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With the help of various new movies, people can now get an idea of the life quality and the local benefits of the growth area Frankfurt (Oder)/Eisenhüttenstadt. The new movies provide a fascinating cross section of the local economy, logistics, culture, leisure time and tourism.

① www.icob.de

▶ Bell casting successful



After the return of the original stained glass windows from St. Petersburg in 2002, the St. Mary's Church in Frankfurt (Oder) gets now back its voice. The traditional bell foundry Grassmayr created in Innsbruck successful a replica of the 5.5 t bell "Osanna" that had been melted within the course of the World War II for armament purposes. The money for the recasting was collected as part of the charity initiative "Make 3 on 1 – a voice for St. Mary's Church".

① www.st-marien-ffo.de



ASTRONERGY LAUNCH: LORD MAYOR DR. MARTIN WILKE (L.) HANDS OVER A REPRODUCTION OF A HISTORICAL STAINED GLASS WINDOW OF FRANKFURT'S ST. MARY'S CHURCH TO MR. NAN CUNHUI, FOUNDER CHINT-GROUP



GROWTH AREA
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First-class conditions for business and families

A modern and attractive region with huge future potential awaits companies, employees and families in the growth area of Frankfurt (Oder)/Eisenhüttenstadt:

- Fully-developed industrial areas, including sites for large-scale projects
- Prices on industrial estates from 10 euros/m²
- Multiple redundancy electricity supply for 380 kV, 110 kV or 20 kV
- High-pressure and medium-pressure gas lines (84 bar or 4 bar)
- High-capacity water supply and waste water disposal (installed capacity approx. 500 – 750 m³/h).
- Direct motorway connection (A12/E39), rail connection via Terminal for Combined Transport Frankfurt (Oder), harbour connection at inland port Eisenhüttenstadt
- Trade tax coefficient: 380% to 400%
- Direct cash-back incentives for labour or investment costs
- Credit sureties and subsidies for R&D projects
- Established educational institutions (European University Viadrina, Sixth Form College, bbw, DAA, Gauß High School etc.)
- Sophisticated business and research competence
- Proven family-friendliness, numerous kindergartens
- Comprehensive cultural and recreational opportunities (Kleist Forum, Brandenburg State Orchestra, Friedrich-Wolf-Theatre, cabaret, trade fairs)
- Plethora of lakes and forests, dense network of cycle paths and waterways
- Express trains to Berlin every 30 minutes
- Airport Berlin (SXF/BER) reachable by car in 45 minutes

Need more information?

The Investor Center Ostbrandenburg gives you helping hands on all matters related to investments in the growth area of Frankfurt (Oder)/Eisenhüttenstadt – free-of-charge, professionally and in strict confidence.

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▶ Restart: Astronergy takes over solar module plant



The highly efficient production lines at this site enable a cost-efficient production. The production costs in Frankfurt (Oder) are yet below the generally applicable solar module minimum price of 57 Cent per watt for imports from China.

Frankfurt (Oder) remains a solar manufacturing site. The company Astronergy Solar-module GmbH, which belongs to the Chinese Chint-Group, took over the module manufacturing plant of the insolvent German Conergy AG in December 2013. In the future, the site in Frankfurt (Oder) shall be the central European base for production and sales of the company's photovoltaic products. Currently, three of five module lines are running, employing a staff of 200 workers. In the course of the year, the manufacturing will be expanded with at least one line. "Quality and safety always play a major role upon long-term investments. „The step

into module production in Germany is strategically very important for Astronergy. In Frankfurt (Oder) we will not only continue to produce high quality modules with a profitable production. We will also develop the location as our European hub for production, trade and logistics", said Nan Cunhui, founder and Chairman of the Board of the CHINT-Group. In 2013 Astronergy reached a turnover of more than 800 million US dollars with about 4,000 employees worldwide. Besides China, the company also competes in the US, Korea, Japan and Thailand.

① www.astronergy.com

▶ New director at AMEH



Over 60 years of experience in steel production: The plant in Eisenhüttenstadt is nowadays a modern high-tech integrated steel works.



Since January 2014, Pierre Jacobs is the new Chairman of the Managing Board of ArcelorMittal Eisenhüttenstadt GmbH. His predecessor, Matthieu Jehl, is now working as the CEO of ArcelorMittal Gent. Pierre Jacobs perfectly knows the steel works, as he managed its finishing-department for the last two years. The plant belongs to ArcelorMittal, the largest steel group in the world. Currently the company employs nearly 2,500 staff at the site.

① www.arcelormittal-ehst.com



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➤ 30 years of high-tech in Frankfurt (Oder): Leibniz-Institute IHP celebrates birthday



Architect Gunter Henn, Lord Mayor Martin Wilke, Science-Minister Sabine Kunst, IHP Head Wolfgang Mehr & Wolf-Dieter Lukas, Federal Ministry of Education & Research, inaugurated the building. (f.l.t.r.)



