



Karlovac Croatia

www.karlovac.hr

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### Introduction

## Greeting from the Mayor



THE MAYOR OF KARLOVAC DAMIR JELIĆ, PROF.

arlovac is a positive example of an environment where quality and a timely recognition of companies' potential has been directed at a quick solving of the problems faced by investors in Croatia. Through joint effort, cooperation and consultations with investors, Karlovac has found a formula for a smooth and efficient solution to administrative obstacles that make doing business difficult.

Administrative and professional services of the City of Karlovac are always available to assist and consult investors and project engineers; licences for business projects aimed at increasing production capacities in the Karlovac area are issued expeditiously and special attention has been given to the needs of investors while creating physical plans. That is why Karlovac is a city where economic goals are actually accomplished and projects implemented.

Hard work, dedication, availability of city services for consultation and the openness to investors, Karlovac University of Applied Sciences as the seat of experts for economic subjects in function of the local economy, tourist and agricultural potential, business zones, as well as the promising, but still under-utilised business and tourist facilities, present a potential for Karlovac to take off economically and create new jobs.

Investors - see you in Karlovac!



# City of Karlovac

arlovac is situated at the Dinaric edge of the Pannonian plain at the transition to the hilly part towards the Mediterranean. It is known as the town on four rivers: the Kupa, the Korana, the Mrežnica and the Dobra, as well as a city of parks. Karlovac is a relatively new settlement, having been founded on the 13th of July 1579. It was founded as a military fortress in the plain, at the confluence of the Korana and the Kupa rivers. Its construction was based on the idea of an ideal renaissance hexagonal star-shaped town, with a square in the centre and streets intersecting at right angles, and is a valuable cultural heritage.







Administration Building of the City of Karlovac



Administration Building of the Karlovac County

Karlovac is the administrative and economic centre of the Karlovac County, situated in central Croatia and bordering two countries: Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as four counties: Zagreb County, Sisak-Moslavina County, Lika-Senj County and Primorje-Gorski Kotar County.

Karlovac has **55,981** inhabitats (based on the 2011 census), which makes it one of the top ten most populated cities in Croatia.

16%

The total area of Karlovac is **402** km<sup>2</sup>, and it comprises of the following:

- > woodlands and farmlands 64%
- > water
- > developed land and construction sites 20%



## City of Karlovac

#### The City of Karlovac settlements:



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### **Transport connections**

#### Air traffic:

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Zagreb Airport (Pleso Airport) distance: 55 km (50 km of highway)

#### Rail transport:

there is a Croatian Railways train station in the centre of the city (Karlovac is an international railway station en route from Zagreb railway centre to Rijeka and Split)



#### Road traffic:

MOST IMPORTANT ROUTES PASSING THROUGH KARLOVAC:

#### MOTORWAYS

Karlovac-Bosiljevo-Split (A1) Bosiljevo-Rijeka (A6)

#### STATE ROADS

Karlovac-Plitvice-Knin-Split (D1) Karlovac-Jurovski Brod-SLO (D6) Karlovac-Delnice-Rijeka (D3) Karlovac-Lasinja-Sisak (D36)

### Karlovac economy

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#### Main activities

- manufacturing industry (production of food and beverages, finished metal products, machines and devices)
- trade
- construction

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#### Other important activities:

- forestry and hunting
- agriculture
- tourism

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- > Number of companies (in 2010): 1036
- > Number of trades and crafts (in 2010): 1060
- > Number of family agricultural farms (in 2010): 1417
- > Number of employees in companies (in 2010): 9692
- > Average monthly net salary by an employee working in a company ( in 2010): HRK 4,488.00
- > Total economic income (in 2010): HRK 5.2 bn
- > Economy export (in 2010): HRK 0.99 bn
- > Tourist room/nights (in 2010): 34,655 (largest number of foreign tourists originate from: Germany, Poland, Italy, Austria, France)
- > Number of beds in tourist accommodation: hotels 200 beds, other 195
- > Number of unemployed (on the 31st of November 2011): 3861

