



# KYRGYZSTAN COUNTRY BRIEF

TOTAL POPULATION:

7.37 MILLION

TOTAL TERRITORY: 199.9K sq.km

29.8%

## > REAL ECONOMY

PUBLIC EDUCATION: 99.2% WORKING-AGE PEOPLE: 69.5% COUNTRY CURRENCY: som (2) STABILIZATION MODE: 10 years

## > GDP (STRUCTURE)

Agriculture, forestry and fishing 9,6%

Industry 15,9% Manufacturing industries 12,6% Trade 15,8% Mining 1,8% Construction 6.6% Other

## TOP 5 COUNTRIES FOR FDI 6 MONTHS OF 2023

CAPITAL: BISHKEK



157.8 China 131.7 Russia

54.9 Kazakhstan

54 Netherlands 43 Turkiye

WORLD NOMAD GAMES HOMELAND











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National Investments Agency under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic is a State Authority that promotes foreign investments and helps international companies find business opportunities in the Kyrgyz Republic, reporting directly to the President of the Kyrayz Republic.

The main objectives of the National Agency are to attract and stimulate investments in the national economy, providing investment policy, assist existing and potential exporters in promoting their products to foreign markets, and develop public-private partnership mechanisms.

Our mission is to attract and retain foreign direct investment of strategic importance for the economic development of the Kyrgyz Republic. In all our services we apply the following core values: passion, honesty, professionalism, customer service, friendliness and responsiveness. We offer free consultations and services to support companies from the planning stage to the launch and expansion of the business.

## **ONE-STOP SHOP FOR INVESTORS**



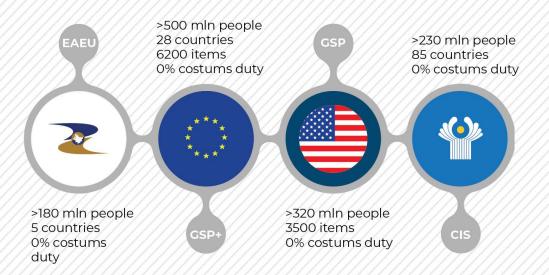


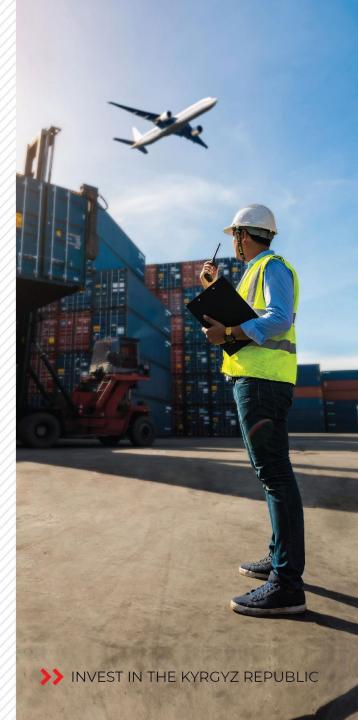
## **DUTY-FREE**

## ACCESS TO MARKETS WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN



The Kyrgyz Republic has receives preferential trade regime GSP+, which means more than 6000 items of Kyrgyz origin will be exported to European Union countries at zero customs duty.









# International cooperation

## **FAVOURABLE INVESTMENT CLIMATE**

The Kyrgyz Republic has cooperation with most of the major international organizations.

It also has 34 agreements on the avoidance of double taxation and 32 agreements on mutual support and mutual protection of investments.





COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES



ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION



UNITED NATIONS



WORLD BANK



WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK



EURASIAN ECONOMIC UNION



ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK



SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANIZATION



EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT







## low taxes

12% VAT 10% INCOME Tax 10% PROFIT Tax



## low electricity costs

For household 1 kWh - 1.1 cents and (2.42 cents), industrial tariff 3.22 cents, energy-intensive subscribers 5.66 cents.



## advantageous location

The Kyrgyz Republic borders Kazakhstan to the north, Uzbekistan to the west and north-west, Tajikistan to the south-west, and China to the south and south-east.

The landscape includes all natural zones common for the northern hemisphere, except the tropics.

By its administrative and territorial system the Kyrgyz Republic belongs to unitary states and consists of 7 oblasts (regions), (Chui, Issyk-Kul, Talas, Naryn, Jalalabat, Osh and Batken) and 2 cities of national status (Bishkek and Osh).





## liberal legislation

- National treatment of business activities, equal investment rights of domestic and foreign investors, no intervention into the business activities of investors, protection and restitution of infringed rights of investors in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- Export or repatriation of profit gained on investment;
- Protection against expropriation;
- The investor's right to freely use the income derived from their activities in the Kyrgyz Republic;
- The freedom to invest in any form into objects and activities not prohibited by the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic, including the activities subject to licensing;
- Freedom of monetary transactions, including currency transactions.



## skilled and educated workforce

There are 51 universities and 244 technical, vocational education and training institutions in the Kyrgyz Republic. Over the past year, there were more than 108 000 graduates.

The unemployment rate is 2.6%, and literacy rate is 99.6%



## convention on the protection of investor rights

The Kyrgyz Republic has ratified the Convention on the Protection of Investor Rights concluded between the CIS member states to create a common investment space. The Convention regulates the main legal mechanism in international investment law - national treatment of foreign investors.





