

Klaipėda region - your business location in Lithuania

A port of engineering, metal and plastics



Track Record

The Klaipėda region is the 3rd largest and one of the fastest growing regions in Lithuania, currently accounting for 12% of GDP.

Klaipėda is home to the Baltic region's only ice-free port, making it a regional hub for logistics and transportation. It also has the largest shipyard, which offers a full range of services, from conceptual design to turnkey projects.

Klaipėda is currently a strong location for testing, component manufacturing and small-scale extraction for the Oil & Gas industry, making it a natural competence center for this sector.

The region is the largest supplier of PET products in Europe.

Industrial Competences



Ship building & metal structures - ships, offshore structures, motorboats and yachts, metal constructions and components.



Chemicals & plastics - PET granules, lubricants, engine oils, and plastic plumbing pipes.



Food, beverages & tobacco - pet food, beer, fish and meat processing, confectionery, and tobacco products.



Wood processing & furniture - soft furniture and wooden components.

Exclusivity of the Region

1.

The Klaipėda economic development strategy, which was ranked one of the best city FDI promotion strategies at the Emerging Europe Awards 2019, is the result of close collaboration among key players in Klaipėda's business ecosystem. Because experts from business and academia have played an integral role in formulating the Klaipėda 2030 strategy, its aims include:

attracting
€1.5 billion
in FDI,

creating **25,000**
new jobs in the
Klaipėda region,

boosting exports
by **200%**.

2.

FDI in Klaipėda has grown by an average of 8.1% per year over the past 12 years. As a result, the city already has a well-developed and investor-friendly business environment.

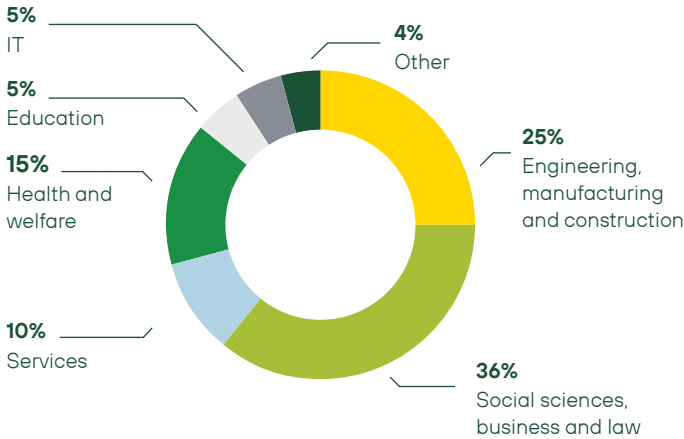
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Klaipėda is one of the region's biggest logistics hubs. It boasts a major international port and well-developed road and rail connections. It has an international airport just 20 minutes away - Palanga International Airport. There are 10 connections to 8 business hubs across Europe, including London, Oslo and Copenhagen.

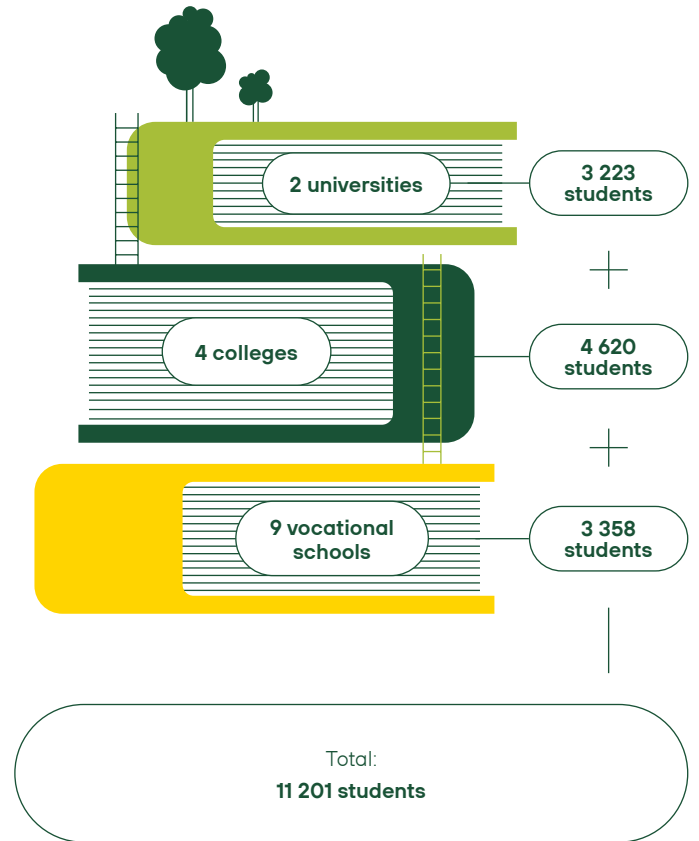
Labour Pool

Labour pool	163 200
Employees in manufacturing	28 300
Unemployment rate	5%
Average labour costs	1225.5€

Fields of Study



Education



Success Stories

Klaipėda University, together with five other European higher education partners, is a member of the advanced and ambitious consortium EU-CONEXUS (European University for the Sustainable Development of Smart Coastal Cities). The Universities of La Rochelle, Athens, Valencia, Zadar and Bucharest will have a focus on urban coastal sustainability, digitization and blue growth.

The model of early engineering education is being developed in Klaipėda's Baltija Gymnasium. Engineering profile classes cooperate with 7 companies, whose engineers share their experience and teach students the subtleties of the field through hands-on work. The gymnasium works closely with Klaipėda University, and vocational schools and Klaipėda State University of Applied Sciences are expected to join the model.