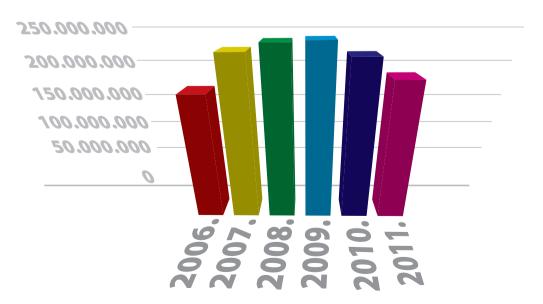


# City of Karlovac

#### Development level index for Karlovac and some Croatian cities:

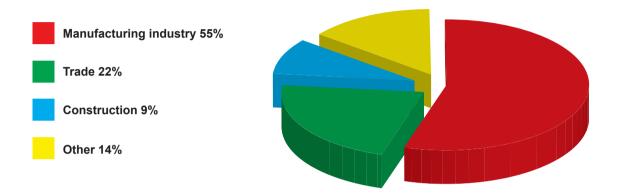
Ordinal number	City	Development level index value	Development group
1.	Slavonski Brod	87,45%	111
2.	Gospić	91,66%	
3.	Bjelovar	92,55%	
4.	Karlovac	96,14%	III
5.	Krapina	97,14%	III
6.	Čakovec	103,37%	IV
7.	Sisak	104,38%	IV
8.	Velika Gorica	110,18%	IV
9.	Koprivnica	114,76%	IV
10.	Varaždin	122,62%	IV

#### The budget of the city of Karlovac (in HRK)

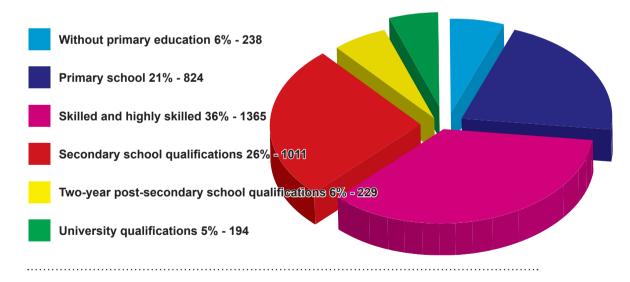




#### Economic structure according to total income



Structure of the unemployed people according to education



#### Most important companies according to total income (in 2009)

- > Karlovačka pivovara d.o.o.
- **>** PPK d.d.
- > Alstom Croatia d.o.o.
- > HS produkt d.o.o.
- > KIM d.o.o.



## City of Karlovac



Gornje Mekušje - Karlovac and Duga Resa wastewater treatment plant

# Karlovac Water and Wastewater Programme (ISPA project)

The most important environmental project in the Karlovac area with the basic goal of building a facility for the treatment of waste water, as well as of a new water supply and sewage infrastructure. The Project will contribute to the cleanliness of the Karlovac rivers, as well as help to achieve EU legal environmental standards.

Additional project info: www.ispa-karlovac.eu

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Karlovac University of Applied Sciences (VuKA)

# **Educational institutions**

#### Primary education:

10 primary schools

#### Secondary schools

- Gimnazija Karlovac (Karlovac Gymnasium)
- Medicinska škola Karlovac (Karlovac Nursing school)
- Ekonomsko-turistička škola Karlovac (Karlovac Secondary commercial and tourist school)
- Trgovačko-ugostiteljska škola Karlovac (Karlovac Trading and Catering school)
- Prirodoslovna škola Karlovac (Karlovac Science school)
- Tehnička škola Karlovac (Karlovac Technical school)
- Šumarsko drvodjeljska škola Karlovac (Karlovac Forestry and carpentry school)
- Mješovita industrijsko-obrtnička škola Karlovac (Karlovac Mixed industry and trade and crafts school)

Karlovac Music school - for primary and secondary music education

#### University education

Karlovac University of Applied Sciences (VuKA), <u>www.vuka.hr</u>

> professional degree courses: hospitality, hunting and environmental protection, mechanical engineering, mechatronics, safety and protection, nursing, textile engineering, food processing technology

- > business administration, mechanical engineering, safety and protection
- Faculty of Economics Rijeka Karlovac Teaching centre <u>http://www.efri.uniri.hr</u>

