

# Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Dolj County

General Presentation

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# I. History of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Dolj County

The city of Craiova is an estate of the nation's large fireplace boyars, Craioveștii. We find here big boyars known as “ban” and “big bans” famous overseas (the word ban means in romanian money). “Bania Olteniei” had many rulers at the Romanian throne and it was documented in mid-fifteenth century. Since 1582 the city was visited by foreign travelers and by an appreciable number of people interested in regional economy. Since the seventeenth century the city was recognized over Romanian feudal stateborders as the biggest shopping center. Here, in the eighteenth century, many companies established merchants and oldest craft guild very well known in the Romanian Country (the oldest guild in Romanian Country was **Săpunari** and **Lumânărarilor**, known as Tzeh, in 1725).

# I. History of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Dolj County

The Chambers of Commerce and their residences have been provided in the first article of the Law of 30 September 1864 and the Decree of 15/27 October 1864 promulgated by Prince Alexandru Ioan Cuza “*We will put one chamber of commerce in all ports and major cities of the country*”. This has led to the establishment of Chambers in Craiova and Drobeta Turnu Severin, the first one in the largest city of Oltenia province, the second one in one of the main ports on the Danube in Romania. Craiova, through its administrative functions, political, legal and economic has been and is the biggest urban city of Oltenia.

## II. Legal basis for operation

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Dolj County is a nongovernmental, independent, public interest, aiming represent, defend and support the interests of its members and the business community in relation to public authorities and bodies in the country and abroad. The Dolj Chamber is organized and operated under the **Law Chambers of Commerce in Romania no. 335/2007**, published in Official Gazette no. 836 of December 6, 2007, the provisions of the constitution - the framework adopted by the General Assembly Chambers County Chamber of Commerce members and Industry of Romania dated 27.12.2007 and the statute.

# III. Organization structure

Chamber of Commerce and Industry Structure of Dolj county organization complies with the law (Law no. 335/2007), the Statute and the decisions of General Assembly of Representatives, established three departments:

1. Services and Chamber Practices
2. Fairs.Exhibition
3. Development.

# III. Organization structure

Governing bodies of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Dolj County are:

- **General Assembly of Representatives**
- **Elected Governing bodies:**
  - College Board
  - President
- **Executive Governing bodies:**
  - Board of Directors
  - Director General
  - Directors and heads of functional departments.

# III. Organization structure

**Assembly of Representatives** is the supreme leadership body of the organization and is composed of representatives of all chamber sections.

It is comprised from individual members of:

a) economic operators, natural or legal persons, registered in Trade Register, regardless of field of activity,

b) branches, offices of some companies and others, without legal personality, registered in the Trade Register



# III. Organization structure

## **Collective members**

- a) subsidiaries of bilateral chambers of commerce,
- b) associations,
- c) organizations of employers,

## **Honorary members**

- a) teachers
- b) scientists, specialists in economics and commercial law,
- c) staff of public life.

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Dolj County has currently a total of 275 members in the three sections Industry-Agriculture, Trade and Services.

## IV. Duties and Services

- Represents and defends the interests of business community in relation to the Romanian authorities and similar organizations abroad;
- Assist the county and local government and regional structures in order to develop economic - social area, including through public - private;
- Supports its members in economic relations with official representative offices of other states, foreign consulates and similar House;
- Participating in meetings of committees, councils and working committees or specialist established by the authorities / public bodies;

# IV. Duties and Services

- Cooperate with government, with national and foreign partners from public and/or private sector, to fulfill its duties;
- Develop studies on the economic development of the region / district;
- Inform the Government and public authorities on own initiative or on request with argued opinions on matters relating to the general interests of the economy;
- Prepare an annual report on county economic status;
- Organizes trade fairs, exhibitions, fairs, business forums, economic partnership shares in the country and abroad;

# IV. Duties and Services

- Information and documentation activities in the interests of its members and the county economy;
- Organize under the law, alone or jointly, pre-university educational institutions - schools, commercial, industrial and trade;
- Organize training courses (initiation, qualification, specialization, training) and re-training;
- Carry out assistance and advice for traders;
- Organize the work of mediation and settlement of commercial disputes by arbitration and civil and international;
- Take and recover, in the interest of improving the business climate, data about trade incidents;

