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Dear business leaders,
Dear partners,
Future residents of Timișoara,

Timișoara is a city shaped by its people. Open, vibrant and a magnet for innovation and creativity.

Those who invest here or expand their existing businesses tell us they chose Timișoara because of its unique spirit. They find people eager to innovate and unafraid of new ideas.

We believe this spirit is the most important ingredient in a university city like Timișoara, where companies seek people who are not only highly qualified, but above all motivated and open-minded.

As a local administration, we nurture this spirit and drive dialogue between businesses, academia, civil society and the wider community.

Improving the quality of life and making Timișoara more attractive are our priorities. We have moved from individual projects to a strategic approach. We are investing heavily in digital public services, public transport, education and healthcare. Our international promotion efforts are raising the city's profile, and we are seeing growing interest in Timișoara among political and economic decision-makers across Europe and beyond.

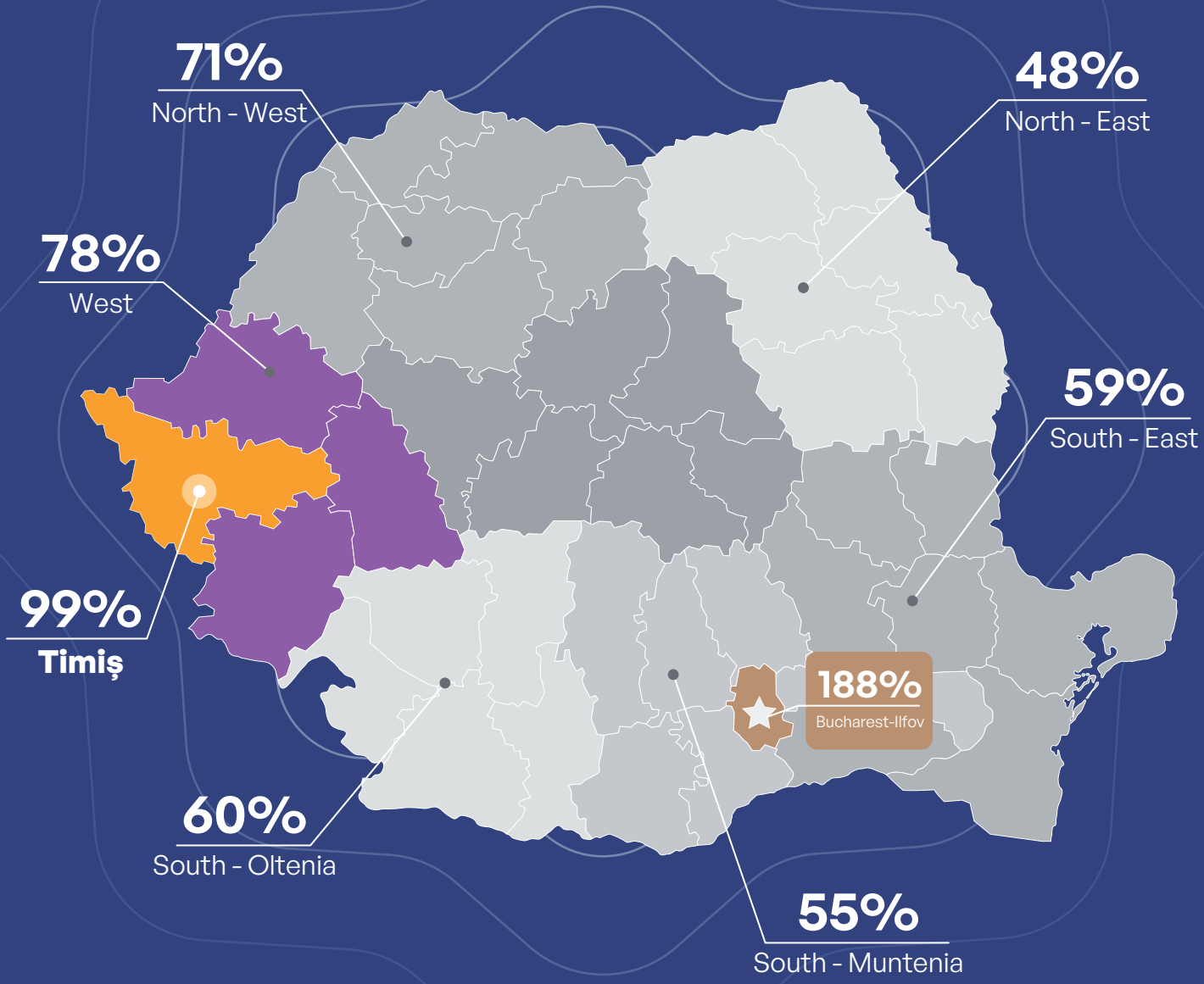
As a European Capital of Culture forever, Timișoara is a city where culture drives development and generates new ideas. Here, culture reaches beyond cultural venues and events, making an impact on the entire community.