#### Life-long learning

There is a possibility for the retraining and education of adults through a broad range of programmes carried out in a number of educational institutions, info: <u>www.cuka.hr</u>





# Cultural institutions

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- City theatre Zorin dom Karlovac
- Karlovac City Museum
- Vjekoslav Karas Gallery
- City library Ivan Goran Kovačić



City theatre Zorin dom Karlovac, Domobranska ulica 1, <u>www.zorin-dom.hr</u>



City library "Ivan Goran Kovačić", Ljudevita Šestića 1, <u>www.gkka.hr</u>

### Important events

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- > The St.John's Bonfire (Ivanjski krijes) (June)
- > International Ethno & Jazz Festival (June)
- > International Folklore Festival (July)
- > Birthday Ball Karlovac Birthday (July)
- > Karlovac Beer Days (Karlovački dani piva) (August/September)
- > Youth Film Review (September)

Karlovac Beer Days parade





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# Karlovac - a city made for people

hey say that Karlovac is made to fit people. It is neither too big, nor too small it abounds with historical sites, and yet is open to modern life, rich in culture and filled with greenery and rivers, close to the capital - Zagreb, but also close to the sea...a perfect place for a harmonious life and creativity. Such a city provides comfortable living for everyone, children and young people, families, older people, but also for the disabled. Karlovac is a city open to knowledge, and this has been recognized by young people who come to Karlovac to get an education. The Karlovac University of Applied Sciences today educates over two thousand students, and secondary schools offer attractive programmes as well.



Vrbanić' Park - taking an active break



Four Rivers Film Festival



## Utility and economic infrastructure

#### Utility infrastructure

- Municipal waste management: Čistoća d.o.o. Karlovac, Gažanski trg 8, <u>www.cistocaka.hr</u> tel.: +385 47/611-918, fax: +385 47/616-135, <u>cistocaka@cistocaka.hr</u>
- 2 Drinking water supply and waste water drainage: Vodovod i kanalizacija d.o.o. Karlovac, Gažanski trg 8, <u>www.vik-ka.hr</u>, tel.: +385 47/649-100, fax: +385 47/649-101, <u>kontakt@vik-ka.hr</u>
- Public green space maintenance, cemetery maintenance and transport of the deceased: Zelenilo d.o.o., Karlovac, Put Davorina Trstenjaka 6, www.zelenilo.hr, tel.: +385 47/609-920, fax: +385 47/617-335, uprava.@zelenilo.hr
- 4 Public transport: Autotransport d.d. Karlovac, Gažanski trg 8, www.atsk.hr, tel.: +385 47/611-821, fax: +385 47/611-027, miro.karas@atsk.hr
- travel information: www.autobusni-kolodvor.com, tel.: 060 338 833

#### Telecommunication

Service providers in fixed telephony:

- HT-Hrvatske telekomunikacije d.d. Zagreb, T-Com Customer Service, Trg Petra Zrinskog 6, Karlovac - customer contact centre: 0800-9100, <u>www.t-com.hr</u>
- 2 Optima telecom d.o.o. Zagreb, customer service tel.no.: 0800-0088
- METRONET TELEKOMUNIKACIJE D.D. Zagreb, Ulica grada Vukovara 269, <u>www.metronet.hr</u>, tel.: 0800- 8228, fax: +385 1 632 7011

Service providers in mobile telephony:

- T-MOBILE Hrvatska d.o.o. Zagreb, Ulica grada Vukovara 23. Product and service sale in Karlovac: T-Centar, Karlovac, Trg bana P. Zrinskog 6, customer service tel.no.: 0800-9100, 0800-9000, <u>www.t-mobile.hr</u>
- VIPnet d.o.o. Zagreb, I.Gundulića 8, Karlovac, <u>www.vip.hr</u>, customer service tel.no.: 0917700



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# City of Karlovac

> Broadband ADSL access provided in the entire Karlovac area.

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#### Internet

Broadband ADSL access provided.

#### Thermal energy

Thermal energy production and distribution: Toplana d.o.o. Karlovac, Tina Ujevića 7, tel.: +385 47/411-166, fax: +385 47/411-169, <u>www.toplana.hr</u>

(Access to thermal network possible only for the central Karlovac area)

Broadband ADSL access provided in the entire Karlovac area.

