
- Skilled workforce and the possibility of acquiring new knowledge and skills at the Business Competence Center Žepče;
- The municipality of Žepče is the only Municipality in BiH, in charge in the field of primary and secondary education, which allows it to educate staff according to the needs of the business sector;
- Developed entrepreneurship – over 561 small and medium-sized enterprises, mostly in construction, wood, metal, and textile industries, and 510 crafts where catering and trade are most prevalent (*Source of data: Federalni zavod za statistiku, ZDK u brojkama 2022. (data for 2021.)*);
- Speed of doing business – fast and efficient administration oriented towards the needs of investors;
- Investors have at their disposal the services of the Development Agency Žepče within the Center for investors of the Municipality of Žepče and the Business Competence Center.

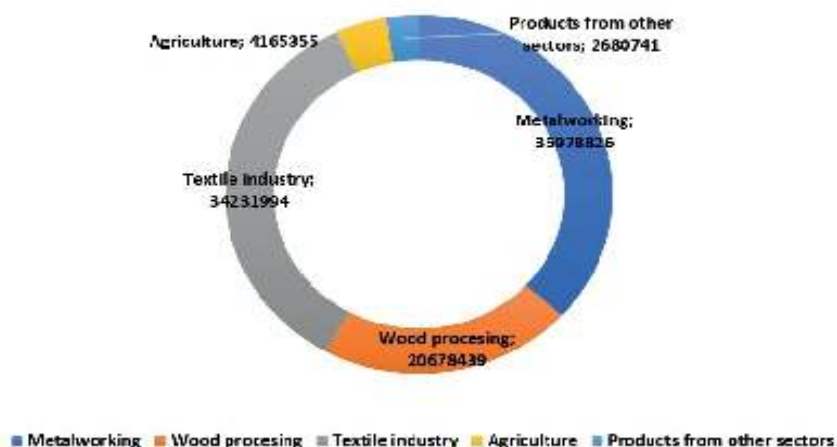
Competitive advantages

The economic strength of the municipality of Žepče is based on 561 small and medium-sized enterprises, mostly in the construction, wood, metal, and textile industries, and 510 crafts where catering and trade are the most represented. The most important economic activities are metal, wood, textile and construction industries where exports are constantly increasing, and traffic and trade, which generate 70% of total revenue. A significant place is also occupied by agriculture.

Major markets and trends

Total exports in 2021 amounted to 92.5 million KM (around 47.2 million EUR) to the markets of 27 different countries with coverage of export by import of 105.48 %. The leading export markets for the economy of the municipality of Žepče are Czech Republic, Germany, France, Slovenia, Austria, Croatia, Italy, Norway, Serbia and the Netherlands. The export is dominated by products from the metalworking and textile industries.

Source of data: Vanjskotrgovinska komora BiH i Razvojna agencija Žepče





Metalworking

Number of companies: **35 companies and 11 trades**

Number of employees: **507**

Exports in 2021: **35 million KM**

Share of total exports of the economy in 2021: **37%**

In view of the activities carried out by economic companies in metalworking, they can be classified as the production category of finished metal products, except machinery and equipment. The metal processing sector offers significant investment opportunities in the field of establishing accreditation, attestation and certification centers for welders and welding processes. Metalworkers from Žepče are interested in finding intermediaries for the products and services of micro and small companies for foreign markets and establishing strategic partnerships. Advantages over competition are flexibility, i.e., accepting smaller, specific jobs according to special customer requirements, high reaction speed, achieving the same quality at a lower price, diversifying supply and expanding to other parts of the value chain, investing in technologies and software, strategic partners abroad, a smaller share of the workforce in the price of the total product.