# IV. Duties and Services

- Participate in training and updating their national information business systems;
- Issuing certificates of origin of goods, preferential customs certificates and cards for temporary importation of goods duty free, certified for commercial usage, the companies listed, annotations and changes in the legal position of companies and certificates proving the existence of commercial incidents;
- Assist traders to implement management systems and other regulations for the proper functioning of their activities, promoting the business community, commercial and industrial standards of the European Union;

# IV. Duties and Services

- Assist traders to implement management systems and other regulations for the proper functioning of their work;
- Promoting the business community, commercial and industrial standards of the European Union;
- Endorse the model forms of bills, prosecutors and other documents for international trade;
- Endorse the existence of cases of force majeure and its influence on performance obligations for traders;
- Organized exclusively rankings County firms and other promotional events at the county and regional scale.

# V. Projects

Submitted in the 30 october 2009 call on CBC-  
Programme Romania-Bulgaria 2007-2013

1. as Lead partener:
  1. Developing a collaborative system, infrastructure and business practices necessary for communities, SMEs in border areas for information exchange to promote and increase business opportunities, trade and investment;
  2. Sustainable development and a diversifing cross-border tourism;

Submitted on Human resources Development Operational  
Programme

2. As Partner
  1. National network of green and ethical social enterprises
  2. Entrepreneurship education - the key to the competitiveness of SMEs

# Cross-border Exhibition Center

At the end of the February 28, 2010, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Dolj County will complete implementation of the project “improvement of outdoor areas of the C-BEC“ .

This is done in the PHARE CBC Romania - Bulgaria in 2006, with two partners - CCI Vidin and Oltenia Environmental Protection Association and is a complementary project of the building of “Cross-Border Exhibition Center”, an action for which the Chamber of Commerce has received as support financial grant for building and equipping the complex with specific equipment.



# Cross-border Exhibition Center

Cross-Border Exhibition Center is an investment that aims to increase cross-border cooperation between Romania and Bulgaria and socio-economic development of the region with a population of three million inhabitants, the costs of raising and equipping the building complex of more than two million euros .

The complex has an indoor exhibition area of 2,000 sqm, a multifunctional room with a capacity of over 100 places for conferences, product presentations and business meetings, as well as an outdoor exhibition area of 2,500 sqm. On short-term, medium and long term we plan its recovery by organizing events, improving existing facilities and its inclusion in national and international network specialized fairs organizers.

# VI. Brief description Dolj County

Craiova is the county of Dolj, administrative structure which also includes two other municipalities - Calafat and Băilești, 4 cities, Segarcea, Filiași, Bechet and Dăbuleni, 104 communes and 380 villages. Danube River runs through the south of the county while forming a natural border with Bulgaria. Dolj County covers an area of 7414 km<sup>2</sup>, ie 3.1% of Romania, being the seventh country's largest county.

## VI. Brief description of Dolj County

Construction of bridge at Calafat between Romania and Bulgaria along the European road 79 (EH79), will increase trade flows between the two states and more than that, will be the main road transport corridor between the Balkans and Western Europe.

Dolj County is an important junction that connects the countries of the Balkans and Western Europe, benefiting from an extensive network of regional rail. The air transport facility is provided by the existence of an airport that is included in global aviation.

# VII. Main Activities in 2014

- Organizing fairs and exhibition according to the 2014 Year Plan
- Starting the implementation of the European structural funds approved projects
- Reorganise of the activity in order to increase the volume of business activity at the “Cross-border exhibition Center”
- Seminars and workshops
- Round Tables, Business meetings and Economic Missions

# VIII. Assets - Real Estate:

1. The headoffice in Craiova on Brestei street No. 21 in total surface of 1966 sqm



# VIII. Assets - Real Estate:

2. The Cross-border Exhibition Center on Calea Severinului street No. 23 with a total surface of 3000 sqm



# VIII. Assets - Movable

3. one car
4. personal computers - 40 and laptops - 2
5. specific furniture for exhibitions – 400 sqm
6. specific furniture for conference – 200 people
7. other specific logistic for training and organization's specific activities.