#### Electric power

Electric power production, transfer and distribution: Hrvatska elektroprivreda d.d. Zagreb, HEP-operator distribucijskog sustava d.o.o. DP elektra Karlovac, Dr. Vladka Mačeka 44, Karlovac. Tel.: +385 47/661-111, fax: +385 47/411-102, <u>www.hep.hr</u>

#### Gas supply

Gas distribution: Montcogim – Karlovac d.o.o., Karlovac, tel.: +385 47/601-632, fax: +385 47/ 601-633, <u>www.montcogim.hr</u>

#### Institutions in service of the economy and trade and crafts



 Croatian Chamber of Economy (HGK) - Karlovac County Chamber, Kralja Tomislava 19b, 47000 Karlovac: tel. +385 47 612 111; fax: +385 47 614 720, <u>www.hgk.hr</u>, e-mail: <u>hgkka@hgk.hr</u>



KARLA Development Agency, Ulica Jurja Haulika 14, 47000 Karlovac, Tel.: +385 47 612
 800; fax: +385 47/ 609 499, <u>www.ra-kazup.hr</u>



 Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts, Karlovac County Chamber, Ulica Jurja Haulika 14, <u>www.hok.hr</u> tel.: +385 47 612 058, fax: +385 47 611 742, e-mail: <u>ok.karlovac@hok.hr</u>



4 Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts, Tradesmen Association Karlovac, Ulica Jurja Haulika 14, <u>www.hok.hr</u>, tel.: +385 47 615 862, fax: +385 47 616 863, e-mail: udruzenje.obrtnika.karlovac@ka.t-com.hr



**5** FREE CUSTOMER SERVICE NO. of the Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship: 0800 234 505



6 REGEA (North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency), Karlovac branch office, Ulica Jurja Haulika 14, 47000 Karlovac, <u>www.regea.org/karlovac.html</u>, tel./fax: +385 47 649 450, e-mail: <u>krajic@regea.org</u>



Karlovac Tourist Board, Ulica Petra Zrinskog 3, <u>www.karlovac-touristinfo.hr</u>, tel.: +385 47 615 115, fax: +385 47 600 602, e-mail: <u>karlovac-touristinfo@ka.t-com.hr</u>

#### Banks

1	KARLOVAČKA BANKA	Dr. Vladka Mačeka 8, Karlovac	+385 47 417 300
2	PRIVREDNA BANKA ZAGREB	Domobranska ulica 6, Karlovac	+385 47 547 100
3	ZAGREBAČKA BANKA	Stjepana Radića 5, Karlovac	+385 47 843 103
4	HRVATSKA POŠTANSKA BANKA (CROATIAN POSTAL BANK)	Ivana Gorana Kovačića 4, Karlovac	+385 47 555 040
5	ERSTE & STEIERMÄRKISCHE BANK d.d.	Trg Josipa Broza 2, Karlovac	(062) 374 550
6	RAIFFEISEN BANK	Trg Milana Sufflaya 1, Karlovac	+385 47 547 500
7	SOCIETE GENERALE — SPLITSKA BANKA	Pavla Vitezovića 1, Karlovac	+385 47 627 291
8	BANCO POPOLARE CROATIA	Ivana Gundulića 11, Karlovac	(062) 272 727
9	HYPO ALPE-ADRIA BANK	Dr. Vladka Mačeka 12, Karlovac	+385 47 609 840
10	VOLKSBANK	Petra Preradovića 8, Karlovac	+385 47 658 960
11	KREDITNA BANKA ZAGREB	Prilaz Većeslava Holjevca 2A, Karlovac	+385 47 600 353



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### Taxes

The general tax system in the Republic of Croatia is defined by the General Tax Act and is based on a group of direct and indirect taxes. The Croatian tax system can be seen on the Ministry of Finance, Tax administration web page:

www.porezna-uprava.hr/porezi

> Special benefits and reliefs for economic subjects (lower profit tax, better terms for approving loans, etc.) and for physical persons (lower tax base for paying taxes, etc.) apply in the Karlovac assisted area (cca 50%) identified as areas with difficult economic conditions.