We invite you to invest in Timișoara. Whether you are starting a business, coming here to study or choosing to make Timișoara your family's home.

The future is in Timișoara.

Romania's development regions
GDP per capita (% of EU average), 2024

Source: NPC and EUROSTAT





Timișoara

A developed city with great growth potential

Located at the heart of Romania's most prosperous region outside Bucharest, Timișoara has established itself as one of the country's most advanced and dynamic cities and a major driver of its development.

125,000 employees
work in Timișoara

GDP 2024

RON 78 billion
(€15 billion)

GDP per capita:

RON 125,000
(€23,800)

Business turnover:

RON 97.9 billion
(€19.7 billion)
2023

RON 123.1 billion
(€23.5 billion)
2025

Over €5.7 billion
Stock of foreign direct investment (FDI)
in Timiș County at the end of 2024

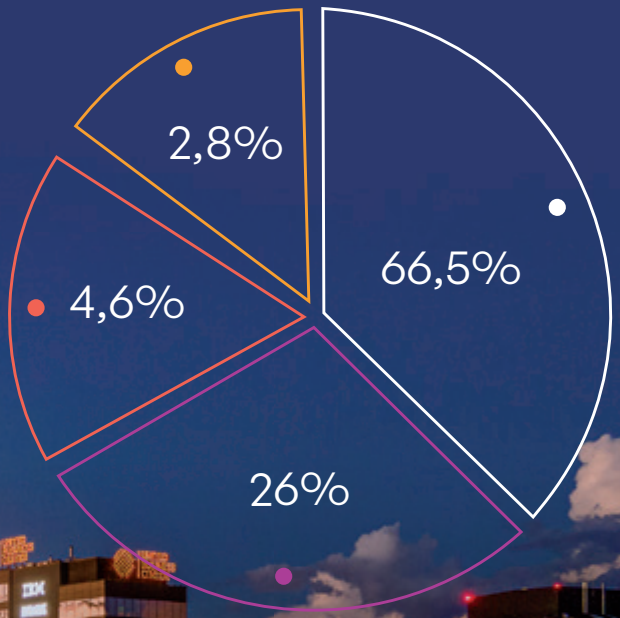


Gross value added by economic sector

A diverse economy

Traditionally a city with a strong manufacturing imprint, Timișoara and the entire county have diversified their economy, with trade and the IT sector overtaking industry.

The resilience of Timiș County, and consequently of Timișoara, lies not only in its diversified economic structure, but also in its annual trade surplus of over €965 million.

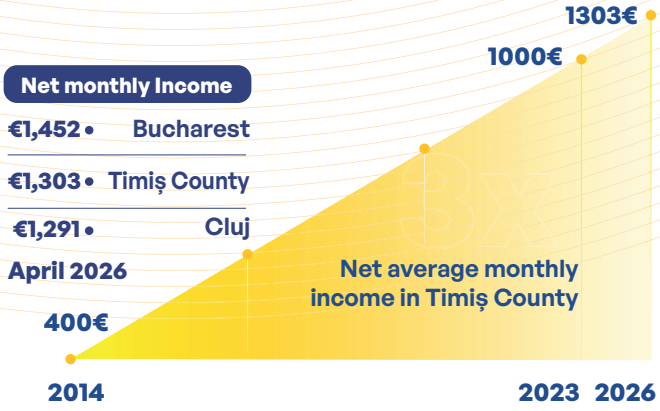


- Industry
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- Construction
- Services



GROWTH

Highly skilled and well-paid workforce



55% **Residents with higher education**

1% **Steady unemployment rate**

63% of Timisoara residents think it's easy to find a job in the city

77% are satisfied with their jobs

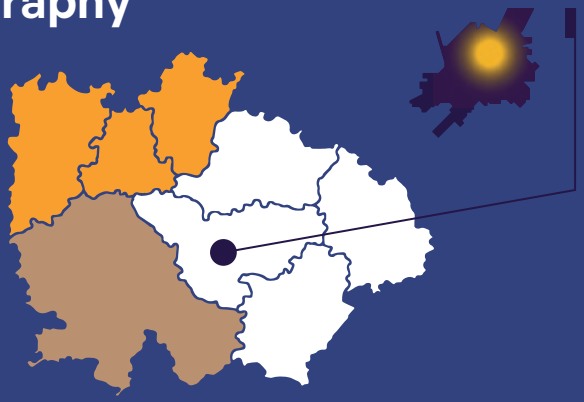
Source: Timișoara Quality of Life Barometer, 2025.

