





László BOTKA Mayor of Szeged



Dear Investors,

We have been working on making Szeged attractive for enterprises as a European regional centre and a place offering high quality living. Our aim is to make our beautiful city – through its wide international relations – a place that spreads the European spirit. Companies choosing Szeged are hosted by a tolerant community.

The location of Szeged is a great advantage for trading. In order to enhance the regional centre role, we continuously develop infrastructure and execute an elaborated economy development programme, hoping to win the confidence of investors.

Our city has become part of the European circulation through the motorways. We offer enterprises green and brown field investment opportunities, as well as industrial parks along the western bypass road.

Szeged is the city of education and science. The University of Szeged is one of the best higher education institutes, which is internationally renowned. Together with the professionals of scientific institutions and enterprises operating in the city, over 2,000 university citizens have achieved serious R+D and innovation results. Yearly approximately 5,000 students acquire a useful degree in the city.

Szeged has been an appreciated knowledge centre, the focus is on the most modern science sectors of biotechnology and the software industry. Startups related to R+D activities and other successful companies are welcome in the scientific industrial park (Science Park Szeged) next to the ELI laser centre. The American software developer EPAM Systems and BP have already chosen Szeged and both of them continuously expand their capacities in the city.

Szeged is one of the most liveable Hungarian cities. Modern transport network covers the city, thanks to its well-known festivals it became the cultural and touristic centre in the region.

There is a sound foundation to build on, and development is on its way. Investors can establish a fruitful partnership with the participants of the local economy and society.

I wish you good luck in our city!



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SZEGED IS THE DRIVING FORCE FOR INNOVATION, GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT AT BOTH NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LEVEL.

SZEGED – THE INTELLIGENT CITY

SZEGED WITH ITS NEARBY DISTRICTS IS THE MOST INNOVATIVE REGION OF EASTERN HUNGARY, AND THE MOST PREPARED ONE TO WELCOME THE BUSINESS INTENTIONS OF INVESTORS.

THE R&D RELATED DATA ARE
OUTSTANDING AMONG THE
ECONOMIC AND COMPETITIVENESS
INDICATORS OF THE REGION.

The Szeged region holds the second place right after the central region of Budapest and its nearby districts.



The city is the economic, educational and administrative centre of the Szeged region. The four towns of the region, Hódmező-vásárhely, Makó, Kistelek and Mórahalom are less than half an hour drive from Szeged. Their population is more than 450 thousand, which offers a significant labour market. Significant commuting can be observed from these towns: some 31,000 people choose Szeged with education or labour purpose.

CLOSE TO THE SERBIAN-ROMANIAN-HUNGARIAN TRIPLE BORDER, THE COUNTY SEAT IS ONE OF THE SOUTH-EASTERN GATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION. ITS LOCATION, ADVANCED INFRA-STRUCTURE, SERVICE SECTOR, HIGH LEVEL EDUCATION AND ITS WELL-QUALIFIED LABOUR FORCE WITH FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS MAKE THE CITY AN ATTRACTIVE LOCATION FOR INVESTORS FROM THE KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE SECTORS.

Being one of the centres of the Danube-Körös-Maros-Tisza Euroregion, the area's total population of 4 million 400 thousand significantly extends the authority of Szeged.



DISTANCE FROM OTHER CITIES

The second biggest river in Hungary, the Tisza, flows through the city, meeting the

THE CITY IS LOCATED 8 KMS (5 MILES) FROM THE SERBIAN BORDER, AND 18 KMS (11 MILES) FROM THE ROMANIAN BORDER.

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Szeged provides a favourable urban environment for its inhabitants and visitors alike, thanks to its:

- » developed urban services,
- » favourable housing environment,
- » prominent education,
- » vivid cultural life.
- » open-minded social environment and
- » safety.

The city cares for its architectural and natural values. The Europa Nostra-Award was given to the city for the city centre renewal in 2003. As the first Hungarian town, the 2006 Europe Prize was awarded to Szeged for its actions in the European domain by the Council of Europe. The European Climate Foundation awarded a prize for environmentally friendly urban developments in 2009.

Szeged received the Hild Award in 2022 for its outstanding achievements in the field of purposeful, sustainable, integrated and strategic inner city development. The area around the Szeged side end of the Belvárosi bridge has become greener, cyclists can travel more safely to and from the bridge, the Ferenc Móra Museum and the Castle have become more beautiful, and a new fountain attracts pedestrians in the Móra park. The city has a complete cultural institution network which includes a theatre, a unique summer theatre, exhibition halls, a music hall and an art centre. Szeged with its nearby districts is an internationally competitive intellectual centre in the region with its institution system and scientific base.

th its Source: Hungarian Investment Bromotion Agency (F



stations.

Serbia and Romania. The basin port of

Szeged is one of the six national river

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION. SZEGED CONNECTS COUNTRIES ALONG THE

THANKS TO ITS FAVOURABLE

AIR TRANSPORT

The international airport on the Western border of the town serves commercial, private and sport flights. Besides storage, rent and fuel service, the concrete runway, which is 1,185 m long and 30 m wide, is adequate for small and medium size aircraft. It is also a favourable destination of business trips, sport and training aviation.



motorway M5 integrates Szeged into European trade. Thanks to its favourable location, the city is at the meeting point of national and international distribution channels. The borders nearby give a significant strategic and transit position to the city both in Hungary and Europe.

Szeged has a direct railway connection to Budapest, Békéscsaba, Mezőhegyes.