#### Some basic taxes

Value added tax: 23% Profit tax: 20% Income tax-calculated on tax base parts according to tax categories: (at annual level)

up to HRK 21,600.00, tax rate 0%
from HRK 21,600.00 to HRK 43,200.00, tax rate: 12 %
from HRK 43,200.00 to HRK 108,000.00, tax base: 25%
above HRK 108,000.00, tax base: 40%

#### The City of Karlovac taxes

(Decision on municipal taxes: "The City of Karlovac Gazette" ("Glasnik Grada Karlovca") 7/11 - <u>http://www.karlovac.hr</u>)

- surtax on income tax: 12%
- consumption tax: 3%
- tax on holiday houses: HRK 8.00 by m2 of useful area
- tax on trade name: HRK 150.00 to 700.00
- It is possible to get a tax relief ( 50% or 100%) when paying tax on trade name.

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# Facilities construction duties

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#### 1) Utility services payment

(Decision on utility services payment: "The City of Karlovac Gazette" ("Glasnik Grada Karlovca") no. 07/04 - <u>http://www.karlovac.hr</u>)

Facility construction investors are responsible for paying utility service fees. They are calculated according to cubic meter (m3) and depend on the zone and facility type. The Karlovac administrative and professional services calculate and collect utility service payments. Paying of utility services is a prerequisite for obtaining a building permit. Info:\_www.karlovac.hr

#### Utility services are not paid:

- 1 for business facilities in assisted areas
  - (cca 50% of the City of Karlovac area)
- 2 for business facilities in zone 4 of the City of Karlovac

#### Utility services payment reduction:

- 1 for production facilities 50% of reduction
- 2 for business facilities of investors who were disabled during the Homeland War the reduction equals their disability percentage
- If or business facilities where scarce occupations or activities of a special interest for Karlovac would be conducted, reduction according to a special decision of the City of Karlovac

#### 2) Water supply tax

(Regulation on water supply tax "Official Gazette" no. 78/10, Ordinance on calculation and payment of water supply tax "Official Gazette" no. 79/10 <u>http://narodne-novine.nn.hr</u>)

The facility construction investor is responsible for paying the water supply tax. The calculation method and water supply tax amount depend on the zone and facility type. Professional services of Hrvatske vode-water management of Kupa-Karlovac branch office carry out the calculation and the collection. Payment of water supply taxes is a prerequisite for obtaining a building permit. Info: <a href="http://www.voda.hr">www.voda.hr</a>

#### 3) Fee for connecting buildings to utility infrastructure facilities

(Decision on connecting to utility infrastructure "The City of Karlovac Gazette" no. 4/02, 9/02, 7/04 - <u>http://www.karlovac.hr</u>)

The facility construction investor is responsible for paying for the connections of buildings to utility infrastructure facilities. The calculation method and the fee amount depend on

Utility services payment is NOT paid for business facilities:

- > in assisted areas
- *> in zone 4*

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50% utility services reduction for production facilities



### **Business conditions**

the type of connection (drinking water supply, waste and precipitation water drainage in public drainage system) and type of a building (business, residential). Professional staff from Vodovod i kanalizacija d.o.o. carry out the calculation and the collection. Payment of these fees is a prerequisite for obtaining a building permit. Info: <u>www.vik.hr</u>

#### Fee for connecting to power-supply network

Professional staff from HEP-operator distribucijskog sustava d.o.o. DP elektra Karlovac carry out the calculation and the collection for the connection to the existing power-supply network. The amount to be paid for the connection is calculated per 1KW of the leased power. Additional information on: <u>www.hep.hr</u>

# 3.3 Business operation duties

#### 1) Payment for municipal services

(*Payment for municipal services decision*, "The City of Karlovac Gazette" no. 11/02 - <u>http://www.karlovac.hr</u>)

Persons responsible for payment are owners, i.e. beneficiaries of the following: housing space, garage space, business premises, construction sites used for business activities and undeveloped construction sites. Professional services of the City of Karlovac carry out the calculation and collection. Info: www.karlovac.hr

> It is possible to get a fee reduction up to 75% when paying for municipal services.

