

A photograph of a large-scale construction site. In the foreground, a tall blue tower crane stands prominently. To its left, several orange tower cranes are visible, some with concrete buckets suspended. The background features a multi-story building under construction, with its concrete frame and wooden scaffolding clearly visible against a clear blue sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of active development and infrastructure growth.

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INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY:

**EXPO VIPAVA VALLEY**

# WHY SLOVENIA?

Foreign direct investment (FDI) is equally important to Slovenia's economic growth as it is for global GDP and jobs worldwide. The Slovenian government has been working on improving the environment to attract quality business to the country and, in turn, create new jobs. For Slovenia as an FDI location quality has always been its core value and its cutting edge. Attention to quality runs in the blood of its people and in combination with vocational and university education makes the country's workforce often **No. 1 reason to invest** in Slovenia.

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## FACTS ABOUT SLOVENIA

One of the fastest growing CEE countries

- GDP growth in 2018: 4.5 % (**4<sup>th</sup> highest** in EU-28)
- Estimated GDP growth for 2019: 3.4 %
- Long-term GDP growth: 2.2 %
- **25<sup>th</sup> most developed country** (Human Development Index 2018, UN)
- **15<sup>th</sup> place on Quality of Life Index** 2019 (Numbeo)
- **11<sup>th</sup> safest country** (Global Peace Index 2018)
- **2<sup>nd</sup> most secure energy system** in the world
- Well-developed ICT infrastructure
- Strong healthcare system

# EXPO VIPAVA VALLEY

The municipality of Ajdovščina has a strategic plan to build the »Vipava Valley EXPO« fair in this area. - EXPO Vipava Valley is designed as an intersection and a meeting point of providers of local harvest and products (not only agricultural but also other products of the Vipava Valley and the region as a whole) as well as visitors and consumers. EXPO Vipava Valley will be formed as a tourist destination, stopping the transit passenger from heading towards other Slovene destinations.

The complex of EXPO Vipava Valley anticipates construction of multiple facilities which would function simultaneously as a demonstration and promotional place of critical economic operators of the Vipava Valley, construction of common meat and dairy learning processing establishments, a cold store, storage rooms and rooms for product completion, a smaller conference centre, a catering establishment, reception of a displaced hotel featuring a tourist information centre of the Vipava Valley destination, a showroom of the local economy, a centre for promoting craft and economy as a whole, a showroom of industrial heritage featuring a centre for passing traditional skills of ancient crafts and skills that are in the process of being forgotten as well as the land of water wheels on which the entire industrial development of Ajdovščina and the Vipava Valley was based.

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## Promoter

Občina Ajdovščina

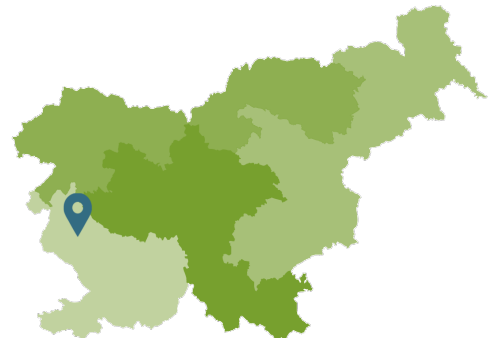
## Location:

The complex is located 400 m from the exit from the AC Ljubljana - Gorizia (IT), lies on the edge of the town of Ajdovščina near the river Hubelj. (45.8801540035439N 13.9071698595831E)

**Investment** 18.00 MIO EUR

## Type of investment

New product



## Sector

### Tourism

Agriculture and rural development, forestry and bio-economy

Cultural & Creative Industries

Sports, Leisure activities

### Highlight the key benefits of a new product

We want to design the area limited by the river Hubelj, the expressway and the ring road as a market of tastes (with the vision of the HC rest area), where we would combine different contents, such as:

- taste Market for local providers: sales and exhibition promotional space for local producers of food products,
- joint processing plant for local dairy and dried meat products (Vipava prosciutto, nano cheese, Vipava cheese,
- sales and exhibition space for local producers from other (non-food) industries - industry and crafts,
- tourist attraction to increase the visibility of the Vipava Valley,
- TIC point with the reception of the displaced hotel,
- hotel rooms (motel),
- conference hall for 150 people, equipped with all multimedia equipment with the possibility of subletting (conference tourism),
- catering establishment of traditional Vipava dishes and drinks,
- tasting room,
- refrigerator for seasonal fruit and vegetables.

### The intended method of investment

setting up a joint venture for a specific product

### A description of the key ways to generate revenue

Sale of goods and services to end and business customers (restaurant, congress hall, hotel).

## Market

EU

## Current status of the project

The project is in the planning phase.

## List the steps needed to complete the investment

Project phases:

- prepares the concept - done,
- analysis of stakeholder interest in cooperation,
- preparation of construction documentation,
- implementation of the project and establishment of a management model.

## Estimated time of realization

1 year

## Estimated completion time

2023

## Key benefits for the investor

Product location (directly at the exit from the AC), high support of the local community in editing documentation, a rising tourist destination.

## Project developer references (legal entities)

The municipality of Ajdovščina is the most pervasive, innovative, and one of the fastest-growing municipalities in western Slovenia with a goal-oriented public administration.

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