TELECOMMUNICATION

The city has an advanced telco system, the broadband data transmission service needed for ICT and knowledge-intensive industries is available; and there are three independent, optic backbone networks in Szeged. Two separate service companies provide internet network with full coverage and 30-250 Mbit/s. There is full access to mobile communication services, all the four Hungarian service providers are present in the county seat.



- » to prepare and complete environment industry related and green projects,
- » to help vehicle suppliers settle down.
- » to promote investments based on advanced food industry.
- » to establish and build incubator and office buildings.

SZEGED IS AN INNOVATIVE CENTRE: SEVERAL SECTORS WITH GREAT GROWTH POTENTIAL ARE PRESENT. E.G. ICT, LIFE SCIENCE AND LASER, TOGETHER WITH THE NUMEROUS RELATED BASIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECTS.

» Health industry

The city's advanced food industry serves a good basis for several kinds of investment with effective integrated production solutions in focus. As a member of the Bonafarm Group, Pick Szeged Plc., a Hungarian-owned company, has a worldfamous product, the PICK Original Wintersalami, which is a unique Hungarian product. The company, processing both high quality Hungarian raw materials purchased from local farmers and import materials, is an expanding key player in the food industry of the city.

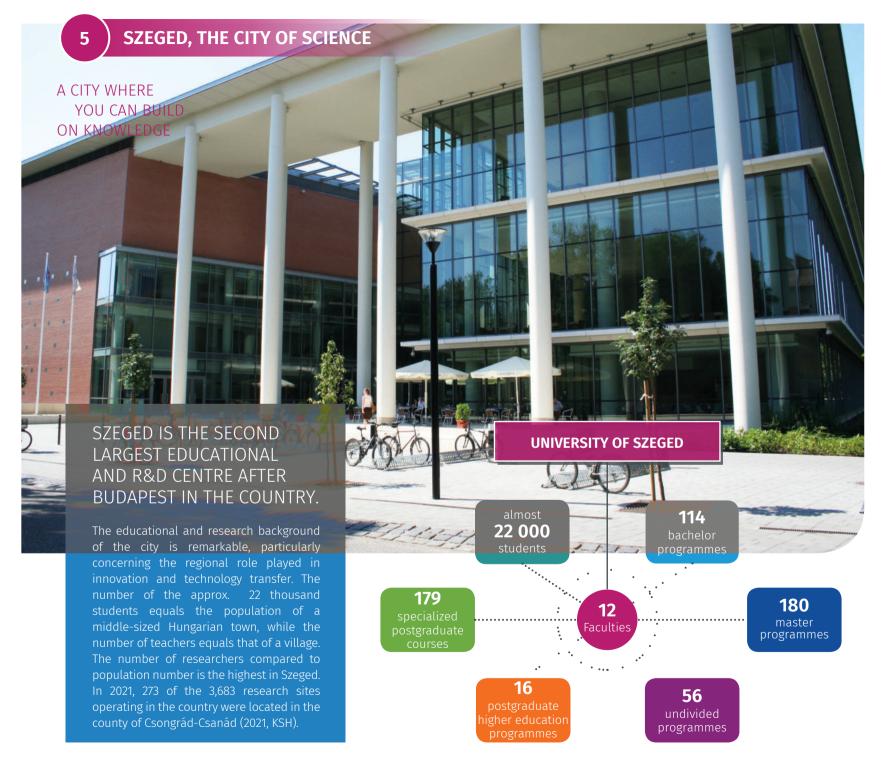
Szeged is constantly striving for transparent operation. The city cooperated with Transparency International in the screening of city companies.

The availability of highly qualified labour force opens opportunities for service sector participants, thus STARTUP AND SPIN-OFF COMPANIES IN THE FIELD OF BIOTECHNOLOGY HAVE APPEARED RECENTLY.

SEVERAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES MAKE THE R&D POTENTIAL OF THE CITY OUTSTANDING, WHICH **DETERMINES FUTURE** DEVELOPMENT DIRECTIONS FOR THE ECONOMY.

The significance of shared service centres (BSCs) and certain knowledge-intensive industries in the economy of Szeged is increasing. Information Technology (IT) and the health industry have recently developed considerably among these industries.

INFRASTRUCTURE, WITH A HIGHLY AND WIDELY QUALIFIED LABOUR FORCE WITH A GOOD COMMAND OF AND ITS LOCATION IS ALSO EXCELLENT.



Among the cities of county rank, 23 per cent of the 25+ population have a college or university degree. The degree rate is the highest in Szeged, thus the city is anexcellentplacetoimplementeducational or R&D&I plans.

The training and research work of the university is supported by the activity of 2,500 instructors and researchers including 175 full members or doctors of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. As the leading institution of the regional innovation ecosystem, the main R+D+I educational base of the Southern Great Plain region is provided by the University of Szeged.

THE BEST HUNGARIAN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN THE QS WORLD RANKING LIST IS THE UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED (USZ): 73rd IN THE WORLD'S GREEN UNIVERSITIES RANKING (UI GREENMETRIC) AND ONE OF THE GREENEST UNIVERSITIES IN THE COUNTRY. THE INSTITUTION PERFORMS EXCELLENT IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY RANKINGS (THE IMPACT RANKINGS, QS SUSTAINABILITY RANKINGS).

TRAINING AND SCIENTIFIC FIELDS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED

Training fields: Agriculture, Arts, Economics, Informatics, Law, Engineering, Creative Art, Art of Mediation, Health Sciences, Teacher Training, Olympic Sciences, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences.

Scientific fields: the 19 Doctoral Schools allow students to gain a PhD degree in the following fields: Humanities, Technical Sciences, Medical Sciences, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences.