#### 2) Monument annuity

(Decision on monument annuity amount, "The City of Karlovac Gazette" no. 13/10, 5/11 - <u>http://www.karlovac.hr</u>)

Persons responsible for paying monument annuity are legal entities and natural persons who are subject to income tax or profit tax and who carry out business activities in areas of cultural and historic interest. Professional services of the City of Karlovac carry out the calculation and collection. Info: <u>www.karlovac.hr</u>

> Beneficiaries of concessions on cultural goods, as well as natural persons and legal entities with manufacturing or production as their predominant activities, can get monument annuity fee reductions.

#### 3) Water contribution

Water contribution is the income of Hrvatske vode (water management company) and the resources are assigned for water management. Info: <u>http://www.voda.hr</u>





# Data on available resources for implementing investment projects

# Business facilities

#### Buildings for production and industry purposes

The City of Karlovac does not own or manage such facilities. However, in the area of Karlovac there are buildings of various sizes for production and industry purposes which are not used, and are owned by other entities. Entrepreneurs interested in finding suitable production and industry facilities can ask for assistance in the City of Karlovac. Please send cooperation proposals to: <u>gradonacelnik@karlovac.hr</u> or by fax: +385 47 628 134

#### Office, trade, hospitality and similar facilities

Office, trade, hospitality and similar spaces owned or managed by the City of Karlovac are managed through Inkasator d.o.o. (Trg Josipa Broza 4, Karlovac, FREE customer service tel.no.: 412- 158, fax: 612 933, inkasator@inkasator.hr ). Business premises are leased through public tenders. Apart from business premises owned by the City of Karlovac, there is a large number of trade, hospitality and office premises owned by private owners, companies and citizens, which are not used and are available for lease or sale. For information on property transaction services options, please contact the Croatian Chamber of Commerce, which keeps Real Estate Agent, also available on the Internet: <a href="http://hgkreg.hgk.hr/posredovanje/">http://hgkreg.hgk.hr/posredovanje/</a>

#### Other buildings

In the Karlovac area, there are buildings such as former army barracks, old schools, hotels and facilities with other purposes which are no longer in use. The owners of such buildings are the Republic of Croatia, the City of Karlovac or other legal entities or natural persons. You can ask for assistance in obtaining information in the City of Karlovac. Please send cooperation proposals to: gradonacelnik@karlovac.hr or by fax: +385 47 628 134.

#### Public space lease

(Decision on leasing public space and undeveloped construction sites owned by the City of Karlovac, "The City of Karlovac Gazette" no. 7/11 - <u>http://www.karlovac.hr</u>)

The amount of rental fee for public spaces and undeveloped construction sites owned by the City of Karlovac depends on the City of Karlovac area (3 zones) and the intended usage of the land. Professional service of the City of Karlovac manages public space leases. Info: <u>www.karlovac.hr</u>



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# Data on available resources for implementing investment projects

#### Renewable energy sources

The physical plan of the City of Karlovac specifies areas which have the possibility for building small water power plants, using geothermal sources, as well as co-generation plant of the city's heating plant on biomass.

#### Geothermal potential - Rečica source

One of the biggest renewable energy source potentials, situated 8 km from Karlovac. During the initial research, at the depth of 1500 m, water temperature of about 140 degrees Celsius has been found. (additional research required). Economic potential: building thermo-electric power plant, using it for agricultural purposes (curing plant, refrigeration plant, greenhouses, freshwater fish breeding and other), as well as tourist and recreational facilities with pools.

4.2 Land

#### Agricultural land

Out of the total Karlovac area, agricultural land covers 54.9%, i.e. 21,752 ha. The City of Karlovac does not own agricultural land, but it currently manages 1510 ha of agricultural land owned by the state according to the Agricultural Land Act, and based on the Management programme for agricultural land owned by the Republic of Croatia in the area of the City of Karlovac. The City of Karlovac can sell or lease or grant a concession for this land.

Land characteristics:

- different soil values possibilities for growing field, vegetable and fruit crops
- preserved soil possibility of growing organic products
- vicinity of rivers which enables the irrigation of agricultural land
- terrain configuration, from plains to rolling hills

For more information on agricultural land in the City of Karlovac contact: <u>gradonacelnik@karlovac.hr</u> or by fax: +385 47 628 134.