The newly launched annex at the institute building: The IHP carries out research and development on silicon-based systems, ultrahigh frequency circuits and technologies for wireless and broadband communication. The main research focus is placed on applications in telecommunication, semiconductors and automobile industry, aeronautics, telemedicine as well as automation technology.

On December 16th 2013 the IHP - Innovations for High Performance Microelectronics celebrated with many guests from the politics, economy and the science sector three successful research decades. Among the guests was Brandenburg's Prime Minister Dietmar Woidke, who dignified the IHP as a "High-tech flagship". Wolf-Dieter

Lukas, Federal Ministry of Education and Research underlined: "This institute is a unique institute which needs permanent investments." This is also the reason why the IHP has a special status at the German Federal Government. The anniversary was also used to launch the new annex building, which was financed by the Federal State

of Brandenburg and the German Federal Government with € 8.7 million. It offers 70 new workstations plus training and conference rooms. More than 300 employees from over 20 countries work currently at the IHP, which also provides a 1,000m² class-1-cleanroom with an own pilot line. www.ihp-microelectronics.com

➤ New ambassadors for promotion of the growth area



Eisenhüttenstadt's Mayorress Dagmar Püschel handed the ambassador stele over to Stefan Fritsche, Managing Director of Neuzeller Klosterbrauerei (Monastery Brewery).

"Growth through innovation – together for our region!" - This was the motto of this year's annual meeting of the regional ambassadors of the growth area Frankfurt (Oder)/Eisenhüttenstadt, which was held after invitation of Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Mehr, Scientific Director at the Leibniz-Institute for innovative microelectronics www.regionalerwachstumskern.de

IHP in Frankfurt (Oder). Since more than 5 years, the representatives from the local economy and society actively work on promoting the region of Frankfurt (Oder) and Eisenhüttenstadt within the scope of their regular activities as multipliers in their networks. The aim is to activate new economic and social impulses for their home region. Also this year new ambassadors could be won: Stefan Fritsche, Managing Director of Klosterbrauerei Neuzelle GmbH and Pierre Jacobs, Chairman of the Managing Board of ArcelorMittal Eisenhüttenstadt GmbH. The new ambassadors strongly focussed on their activities as businessmen: "We daily deal with many national and international business partners and always and constantly promote our region with our products and our presentations. For us this goes hand in hand with the saying to support the region with our work!" The first contacts have already been established.

www.regionalerwachstumskern.de

➤ Award for 5N Plus



5N Plus produces and recycles in its German subsidiary 5N PV in Eisenhüttenstadt specialty metal and chemical products such as Cadmium Telluride or Zinc Telluride for the electronics and photovoltaics industry.

The Canadian company 5N Plus Inc. received the "Deloitte Technology Fast 50" award for a fourth consecutive year. Thank's to it's high potential for innovation, it's ongoing investments in R&D and it's amazing increase in revenues, the company ranked 5th among the fastest growing technology companies in Canada. www.5nplus.com

➤ Innovations for health

Rhön-Klinikum AG, one of the largest health-care providers in Germany, aims to reposition the company on the market with a more scientifically oriented profile and high-end medicine. According to Rhön's spokesman Achim Struchholz the company's site in Frankfurt (Oder) plays a central role in the reorientation of the company. This is the reason why the company counts on the Frankfurter Klinikum, which also acts as the academic teaching hospital of the Charité Berlin. After selling 38 hospitals to Helios group, Rhön now operates ten hospitals in five locations with a total of 5,300 beds.

www.rhoen-klinikum-ag.com



The hospital Frankfurter Klinikum celebrates its 30th year of existence. With 1,200 employees it is one of the greatest employers in the region. In 2013 approximately 79,000 patients were treated.

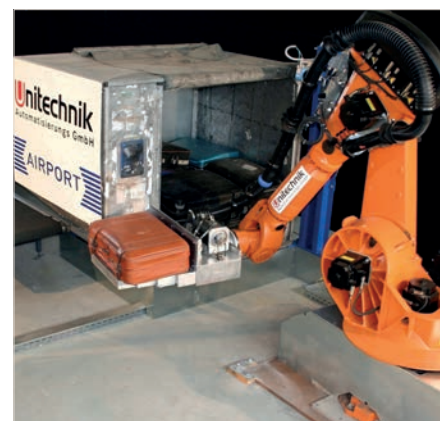
➤ Production start at NPP



Wim Michielsen, plant Manager of NPP NEW product-packlab, with a brand-new catering product produced in Frankfurt (Oder).