R&D&I of SZEGED R&D Position Schools programmes umber of topics s (June, 2022) SZEGED IS THE CITADEL OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH The nationally acknowledged tertiary education in Szeged is based on outstanding research activity. In addition to the biotechnology, information technology, material sciences, photonics and PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH translational medicine research that ADING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT characterizes the scientific life of the city,

other fields at the university. More than 90

intellectual portfolio of the university, a

number of which have already been

agreements and spin-off companies established for this purpose. (http://www.

MAIN FIGURES OF R&D IN CSONGRÁD-CSANÁD COUNTY

2021 2017 2018 2019 2020 46,106 277 279 275 5,138 4,705 5,147 5,216 5,052

Source: KSH, 2022.

The Cereal Research Non-profit Ltd. is the plant breeding centre of the Southern Great Plain, and its results are globally recognized. The task of the Biotechnological Research Institute at the Bay Zoltán Non-profit Ltd. for Applied Research is to support the practical use of research results. The Hungarian Center of Excellence for Molecular Medicine (HCEMM) is operated by the University of Szeged, the Biological Research Center of Szeged, the Semmelweis University and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) costing about 16 Billion Hungarian forints.

There are 18 research groups operating at four Faculties of the University supported by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA). Eleven MTA Momentum research teams have been operating since 2011, and several teams have been granted the European Research Council's subsidy.

SCIENCES

INNOVATIVE SOCIAL



AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED, YEARLY ALMOST 4,500 HIGHLY QUALIFIED YOUNG STUDENTS WITH GOOD COMMAND OF SEVERAL FOREIGN LANGUAGES ACOUIRE A DEGREE WHICH CAN BE USED ON THE LABOUR MARKET. MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE FRESH GRADUATES FIND A IOB IN THREE MONTHS. 95% OF THEM IN A YEAR.

students

RIGHT AFTER BUDAPEST SZEGED IS THE SECOND LARGEST EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND CULTURAL CENTRE OF THE COUNTRY. **BOTH ITS PRIMARY AND** SECONDARY EDUCATION SYSTEMS ARE ADVANCED.

There are 15 nurseries. 51 nursery schools, which can easily be reached from any part of the city. Furthermore, 28 elementary schools, 17 high schools, 23 secondary and vocational schools operate in Szeged offering a wide range of studies.

SZEGED CENTRE FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING - FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL TO COURSES. IN THE SERVICE OF LIFE-LONG LEARNING.

2nd best educational indicators in Hungary chart

are university



Every 4th colleges/university degree (23% of the population)

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADUATES (4,446) OF

In September 2021, the Centrum organized a career orientation event called the 1st Vocational Festival hoping to start a tradition. The 2022 event of the festival was also highly popular and attracted not only young people but their families. Every year, the Centrum publishes the informative periodical called 'Szakmahorizont' for students about to choose a career.

In 2022 nearly 8,000 students studied in

the schools of the Szeged Vocational

Training Center, educating for 75 different professions of 21 sectors, while always

adapting to the needs of the labour market.

Students can practice in well-equipped

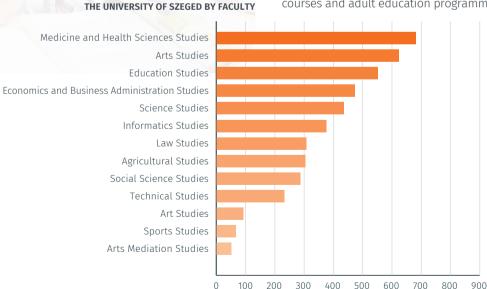
workshops and learn the tricks of their

chosen profession in a real work environment

via vocational training employment

contracts with various corporate partners.

The twelve faculties of the University of Szeged and its Teacher Training Centre offer hundreds of training courses, including bachelor, master, integrated, undivided and doctoral training courses, higher education specializations, various postgraduate courses and adult education programmes.





The planned budget of ELI-ALPS is EUR 240 million. The primary objective of the investment is to establish a unique research facility that provides ultrashort light pulses between THz through visible and near infrared to X-ray spectral range with high repetition rate for basic and applied sciences and end-users.

HUNGARY, THE CZECH REPUBLIC, AND ROMANIA, WITH A COORDINATED MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH STRATEGY, WILL SIMULTANEOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE ELI PROJECT THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE THREE LASER FACILITIES.

The development and parameterisation of attosecond light sources

The ELI-ALPS lasers will generate unique attosecond pulses and pulse trains in the VUV and X-ray spectral regions. Generation, measurement and characterization of the extreme pulses is non-trivial and will require the development of new technologies, optical devices and measurement techniques.

2. Biological imaging technologies

High-definition nanometre (10-9 m) imaging of functional biological materials in a biological environment is essential to understanding the connection between structure and function in these materials.

3. Medical applications

Energetic ions, generated from secondary sources, will facilitate radiobiological research and contribute to the advancement of cancer therapy.

Energy and chemical research: from solar cells to artificial photosynthesis

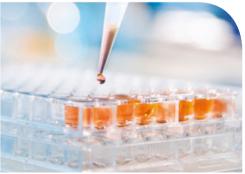
Time-resolved real-time imagery of chemical changes, reaction pathways and kinetics of advanced solar cells, batteries and pharmacutical materials will be possible at ELI-ALPS. These time-based processes will have atomic resolution.

5. High peak power photonics

ELI-ALPS will have a development laboratory environment for developing high-power short-pulse laser systems.



YOU CAN FIND THE LARGEST NUMBER OF BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANIES IN THE EAST EUROPEAN REGION IN HUNGARY, WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION IN SZEGED. THE CITY IS AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR PHARMACEUTICAL AND BIOTECHNOLOGICAL COMPANIES WISHING TO EXPAND IN THIS REGION OR IN THE WHOLE OF EUROPE BY USING THE R&D BASIS OF THE UNIVERSITY.