#### Land for building business and industry facilities

The administrative area of the City of Karlovac covers 402 km2, and it is owned by various legal entities and physical persons, institutions, the Republic of Croatia, Karlovac County and the City of Karlovac. Construction method and conditions have been specified by



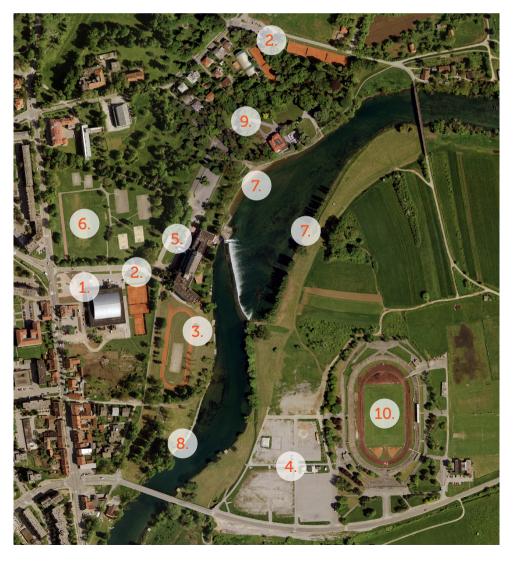
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planning and physical documents also available on the City of Karlovac web page: <u>www.karlovac.hr</u> / physical plans (the City of Karlovac physical plan published in "The City of Karlovac Gazette" no. 1/02, 5/10, 6/11 and other documents)

For more information on land for building business and industry facilities in the City of Karlovac contact: <u>gradonacelnik@karlovac.hr</u> or by fax: +385 47 628 134.

### Korana recreation area

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- 1. Sports hall
- 2. Tennis courts
- Athletic track with beach volleyball courts
- 4. Karlovac Beer Days Venue
- 5. The Korana Hotel
- Vunsko polje (outdoor playing fields for recreation and a children playground)
- 7. Swimming beach at the Korana river (city beach)
- Swimming beach at the Korana river (Foginovo)
- Vrbanić' park and the Korana - Srakovčić Hotel
- 10. Football stadium



# Protected historical sites

Karlovac was built in the 16th century as a renaissance city in the form of a regular hexagonal star encircled by trenches

Karlovac was founded as a strategic military fortress for defense against the Turks. It was built as an ideal fortified city, in the form of a hexagonal star with an orthogonal matrix of 12 streets, and is European and worldclass example of pure renaissance architecture. The 13th of July 1579 is recorded as the initial date of the construction under Martin Gambon, and this date is still celebrated as the city's birthday.









# The Old Town of Dubovac

The Old Town of Dubovac was built at the end of the 12th century, on a hill, in the vicinity of present-day Karlovac. This building also played a military defense role in its eventful history, most of all in the defense against the Turks. During the 15th and the 16th century it was owned by the noble Frankopan and Zrinski families. Today it is under protection as a cultural asset and is being renovated with a new, cultural tourism purpose.

#### Vrbanić' Park

Vrbanić' Park is protected as a horticultural monument due to its value. It was formally opened in 1896, and its founder was the Mayor of Karlovac Josip Vrbanić. This park has an aesthetic, stylish, artistic, cultural, historical and scientific value, and the inhabitants use it for sightseeing, rest and recreation.



