Becoming a tenant

The ITP is far more than a classic business park. Beyond spatial proximity, a strong networking atmosphere lies at the heart of the ITP, which builds on collaboration and shared resources. The ITP ensures close linkages among tenants as well as between park management and tenants, offering an environment that fosters synergies between the private sector, vocational education and training institutions, and innovation activities.

Access will be given to medium-high and technology-based firms of the three mentioned priority sectors as well as from other areas where high synergies can be expected. This will ensure spill-over effects for the tenants and sustainability of the ITP.

A public call for applications will be announced at the beginning of 2019 after the camp has been handed over. In the meantime, the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) is happy to accept your Indication of Interest Form through the ITP website. All indicated interests will be recorded by the PIU, which will keep interested parties posted on further developments and possibilities to visit the park.

For further information and contact details of the PIU please visit www.itp-prizren.com

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After the German Armed Forces leave the Prizren KFOR premises in late 2018, the camp property will change from military to civilian use. The future use of the camp is designed to support the economic growth of Kosovo through a strong German involvement.

The current camp consists of an area of 39 hectares and had the capacities for accommodating 1600 soldiers. Since 1999, the German Bundeswehr has invested millions in reconstruction and new buildings which will now be handed over to the Government of Kosovo. These buildings include 23 accommodation houses, administrative buildings, maintenance buildings, workshop sheds, a sports facility, recreation facilities such as cafés and a church, a modern canteen and a hospital.

After the Kosovar and German Governments have agreed in 2016 to explore possibilities for the future use of the camp, the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development asked GIZ to undertake a feasibility study, proposing a concept for civilian use of the current camp area.

In order to make the best use of the space and its premises, sectors with the most growth and employment potential were identified.

**Priority sectors**

Both governments see great potential in the following sectors:

- **ICT / Technology based firms**
- **Agro / Food Processing**
- **Creative and Cultural Industries**

To support the above-mentioned sectors and to increase synergy effects among them two cross-cutting topics have been identified:

- **Vocational Education and Training (VET)**
- **Research & Development (R&D)**

Based on the model of Science and Technology Parks (so-called STP’s) which connect knowledge-based companies with training and research institutions, the feasibility study of GIZ proposed a tailor-made concept for Prizren: the Kosovar-German Innovation and Training Park (ITP).

**The ITP concept**

- **Kosovar and German companies active in one of the three priority sectors** (ICT/Technology based firms, Agro/Food Processing, Creative and Cultural Industries) create jobs, commercialize innovations from R&D activities, boost the economy and offer possibilities for VET and praxis-oriented learning.
- **Dual vocational education schools and training centers** provide vocational education and training tailored to the needs of the labour market and closely cooperate with businesses settled in the park.
- **Civil society actors** of related fields provide non-formal education and contribute with social and cultural activities to the park.
- **Business incubators and makerspaces** for youth provide adequate equipment and expertise for students, graduates and aspiring entrepreneurs, promote entrepreneurial activity and inter-sectorial interaction and partnerships.

**ITP implementation**

In a second step, GIZ was commissioned by both governments to explore possible legal forms of implementation as well as financing mechanisms. Based on profound analyses of European best practices as well as the given legal framework in Kosovo and in order to ensure professional management, the ITP will be set up as a membership-based non-profit association.

In the initial phase of 3-4 years, the ITP will need to be financially supported by the two governments before it can be self-sustained. The main income of the ITP will be generated through the rent of the tenants. Moreover, the ITP will introduce a spectrum of other attractive fee-based services to generate additional income.

**Other recreational services** such as markets, cafes, etc. contribute to the park becoming a meeting point for citizens, students, entrepreneurs and tourists.

**Research institutions or universities** provide high-quality application-oriented education, tailored to the needs of the labour market, establish links to industry for their students (through collaboration in form of internships, research etc.).