Investors find state-of-the-art R&D activity, numerous biotechnological SMEs and qualified labour force in the city.

THE MOST IMPORTANT HUNGARIAN BIOTECHNOLOGICAL COMPANY OF THE COUNTRY, SOLVO BIOTECHNOLOGY PLC. CAN BE FOUND IN SZEGED. IT IS THE WORLD LEADER IN THE EXAMINATION OF DRUG INTERACTIONS MEDIATED BY TRANSPORTERS, AND IT WAS AWARDED THE HUNGARIAN INNOVATION GRAND PRIZE IN 2005. SOLVO BIOTECHNOLOGY WAS ESTABLISHED IN SZEGED IN 1999, AND NOW IT IS PRESENT IN EUROPE AND THE USA AS WELL.

The **ELI-ALPS** research centre was implemented in Szeged as one of the largest investments of the European Union. It ensures laser sources and unique combination of laser pulses and light sources generated by them which will be accessible for users arriving from the scientific and industrial fields. Startup businesses using the results of the laser research centre and successful companies attracted by the city's inspirational environment are welcome in the industrial park (Science Park Szeged), in the neighbourhood of ELI-ALPS. The Hungarian Center of Excellence for Molecular Medicine (HCEMM), established as a major scientific investment of the EU, operates in the building of the Incubator House located in the Science Park, and mainly deals with immunological, inflammatory, cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, genomic instability and cancer, as well as infectious diseases and comorbidities. In addition, according to plans, an automotive competence centre, an innovation centre and a visitor and conference centre suitable for holding larger events will also be established in the Science and Innovation Park.

























PRACTICE-ORIENTATED ENGINEER **EDUCATION IN INFORMATICS**

The Faculty of Science and Informatics of the University of Szeged has contractual relations with more than 200 companies. within the framework of which students can complete their professional internships at these companies. In addition to the cooperative form of training, there is also a dual training with 8 partner companies: the students, in addition to their university studies, carry out their internships with these partners during their entire training period. In addition, companies have the opportunity to propose the launch of six-month courses in the topics they consider important to the institute, which courses can be taught by their own specialists under the leadership of a university instructor – therefore the training is being more and more adaptable to the market needs. Students can choose from 10-15 such courses per semester.

The University of Szeged awards an average of 500 engineering degrees each year, and at the Faculty of Science and Informatics (TTIK) annually approximately 300 diplomas are issued.

COOPERATION IS TYPICAL IN THE ICT SECTOR OF SZEGED

The **accredited** Software Innovation Pole Cluster with silver label certificate operates in the field of software development. The operation of its members covers the whole country, and regarding their seats and premises, they can be found in Szeged, in the Southern Great Plain.



SZEGED CAN PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT BACKGROUND FOR BUSINESS SERVICE CENTRES (SSCs) WISHING TO SETTLE DOWN HERE.

Hungary is a preferred location by BSCs because superb infrastructure and a highly and widely qualified labour force speaking several foreign languages are available. A growing number of BSCs choose Szeged as a new location, too.

...because the University of Szeged has achieved excellent results in national and international rankings. In the latest Ouacquarelli Symonds (OS) world ranking of higher education published in 2022 the University of Szeged (SZTE) achieved the best result among Hungarian institutions (ranked between 551-560), ahead of the University of Debrecen, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), the University of Pécs, Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME), Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE), Széchenyi István University, Budapest Corvinus University, Miskolc University and Pannon University.

2. ...because of the high level of foreign language training at the University of

Szeged: Institute of English and American Studies, Institute of German Studies, Institute of Romanistics, Institute of Slavic Philology provide courses, besides the Translator and Interpreter Training Centre is also famous.

According to a previous survey, 95 per cent of the respondent graduates of Szeged wish to work in a service centre in the city.

AS A RESULT OF JOINT LOCAL FORCES IN THE CITY, THE SSC SZEGED PROGRAMME WAS LAUNCHED IN ORDER TO PUT SZEGED ON THE NATIONAL MAP OF BUSINESS SERVICE CENTRES.

The management of Szeged of County Rank, the Faculties of Economics and Arts of the University of Szeged and Szeged Pólus Development Non-profit Ltd. have established the SSC Szeged programme with the aim of facilitating new job creation with high added value in an international working environment typical for service centres, offering above the average wages and better career opportunities for local students.

In the autumn of 2016, the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the University of Szeged launched an SSC basics course with corporate partner cooperation. The training in 2023 will be called Global Business Services Foundations and the lecturers are British Petrol (BP) professionals from Szeged, who will share their experience and knowledge with the students in topics that were missing from the domestic higher education.

3. ...because the replenishment is continuous: there are nearly 4,500 fresh university graduates every year, among whom are a large number of humanities, IT and economics graduates with solid foreign language skills.

Interest for Szeged by BSCs has increased significantly thanks to the numerous highly qualified employees speaking languages.



SZEGED ALSO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN PRESENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS, AND TO JOIN NEW TRENDS MAKING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND AUTOMATION MORE TIGHTLY INTERTWINED.

Several Hungarian medium enterprises are in Szeged including Elcometál Ltd. and GLBLtd., and Foundry Szeged Ltd.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1989, ELCOMETAL LTD. BECAME AN AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIER WITH SITES IN GYŐR AND SZEGED.

"The South Plain region with Szeged centre is attractive as more workforce with vocational and higher technical qualifications is available above country average. Basic conditions are given in the Szeged region: automotive industry has a future in the region with experienced management and financial funds of the European Union."

