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Rescue package

of the Lodz Special Economic Zone

for

Belarusian companies considering relocation to Poland

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Lodz Special Economic Zone – general information

The Lodz Special Economic Zone (LSEZ) is a government agency providing professional services for business. Under the programme, the Polish Investment Zone grants entrepreneurs public aid for the implementation of new investments in the form of income tax exemption within the area of three voivodeships: Lodz, Mazovia and Greater Poland. Entrepreneurs interested in starting a new business in the LSEZ can take advantage of public aid up to 55% of eligible costs of the investment or two-year labour costs. LSEZ offers comprehensive investor service. Its representatives form a professional team of advisors who support the entrepreneur at every stage of the investment – including after its completion (post-investment care). A broad package of additional services provided by LSEZ (training and conferences, networking) and cooperation with business environment institutions allow relations with potential partners and sub-suppliers to be established and developed.

Aid from the LSEZ is not only about tax exemption, but includes a number of other original projects:

Startup Spark – an acceleration programme that combines the potential of startups with the resources, infrastructure and experience of mature business.

S5 programme – Poland's first acceleration programme that supports the development of innovative solutions using 5G or 5G ready technology (Non-Standalone 5G architecture) in enterprises. Qualified startups receive expert and financial support for product/service development in 5G/5G ready technology.

Rozwoyou Zone – support for employees of companies from the SME sector: up to 80% of funding for training (development services) found in the Database of Development Services; the possibility to independently decide on the type and timing of the development service that will be provided, as well as on the choice of the training company.

Automation and Robotics Technical College – a prestigious and modern offer of vocational training, which responds to the needs of employers. LSEZ together with three zone investors have established the only technical school in Poland where students are trained in the profession of automation and robotics technicians.

IoE Hub – a new approach of the Lodz Special Economic Zone to the development and implementation of technological innovations where we attach aspects related to data, data analytics and forecasting using data to the Internet of Things. On the basis of the data we create processes which are completed by the user – the actual beneficiary of the created solutions. The Internet of Everything is a connection of people, processes, data and devices, i.e. a combination that will accelerate the fourth industrial revolution.

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Polish Investment Zone

Tax relief is granted for a planned new investment or job creation. In order to receive public aid, quantitative criteria must be met – the amount of investment expenditure depends on the size of the company and the location of the investment. In the case of SME and IT/BPO/SSC companies, the quantitative criteria have been significantly reduced. The tax relief is also linked to qualitative criteria. Among the 10 qualitative criteria, divided into supporting sustainable economic and social development, it is necessary to meet at least 5 (Lodz voivodeship). The types of activities supported within the special economic zones are production, modern business services (BPO/SSC/IT) and innovative R&D activity. Public aid is granted in the form of a decision on support – it is an administrative decision granted for a period of 10, 12 or 15 years, depending on the location. The application process is short and easy. A decision on support may be issued as early as within one month after the appropriate application has been submitted. The investment cannot be started before the application for support is submitted. The investment and the jobs created in connection with it must be maintained for 5 years (3 years in the case of SMEs).

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S5 Programme – The Start Over Open Call

S5 special round – The Start Over is a sub-measure within the S5 accelerator and the additional recruitment stage, which is being implemented in September 2020 (7-15/09/2020). The aim of the measure is to support Belarusian companies from the ICT sector in relocating their activities and opening up to new markets and technologies. It is assumed that aid implemented in this form will contribute to mitigating the negative effects of the political turmoil currently taking place in Belarus.

As part of S5 – The Start Over, we offer support for selected entities/companies in the ICT sector (max. 5) that want to move their business to Lodz and the centre of Poland, secure a new start in a democratic economy and open up to other European markets.

Under a 2-month incubation period, startups/technological companies may receive non-refundable financial support in the amount of PLN 30,000 for expenses strictly related to the development of a project in the fifth generation technology, including the transfer of 5G technology knowledge, which will allow them to open up to a new sector and build competitive advantages in a favourable and developing ecosystem. The best projects may apply for further project development funding under the programme.

In addition, as part of the special round, an external aid package will be organised, including services and expert support in the area of setting up and running a business in the EU, legal support, sector support (ICT cluster), support in reaching potential customers (LSEZ investors and companies in the ecosystem) and others.

The measure is addressed to Belarusian companies and startups that have suffered from the political turmoil currently taking place in Belarus.

Moreover, the best projects will have a chance to apply for additional financing within the framework of acceleration programmes and other forms of support implemented in the LSEZ ecosystem (including IoE Hub).

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Cooperation with the ICT cluster

ICT Central Poland Cluster (in Polish: *ICT Polska Centralna Klaster*) represents and integrates – on the scale of the Lodz region – the ICT industry, composed of representatives of business, academic and business environment organisations. The ICT industry – as one of the most dynamically developing sectors in the Lodz voivodeship – is constantly looking for opportunities to acquire new employees. The largest and most innovative companies from the industry – associated in the ICT Central Poland Cluster alone – currently employ 25,000 professionals in the Lodz region and estimate their personnel needs at about 3,000 new employees.

As we know, the Polish IT market has been suffering from a shortage of new employees for several years now and companies are increasingly more eager to reach for employees from abroad. Eastern European workers are particularly important due to the high level of technical and mathematical education in secondary and higher education schools and universities, as well as the low language barrier and cultural proximity. All these are the reasons why Eastern European workers become an increasingly larger group of employees in the ICT industry.

Companies from the cluster are ready to hire employees on a permanent basis, as well as to cooperate with external teams/entities while implementing own projects. In addition, IT and telecommunications are one of the smart specialisations of the Lodz area – as presented in the Regional Innovation Strategy – thanks to which they benefit from preferential support from EU funds in the region.

At the same time, representatives of the cluster declare their readiness to present the profile of activity as an entity integrating entities from the ICT sector in the region and the possibility to meet with representatives of companies.

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Partners of the Lodz Special Economic Zone

The Partner Zone programme has been created with the zone investors and all entrepreneurs from the region in mind. Partners of the Lodz Zone are proven companies on the market, experts in their fields, who provide support in various areas of activity. The created database of Partners includes companies that stand out on the market, are recommended by the Zone and actively participate in its life. The Partners represent the following industries: consulting, law, education, finance and banking, HR, construction. The rescue package is accompanied by dedicated offers prepared by law firms Chudzik i Wspólnicy and Cieślak Klimkowski Radcowie Prawni, training and translation company Hutchinson Institute, consulting companies Arena Advisory and Crido as well as HR companies Ranstad and Work Room.

Contact details to individual Partners can be found in dedicated offers.

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