Wood processing

Number of companies: **40 companies and 6 trades**

Number of employees: **530**

Exports in 2021: **20 million KM**

Share of total exports of the economy in 2021: **22%**

Investment opportunities are reflected in the availability of a larger amount of biomass from wood waste in the area of Žepče, which can be used in the development of the production of briquettes and highly priced white eco-pellets. On an annual basis, it is estimated that about 35,000 - 40,000 tons of wood waste in the area of Žepče are unused. The combination of rich forest resources and experienced workforce indicates a favorable business opportunity in the manufacture of wooden floors, furniture, and furniture parts. Local wood processors are interested in accessing more modern production technologies and design services of the final product. Key advantages of leaders: technology that enables adaptation to new trends and demands of customers, more efficient organization of work thanks to capacities, many years of experience in the sector, high quality of products, etc.

*Source of data: Razvojna agencija Žepče

Textile industry

Number of companies: **15 companies and 2 trades**

Number of employees: **764**

Exports in 2021: **33 million KM**

Share of total exports of the economy in 2021: **35%**

One of the most important industries in the municipality of Žepče is the processing of textiles, which has a long tradition. During the pre-war period, the most important textile producer in Žepče was the company ILZO, from which, based on the available qualified workforce and know-how, a number of private companies in the field of textile and leather processing were created. A special importance in the textile processing sector is the production of HTZ equipment, which has a long tradition in Žepče. The textile sector offers investment opportunities through the development of strategic partnerships, and assistance in building and placing its own production lines abroad.

Agriculture

Total area of agricultural land: **4.470 ha**

According to estimates, of the total population and available agricultural land, each inhabitant accounts for 0.20 ha of agricultural land. In the area of the municipality of Žepče, ending on 31.12.2021. there was a total of 125 active crafts in the field of agriculture. Subsectors in which companies and crafts operate in the field of agriculture are viticulture, farming, fruit and vegetable growing, raspberry growing, poultry farming, greenhouse production, pig breeding, dairy farming, sheep breeding, beekeeping, trade of agricultural supplies. Some companies in the field of agriculture are export-oriented and export 4% of agricultural products from total exports from Žepče.

Significant investments in the last five years

Significant investors in the last 5 years from the municipality of Žepče are: "Marić Projekti Ltd." (company for the production of PVC joinery and Ceramix salon of ceramics, sanitary ware, and parquet), "Armani Trade Ltd." (nursing home-hotel, business center), "California Ltd." (swimming pool complex, restaurant, ceremony hall), "Eagle Technology Ltd." (additional production hall), "Tisa Komerc Ltd." (office building), "Badnjar Ltd." (business-production building), "Fastco Ltd." (business facility for the production of upholstered furniture), "A.M. Interstil Ltd." (furniture and white goods salon), "Vin metal Ltd." (new business unit Katava Oil – gas station, coffee bar and market), etc.



HUMAN RESOURCES

The municipality of Žepče monitors the needs of the labor market and the demands of investors for a certain profile of personnel. The municipality of Žepče is the only municipality in BiH, responsible for primary and secondary education, which allows it to educate staff according to the needs of the business sector.

Overview of educational profiles in secondary schools in the municipality of Žepče (2016- 2022)*

4 – year program

Construction technician,
Textile technician – garment technician,
Agrotourism technician,
Agricultural technician –
phytopharmaceutical,
Agricultural technician - general
direction,
Forestry technician,
Mechatronics technician,
Computer technician/CNC programmer,
Graphic editor/WEB designer, Economic
technician,
Hotel and Tourism Technician, Motor
vehicle driver,
Road traffic technician,
Nurse. medical technician,
Commercialist.

3 – year program

Car mechanic,
Car body mechanic,
Gas and plumber,
Locksmith / gas and plumber,
Locksmith / installer of central heating and
air conditioning,
Heating and air conditioning installer / Car
mechanic,
Welder /locksmith,
Electrician / electromechanics,
Textile confectioner – tailor,
CNC operator,
Electrician,
Car electrician - wig - pedicure,
Waiter / chef.

- Three secondary schools operating in the municipality of Žepče educate staff for whom there is a need in priority sectors and in accordance with the needs of the labor market and investors. Technical programs and various three-year programs for craft professions are available.
- The Business Competence Center Žepče conducts informal trainings for the needs of employees in enterprises and unemployed persons in acquiring specific knowledge of skills for the needs of the labor market.

