



# Pernik Municipality Bulgaria



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- ▶ Pernik Municipality is located
- ▶ to the south-west of Bulgaria.
- ▶ Pernik town is a regional centre.
- ▶ The total surface of the Municipality is
- ▶ About 484 sq. m.
- ▶ The population numbers 100 000 inhabitants.



# Location

Pernik Municipality, Sofia Region, is only 30 km southeast of Sofia.

Pernik is close to:

- ▶ transport corridors 8 and 4;
- ▶ motorway Sofia– Pernik –Tran –Serbia;
- ▶ motorway Sofia– Pernik– Kyustendil – Skopie;
- ▶ motorway Sofia– Pernik –Blagoevgrad –Thessaloniki;
- ▶ Sofia–Blagoevgrad –Greece railway;
- ▶ and 40 km away from Sofia International Airport;
- ▶ Motorway “Lyulin” is under construction.



# Location



# Economic profile

Pernik municipality was one of the largest industrial zones in Bulgaria during the 80s of the last century.

- Metallurgy;
- machinery construction;
- electric industry;
- coal production;
- energy and others were subject to deliberate and fast development.

The economy of Pernik started to transform after 1989.

The huge industrial factories lost their economic importance, and some of them completely stopped their activities.



# Current situation

A change of the property ownership in the economic sector was made during the last 17–18 years. Most of the industrial factories were privatized and thus, being private property, a process of modernization and renovation occurred.

Globalization and the competitiveness' pressure on the economy were created:

- new productions;
- new technologies;
- new knowledge;
- new workforce qualification.



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Kolhida Metal







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# Political will

Political will for support the bussines in Pernik municipality has been expressed.

Pernik Municipality developed a “Plan for development of Pernik Municipality 2007–2013” according to Law Regional development.

The main priorities were concentrated in a few directions:

- Business stimulating and facilitating;
- Infrastructure and environment improvement;
- Improving the quality of human capital.

Pernik Municipality has won:

- “Town of 2009 year” award
- “Mayor of 2009 year” award

# Political will

NCOs are created to support business. Such as follows:

- ▶ Regional business center for small and medium enterprises - member of the Bulgarian Association of the business centres and Agencies for regional development / BARDA/ . There is also Business incubator situated in a municipal building providing a serious of services for the small and medium-sized companies;
- ▶ Pernik chamber of commerce and industry;
- ▶ Chamber of Comers.

# Results

- ▶ We expect from InnoHubs project to support SMEs development and prosperity through exchange of good practices



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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