



Main facts on Municipality Gračanica

Region: Northeast region of BiH (NE BiH)
Canton: Tuzla Canton
Population: 58.926 (assumption)
Population density: 268 citizens/km²
Number of settlements: 25
Urban-rural population relation: 33% : 67%
Number of employed persons: 8.283
Number of employed people in agriculture: 2.259
Number of legal entities: 431 (SME's)
Number of natural entities: 656 (small shops, handicrafts, etc.)
Municipal budget for 2013: 5.9 mill. €
Twinned towns: Fleury les Aubrais (France), Formia (Italy) and Mustafakemalpaşa (Turkey)

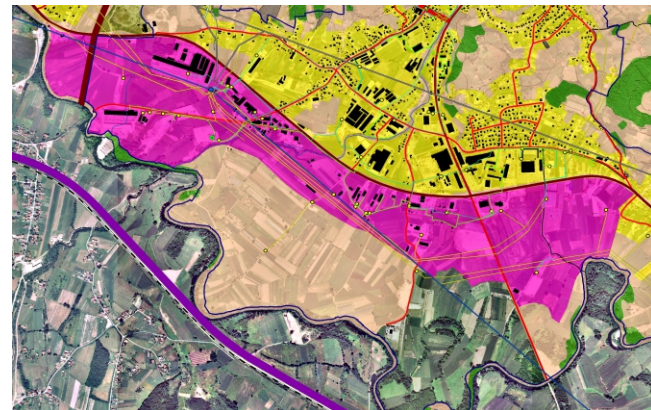


Main facts on economy

431 legal entities with total capital of 337 million KM, an average number of employees 6.153 have created a total income of 590 million KM, with net profit of 25,3 million KM. Amount of foreign trade stands at 331,7 million KM, with coverage of import by export of 88%. Most of the SMEs are private family companies.

The most important industries are manufacturing and processing industry, trade and construction industries. There is also an increasing number of SMEs in the field of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency (production of eco- heating systems, pellets and solar collectors).

Number of staff employed within local authority in direct proportion with population is 0,20%, which makes Municipality Gračanica one of the most efficient administrations in FBiH. Socio-economic development index of Gračanica Municipality stands at 117, which sets Gračanica at the high 14th place among 70 municipalities in FBiH.



Important strategic documents

Economic development strategy 2011-2020, Capital investment plan 2011-2020, LEAP 2012-2017, pre-drafting of SEAP, Social inclusion policy 2014-2018, Citizen partnership strategy, Energy charta (all municipalities of Tuzla Canton are signatories, in cooperation with USAID 3E and UNDP).

Development infrastructure

The most important associations of Municipality Gračanica are the Association of entrepreneurs and independent businessmen of Gračanica, Cluster of plastic processors and tool makers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Center for Advanced Technologies (MTTC), Association of agriculture workers, engineers and technicians. Such development structure creates increasing competition among companies, strengthens communication, increases employment and enables access to high end technologies within agriculture as well as in the processing industry.



Development projects

Municipality Gračanica successfully implements development projects with donors, such as EIB, SIDA, UNDP, MDG-F, Embassy of Japan in BiH, Embassy of Germany in BiH, Embassy of the Czech Republic in BiH, Provinzia di Padova, Environmental Protection Fund of FBiH, REMIDA project - transnational project financed within the MED programme, PROGRES - crossborder project within the IPA CBC BiH-CRO programme. Municipality Gračanica initiated the pilot project of the first biomass heating plant in Bosnia and Herzegovina, thus committing to environmental protection, increased usage of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency.



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Advantages of investing in Gračanica

- Shorter and simpler procedures for issuance of permits are established
- Lower rent prices and possibility of installment payment
- Municipality staff is user friendly, efficient and compliant oriented with the aim of developing SME sector
- Grants coming from higher government levels are directly linked with the development of business infrastructure
- In 2013, Gračanica Municipality is planning to implement 128 projects in the amount of 7,4 million KM with the aim of developing local economy and infrastructure
- Opportunities and privileges of production and supply of high quality materials
- Qualified work force
- Favourable land prices
- Favourable geographical location

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International fair of entrepreneurship and trade GRAPOS-EXPO

Joint project of Gračanica Municipality and Association of entrepreneurs and independent businessman of Gračanica shall be held for the 5th time from April 22 to April 25, 2014. The Fair is organized to promote economic activity of Gračanica's SME's and other actors required for economic development of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Rich cultural, historical and touristic offer

Municipality Gračanica is rich in objects with significant cultural, historical and ambient value. There is a clock tower from the 17th century, oldest authentic building in the town and also the tallest clock tower in BiH, Ahmet-pasha Budimlija's mosque (also called White mosque), and Osman Captain's madras that was formed in 1800 by Osman-captain Gradaščević. The beautiful building „Konak“ (City hall) from 1888, where even today the local government resides. One should not forget the catholic and orthodox church, as well as the old Bosnian house „Kuća Mare Popović“ from 1840, Gračanica's old steam train „Čiro“, placed outside as a part of the exhibition that honours the railroad tradition of Gračanica. The Old town of Soko, which is placed 6 km north from Gračanica, has a special historical value, with old mosque and ruins of medieval fortress. Another impressive cultural heritage of Gračanica is the unique „Gračaničko keranje“, geographically registered crochet work.



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Favourable geographical position

- Located in the close vicinity of the motorway M-4 (Doboj-Tuzla), only 17 km away from the future corridor Vc
- Railroad Sočkovac 1 km away
- International airport Tuzla 40 km away
- Excellent location - equal distance from the regional capitals



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