Friendly geography

Romania

Hungary

Serbia



the largest city in the **Dunăre – Criș – Mureș – Tisa** (DKMT) cross-border region covering **77.456 km²** population of ~ **6 millions** inhabitants

Regional transportation hub

3h 5h

Belgrad Budapest Vienna Bratislava

Situated on the Rhine-Danube Transport Corridor, Timisoara is a 3-hour drive from both Belgrade and Budapest, while the journey to Vienna or Bratislava takes about 5 hours. The AI highway, which runs north of the city, links central Europe with central and western Romania. Sibiu, Alba Iulia, Cluj, Arad, or Oradea are today no more than 3.5 hours away from Timisoara.

Well connected to the railway network, Timisoara is situated on the 100º mainline (Bucharest - Timisoara), with extensive rehabilitation works scheduled to be completed by 2026 on the Arad - Timisoara - Lugoj - Caransebes route. Another ongoing investment is the rehabilitation of the Timisoara - Resita railway, which will bring the two main cities of the Banat region even closer together.

Timișoara Traian Vuia International Airport is the main airport in western Romania and one of the country's key aviation hubs. It provides direct connections to numerous domestic and international destinations, serving both passenger and cargo traffic.

Currently served by five airlines (TAROM, Lufthansa, Turkish Airlines, Wizz Air and HiSky), Timișoara Airport offers direct scheduled flights to Germany, Italy, Spain, France, Belgium, the United Kingdom and Turkey.

Number of passengers

2023	2024	2025
1.354.859	1.323.690	1.458.098





Developing public transit

Timișoara has a long tradition of public transport. It was the first city in what is now Romania to introduce horse-drawn trams, electric trams and trolleybuses, locally known in Banat as firobuz.

Today, Timișoara has one of the country's most extensive public transport networks and is rapidly modernising its fleet. Once the ongoing acquisitions are completed, the city will have nearly 200 new trams, electric buses and trolleybuses. Public transport extends beyond the city's administrative boundaries, connecting Timișoara with 17 neighbouring communes.

Urban mobility is complemented by nearly 90 km of cycling infrastructure, a bike-sharing system and Romania's only urban public water transport service, operating on the Bega Canal.

At the same time, Timișoara is developing a metropolitan rail service connecting the southern suburban communities of Moșnița Nouă, Rudicica, Giroc and Chișoda with the city centre, Giarmata Vii and the airport.

This project complements the modernisation of the Caransebeș–Timișoara–Arad railway, which will allow speeds of up to 160 km/h and strengthen Timișoara's connection to the European TEN-T Core network. Between 2021 and 2025, the Municipality of Timișoara spent over RON 1.3 billion on mobility infrastructure. Investments included a new public transport fleet, the modernisation of three major roads with tram lines, the construction of the Solventul underpass and the reconstruction of a pedestrian footbridge. Further investments include rebuilding the Muncii and Îndrăgostiților bridges, modernising the Slavici–Polonă road junction and building three new bridges: the Solventul bridge on the western section of Ring Road IV, as well as a road bridge and a pedestrian bridge on the eastern section of Ring Road II, in the ILSA–ISHO area.



Trams **Electric buses** **Trolleybuses**



Cycling lanes

Diverse education

Timisoara prides itself on being a **multicultural city**, and this is reflected in the educational possibilities. You can study from kindergarten to university in **Hungarian**, **German**, **Serbian**, **English** and **French**. Timișoara has also opened a private school based on the British educational model, where classes are taught in English.
In addition to prestigious **academic high schools**, which manage year after year to have graduates thoroughly prepared for the best universities in the world, Timisoara has a diverse range of **technical high schools**, offering education for different qualifications: from mechanics, electricians or builders to workers in the hospitality industry, chemists, economists, or even silviculturists.

