



## The Equipped Industrial Park of Koplik (Albania)

The Albanian government has located in the region of Shkodra, Koplik's municipality, an area of about 64 hectares for the construction of an industrial park, where different types of production settlements have been planned, as well as services, business and logistics.

The area is developing along the route Shkoder-Podgorica with about 12 Km from the border with Montenegro.

The creation of the park was entrusted by the Albanian government to the company Zona Industriale dhe Tregtare Koplik Sh.p.k. (ZITK) in concession, owned by some Italian entrepreneurs operating in Albania, ASI Bari, and an Albanian businessman.

The investment and the creation of the park is followed with special attention by Albanian Authorities and by Italian Embassy in Tirana, because it is a pilot project for industrial sites and production settlements in Albania and especially targeted to the economic development of the area.

The project provides for the fencing of the entire interested area for the intervention and aiming a controlled access.

The areas available for production settlements are divided into zones:

- trading area for exhibition of square meters 48,452
- multifunctional area of square meters 24,726 for services (schools of education – outpatients department – customs – global assistance) and collective equipments as (hotel - guest - bank - insurance - offices)
- area for a logistic platform of the total extension of square meters 68,727
- area for production settlements of square meters 279,454
- area for technological services of the extension of square meters 28,041
- areas for roads, parking lots and parks with a total extension of square meters 195,202.

The project also provides the entire infrastructure of the area that will be equipped with an independent waterworks for industrial and civilian use, with networks of black and white sewer, with gas distribution, with distribution of electricity, with telecommunication network connections, with public lighting and with fire alarms.

The start of works related to infrastructure and urbanization of the area is scheduled on February 2009.

The first areas equipped for the settlements will be available within 15 months of work, while the whole area will be completed within 30 months of work.

The areas within the park reserved for productive activities and services will be subject to the ownership transfer, against payment of an amount determined on the basis of purchase costs and infrastructure costs of the area, to Italian and foreign investors interested in settling in Albania and to Albanian investors and operators.

The concession company offers on request, beyond the opportunity to acquire individual lots, also a turnkey construction of buildings and industrial warehouse, because the concession company can rely on several other companies which operate in Albania and are specialized in this kind of achievement.

Lots start at a minimum area of 2,000 square meters.

Investing in Albania today is still an opportunity to be seized for a holder of trading activities.

The Republic of Albania day by day is developing and strengthening the institutional level to achieve in the near future the targets set in the Pact of Stability and Accession signed with the European Union and the entry into the same European Union.

Foreign investors can enjoy the full rights including intellectual property.

The bureaucratic process has been greatly simplified by implementing a one-stop counter that allows the registration of companies in a single day for activity commencement.

The income tax is unique for all and is determined to the extent of 10% on profits.

Customs procedures are being day by day more simplified also under free trade agreements in force in the southern Balkans and the agreements with the countries of the EU.

The financial and insurance system is very developed and it even records the presence of major foreign banks such as Intesa-SanPaolo, Raiffeisen Bank.

The Shkodra region offers an interesting labour market represented by qualified resources.

The region has a population of 325,416 inhabitants.

The town of Shkoder in particular has a good University where annually 6000 students enroll and 500 graduates come from.

The cost of human resources is quite low, in particular a qualified resource receives a monthly salary of € 250.00 and the total welfare and social security contributions is equal to 20%.

The connections and transport to and from Albania are guaranteed by Tirana's airport and by the near airport of Podgorica, by the port of Durrës, by the port of Shengjin and by the near port of Bar in Montenegro, by the railway line Montenegro-Greece and via land by the speed road connecting Durrës with Montenegro.

Investors interested to settle in the Industrial Park of Koplik can express their interest using the relevant Demonstration of Interest Form.