Klaipėda Science and Technology Park coordinates the activities of the Lithuanian Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) cluster, aiming to share the best practices and experiences from the Baltic Sea Region with foreign stakeholders and helping both the transport and marine technology industries to become more competitive by creating a hub for clean shipping, competence and tech development.



Investors' Spotlight

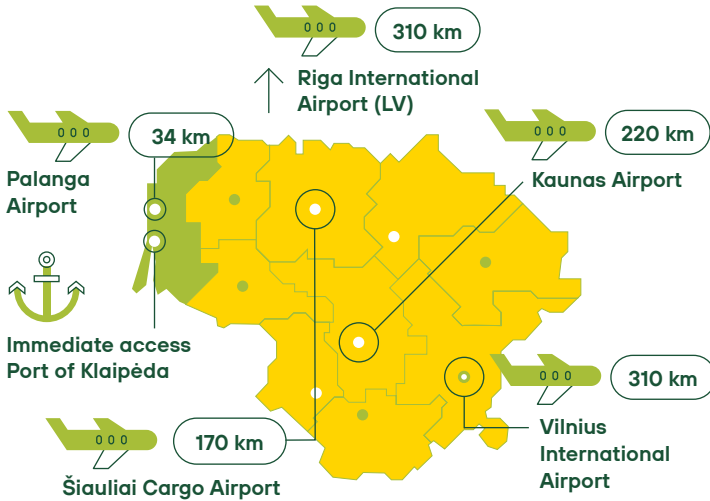


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- >>> Klaipėda State University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Technologies study program Electrical Engineering, 2017-2018
- >>> Klaipėda State University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Technologies study program Informatics Engineering, 2018-2019
- >>> Klaipėda University, Faculty of Marine Technology and Natural Sciences study program Mechanical Engineering, 2018-2019
- >>> Klaipėda University, Faculty of Marine Technology and Natural Sciences study program Informatics, 2018-2019
- >>> Klaipėda University Faculty of Marine Technology and Natural Sciences study program Electrical Engineering, 2019-2020
- >>> Klaipėda University Faculty of Marine Technology and Natural Sciences study program Informatics Engineering, 2019-2020
- >>> Klaipėda University Faculty of Marine Technology and Natural Sciences study program Chemical Engineering, 2019-2020

Infrastructure

Connectivity



Special Economic Zones



Foreign Investors

Albright Lietuva, Ani plast, Espersen Lietuva, Fortum Klaipėda, Glassbel Baltic, Hugaas Construction, Yazaki Wiring Technologies Lietuva, Lindström, Mestilla, Neo Group, ORION GLOBAL PET, RETAL Baltic.

www.fez.lt

Airport

Palanga Airport is a regional airport located in the western part of Lithuania, near the Baltic Sea. The third largest city, the ice-free seaport of Klaipėda, is located 35 km south of the airport. The airport has perfect road links with major cities in the region and neighboring countries.

Palanga Airport has passenger flights scheduled to 10 destinations in 8 countries. In total, there are 7 airlines flying from and to Palanga, including SAS, AirBaltic, Norwegian, Ryanair, WizzAir, LOT and Belavia.

www.palanga-airport.lt/en

R&D

Klaipėda University
Advanced research in Marine sciences and technologies.
www.ku.lt

Marine valley
Specializes in marine environment and marine technologies research.
apc.ku.lt/en

Business Environment

Associations of Foreign-owned Enterprises

1. Klaipėda Industrialists' Association www.kpa.lt
2. Klaipėda Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts www.kcci.lt
3. Klaipėda International Business Club www.kibc.lt

City Agency

City development agency Klaipėda ID. Its mission is to support both international and local businesses by providing information and on-the-ground advice. It is also dedicated to attracting more top-tier talent to the city.

www.klaipedaid.lt

Science & Technology Parks

Klaipėda Science and Technology Park

Specialized services in the areas of green and blue (marine) technologies, as well as gathering a "critical mass" of innovation systems in the region and in forming partnerships and clusters.

www.kmtp.lt/en

Baltic Tech Park / Baltic Maritime Digital Innovation Hub

A digital innovation support platform that helps companies, institutions and organizations in the region of Klaipėda to create added value through digital technology, better business and production processes.

baltictechpark.com

International Names

INDORAMA

MARS

WESTERN SHIPYARD

fortum

EUKUTECAS

GREENCARRIER

NEO GROUP

ESPERSEN

YAZAKI

BE - GE

GLASSBEL

omega

exadel

RETAL

PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL

ALAVI

REHAU

LAVANGO

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We are happy to be a member of the Klaipėda community. During the 15 years we operate here, in Klaipėda FEZ, we had and still have the opportunity to grow. Our later expansion was organic growth due to the huge potential the Klaipėda region has to offer: a business-friendly environment, skilled professionals with whom we have created a fantastic team, various opportunities in terms of logistics services. Today NEO GROUP is the second largest PET producer in Europe. So, where, if not here?

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Ruslanas Radajevs, General Manager, NEO GROUP

Lifestyle

Situated on the Baltic Sea coast and surrounded by gorgeous nature, the Klaipėda region is a gift for nature lovers and sports enthusiasts.

You can take in the city's impressive Eastern Prussian and German architecture or the majesty of Klaipėda harbor. Then enjoy some seaside leisure time activities, including sailing, kiteboarding, wind surfing, hill walking and fishing. Living in the area has the added advantage of reduced traffic congestion, and you can always breathe the fresh sea air and listen to the distinctive call of the seagulls circling above.



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Support

Your investment by lobbying for more business-friendly laws and assisting in one-off problems.