

Development potential

The Government of the Republic of Moldova intends to establish a Public-Private Partnership with a strategic investor that will be able to explore the airport's potential by creating an international logistics hub for air transportation of goods as well as development of the second airport in Moldova for passenger transportation.

The Free Airport offers to national and international investors an excellent investment environment and developing its activities in neighborhood with European Union.

As the second passenger airport in the country, MIFA can serve as a reserve airport for the main airport from Chisinau. Nowadays, in case of unfavorable weather in Chisinau, the aircrafts are forced to land in the neighboring countries, while due to the landscape and a favorable wind rose, Marculesti airport has fog only up to ten days per year and can be an excellent alternative.

The areas where a strategic investor can develop the airport are the following:

- Upgrading the existing Instrumental landing system (ILS) – approximate cost of 0.8 mil. USD.
- Building the runaway illumination system, as at the moment the airport operates exclusively daytime flights – 1.5 mil. USD.
- Building a stationary fuel tank of 1,000 cubic meters, that can reduce the cost of fuel by 10-15% due to the facilities on duty-free imports provided by the Free Economic Zone.
- It is possible to extend the runway for additional 200 meters, thus extending the types of the aircrafts that can use the airport.
- Building a passenger terminal and launch passenger transportation. There is an existing architectural project for this building, with the investment cost being approximately 2.5 mil. USD.
- Building an international cargo transportation hub. There is an existing architectural project for the building, with the investment cost being approximately 17.5 mil. USD.
- Using the development area of 60 hectares for building a production facility, not necessarily related to aviation, but which can benefit from the facilities of the Free Economic Zone.



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Free International Airport Marculesti



**MARCULESTI
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT**

The International Airport Marculesti (IAM) was founded in 2001 as a successor to the ex-military aerodrome Marculesti. Its staff consists of more than 90% of ex-military pilots, engineers and technicians: highly qualified specialists with international licenses based on training courses completion. The IAM holds Air Operator and Airport Operating Certificates. The airport ICAO code is LUBM.



The territory of the Free Airport has a surface of 265 hectares and consists of aerodrome territory (206, hectares) and developing territory (60).

The State Enterprise „International Airport Marculesti” is the Operator of the airport, General Investor and resident of Free Airport.

The enterprise gained a rich experience activating on international aerian transportation, especially on U.N.O. humanitarian programs. Currently the airport serves approximately 100 of flights per year.



Location



The IAM is situated between the villages: Lunga village – on South, Marculesti city – on West, Gura Cainarului village, Prajila village – on East, on the distance:

- Chisinau (*the capital of Moldova*) – 150 km;
- Balti city (*2nd most important city*) – 28 km;
- Floresti city – 6 km;
- 100 km from the Romanian border (*EU*);
- 45 km for the Ukrainian border;
- Railway junction Marculesti – 1 km;
- Petroleum storage depot with capacity of 14 000 tones – 1 km;
- Refrigerating plants with capacity of 1500 tones – 2 km.

Free Economic Zone

In 2008 the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, which adopted the Law no. 178-XVI concerning Free International Airport Marculesti, thus establishing a Free Economic Zone on the territory of the airport.

The Free Economic Zone was founded for a period of 25 years and has as a goal the acceleration of development of aerian transportation services and industrial production oriented on export and on external commercial activities.



Infrastructure

The airport infrastructure includes the followings:

- Light airplanes and 4 helicopters;
- Runway (2500m x 40m), that has been repaired in 1986 and 2005 and is certified as international runway that can ensure landing and take-off of different airships, inclusively An-124 „Ruslan”, C-17 „Globmaster” Airbus 310-330, Boeing 737-750. The resistance coefficient of the track is 80;
- 4 exits to runway with latitude of 14 m;
- Taxi strip (2500m x 14m);
- Parking platform for airships with surface of 24 000 m²;
- Control tower of the flights, airport office, hotel, check-point, auxiliary buildings;

- Maintenance depot for airships, laboratories and workshops for adjusting and technical maintenance, special car fleet, technical and special equipment;
- Mobile complex of fuel tanks;
- Hangars with total surface of 7680 m² and of volume 36 172 m;
- Branch line (240m);
- Electric power network, including 12 transformers 60-400 kWh (8 in operation and 4 in back up);
- Natural gas pipeline (6 km);
- Water network (8 km);
- Roads – 9 km;
- Railway – 700 m (*connection to the national railway system*);



The residents of Free Airport have the rights to develop the following activities:

- rendering ground services and air transport service;
- wholesale trade, with the exception of the products excluded from civil circulation;
- industrial production of the products;
- agri-food processing;
- sorting, packaging, marking and other similar operations with transit goods through Free Airport;
- rendering paid services to Free Airport residents and foreign companies;
- other auxiliary types of activities, such as public utilities, storage services, construction, renting and/or lease, catering, etc, necessary for development of mentioned activities.

The main facilities of being a resident of a Free Economic Zone in Moldova are:

- No VAT, customs and excise duties on imported inputs and raw materials (*with the conditions that the processed outputs will be further exported*);
- No restriction on the value of investment and number of jobs created;

- Corporate Income Tax – 6%, compared to 12% in the rest of the country. If the value of investments exceeds 1 mil. USD, the CIT rate is 0% for 3 year period (5 year period if the value of investments exceeds 5 mil. USD);

- Tax incentives are not limited by the value of profit and turnover and are valid for the lifetime of FEZ;

- Customs office at the territory of FEZ;

- The cost of customs procedures is 0.1% (0.4% outside FEZ);

- Allowed payments in EURO/USD among the residents of the same or different FEZ;

- Preferential purchase price for land;

- The controls are limited and are allowed only by the Government Decision;

- The State guarantees that in case of adaption of any new laws that worsen the conditions of residents' activity on customs, fiscal and other regimes, the residents have the right to activate during 10 years according to present law stipulations until the day of new laws application, but do not exceed the term of working of Free Airport.