Stefan Hell and **Herta Müller,** Nobel Prize laureates, studied in Timișoara







45,000 students

EDUCATION



Full higher education

Politehnica University Timișoara (UPT) ranks first among Romania's technical universities and offers study programmes in engineering, robotics, architecture and drone technology, including a programme unique in Romania.

West University of Timisoara (UVT) covers the main fields of study in the exact sciences, the economic-social and administrative sciences, the humanities and the arts respectively.

University of Medicine and Pharmacy (UMFT) is one of the country's leading medical training centers.

Life Sciences University (USVT) is the main training center for specialists in agricultural sciences and veterinary medicine in the region.

Timisoara is also a **vibrant centre of research and innovation**, hosting advanced research institutes in a variety of fields such as **information technology**, **environmental care** and **medical engineering** at the Polytechnic University or biotechnology, **bioresources and sustainable development** at the University of Life Sciences. West University is distinguished by its research institutes in the exact, **social sciences and humanities**, and is dedicated to innovation, creativity and sustainable development.

The University of Medicine and Pharmacy also boasts an impressive network of **advanced research and methodological centres** covering a wide range of medical and biological fields.

Building the future together

The Student in Timișoara programme is an initiative dedicated to the city's students, offering access to benefits, events and cultural experiences while helping them connect with the local community. For Timișoara, the programme goes beyond supporting students. It strengthens the city's identity as a university centre, encourages young people to take part in city life, brings academia closer to the community and the business sector, and encourages graduates to build their professional future in Timișoara.

Tradition in innovation and creativity

A city that has always produced goods, Timișoara has been migrating in recent decades towards a modern economy, where services, IT&C and automotive industries are making their place. The latter is bringing not only production centres to Timisoara, but also more and more research and development departments.

Home to major companies

Flextronics, Hexing, Eltrex, Forvia Hella, Valeo, Dräxlmaier and ELBA are just some of the companies representing Timișoara's long-standing electronics industry.
The chemical and petrochemical industry is represented by Linde Gaz and Azur.
With the opening of the SMW (associated with Decathlon) and Corratec bicycle factories, Timișoara has become a European centre for the production of conventional and electric bicycles.

IT and automotive

Forvia Hella
ZF Lifetec
Dräxlmaier
Schaeffler
Nokia

Electronics and electrical engineering

Flextronics
Hexing
ELBA
Eltrex

Bicycle and e-bike production

SMW
(associated with Decathlon)
Corratec

Chemical and petrochemical industry

Linde Gaz
Azur

DEVELOPMENT







Modern workspaces

Numerous development projects completed in recent years have placed Timișoara among Romania's leading office markets. In the first three months of 2025, Timișoara ranked first among Romanian cities outside Bucharest for office leasing and lease renegotiations, including contract renewals.

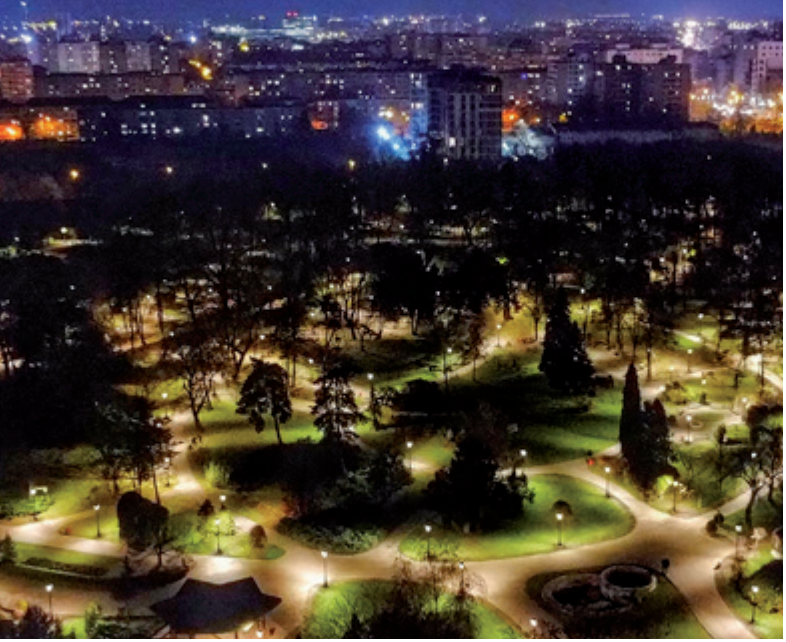
Opened in 2019, **Iulius Town** is the largest mixed urban regeneration project in the west of the country, with the largest shopping area outside Bucharest, plus four Class A office buildings (80,000 sqm) and three conference halls (up to 7,000 participants).