There are two higher education institutions in the immediate vicinity of the municipality of Žepče (Doboj: <https://spu.ba/> and Zenica: www.unze.ba) with programs in information technologies, economics and management, philology, law, tax academy and art academy, and transport and communications.

Labor market data Žepče*

Average number of employees in 2021.	5.568
Average number of unemployed in 2021.	3.901
Employment rate	26%
Unemployment rate	42%

Podaci o prosječnim plaćama Žepče i FBiH**

Average net salary in the municipality of Žepče	720,00 KM
Average gross salary in the municipality of Žepče	1097,00 KM
Average net salary in FBiH	996,00 KM
Average gross salary in FBiH	1543,00 KM

* Source of data: Služba za opću upravu i društvene djelatnosti

* Bureau of Labor report 2021; Tax Administration Žepče
** Federal Bureau of Statistics, 2022 (data for year 2021)



BUSINESS ZONES



On the territory of the municipality operate **one business incubator and one agro incubator**. The municipality of Žepče has **six business zones**, three of which are built on municipal land and three on private land. The seventh business zone “Radovlje” is under construction.

Brownfield Industrial Zone “XP Žepče”

Total area in ha	10
Number of companies in Business Zone	19
Land ownership - Municipality of Žepče	municipal and private
The land is arranged by urban plan.	
Infrastructure in the Business Zone – asphalt access, electricity supply, water (drinking/technological), telephone connection, sewage, and collection of solid waste.	
Priority sectors: Textile, metal, wood and service activities.	

Location

Brownfield industrial zone “XP Žepče”, located along the main road M-17 B. Šamac-Žepče-Sarajevo. The distance from the city is 3 km.

Existing investors in the zone are:

Manaprom d.o.o. Žepče, Armani Trade d.o.o. Žepče, Croatia Osiguranje (branch office Žepče), Titanic d.o.o. Žepče, Barbara Mebl d.o.o. Žepče, Auto Sliško d.o.o. Žepče, Vin-Metal d.o.o. Žepče, Ting d.o.o. Žepče, K-Projekt d.o.o. Žepče, Badnjar d.o.o. Žepče, AB Drvo-Stil d.o.o. Žepče, Titanic d.o.o. Žepče, Pharmacom d.o.o. Žepče, Dallas d.o.o. Žepče, Mega Diskont, AMW Consulting d.o.o. Žepče, LKW Barbarić d.o.o. Žepče i ŠG Gorja d.o.o. Žepče.

Greenfield Industrial zone “Polja”

Total area in ha	8
Number of companies in Business Zone	7
Land ownership - Municipality of Žepče	20%
The land is arranged by urban plan.	
Infrastructure in the Industrial zone – electricity supply, water (drinking/technological), telephone connection, sewage and collection of solid waste, and access to the wastewater purifier.	
The possibility of buying land in the zone through inquiries to the Municipality of Žepče.	
Priority sectors: Textile, metal, food, and IT sector.	

Location

Greenfield industrial zone “Polja”, is located close to the center of the municipality of Žepče next to the M-17 highway B. Šamac – Žepče – Sarajevo, M-17.1. highway Žepče – Zavidovići – Tuzla and railway Budapest – Šamac – Sarajevo. The distance from the city is 1 km.

Existing investors in the zone are:

Prevent Specials d.o.o. Žepče, Jifeng Automotive Interior BH d.o.o. Žepče, Eagle Technology d.o.o. Žepče, Fastco d.o.o. Žepče, Fine Life Group d.o.o. Žepče, Tonino -Holz d.o.o. Žepče and K-Projekt d.o.o. Žepče.

