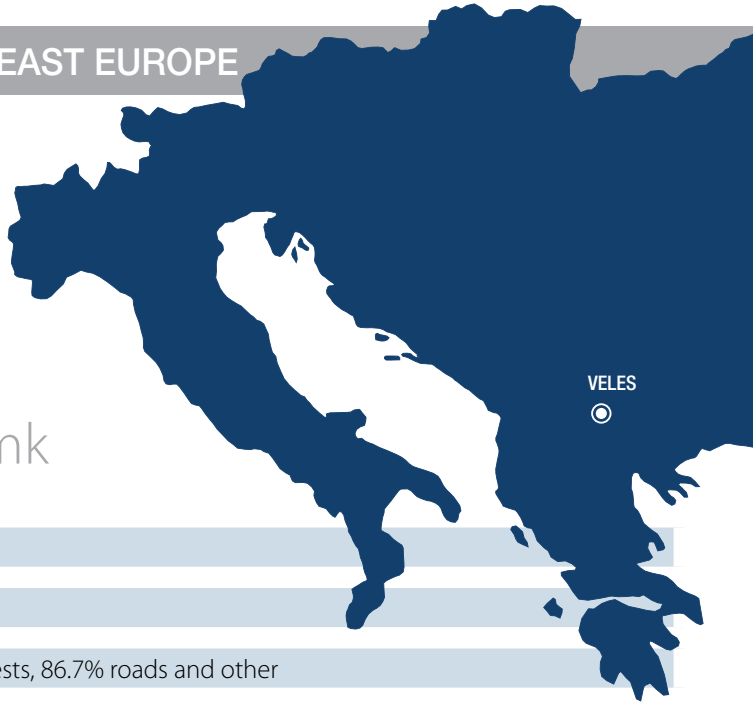
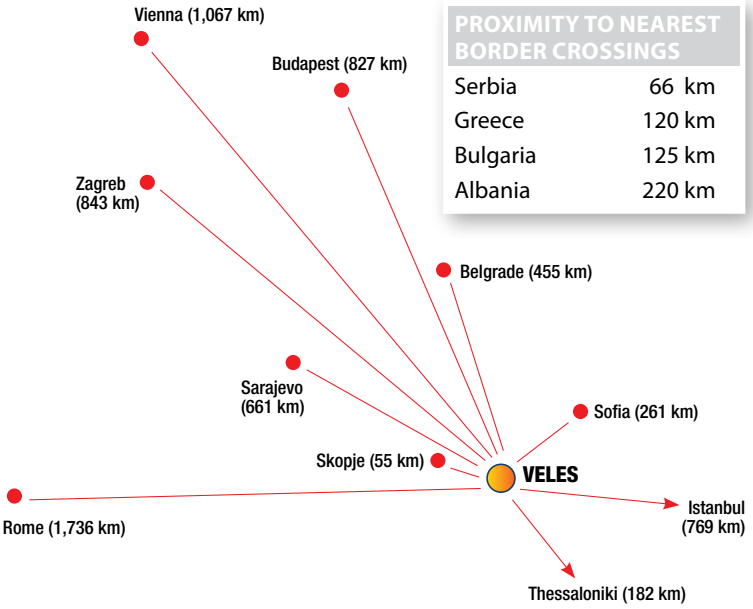
Veles



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Location	Central Macedonia
Population	51,108
Territory	464 km²; 12.05% arable land, 0.8% forests, 86.7% roads and other
Budget	2012: € 11.62 million; 4% capital investments
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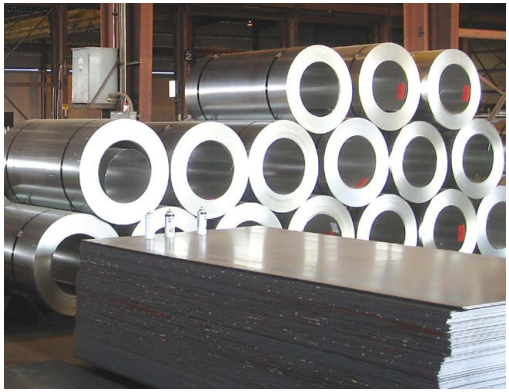
Located in the heart of Macedonia, the Municipality of Veles is the main crossroad connecting the entire country with the international Corridor 10 that links the Mediterranean sea, Middle East and Africa. International railroad lines (Belgrade – Skopje – Veles – Thessaloniki and Shtip – Veles – Bitola) and proximity to international airport "Alexander the Great" in Skopje (30 km away) additionally strengthen the excellent geo-strategic position of Veles. There are several developed industries the municipality, including construction materials industry, food, leather, textile, ceramics, commerce, metal industry, agriculture, services. Some of the most successful companies operating in Veles are Tuš markets, Brako, Leov, Dimko Mitrev, Blagoj Gjorev, Žito Markets. The city is open for new investors and the local government continues to work on improving the business climate and provide potential investors with the necessary support for building strong companies. The industrial zones formed by the local government offer infrastructurally equipped land which can be acquired at a price of only € 1 per m², and a variety of other benefits in terms of geographical location, climate conditions, water resources, transportation corridors and human resource. With a beautiful lake, archeological sites and specific architecture, Veles offers a highly pleasant environment to work and live in.



PROXIMITY TO NEAREST BORDER CROSSINGS	
Serbia	66 km
Greece	120 km
Bulgaria	125 km
Albania	220 km

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Work force: 45,024
Education structure: 9.7% college or university degree, 45.5% high school, 44.8% elementary and lower
Main faculties / schools: 7 faculties, 4 high schools, 7 elementary schools
No. of unemployed: 12,983; unemployment rate 28.8 %
Average gross salary: € 340 / month

LOCAL ECONOMY

No. of businesses: 1,847 companies and entrepreneurs
Size of businesses: 74.3% micro, 24.3 small, 1.1% middle-sized and 0.3 large
Dominant industries: Metal industry, ceramics industry, agriculture, fur industry, trade and transport
The largest domestic companies: Brako, Leov (metal industry), Dimko Mitrev (fur production), Blagoj Gjorev (food production), Žito Markets (shopping markets)
The most significant foreign investors: Tuš (trade, Slovenia)

TRAFFIC CONNECTIONS

Highways: Direct access to E-75
Main roads: Main road M-5 (Prilep – Veles – Shtip)
Railroad lines: Direct access to lines Belgrade – Skopje – Veles – Thessaloniki and Skopje – Veles – Prilep – Bitola – Florina (border crossings with Greece)
Ports: Port in Thessaloniki – 182 km away
Airports: International airport in Skopje – 30 km away

INVESTMENT LOCATION

Land area and purpose	244,700 m^2, construction - industrial use
Ownership structure	100% state ownership
Infrastructure	Access road. To be equipped with water supply, sewerage, electricity and ICT by the end of 2013
Location	10 km from the city center, 1 km to the cross section of E-75
Price and type of acquisition	€ 1 / m^2, auction
Other investment-related costs	Communal contribution ~ € 21.7 for production facilities, ~ € 26 for commercial facilities
Local incentives	Large investors are exempted from communal contribution to the local government