Zsolt Horváth Czakó Dr., general manager

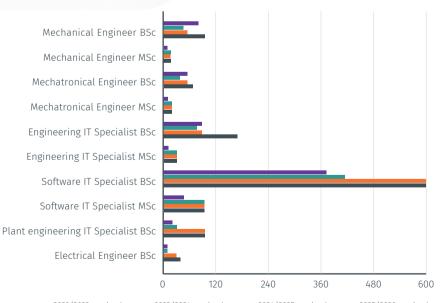
The central element of the **Automotive Competence Centre** planned for Science Park Szeged is a single-axle vehicle testing equipment suitable for hybrid and electric vehicles.

AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIERS CAN SETTLE DOWN IN THE SCIENCE PARK, ESTABLISHING AN AUTOMOTIVE CENTRE.

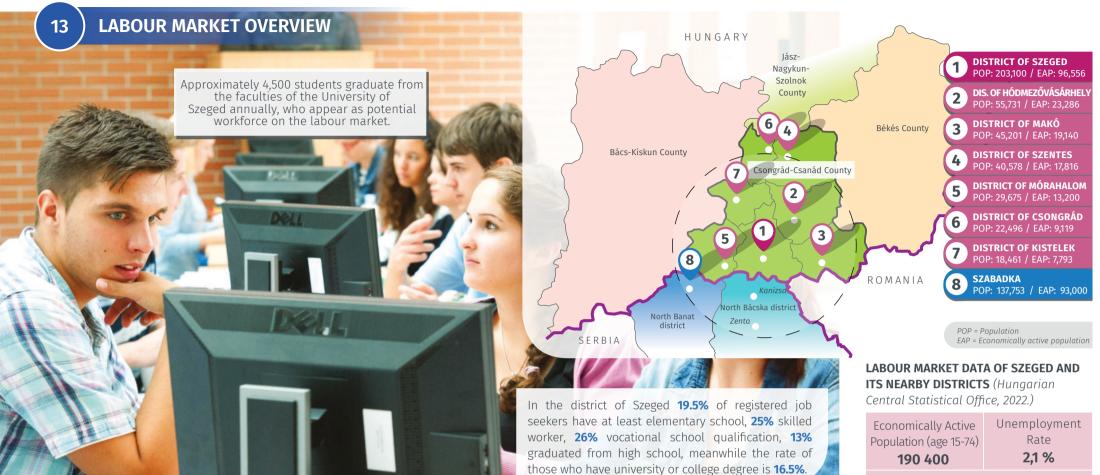
The Szeged Centre for Vocational Education and Training was established on the 1st of July 2015 and since then it operates in 10 vocational training institutions at 23 locations in the towns of Szeged and Mórahalom, offering secondary education and professional education for adults, vocational school courses, adult courses and trainings.

Within the framework of higher education 67 people are expected to graduate from the mechanical engineering dual training of the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Szeged in 2023. This number in the following three years is 38 in 2024, 46 in 2025 and 80 in 2026. The University of Szeged awards an average of 500 engineering degrees each year and the Faculty of Science and Informatics of the University of Szeged (TTIK) issues approximately 300 diplomas.

EXPECTED OUTPUT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED



■ 2022/2023 academic year ■ 2023/2024 academic year ■ 2024/2025 academic year ■ 2025/2026 academic year



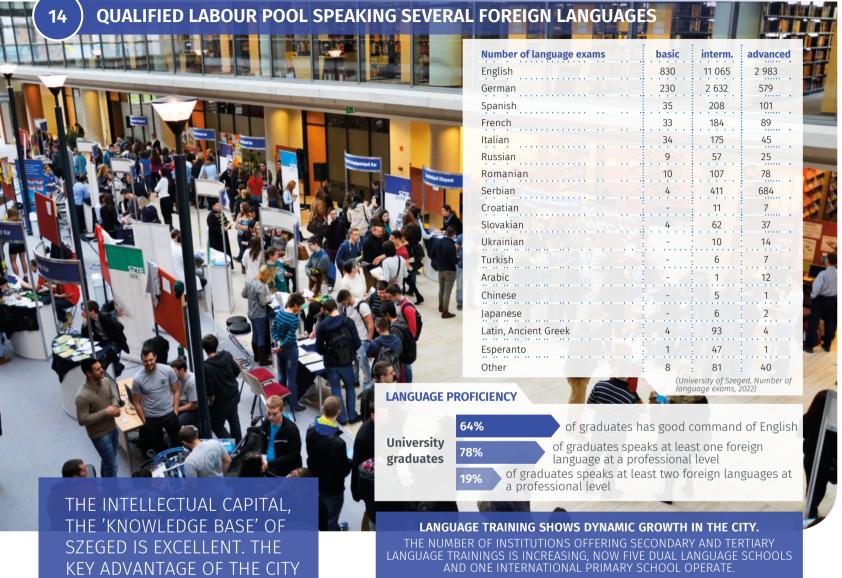
THE ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF THE CITY PROVIDES A STABLE EMPLOYMENT RATE FOR ITS INHABITANTS.

Thanks to the central role of Szeged, about half of the county's population work at the county seat.

A healthy symbiosis has emerged between Szeged and its nearby districts, providing stable employment. A possible labour demand can be easily resolved by people commuting from smaller settlements or neighbouring towns e.g. Hódmezővásárhely, Szentes, Kistelek, Mórahalom and Makó, or even from the neighbouring countries of Romania, Serbia, thanks to the proximity of the triple border.