ISHO Offices is part of the new ISHO district in Timișoara, which, in addition to apartments, commercial and recreational spaces, offers Class A offices with an area of 50,000 sqm.

Vox Technology Park offers 26,000 sqm of Class A office space and is one of the most modern and environmentally friendly office projects in Romania.

Freelancers, artists, small or start-up businesses have various co-working spaces available at present: **DevPlant Cowork, Cowork Timișoara**, **Workify**, **Workify 2.0**, and **Faber** provide workspaces, prototyping workshops, meeting, and event venues, as well as restaurants, cafes, or dining areas.

AFI Park Timișoara is a modern Class A business park comprising five office buildings with a total leasable area of 48,000 sq m. It offers office and retail space in the heart of Timișoara.





Support for business development and promotion



Several industrial parks operate in and around Timișoara, supported by public investment or developed through private initiatives. They provide infrastructure and services for businesses, including land, office space, utilities, technical facilities and complementary services.

Public-sector facilities include **Freidorf Industrial Park** and **Timișoara Industrial and Technology Park**, while private developments include **Sânandrei Industrial Park**, **Giarmata Industrial Park** and **Incontro Industrial Park**.

Freidorf Industrial Park is a greenfield industrial development located in the southwestern part of Timișoara, covering approximately 45 hectares. It benefits from a convenient location, around 7 km from the city centre and 25 km from Timișoara International Airport, as well as the infrastructure needed for industrial activities, including electricity, natural gas, water supply and sewerage.

For early-stage businesses, Timișoara offers several **business incubators** that provide startups and small companies with support and resources, including mentoring, training and networking opportunities.

Timișoara, an open, dynamic city connected to Europe

Today, the local administration is taking an active role in transforming the city through investments in education, healthcare, urban regeneration, infrastructure and digitalisation.

A key indicator of this strategy is the city's ability to leverage local resources and attract additional funding. Over the past five years, for every RON 1 invested from the local budget, Timișoara has attracted an average of RON 1.4 in non-repayable funding.

As a result, total investment in the city over the past five years has reached approximately half a billion euros.





Investing in people and the city

2024

Local budget: **RON 2.5 billion**

51% of the budget allocated to development
Education: **20%** of the development budget

2025

Local budget: **RON 2.65 billion**

50,7% of the budget allocated to development
Mobility infrastructure: **35%** of the development budget

2026

Local budget: **RON 2.95 billion**

53.9% of the budget allocated to development
Mobility: **39%** of the development budget



A digital administration

Digitalisation is another of Timișoara's competitive advantages. Over the past five years, the share of requests submitted online to City Hall has increased from 5% to **over 80%.**

Residents can request and receive documents digitally, including urban planning certificates and building permits. City Hall also provides digital assistance through **Timi**, an AI assistant offering **24/7** access to public information and services.

The solution has been included in Interreg Europe's good practice database as an example of how artificial intelligence can help modernise public administration.



Revolutionary Timișoara

What do the systems that helped measure times at the 2024 Olympic Games, a technology used in cars around the world and artificial intelligence helping doctors detect diseases earlier have in common? Timișoara.

Revolutionary Timișoara starts with a simple idea: far more interesting things are happening in the city than we notice in our everyday lives. People here develop technologies, conduct research, invent and manufacture products that travel far beyond Timișoara, making an impact in fields you might never expect.

The investintimisoara.eu platform brings these stories closer to us under the name Revolutionary Timișoara.