Greenfield Industrial zone „Radovlje”

Total area in ha	9,4
Number of companies in Business Zone	1
Land ownership - Municipality of Žepče	90%
The construction is foreseen in accordance with the Regulation Plan of the municipality of Žepče.	
Infrastructure is under construction, and currently an access road from the regional road and the road to each plot is being built in the zone.	
Possibility of buying land in the zone through inquiries to the Municipality of Žepče.	
Priority sectors: Textile, metal, food, IT sector and services.	

Location

Greenfield industrial zone “Radovlje” spanning over 9.40-hectares is located close to the center of the municipality of Žepče and the Industrial zone “Polja” along the, regional road Žepče – Zavidovići – Tuzla and the Budapest – Šamac – Sarajevo railway.

Existing investor in the zone is:

California d.o.o. Žepče.

Time from land purchase to start of investment:

Municipal administration provides investors with a quick and easy process of issuing all necessary permits and consents (location conditions, building permit, usage permit).

*Source of data: Služba za graditeljstvo i prostorno uređenje



Pregled ostalih industrijsko-poslovnih zona na području općine Žepče

Name of the zone	Ind./Buss. zone "Ljeskovica"	Ind./Buss. zone "Begov Han"	Ind./Buss. zone "Donja Golubinja"	Ind./Buss. zone Goliješnica - Donji Lug
Type of the zone	Entrepreneurial greenfield zone	Entrepreneurial greenfield Zone	Entrepreneurial greenfield Zone	Entrepreneurial greenfield Zone
Area	6.55 ha	2.5 ha	2.6 ha	1 ha
Location	Ljeskovica, along the regional road Žepče – Zavidovići	Begov Han, along the M-17 highway direction: Žepče-Zenica	Donja Golubinja, along the M-17 highway direction: Žepče-Zenica	Goliješnica, along the M-17 highway direction: Žepče-Doboj
Ownership	Private ownership	Private ownership	Private ownership	Private ownership
Collaboration options	Purchase or lease of land from private owners. Purchase or rental of business facilities from private owners. Contact information of private owners available on request through the Development Agency Žepče (razepce@gmail.com ; +387 32 880 273)			

Operating costs in Industrial zone "Polja" - VI ZONE

Cost type	Unit of measure	Price (KM)	Price (EUR)	Cost calculation
Compensation for the use of the building land - KGZ	m ²	1.64 KM x net product facility and parking space	0.838 EUR x net product facility and parking space	Yearly
Utility fee	m ²	Closed production system: 0.004 KM x 3 x 12mo x gross surface of the facility. 0.002 KM x 3 x 12mo for warehouses, canopy, and parking	Closed production system: 0,002 EUR x 3 x 2mo x gross surface of the facility. 0,001 EUR x 3 x 12mo for warehouses, canopy, and parking	Yearly
Firefighting fee	m ²	25 - 500 KM	13 - 256 EUR	Yearly
Utility fee (advertisement)	Activity Type (Other, zone VI, 75% of total value)	450 KM	230 EUR	Yearly
Rent	m ²	Production facilities 8.2 KM x m ² of useful surface	Production facilities 4.2 EUR x m ² useful surface	Payment once-before urban planning consent

*Source of data: Služba za graditeljstvo i prostorno uređenje





The municipality of Žepče participates in subsidizing the initial investment costs for production and business facilities that are being built on the territory of the Municipality of Žepče.

- The amount of annuity per m² of usable area the building and
- The amount of fee for the arrangement of the construction land per m² of usable area of the building to be built on the city building land in the industrial zone “Polja” is reduced by **75% of the calculated amount**
- The amount of annuity per m² of usable area the building and
- The amount of fee for the arrangement of the construction land per m² of usable area of the building to be built on the city building land and other building land on the territory of the municipality of Žepče is **reduced from the calculated amount as follows:**
 - 75% for companies employing over 200 workers,
 - 60% for companies employing 100–200 workers,
 - 50% for companies employing 50–100 workers,
 - 40% for companies employing 30–50 workers,
 - 30% for companies employing up to 30 workers

The investor of the production – business facility is obliged to prove the employment of workers within two years from the issuance of the usage permit. Otherwise, he is obliged to pay the rent for the arrangement of the construction land in full amount as determined in Articles 38 and 49 of the Decision on Construction Land (Official Gazette of the Municipality of Žepče, No. 7/10).

