



The metal sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina seems to have a natural competitive advantage mainly due to existing raw material resources, low wages and a heritage.

The beginnings of metal work in Bosnia and Herzegovina reach back into history, especially through handicraft production and manufacture.

In Vares, Kresevo and Ljubija metal was used for the building of products in the form of agricultural tools and devices, devices for construction needs and the needs of defence.

Why invest in the B&H Metal processing industry?

- Long tradition in metal processing industry
- Abundance of production facilities and industrial zones
- Skilled labor force
- Rich in mineral resources
- Export oriented sector
- No restrictions for foreign partnership with domestic companies.

Foreign companies, investors in the B&H Metal sector:

- MLM Alutec - Slovenia
- Presal Extrusion - Italy
- Arcelor Mittal - Switzerland
- Cimos Group - Slovenia
- Alpro Alumil Group - Greece



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Metal in B&H

Bosnia and Herzegovina has a long tradition of metal processing. It is rich in mineral resources (particularly iron ore, bauxite, lead, zinc and copper). The metal processing industry in BiH is quite large, covering the processing of ferrous and non ferrous metals, particularly iron, steel and aluminum, lead, zinc and copper.

The big majority of companies in the metal processing industry in B&H are small enterprises 80%, 15% are medium sized and 5% large companies.

This sector is the largest exporter in Bosnia and Herzegovina and, including the export of coke and iron ore, amounts to 50% of B&H exports.

This segment of the industry is in the process of revitalization and re-engineering. The vision is to consolidate capacities, to invest in new technologies and to create more capital intensive productivity.

Metal industry is a driving wheel for other industries in the modern world. Automobiles, buildings, bridges, machines are made with metal.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Key Facts

Land area: 51.209 km²
Population: 3.8 (estimation)
Capital: Sarajevo (cc. 500.000)
Time zone: Central European Time
Climate: Continental-Mountain and Mediterranean

Useful contacts:

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Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Republic of Srpska
www.komorars.ba
Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina
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Ministry of Energy, Mining and Industry of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
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Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining of Republika Srpska
www.vladars.net

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Strong development and permanent production growth that characterized B&H metal sector is considerably below its real potentials and expected performances. The existing structure of the metal sector in B&H, characterized with small companies, provides huge chances to large integrator companies in the sector, to integrate existing primary producers and to start their operations.

Main mining resources are: iron, manganese, cobalt, nickel, chromium, lead, zinc, antimony and bauxite.

The total geological reserves of iron ore are estimated at around 653 million tons, 2.5 million tons of manganese which is found mainly in the municipalities of Buzim and Konjic, 200 thousand tons of chromium, 56 million tons of lead and zinc and 122 million tons of bauxite. The total geological reserves of coal in B&H amount to around 5.76 billion tons.

Manufacturers of metal are large firms, while medium and small enterprises are more specialized and focused on the customer, they deal with a high degree of metal processing and production of various metal products.