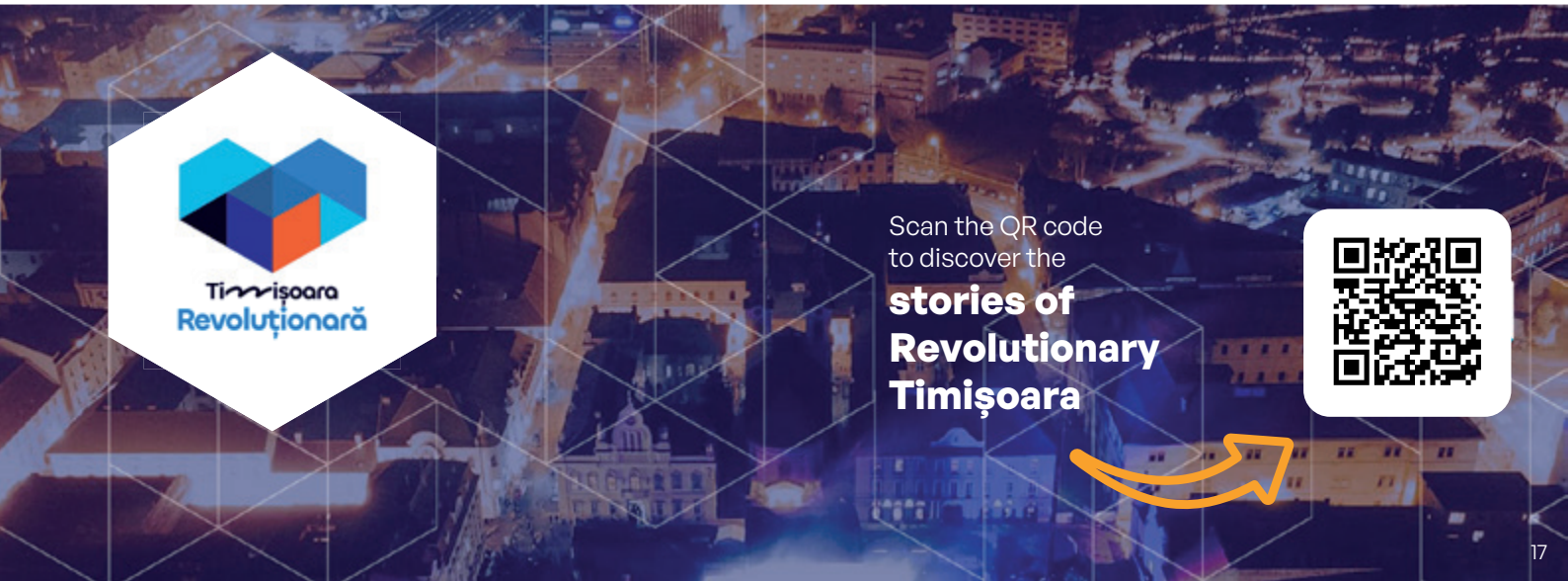
And these stories are very real. For example, Timișoara produces an intelligent module that manages and protects the electrical systems of modern cars. Today, one such module rolls off the production line every 55 seconds. Soon, that time will drop to just 9.5 seconds per module, roughly the time Usain Bolt needs to run 100 metres.

In a completely different industry, Timișoara is helping change the way we move around cities. Premium electric bicycles manufactured here are shipped to markets in Germany, Austria, the Netherlands and Scandinavia. One bicycle is assembled every few minutes, in a production process that handles thousands of components every day.

Other stories come from healthcare. In Timișoara, technologies are being developed that help millions of parents see their babies through ultrasound imaging. The city has also seen the adaptation of digital skin analysis technology that turns a selfie into personalised skincare recommendations.

These are just a few of the stories of Revolutionary Timișoara. Stories of people, ideas and products showing that things with a global impact can happen much closer to home than we might imagine.

Because Timișoara's revolution did not end in 1989. It simply took a different form.



A meeting place for professionals

Organizing big events in Timișoara has become a common habit after several venues for conferences, exhibitions and other meetings have opened in the city in recent years.

Timisoara Convention Center provides a building that can be shaped according to the needs of the beneficiaries, with spaces that can accommodate up to 2,200 people.

Iulius Congress Hall has three function rooms, each seating about 400 people. Two of the halls are modular, so they can accommodate up to 1,000 guests at a single event.

Regional Business Center Timisoara (CRAFT), managed by the Timis Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, has a multi-purpose hall of 1,400 square meters, as well as other smaller halls that meet the needs.

FOR provides workspaces, a prototyping workshop equipped with digital fabrication equipment, a meeting room and shared social spaces.

Cowork Timișoara, the largest coworking space in Romania's Western Region, offers 2,200 sq m of flexible workspaces, private offices, meeting rooms and event spaces, providing a complete infrastructure for freelancers, startups and teams.





Modern healthcare infrastructure, investing in the future

Timișoara is modernising its healthcare infrastructure through investments in new hospitals and clinics, advanced medical equipment and improved conditions for patients and medical staff. These investments are funded primarily through European funds, supplemented by contributions from the local budget, and aim both to modernise existing facilities and to develop medical services that meet current standards.