## **ORGANIC**

FREE ACCESS
OF INVESTORS
TO THE ORGANIC
MARKET





# ABOUT ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

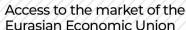
23 villages Organic Aimaks currently

More than **5799 tons** organic products already grown

7565 hectares organic area used in organic farming

**1052** certified farmers passed qualification training in soil cultivation and organic farming







Stable demand for agriculturalnew products, which is a resource base for food industry



Investment in a niche market using high quality raw materials with low operating costs



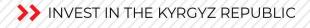
Processing of primary agricultural agricultural products using new technologies



GSP+ status of Kyrgyz agricultural productis in European market



Development of valuable and environmentally eco food products.





# TOURISM

Kyrgyz Republic is a very unique place all around the year. Travelers visit beautiful lakes such as Issyk-Kul, Sary-Chelek, and Son-Kol. Amazing chain of mountains are the best destination for alpinists in summer and for skiers in winter. Moreover, history of Kyrgyz Republic and historical findings in the country make it more preferable as tourism destinations.

Kyrgyz Republic's tourism industry represents a priority interest and a great prospect. Because of the uniqueness of Kyrgyz Republic, many tourists from CIS and countries beyond have made Kyrgyz Republic as the main destination to exploration and traveling.





THE TOURISM SECTOR IS CURRENTLY PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING:

**3** million people in the year

5 types of tourism

**68** visa-free countries

**22** different eco parks

## HOME OF THE WORLD NOMAD GAMES

The Kyrgyz Republic has strong competitive advantages in the tourism sector. It has a rich, lively, original culture and traditions, history and wildlife, including wild forests, mountain lakes and rivers, mineral springs, which can be seen as a great potential for the development of various types of tourism:



Resort and recreational (mainly but concentrated around the lake Issyk-Kul and is characterized by the presence sanatorium-resort complex amenities and beaches);



Active tourism (hiking, horseback riding, cycling, ecotourism, photography, rafting, caravanning, rural tourism, diving, hang gliding, etc.);



Cultural tourism along the Silk Road - acquaintance with the culture and traditions of people living on the Great Silk Road);



Winter tourism (ski, heliski);



Business tourism (MICE tourism) international summits, forums, symposia, conferences;



Event tourism (traditional onny, ethnogames, national holidays, creative festivals, competitions, exhibitions, sports events).

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

Development of premium tourism facilities | Thematic products development | Development of specialized tourism products; Development of services focused on: specific topics (traditions, culture, wellness, etc.) | Categories (recreational tourism, MICE, etc.), Markets (Russia, Kazakhstan, China, Europe and Middle East etc.)





## **ENERGY**

The Kyrgyz Republic has huge renewable energy reserves, mainly hydropower. In addition, energy resources can be multiplied by the amount of energy used by the sun, wind biomass, etc.

The Kyrgyz Republic can become a regional hub for the export of clean electricity and make a significant contribution to solving the problem of climate change.

New infrastructure for the transmission of hydro energy electricity, natural gas pipelines, natural gas distribution systems;

Renewable energy projects (Mini Hydro, Small Hydro.);

Energy efficient enterprises;

Main grid interconnectivity, modernization and development of cross-border electrical connections.





### HYDROPOWER POTENTIAL

- GENERAL HYDRO ENERGY
  POTENTIAL
- CIS PLACE
- DEVELOPED CAPACITY
- TOTAL CAPACITY
  PROSPECTIVE HPP CASCADES

142,5 BILLION KWH

3 PLACE

10%

5600 BILLION KWH

### SOLAR AND WIND POTENTIAL

250

23.4 KWH 5-8
BILLION
KWH

BILLION KWH PER YEAR

SOLAR DAYS

AVERAGE AMOUNT OF RADIANT ENERGY PER YEAR PER SQ. M. TECHNICALLY
POSSIBLE
POTENTIAL
FOR EXTENSION
PER YEAR

WIND ENERGY POTENTIAL



# PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

WHAT DOES
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MEAN?

#### **About PPP**

Procedure PPP Center has been created according to Resolution of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic About creation of Public Institution "Center of Public-Private Partnership" under KR Ministry of Economy dated June 28, 2019.



Building and Upgrade of Public Facilities



Tourism and Sports Development



Social Services Development



Energy and RES Development



Road Infrastructure Improvement



Information Technology Development

A contract between a public partner (Customer) and a private organization signed on the basis of competitive bidding, where a private partner performs public functions and develops the best way of provision of infrastructure or service, but where this private partner bears a quality risk, that is, if the project has been poorly implemented it will directly affect his profit.

## >> FREE ECONOMIC ZONES

«Karakol» offers huge opportunities for tourism «Bishkek» is in the capital of the Republic, an economic and political center of the country in Chui region development in Issyk-Kul region KAZAKHSTAN BISHKEK KARAKOL «Maimak» is conveniently located at the MAIMAK intersection of routes of international Chuy region transport communication in Talas region Dialal-Abad region «Leilek» has favorable position for the development of cross-border trade UZBEKISTAN «Naryn» has significant potential for development LEILEK of tourism and mining industry in Naryn region. Osh region Area is of 47 thous. sq.km that is about 1/4 of all territory of the country CHINA TAJIKISTAN



Developed infrastructure



Availability of raw materials



Economic attractiveness



Advantageous geographical location



Skilled labor resources



Free access



# LIVE IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC WORK AROUND THE WORLD



O%
PROFIT TAX
SALES TAX
VAT

5% INCOME TAX

## HIGH TECHNOLOGY PARK

IS A SPECIAL TAX ZONE THAT COVERS
THE WHOLE COUNTRY AIMED AT SUPPORTING:





