LESKOVAC has a particularly advantageous geographical position bearing in mind that the part of its territory is one of the most important crossroad of European corridors, Corridor X: Salzburg - Thessaloniki, Budapest-Belgrade, Nis-Sofia-Istanbul.

The fertile valley of Leskovac city is the confluence of five rivers: Southern Morava, Veternica, Jablanica, Vucjanka and Vlasina and is located at an altitude of 210 to 240 meters.

Agriculture is the main economic branch of activity in the whole area, with special emphasis on the individual agricultural sector. The city covers an area of 1.025km², of which the agricultural areas represent 57% of the total area. The dominant agricultural production is the production of fruits, early vegetables and livestock.

Food Industry
In the food industry, on the territory of Leskovac most common is the production and processing of fruits, vegetables and meat.

Representation of primary production of fruit and vegetables:
- Field crops 356,246 tons per year
- Vegetables 56,892 tons per year
- Fruit 12,401 tons per year

The most successful in this branch of the food industry are:
- POREČJE Vučje,
- JUG-PROM,
- STRELA Klačić,
- FUNGO-JUG

Cold storage capacities are over 40,000 tons of vegetable products, fruits and berries (cherry, strawberry, raspberry). Over 80% of these products sold in the European Union.

ATTRACTION MARKET
- 30 million users in a radius of 300 km
- SEE Free Trade Agreement (duty-free access of 60 million people)
- FTA with Russian Federation (150 million people)

HUMAN RESOURCES
At the end of 2007, Leskovac was on the second place in Serbia by the absolute number of available workforce. Total number of unemployed people registered in the National labour market service was 20,922. Among that number, 14,732 are medium skilled workers, 4,907 low skilled workers and 567 high skilled with master degree. Total number of employees in the city of Leskovac is 26,914 in 2007. Enterprises, institutions, cooperatives and organizations count 20,733 employed persons. Private entrepreneurs and Independent activists employ 6181 persons.

INFRASTRUCTURE
The road network of the city of Leskovac consists of 614 km of categorized roads. Since the total length of roads, 68% of roads are covered with modern roadway, of which belongs to the local road network 38.3% (152 kilometers).

The state of road network is as follows:

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On the territory of Leskovac are built twelve small reservoirs and 6 of them intended for irrigation and 6 to create solutions for chemical spraying of vineyards.
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Adoption of the new Master Plan 2010 - 2019, which is in preparation, will identify another industrial zone, New North, with the total area of 96.93 hectares, located north of downtown, on land that is owned by the state and the current purpose is for agricultural use. Reassign land in urban construction land is in progress, as well as the general development plan, which includes the regulation of this site. The establishment of this industrial zone is a strategic project for the city of Leskovac.

- NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL ZONE
  Area 59.6ha, in use over 70%

- EASTERN INDUSTRIAL ZONE
  Area 247.1ha, in use 60%

- SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL ZONE
  Area 110.5ha, in use 25%

ESTATE RENTS PRICES AND TAXES
Reduced amount of estate rents is available to the investor for business and production space which:
- commits that employs more than 5 worker
- enclose the business plan
- make a statement about the number and dynamics of employing of worker
- commits that lays down guarantee means equal to rents. Claim to reduction of rents amount are realized in the dependence from the number of employed labor forces, and towards the price of working places:
  - from 5 to 20 employed
    1.500 EUR per employee
  - from 20 to 50 employed
    2.500 EUR per employee
  - from 51 to 200 employed
    5.000 EUR per employee
  - over 200 employed
    7.000 EUR per employee

INVESTMENTS
Construction of office buildings or industrial plants
The process of construction, begins providing location through the purchase of an existing building or lease unsettled land. Land lease gives the PC Head office for urban planning and construction. The investor can purchase some of the companies which have provided sites for the construction of commercial buildings.

The most important investors so far:
- Actavis-Island,
- Kremnikovtzi, Bulcvet-Bulgaria,
- Poor, Werner & Weber - Austria,
- Magee LTD - Cyprus
Total annual investment is about 100 million euros.

By the decision on construction land, urban land is divided into 7 areas, where industrial zones are in the fourth zone.

Administrative taxes
- Endorsement about amount of remuneration for reassign of agriculture to construction land: 7.63 EUR
- Endorsement for right to practice entrepreneurial activities:
  - Trade, shops, restaurants: 0.53 EUR/m²
  - Craftsmen: production and service: 0.52 EUR/m²
  - Extension and transformation on activities: 5.99 EUR
- Registration of new activity: 5.81 EUR
- Temporary suspend of activity: 3.23 EUR
- Permanent suspend of activity: 3.87 EUR
- Endorsement for advertisement setup: 5.91 EUR

Urban planning taxes
- Endorsement on technic documentation for building licence:
  - House up to 100m²: 5.38 EUR
  - House over 100m²: 6.45 EUR
  - Commercial building up to 100m²: 21.50 EUR
  - Commercial building over 100m² - 300m²: 32.26 EUR
  - Commercial building over 300 m²: 0.11 EUR

Building permit issuing:
www.usluznicentar.com/index.php?id=33