

> Heleneesee is Germany's most popular bathing lake



The Heleneesee has a size of 220 hectares, a depth up to 56 metres and was developed out of a former open cast coal mine, which was flooded in 1958. Surrounded by pine forests, the lake is a popular destination for locals and, with its clear waters, is one of the cleanest lakes in the State of Brandenburg.

2016 was a major success for the operators of the Heleneesee lake near Frankfurt (Oder). Out of 2000 lakes in Germany, the lake was ranked first by the web portal www.seen.de as Germany's most popular lake for recreations and swimming. It even came in ahead of the Tegernsee in Bavaria and the Edersee lake in Hesse. Now its operators are planning to make use of this new top ranking to attract even more tourists in Germany's neighbouring countries to its leisure area and camp site. Also the latter has attained cult status in recent years due to famous Helene Beach Festival that takes place there annually.

① www.helene-beach-festival.de

> Flight training in Pohlitz



The flight training company Ruwe Aero GmbH is opening up a new location on the airfield (EADAE) in Pohlitz near Eisenhüttenstadt. The company's focus for its new location is on the training of pilots – for private as well as for professional use – and activities in the fields flight security and round trips. The good infrastructure of the airfield and the ongoing good cooperation in the past were key factors for its commitment to the Pohlitz site. In addition to that, the proximity to Poland and the short flight distance to Berlin offer best conditions for trainee pilots and professionals. ① www.flugplatz-edae.com

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> Frankfurt (Oder): „German City of the Future 2016/17“



View from Stubice in Poland to the ship landing stage and Holzmarkt square in Frankfurt (Oder): The city's skyline is defined by distinctive buildings such as the Oderturm tower, which at 90 metres is the highest office building in the state of Brandenburg, and the restored Marienkirche church, the largest redbrick Gothic church in Northern Germany.

According to a current analysis by fDi Intelligence, an organisation of the Financial Times Group in London and operator of the world's largest foreign investment analysis centre, Frankfurt (Oder) ranks first for investors and businesses in Germany when it comes to cost-efficiency. This comparative ranking looked at basic criteria such as moderate wage levels, low rents for office space and commercial and industrial real estate as well as cheap costs for overnight stays in city centre hotels. In addition to that, Frankfurt scores for potential investors due to the highest investment reimbursement rates in Germany and its ability to be

used as a German-Polish twin location in order to simultaneously gain access to two of Europe's largest markets. As well as the advantageous logistics location and the availability of a multilingual pool of experts, local companies value the outstanding infrastructure available within its industrial parks at competitive prices. As early as the beginning of this year, the Prognos AG, one of the oldest economic research and consulting companies in Europe, certified the city of Frankfurt (Oder) a good advance in its development by means of 29 different indicators within its Future-Atlas-Germany 2016. ① www.icob.de/fdi

> ArcelorMittal invests



Fully-integrated production: using the latest process operations, the production of a coil of hot-rolled strip at ArcelorMittal in Eisenhüttenstadt takes less than eight hours.

The world's largest steel producer ArcelorMittal has made a firm commitment to its existing German plants. This year, it increased its investments in Germany from 89 million euros in 2015 to around 110 million euros. 40 million euros of this alone has been set aside for the general overhaul of blast furnace 5A in Eisenhüttenstadt – a project currently in process that is an important signal for the steel town. In Germany, ArcelorMittal is involved particularly in the development of high-tech types of steel, e. g. for use in automotive industry. ① www.arcelormittal-ehst.com



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> OEG: State-of-the-art technology for the world



With its "Ringmaster", OEG GmbH occupies a leading position on the European market of can production. 99 percent of all can manufacturing plants are using this measuring technology from Frankfurt (Oder). It ensures drink cans are neither too thick nor too thin and are correctly rounded. To achieve this, the so called drawing rings need to be accurate to the micrometre.