The Belgium company NPP NEW product-packlab started with the manufacturing of bio and recycling plastic products in Frankfurt (Oder). All in all, the company aims to invest more than € 8.5 million in highly-automated manufacturing technologies and an own company building. Therefore, the company already bought an industrial site directly at the highway A12 (E30). The principal customers for these mainly bio-based plastic products are catering companies from the tourism sector, industry and trade. Furthermore, NPP aims to score with new in-house developed food service concepts for hospitals and supermarkets.

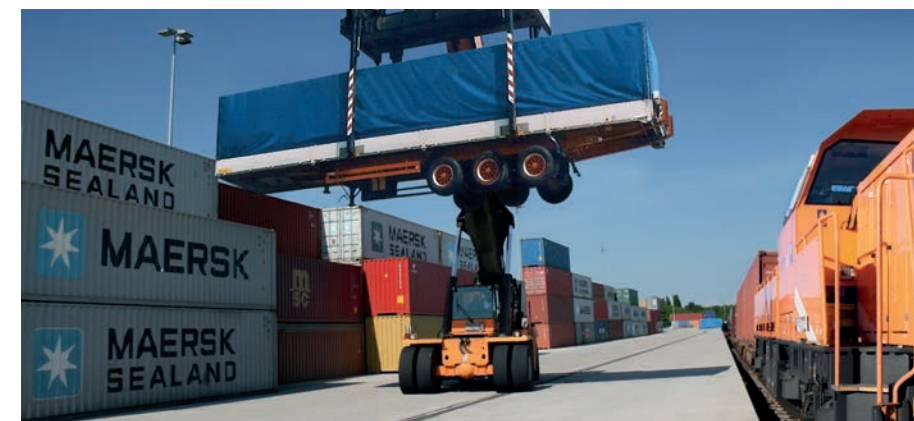
➤ Easyjet tests "Unipack"



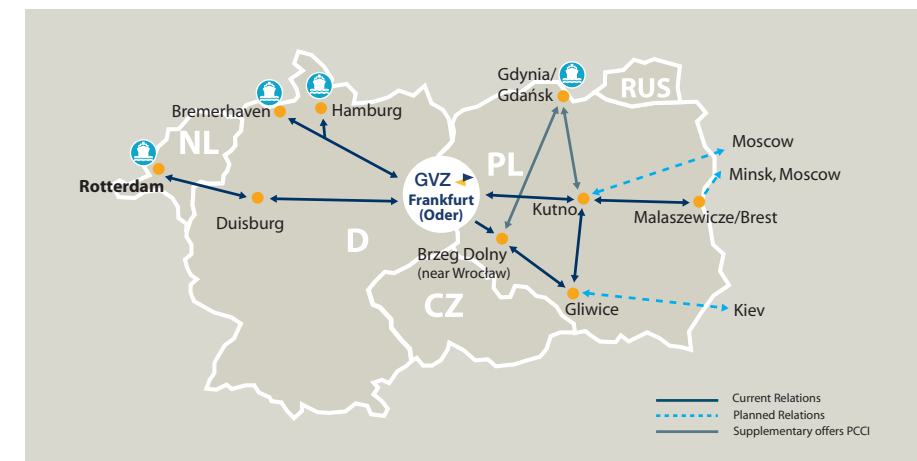
The patented gripper arm with the telescopic hand takes the luggage from the conveyor belt and places it in the container.

"Unipack" – the world's first robot which can load baggage from a conveyor belt directly into a container, is now being tested by the British air carrier Easyjet in real operation at Berlin-Schönefeld airport. The fully automated system, which was jointly invented by Unitechnik Automatisierungs GmbH Eisenhüttenstadt, Projektlogistik GmbH Wildau and Richtsteig Anlagentechnik GmbH, firstly measures the dimensions of the luggage and then stores it with optimum space utilization in a transport box. With a successful test run in the airport, the innovative technology aims to find it's way around the world. www.unitechnik-eh.de

➤ CT Terminal Frankfurt (Oder): Expansion with a crane runway and new relations



Punctual freight transports without toll charges and without traffic jams. Currently, more than 30 container trains operate in line traffic from and to the international seaports and the Polish economic centres. In the future, also craneable semi-trailers shall be handled here.



The dynamic expansion of the CT Terminal in Frankfurt (Oder) is in full progress. The installation of the new gantry crane spanning four handling tracks shall be finished at the end of 2014. In addition to the crane, the handling area will be expanded and new areas for rail-specific logistics companies are currently developed. The Polish operator PCC Intermodal sees much potential for the future development of the combined traffic via the terminal in Frankfurt (Oder). Since February 2014 the portfolio of the offered relations has been expanded by a connection to Malaszewicze (polish-belarusian frontier).

www.gvz-ffo.de



This is how it will look like in the future at the CT terminal in Frankfurt (Oder): Beside the construction of additional tracks and the installation of a cross-tracks crane runway, new areas for the settlement of rail-specific logistic companies are being developed.