The sectoral distribution of those employed shows that nearly 50 per cent are employed in publicly financed institutions, and over 28 per cent in industry and trade. Public health, education and public administration have great importance in employment due to the fact that public health and higher education institutions provide services over city and county borders, and also because the city is the centre of the Southern Great Plain Region.

Economically Active Population (age 15-74) 190 400	Unemployment Rate 2,1 %
Number of Registered Job Seekers 5 535	
Number of Job Seekers by Educational Level	
Elementary school or lower 1 576	Manual or skilled worker 1 457
Vocational school 1317	High-school graduates 599
College/university degree 586	



KEY ADVANTAGE OF THE CITY
FOR INVESTORS IS THE
AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED
LABOUR FORCE AT A
REASONABLE PRICE WHO
ALSO SPEAK SEVERAL
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LANGUAGE TRAININGS IS INCREASING AND ONE INTERNATIONAL

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The Szeged International Primary School was opened with one preschool group (school preparatory), and 1st to 4th grade classes in September, 2017. They use the teaching programme of the International Primary Curriculum. There are two English-Hungarian nursery-schools in the city, one of them also receives a nursery group.

The **Confucius Institute** in Szeged was opened in the autumn of 2012 as a result of the cooperation of the University of Szeged and the Shanghai International Studies University supported by Hanban (Confucius Institute Headquarters). For those interested in learning Chinese as a foreign language, the Institute offers language classes taught by professional Chinese language teachers, also with emphasis on learning the Chinese culture.

The American Corner Szeged was established in 2018 with the aim of organizing programs related to American culture and society, as well as providing services that help connect communities and individuals with American culture. American Corner Szeged cooperates closely with the American Embassy in Budapest, the University of Szeged, the Municipality of Szeged, local schools, cultural institutions and civil organizations.

Due to health training, many learn Latin; in addition, Russian, Romanian, Slovakian, Ukrainian, Greek and Serbian are also spoken by the nationalities living in the county or in the border zone.

Almost every faculty of the University of Szeged offers foreign language training at bachelor, master, undivided and doctoral training levels, thus approximately 5,000 foreign students study in the city. Thanks to the advanced level and high reputation of foreign language training established three decades ago, students arrive in Szeged from more than 126 countries of the world, including the USA, Germany, Belgium, France, Iran, China and Japan, which makes city life vivid and colourful.

Considering instructors teaching in foreign languages, student exchange programmes and international research collaborations, both academic training and research activity are at international level.



THE RECOVERY OF THE REAL ESTATE MARKET HAS A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON SZEGED AS WELL.

Among premises for sale or to let, there are modernized office buildings satisfying high quality needs. Several sites with lost function owned by the local government are offered for sale or rent which can be excellent locations for businesses after refurbishment.

Several investments have commenced in the city which make class "A" offices available in Szeged soon.

In 2017 the Futureal Group completed the construction of its first office building in the countryside. The 6,600 m² 'SZGD Innovation Incubator' office building was built by the riverbank of Tisza. 6,300 m² is rented by EPAM, a well-known American software solutions company.

The Cédrus Liget Residential and Business Park covers 593 apartments, offices and shops that meet all needs on an area of 6 hectares. The heat supply of the modern, 21st century facility is provided by a geothermal system.

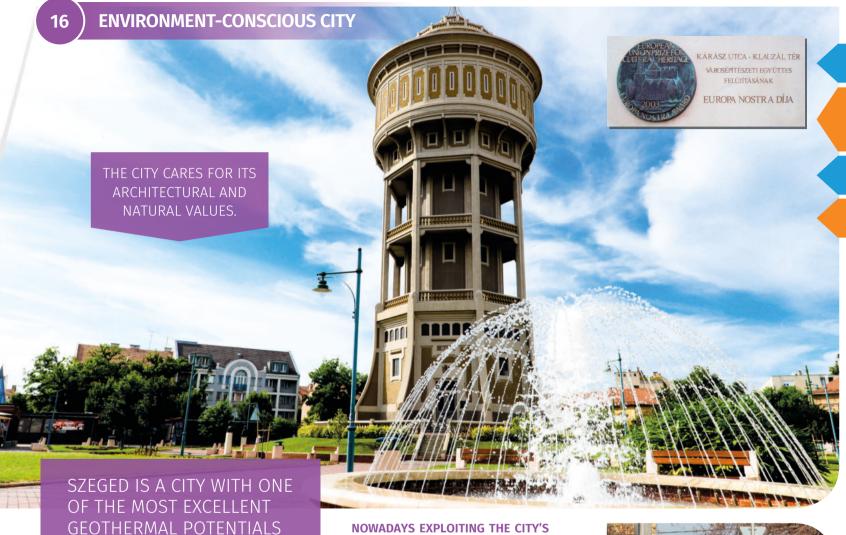


Local real estate agencies offer several sites adequate for greenfield and brownfield investments in Szeged and nearby.

We know that one of the most important issues for investors is to find a proper location, therefore **Szeged Pólus Development Non-profit Ltd.** helps investors find the perfect site meeting their needs.

SITE PRICES		
RESIDENTAL SITE		
Centre	EUR 200- 300/m ²	
Outskirts	EUR 50-150/m ²	
Periphery	EUR 20-30/m ²	
INDUSTRIAL SITE		
Outskirts	EUR 35-100/m²	
Periphery	EUR 20-30/m ²	
FLAT PRICES		
Private Flat	EUR 1,400-2,600/m²	
RENTAL FEES		
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Flat	EUR 6-10/m²/month	
House	EUR 6-10/m ² /month	
Office of high quality	EUR 10-16/m²/month	
Moderate office or needing renewal	EUR 6-9/m²/month	
Flat office	EUR 6-10/m²/month	





NOWADAYS EXPLOITING THE CITY'S WATER SOURCE, THE THERMAL ENERGY HAS A MORE EMPHASISED ROLE IN DISTRICT-HEATING. A GEOTHERMIC SYSTEM IS GOING TO BE BUILT, SUPPLYING 25,000 FLATS, WHICH IS THE SECOND LARGEST DISTRICT-HEATING SYSTEM AFTER REYKJAVÍK.

