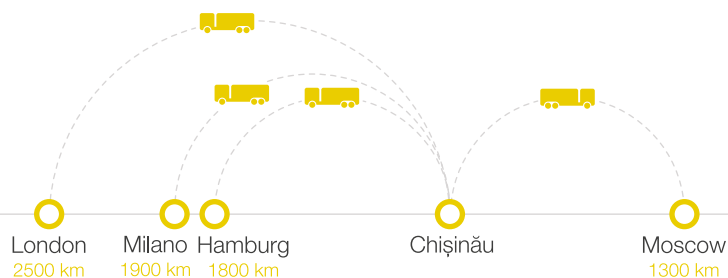




## Republic of Moldova

Location	between EU and CIS
Population	3.5 million people
GDP per capita at PPP	3,373 USD
Free Economic Zones	7
Free Port	1
Free Airport	1
Corporate tax	12% 6% in Free Economic Zone
Labor costs	lower than in the region, averaging 250 EUR

## Proximity



The Investment Attraction Team works under the direct mandate of the Prime Minister of Republic of Moldova and it is located in the Prime Minister's Office.

We provide high-quality services for potential investors throughout the investment decision process. As well, we support existing investors in extending their operations.

Our team consists of permanent investment attraction staff; sector related consultants, as well as regional officers.

Combining our experience, we are able to provide you with information relevant for your decision making, as well as with links to businesses and government.

Moldova is a small country with big ambitions.

We can help you find out more.

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# Textile, Apparel, Footwear and Leather Goods

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Moldovan manufacturers have been working for many years with renowned foreign brands – both fashionable and mass market brands. Companies from Italy, Germany, Netherlands, France, Austria, Belgium, and Great Britain source and produce here. And with a good reason: Moldova delivers fast, flexible and with highest quality levels.

Moldova's location and skilled workforce make it an exceptional base for trade between East and West. The country has an open economy forming a bridge between the EU and the growing CIS markets. Over 300 companies, employing more than 20,000 people, are currently working within the vibrant and growing Moldovan textile, apparel, footwear and leather industry sector. Moldova currently exports over 80% of the goods manufactured in the sector proving manufacturers' ability to supply quality and quantity as markets demands.

There is industry tradition stretching over decades, and an experienced labor force in apparel and footwear, textiles and carpets. More and more Moldovan manufacturers design and produce their own clothing lines, being an indicator of a successfully developing industry.

### Main reasons to choose Moldova



#### The workforce is skilled and multilingual

Labor costs are the lowest in the region and stand at around 0.09 EUR per-minute. This creates a competitive business environment for manufacturing and producing.



#### Flexibility and short delivery time

Most major destinations both from the EU and CIS can be reached within 2 truck days. Orders are executed and delivered on average within 2 weeks, with no minimum order restrictions.



#### Proximity and easy access to major markets

Moldova's trade is largely liberalized to both the European Union and the Commonwealth of Independent States.



#### Long standing experience

Most of Moldovan apparel companies have been involved in Cut & Make (C&M) or Cut, Make & Trim (CMT) operations and have long-term experience in working with upscale European brands.



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**Succes story:** Icatex Pro manufactures medical clothing for the healthcare sector and corporate clothing for the catering sector. In addition, the enterprise produces clothing for industrial laundries, the food industry and service sector, working and protection clothes, as well as tailor-made clothing for a number of large companies.

Starting with 2009, Icatex Pro decided to start production and sales for the local market, as well as for export to Russia, Ukraine and other CIS countries. Icatex Pro operates as a subsidiary of the Teamdress Group, Germany.

### Goods that can be produced competitively in Moldova:



Textile



Apparel



Leather



Accessories



Footwear



Carpets

- Relocation of production capacity to Moldova;
- Sourcing and placement of orders;
- Forming Joint Ventures.