Costs of infrastructure/utility connections in the municipality of Žepče

Cost type	Unit of measure	Cijena (KM)	Cijena (EUR)	Obračun utroška
Connection to the electrical network	Kwh	1,125.10 KM – 5,247.45KM (depending on the limiter)	575.30 – 2,683.00 EUR (depending on the limiter)	Once
Water supply connection	Piping	350 – 8,000 KM (depending on the diameter of the pipe)	179 – 4,000 EUR (depending on the diameter of the pipe)	Once
Sewer connection		50% of the price of the water connection	50% of the price of the water connection	Once
Phone connection		30 KM	15 EUR	Once

Energy and service costs for BUSINESS USERS (Municipality of Žepče, FBiH)

Cost type	Unit of measure	Price (KM)	Price (EUR)	Cost calculation
Electrical energy	kWh	5.20 KM/-22 kw 20 KM/+22 kw	2.66 EUR/-22 kw 10 EUR/+22 kw	Per month
Drinking water	m ³	2.03 KM/m ³ (+VAT)	1.04 EUR/1 m ³ (+VAT)	Per month
Service of use of sewers	m ³	0.70 KM/m ³ (+VAT)	0.36 EUR/m ³ (+VAT)	Per month
Garbage disposal services	m ³	0.70 KM/m ² of business space	0.31 EUR/m ² of business space	Per month
Land phone services	min.	Average: 0.035 KM (depending on operator and package)	Average 0.018 EUR (depending on operator and package)	Per month
Mobile phone services	min.	0.20 KM (depending on operator and package)	0,10 EUR (depending on operator and package)	Per month
Internet provider services		20–50 KM (depending on the operator and package)	10 – 25 EUR (depending on the operator and package)	Per month
Shipping services		40 – 100 KM	20 – 50 EUR	1/service
Fast Mail Services		10 – 299 KM	5 – 150 EUR	1/service



SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF ŽEPČE

Development Agency Žepče (RAŽ)



Razvojna Agencija Žepče d.o.o.
Development Agency Žepče d.o.o.

Development agency Žepče was founded to proactively act with other actors of local economic development to create a favorable business environment and better living conditions for all residents of the municipality of Žepče. **The main focus is** on the development of start-ups and strengthening the competitiveness of small and medium-sized companies through the application of innovative models of development and the construction of entrepreneurial infrastructure.

Our mission:

“Competitive economy, educated professional staff, high social standard, construction and promotion of the identity of Žepče”

RAŽ has created its own instruments for the advancement of the SME sector:

- „Economic Forum of the Municipality of Žepče” (since 2013),
- Fair of agricultural food products “Dani maline i meda” Žepče (since 2016.),
- Agricultural advisory service,
- “RAŽ Start up academy” (since 2017)

Center for investors of the Municipality of Žepče



RAZVOJNA AGENCIJA ŽEPČE // DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ŽEPČE

Department of the Development Agency Žepče, intended for small and medium-sized enterprises and potential investors who intend to start their own business in the territory of the municipality of Žepče. The work takes place on the principle of “one stop shop—all in one place” and saves time for users in search for the necessary information in the process of registering a company, obtaining permits and other activities during the investment process in the municipality of Žepče.

Business Competences Center Žepče



CENTAR POSLOVNIH KOMPETENCIJA ŽEPČE
ODDEL RAZVOJNE AGENCIJE ŽEPČE

Department of the Development Agency Žepče focused on the development and provision of specialized educational services in the wood and textile sectors, and in the field of business consulting. The center is equipped with state-of-the-art IT equipment and specialized software, which enable practical learning in the area of 2D and 3D model creation, and prototypes with the help of 3D printer and industrial plotter. It is equipped with a software for making tailoring images, and its own textile workshop. The center has a modern coworking rental space designed for IT industry creatives, freelancers, and beginners in business to help them set up their business.



Service Type	Number of entities in the municipality of Žepče offering these services
Banks	5
Insurance companies	8
Notary	2
Accounting services	13

Electronic registers with a detailed overview of permits and licenses required by investors in BiH, the Federation of BiH and the municipality of Žepče with costs are available on the following websites:

Zenica – Doboј canton	https://www.zdk.ba/
Federation of BiH	https://fbihvlada.gov.ba/
Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH (MVTEO)	http://www.mvteo.gov.ba/

Fiscal and non-fiscal investment incentives are allocated to investors at all levels of government in BiH. The list of fiscal and non-fiscal investment incentives at the Level of BiH is available on these internet websites:

Agency for the promotion of foreign investment of BiH (FIPA)	http://www.fipa.gov.ba/informacije/povlastice/strani_investitori/default.aspx?id=141&langTag=hr-HR
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ECONOMIC ENTITIES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ŽEPČE (sector leaders)

Textile industry



Prevent Specials d.o.o. – Prevent Specials – domestic investor, employing 250 workers in 2021. At the plant in the Industrial zone “Polja”, production of leather and textile upholstery for the first installation of seats in passenger vehicles of the world’s leading brands, brand Audi and VW is organized.



Jifeng Automotive Interior – Jifeng Automotive Interior BH Ltd. employing 204 workers in 2021. It is engaged in the production of headrests and armrests for the automotive industry (pillows and handrails).



Neveon Bosnia d.o.o. – The Austrian company employs 89 workers in 2021. The company produces upholstery and seats for the planes of the world’s largest airlines.



Elchy Tex d.o.o. – domestic investor that has been operating since 2007, employing 107 workers in 2021. The main activity of the company is the production of industrial textile products, protective work clothes and fashion confectionery.



Antilop d.o.o. Žepče – domestic investor, in 2021 they employed 52 workers. They are engaged in the production of clothing, footwear and HTZ equipment.

Metal industry



Sliško d.o.o. – is the only BiH manufacturer of tank vehicles and semi-tanks for petroleum products for the markets of BiH, Croatia and Serbia, employing 79 workers in 2021. They also provide services (production of parts and vessels) for companies from Germany, Slovenia, and the Netherlands.



Profil-Isolation d.o.o. – built a production plant for prefabricated panels, where 43 workers worked in 2020. The main activity of Profil-Isolation is the production of ducts and spiro pipes for ventilation, air conditioning and heating, from pre-insulated polyurethane panels. They are engaged in the production and installation of insulation for pipelines, and with the opening of a new hall they also started the work of assembling panels and other facade works.



Tisakomerc d.o.o. – based in Donja Golubinja, employing 63 workers in 2021. In their company they have wood processing, trade in technical materials for the needs of manufacturers of upholstered, panel and solid furniture, trade in all types and qualities of screw goods, and production of tools for aluminum and PVC joinery made of metal and plastic.



Eagle Technology d.o.o. – A Norwegian company that employs 47 workers in 2021. It is engaged with the production of specialized machines for the oil, marine and other industries.



Elmont d.o.o. – domestic investor employing 41 workers in 2021. It operates in the manufacture, installation, and maintenance of all types of metal structures, various types of tanks and reservoirs, facade and roofing works, aluminum locksmith, and advertising elements.

Wood industry



Budo-Export d.o.o. – company founded in 1974, employing 170 workers in 2021. With the development of technologies and modernization, it slowly over time grew into a large enterprise for the production of panels and elements for massive furniture and the production of briquettes.



Nansi d.o.o. – a company founded in 1992, employing 95 workers in 2021. It operates within primary and secondary wood processing, production of semi-final and final products and placement of its goods. The company owns its own fleet, its own drying facilities, closed hall, conditioning halls, covered storage space and business and production space.