One of the major projects is the new building of Louis Țurcanu Children's Hospital, inaugurated in 2025. With a capacity of 150 beds, it brings together the Emergency Department, laboratories, outpatient services, radiology, paediatric surgery, intensive care, orthopaedics and the neonatal unit for premature babies.
Investment continues in 2026, with the municipality allocating over RON 46 million from the local budget for equipment and improvements at the Children's Hospital. Plans are also underway to rehabilitate two buildings intended for paediatric rehabilitation and other medical services.



At the Municipal Hospital, investments focus both on modernising existing infrastructure and developing new medical facilities. The new ENT Clinic, built from the ground up, has ten consultation rooms, two treatment rooms, an emergency room and modern equipment for medical investigations and treatment.
The clinic also includes a lecture theatre for training future doctors.



The largest healthcare project planned by the municipality is the new Municipal Hospital. Developed together with IFC, the World Bank Group institution focused on the private sector, the project envisages, in its first phase, the construction of a hospital with over 300 beds.
The new facility will bring together an Emergency Department, operating theatres, an intensive care unit and medical and surgical specialties under one roof. It will also include a helipad for medical helicopters.
The investment is estimated at over €141 million, and the project is being prepared for implementation through a public-private partnership.



Private healthcare infrastructure

Timișoara has a modern and diverse private healthcare infrastructure, with hospitals, clinics, diagnostic centres and laboratories providing integrated medical services.
The presence of healthcare providers such as Regina Maria Hospital Timișoara and MedLife Medici's Hospital strengthens the city's role as a regional healthcare hub for western Romania.
Recent investments in infrastructure and technology, including the new MedLife Medici's Hospital, representing an investment of over €25 million, are contributing to the development of advanced medical services.



Vibrant culture

City Celebration – Timișoara Day is one of the community's most popular events, bringing together residents and visitors.
Over several days, the entire city becomes a stage for concerts, performances, exhibitions, guided tours and activities for all ages. The programme highlights the heritage, creativity and diversity that define Timișoara.

The event is part of the legacy of Timișoara 2023 – European Capital of Culture and keeps alive the cultural energy that brought the city to Europe's attention. Through collaboration between institutions, cultural organisations, artists and the community, City Celebration offers authentic experiences and memorable moments.

Admission to the events is free, with organisers placing particular emphasis on inclusion and accessibility so that as many people as possible can enjoy the programme, regardless of age or specific needs.
The welcoming atmosphere and diverse cultural offer make the event an invitation to discover Timișoara, a creative, multicultural and welcoming European city.

3 state-funded theatres performing in three languages

Banatul Philharmonic

Romanian National Opera in Timișoara

4 art-house cinemas: Victoria | Timiș | Studio | Johnny

MultipleXity Centre for Art, Technology and Experiment









On the tourism map

While predominantly being a destination for business tourism due to the many businesses with international impact, Timisoara is also becoming a destination for recreational tourism. The city with the largest pedestrian area in Romania and with the most heritage buildings, Timisoara and the entire region is emerging as a new pole of attractiveness outside the Bucharest - Brasov - Sibiu axis, currently Romania's main tourist route.

Timișoara, Romania's Destination of the Year 2026: Timișoara won the grand prize at Romania's Destination of the Year 2026 competition and took first place in the "Visionary Cities" category. Hundreds of thousands of Romanians voted in the competition, bringing Timișoara this double recognition. One more reason to discover a city full of life, culture and stories.

Created in January 1990, the ***Festival of Hearts*** is a celebration of world folklore and means the presence in Timisoara of the most famous folklore ensembles from all over the world.

Always an avant-garde city, Timisoara today hosts two important jazz festivals, ***JazzX*** and ***Timisoara Jazz Festival***, the classical music festival ***Timisoara Muzicală*** and the ***Opera and Operetta Festival***.

Near Timisoara, two wine-growing regions produce some of the best wines in Romania. In the area of the Recas hills, the Recas si Petrovaselo wineries stand out, while in the Buzias - Silagiu area tourists can enjoy the views and wines of the ***Agape***, ***Aramic***, ***Dealul Dorului*** or ***Thesaurus*** wineries.



A predictable real estate market

Property prices in Timișoara have been consistently more affordable than in the rest of Romania's major cities, with the city's property market being much more relaxed than those in Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca or Brașov. In other words, the city is not facing a housing shortage, with the supply of space for sale or rent matching the demand.

Looking ahead, development is expected to continue at a sustained pace. In 2025, building permits were issued in Timiș County for 585,801 sq m of residential buildings, compared with 400,639 sq m in Cluj County and 436,974 sq m in Brașov County.