# Economic zones

#### Production and industry zones:

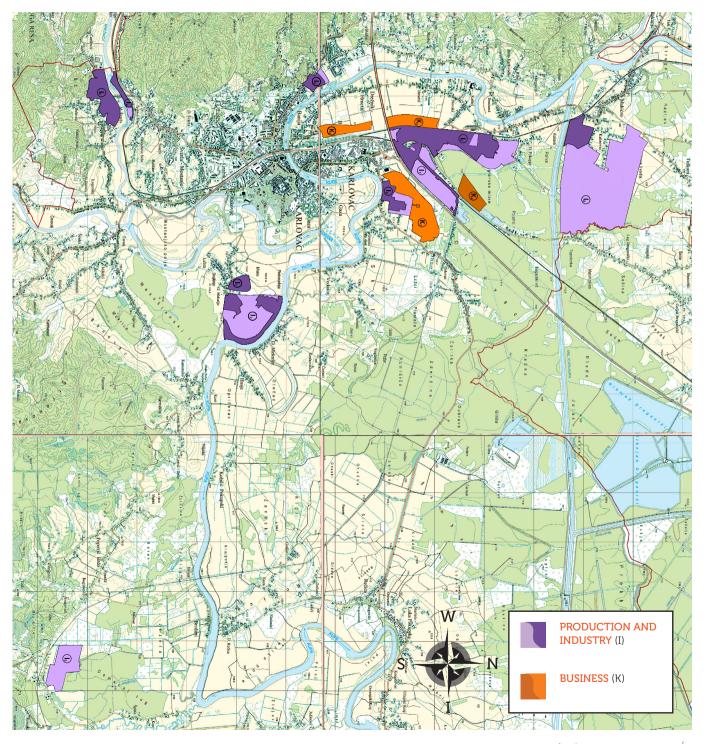
	Name	Area	Investment options
I 1	Gornje Mekušje	11,29 ha	YES
I 2	Gornje Mekušje 2	93,34 ha	YES — in one part of the zone
I 3	Jug — Mala Švarča	38,49 ha	NO
I 4	Mrzlo polje — Karlovac	13,34 ha	YES — in one part of the zone
I 5	Pivovara	12,20 ha	NO
Ι6	РРК	26,10 ha	YES — in one part of the zone
I 7	Banija — Ilovac	182,49 ha	YES — in one part of the zone
I 8	Mahično	274,10 ha	YES — in one part of the zone
I 9	Skakavac	38,87 ha	YES

#### Business zones:

	Name	Area	Investment options
К 1	Drežnik	19,03 ha	YES
К 2	Hrnetić	21,60 ha	YES
К з	Selce - Gradac	45,83 ha	YES
K 4	Ilovac	18,47 ha	NO



### City of Karlovac economic zones:





The City of Karlovac implements and co-finances (from its budget) the programmes stimulating:

- entrepreneurship
- agriculture
- tourism

For individual, more complex programmes there is a possibility of providing technical support and co-financing according to investor's needs.

## Frequently asked questions

#### Q: Is there a unique tax on imported equipment?

A: Yes, 23%.

#### Q: Where do the tourists to Croatia come from?

A: Up to 79% of the total number of tourists are foreigners:

- 25% Germans9% Austrians12% Slovenians5% Hungarians12% Italians4% Dutch10% Czechs23% tourists from other<br/>countries
- Q: Are there any credit lines for financing big investment projects?
- A: Yes, banks and state institutions offer credit lines.

Q: Are there any tax reliefs for newly created workplaces?

A: Yes, there are reliefs.

Q: Do American or EU citizens need a visa?

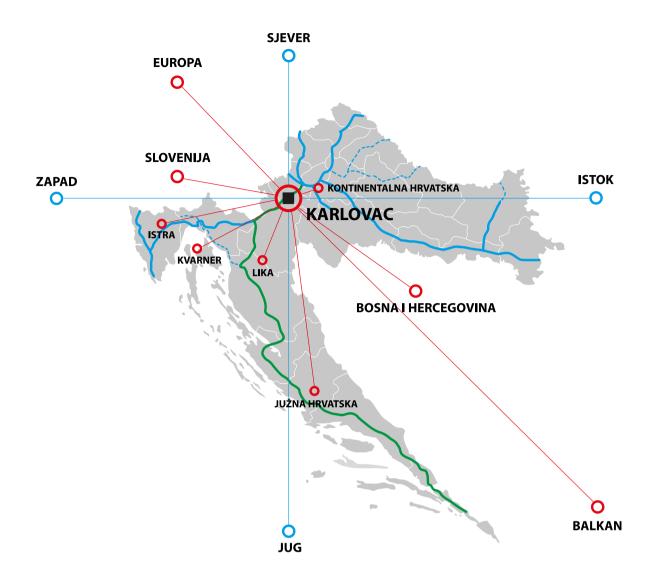
A: No.

Q: Does Croatia have local companies that provide utility services?

A: Yes, the City of Karlovac has its own utility service companies.



FAQ





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