Saga d.o.o. – company founded in 2015, employing 65 workers in 2021. The company is engaged in the production of cradles, which they fully export and place on the European market.



Prograd Holz d.o.o. – domestic investor, employing 55 workers in 2021. It is engaged in the production of top-quality wooden joinery, furniture, kitchens, and other wood products that are mostly placed on the market of European countries.

Trade



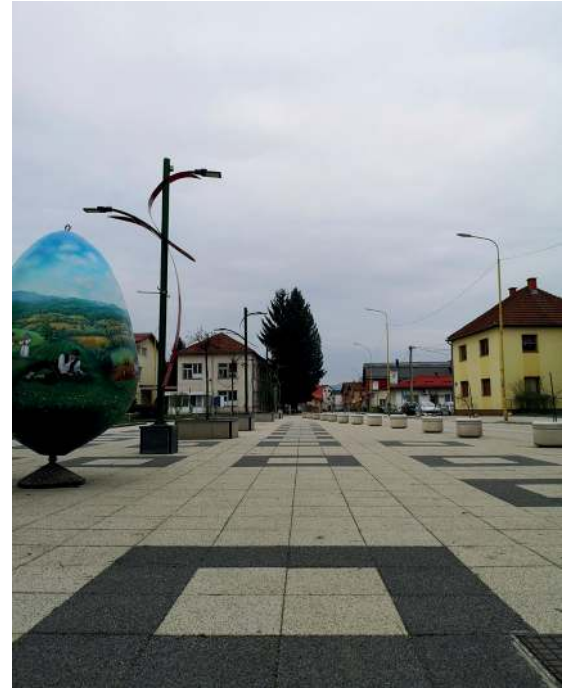
JasminM d.o.o. – a company founded in 1999 with headquarters in Ljeskovica, employing 75 workers in 2021. It is engaged in wholesale and retail trade, accessories and parts for motor vehicles, production, and services. Authorized distributors of the world's leading manufacturers of construction equipment, propulsion systems and hydraulic component. In the coming period, they plan to achieve the production of their own product in the field of agricultural machinery.

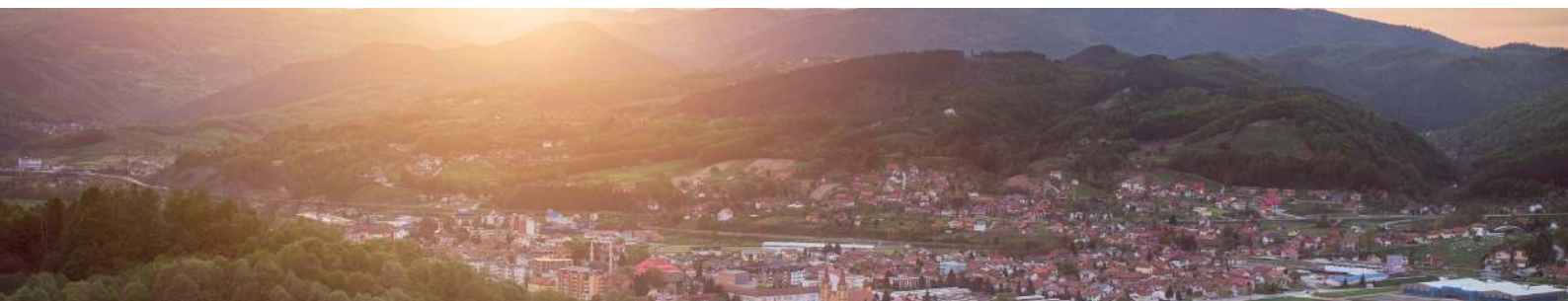


Armani Trade d.o.o. – company founded in 1994 as a wholesale and soon a retail store, employing 81 workers in 2021. The company includes 4 service facilities and 4 business centers. In 2020, the company completed the construction of a modernly equipped Nursing Home, with a capacity of 120 beds, which also meets the criteria of a four-star hotel.



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