2026

Average residential property asking prices

€/sq m

- **Timișoara: 1,960**
- Bucharest: 2,302
- Brașov: 2,318
- Cluj-Napoca: 3,306

Source: imobiliare.ro Index, July 2026.



FUTURE

The Timișoara of tomorrow

Good governance is a concept that the current administration is striving to make synonymous with Timișoara.
For a place to be somewhere you want to live, the institutions that govern it have a duty to always pursue the public interest, distribute resources equitably, and always operate within the law.

The transformation of the administration into one that is transparent, capable, and visionary is a process that began a few years ago and is ongoing, but it must reach certain milestones. One of them is to be a modern European administration, meaning one that is community-oriented, digital, and efficient.
The principles of the current administration for Timișoara's development focus on three dimensions:

- **Strong neighborhoods**, where people feel comfortable because they are clean, with accessible services and amenities, green spaces and playgrounds, good connections to the rest of the city, community events, and engaged citizens;
- **A coherent metropolitan area**, where local authorities coordinate and plan the development of the entire region together, as the problems of all the inhabitants of the area are the same, ranging from public transportation and road infrastructure to education and urban planning;
- **A European city**, with Timișoara having a geographically privileged position in a Euro-regional context; thus, it can capitalize on existing national and international connections to increase its attractiveness, which will, in turn, influence the entire region.

The Municipality of Timișoara is working towards clear and balanced urban development. It is simplifying urban planning rules and procedures to make investment easier and more predictable. At the same time, the city is focusing on infrastructure development, urban regeneration and the efficient use of available land. These measures help create better conditions for quality investment and the development of a modern, functional and well-organised city.

One valuable tool for assessing the impact of local policies is the **Timișoara Quality of Life Barometer**, conducted by the West University of Timișoara in collaboration with City Hall.

74% of Timișoara residents believe the city is moving in the right direction.

70% are satisfied with public transport, 74% with green spaces and parks in their neighbourhoods, and 77% with the homes they live in.

Source: Timișoara Quality of Life Barometer, 2025.

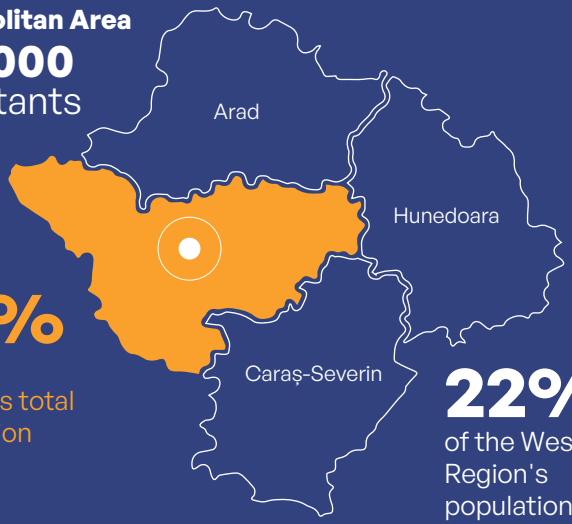
Ethnicities and Cultures in Dialogue

Timișoara stands out as the largest city in the western part of Romania.

As of January 1, 2026, the entire metropolitan area had a stable population of over **420,000 inhabitants**.

The unique identity of the city is illustrated by the traditional ethnic and confessional diversity of Timișoara's population.

Timișoara Metropolitan Area
420.000
inhabitants



55%
of Timiș County's total population

22%
of the Western Region's population

& 21 ethnicities 16 religions

Source for ethnic and religious data: 2021 Census





MULTI-CULTURALITY

Unlocking Timișoara's potential together

The 1989 Revolution definitively established Timișoara in the minds of Romanians and Europeans as one of the country's representative cities. During the fall of communism and immediately afterwards, it was considered the most advanced city in the province. The tumultuous 1990s and then the first years of integration into the European Union meant the consolidation of Timisoara's importance in Romania's development.

Timișoara has today all the assets to once again become the second-most economically important city in the country and this will happen as long as the administration, the economic environment, the academic environment, the civil society, and especially the citizens strive every day to grow their city **together**.

Timisoara is a city in constant development and movement, a city with an administration open to collaboration and innovation, a top city worth investing in.



Freedom
Freedom
Freedom



Winning project at the International Solutions Competition for **VICTORY SQUARE, TIMIȘOARA 2023**

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