IN THE COUNTRY. THE

EXTRACTION OF THERMAL

FOR DECADES, AND IT IS

ENERGETICAL AND PARTLY

USED PARTLY FOR

PURPOSES.

FOR BALNEOLOGICAL

WATER HAS BEEN GOING ON

It is important for Szeged to establish and develop a selective waste collection system. 98.1 per cent of the households are integrated into the waste collection activity.



AWARDS AND RANKINGS FOR SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

2003 EUROPA NOSTRA AWARD FO

2009 CLIMATE FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY URBAN DEVELOPMENTS

2021 CLIMATE-FRIENDLY CITY AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AWARD

2022 HILD AWARD

THE CITY PLACES GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE AND ENVIRONMENT-CONSCIOUS TRANSPORT: WITH NEW, LOW-EMISSION VEHICLES, INSFRASTRUCTURE BASED ON SOLAR ENERGY, MODERN STOPS, IT SOLUTIONS FOR INTELLIGENT PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

Supporting bicycle culture, nearby settlements are integrated into the circulation (Sándorfalva, Algyő, Sziksós-Bordány). Developments are carried out in the city centre and in the districts of Tarján and Újszeged in order to make bicycle transport safer.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED IS A LEADING RENEWABLE ENERGETICS USER

The University of Szeged has a remarkable role in the research and use of alternative energy, namely solar energy and geothermal energy in the region, and in training young generations to be environment-conscious and be open to economize on fossil sources.



The establishment of a bathing centre next to the bridge, by the River Tisza was based on the thermal resources with rich variety. Thanks to this development, a modern bathing complex was established with medical, wellness, recreational and sports facilities.

The new indoor swimming pool was completed in January 2021. Tiszavirág has four pools (one competition pool, one training pool, one learner pool and one outdoor-indoor sitting pool). Altogether 1,166 spectators can follow the happenings in the competition pool from the grandstand. The modern sports facility fitted with the latest cooling, heating, cleaning systems and solar cell panels will operate economically and will provide advanced services for sportspeople, spectators and employees equally.

SZEGED ZOO

The **Szeged Zoo** has the largest area in the country among zoos, it lies on a 43-hectare (106-acre) national park with a forest and lakes. The Szeged Zoo welcomes its visitors all year around. Another well-established pride of the city, the **Botanical Garden**, established in 1922 by the University of Szeged, offers nice programmes to nature lovers.

One of our outstanding resources is the water of the Anna and Dóra Wells rated as medicinal spring water. The water of the **Anna well** is now used primarily for bathing in the renowned and refurbished **Anna Spa**, where a balneotherapy centre has been established. Szeged is a true bathing city with its bathing facilities and hotels with services for medical tourism.

The city also has quality infrastructure for water sports where competitors can appear in front of a full house. The kayak-canoe and rowing sports centre called Count István Széchenyi on the Maty stream has become well-known all over the world as the location of several European and world championships and world cup series.



Szeged is definitely a European festival city, the flagship of what, the climax of the festival season is the **Szeged Open-Air Festival**, which celebrated its ninetieth anniversary in 2021. There is an abundance of programmes throughout the year: beer and wine festivals, the Bridge Fair on Szeged Day, Jewish Cultural Festival and several other cultural and gastronomical events. The THEALTER Festival is organized

once a year in the Old Synagogue. Here Hungarian contemporary and experimental theatres could introduce themselves in the last three decades.

The **Szeged National Theatre** with one of the largest budgets in the country has three sections and offers one of the best repertoires. The music life of the city is globally renowned. Besides the theatre, the **Music Academy** and the fourth biggest synagogue in the world, the **Szeged Synagogue** awaits concert-goers.

The literary past of the city is also unique. Its two exceptional libraries, the Somogyi Library and the famous university public collection have served public education and scientific work for a long time. The new gem of Szeged's culture, the **Regional Arts Centre (REOK)** is in the renewed Art Nouveau palace. The aim of the institution is to show the widest possible portfolio of universal and European culture.

The Ferenc Móra Museum is one of the most visited museums in the country where excavation, find saving, scientific analysis and publicity activities are performed at an international level. Besides permanent exhibitions, several fine arts exhibitions are organized in this visitor-friendly museum.







Albert Szent-Györgyi Medical and

Pharmaceutical Centre was established as

a greenfield investment with a budget of

around HUF 5 billion. The investment was

justified by the pandemic of recent years

requirements of 21st century isolation and

infection control.

The SMART CITY PROGRAMME was elaborated in 2016 in accordance with the aims of the European Union. The objective of the programme is to support the community with new, "smart" solutions using modern ICT devices in almost all fields of city life – health care, education, public administration, tourism, culture, transport, economy.

There are four modes of cashless payment in the frame of Cashless City services in Szeged:

- 1. Online (school catering, utility invoices)
- 2. Credit card: in case of transactions of greater value (e.g. renting fee)
- 3. Touch-card: in case of quick transactions of less value (e.g. transport)
- 4. Prepaid card: (at festivals)

PUBLIC AND BICYCLE TRANSPORT

Our aim is to develop sustainable means of transport, including bicycle and public transport. The electric public transport of the city has been under modernization for eight years from significant European Union subsidy. New bicycle roads and special bike & ride facilities have been built; and intersections have been reconstructed with public transport priority. Szeged in cooperation with 11 employers received a subsidy of EUR 3 million to support the employees to reach their working places in a sustainable and environment-friendly way.

Besides public transport, the city considered a safe bike transport infrastructure important to develop as the number of people using bicycles is outstanding nationwide. The aim of these developments was to create a sustainable and attractive transport system, offering a viable alternative to private car usage in the long run.

LOCAL MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

Two local commercial television stations, plus one radio station operate in Szeged in addition to some online news sites. One city daily paper (Délmagyarország) and several local cultural journals are published in the city.

HEALTH CARE

Szeged is a regional health care centre, and the University of Szeged is responsible for patient care in the region. One of the largest outpatient clinics is in the city, together with several private clinics, thus a high quality patient care is provided.



The population is trained above the average. High quality training background, tertiary education of engineering, informatics, biology, and medicine are available.

Szeged is only one and a half hour
 drive from the Ferenc Liszt
 International Airport on the M5 Motorway.

Several sectors with great growth potential are present here, e.g. ICT, life science and laser, together with numerous related basic and applied research projects.

Szeged is the only city in the countryside that lies at the intersection of two high-traffic motorways.

attracts visitors internationally.

Many people visit the spas, the Open-Air Festival, the Youth Days of Szeged as well as the Szeged Wine Festival, etc.

More and more creative companieschoose Szeged.

There is a favourable environment with leafy suburbs and high safety. You can find all the advantages of a big city without any of the disadvantages.

Szeged is the only Hungarian city that shares borders with two countries whose settlements can be easily reached on motorway.

The brands of Szeged with national and international reputation are the following: Nobel laureate scientists, Picksalami, Szeged red pepper, Makó onion, Szeged Open-Air Festival, Ópusztaszer, Alföldi Ceramics, the Olympic Centre of Szeged for kayak-canoe and rowing sports.

The University of Szeged is the 74th greenest university in the world, 1st in Hungary (a strong attitude-shaping force locally).

It is among 'open to the world' cities in national comparison, and it is also open to collaboration.

It is a county seat with a wide variety of cultural attractions.

Szeged is among the top three most developed cities of county: rank.

Szeged is constantly striving for transparent operation. The city cooperates with Transparency International in the screening of city companies.



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profit organization.

events and site visits, and recommends

locations. HIPA also acts as a mediator

between large international companies

and Hungarian SMEs to facilitate

supplier relationships. HIPA is a non-

Enterprise Europe Network, which provides a wide range of business development services for enterprises

free of charge. Through its business and innovative partner searching services, it provides support for

enterprises in operating more competitively on foreign markets.

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Real Estate Managing and **Trustee Company**

The main activity of the company is the operation and rental of flats. premises and real estates in the property of Szeged of County Rank. It can play an important role in establishing the infrastructure necessary for enterprises.

Szeged Centre for Vocational **Education and Training**

The Szeged Centre for Vocational Education and Training was established by the Ministry of National Economy in 2015, as one of the 44 centres created in the country. Its main task is to offer special high school, secondary technical and vocational school training as well as adult education. It covers the demand of Szeged with its 11 vocational schools. Alongside the cooperations with 1,200 organizations and companies, "B" type trainings are continuously developed based on the demands of the labour market.

Web: www.szakkepzesszeged.hu

The University of Szeged

Inseparably from education, the University of Szeged is dedicated to conducting internationally competitive research work. The aim of the institution is to remain the prestigious, international level R&D centre of the country serving science and society alike. The tasks of the Directorate for R&D and Innovation in the University of Szeged include the management and publicity of innovation activities and industrial relations. furthermore the building, managing and utilization of the intellectual assets portfolio of the university. The Directorate provides a one-stop shop service and accessibility to support effectively the collaboration of the university and the industrial partners. The objective of the Directorate for R&D and Innovation is also to offer research capacities of the University of Szeged to industrial partners, to promote research cooperation and tender projects, and to support the industrial utilization of research projects.

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County Government of Csongrád-Csanád

The County Government of Csongrad-Csanad represents the regional development and coordination activities of TOP (Territorial and Settlement Development Operative Programme), the government is committed to the economy development of the county. Its aim is to fulfil the gap between international and local investment incentive processes. That's why the government launched its investment activity in the county in 2017. Good partnership was established with HIPA, county chambers and all the 60 settlements of Csongrád-Csanád county. The common task is to put Csongrád-Csanád county on the international and national investment map.

Web: www.investincsongradcounty.hu

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Dear Partner.

Szeged Pólus Development Non-profit Ltd. was established by the Local Government of Szeged of County Rank. Through our wide network of contacts in the public and private sectors, we provide investors with expert support for investment decisions.

Supporting your investment decisions we provide the following services free of charge:

- » One-stop shop service: a colleague is at your service to answer any of your questions;
- » City information package: upon request, we compile a tailor-made information package;
- » We help you find and select the ideal location;
- » In cooperation with the Departments of the Local Government, we assist you in managing licensing procedures;
- » We facilitate the strengthening of relations between companies and higher education. We organize visits and meetings between enterprises and university faculties on request;
- We assist you in applying for the local subsidy program of the Local Government (Government Decree 52/2017 (XII.19.));
- **»** We support your HR selection. In close cooperation with the University of Szeged, we help you reach the required labour force. The Labour Office of the Csongrád-Csanád County Government Office provides you with data on registered job seekers.

Szeged has an attractive investment environment that successfully competes not only with Budapest but also with other capitals or Hungarian cities.

We are happy to be your partner. We are glad to be at your disposal.

Zoltán Csanádi Managing Director

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