The company OEG GmbH from Frankfurt (Oder) occupies a leading position in various niche markets in the world. It specialises in the development and manufacture of high-precision measuring devices for industry. The devices are used, among other things, for gauging lenses, manufacture of wires, production of cans and for applications in the semiconductor industry. Its buyers come from all over the world and its devices are in use everywhere from the USA, to Japan,

Malaysia, South Korea, Dubai or Australia. Examples of its customers are major international corporations like Leica, Canon and Jenoptik, Carl Zeiss, Bosch, Infineon, IBM and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The company was founded in 1991 by the Doctors of Engineering Stephan Rothe (photo) and Ulrich Glaubitz, who still manage the company in the Technology and Commercial park Frankfurt (Oder).
 ① www.oeg-messtechnik.de

> European twin city as "location in the country of ideas"

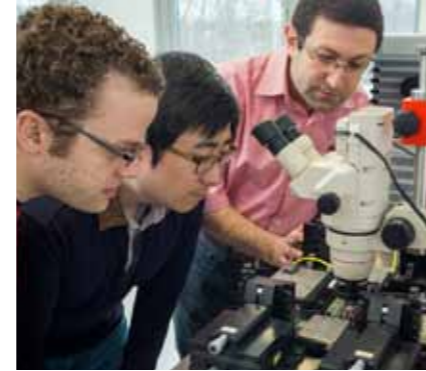


The inner city bridge between Frankfurt (Oder) and Stubice connects up the two towns and therefore has a symbolic, cross-regional character. Yet just as important in European terms is the border crossing on the nearby highway A12 (E30), which is one of the most highly frequented border crossings in Europe. In 2015 more than 3.31 million vehicles liable to tolls used this border crossing between Germany and Poland.

Frankfurt (Oder) and Stubice are living proof, that the European ideal works and have now been honoured in the nationwide German innovation competition "Outstanding locations in the country of ideas" as a European twin city in the category "Neighbourhood innovation – community as a model for success". In particular, Poland joining the EU in 2004 and its accession to the Schengen zone in 2007 as well as the free movement of workers and services between Germany and Poland as implemented in 2011 were key milestones in enabling the two border cities to be networked together. The collaboration

pervades into all areas of life, from education to commerce, infrastructure, administration or location marketing. In 2012 a joint branding "Frankfurt (Oder)/Stubice – Without borders!" has been created for external presentation purposes. In the same year, a cross-border bus service commenced operations and in 2015 the two cities even connected up their district heating networks. The German European University Viadrina and the Polish Adam Mickiewicz University from Poznan are also planning to open a new German/Polish Faculty by the year 2019.
 ① www.frankfurt-oder.de | www.slubice.pl

> IHP sets world record



Scientists throughout the world conduct research on and develop silicon-based systems, ultra-high frequency circuits and wireless and broadband communication technologies at the IHP.

There was quite a stir in the electronics industry when, in San Francisco (USA), the IHP presented its ultra-fast silicon-based chip, which is twice as fast as other silicon semiconductors used for various production technologies at present. It enables for example higher data rates (>100 Gb/s) for both wire-based and wireless communication systems, such as for radar systems to avoid dangers in cars.
 ① www.ihp-microelectronics.com

> 25 years Unitechnik EH



A 25-year success story: Unitechnik Eisenhüttenstadt includes many famous companies such as ArcelorMittal, Daimler, Goodyear, Novelis and Siemens among its customers.

"Our success is based on profound specialist knowledge, ongoing development work and a board range of application areas," explains Karsten Boltdt, Managing Director at Unitechnik Eisenhüttenstadt. Having started as a regional provider for the maintenance and manufacture of switching cabinets, the company is today a globally active all-round service provider for the construction and upgrading of automated systems. Plans are also afoot to expand the areas of robotics, video technology and plant safety even further.
 ① www.unitechnik.com

> Intermodal terminal in Frankfurt (Oder) in focus to China



As well as Chinese traffic, southern Europe is also playing an increasingly important role. As a result, the Polish operator of the terminal, PCC Intermodal, is opening up its first transport relation to Austria and Hungary via Gliwice. This will also enable terminal customers around Frankfurt (Oder) to benefit from PCC strengthening its market position along the Baltic/Adriatic axis as far as Koper and Trieste.

Container handling at the combined traffic terminal in Frankfurt (Oder) is increasing constantly. According to its Polish operator PCC Intermodal, October 2016 was so far a record month with 6,000 handling operations. In future the terminal will be used increasingly by Chinese rail operators for handling their goods transportations. Rail transport from China to western Europe is growing rapidly, with railways increasingly able to

offer a competitive alternative to sea routes. Owing to the increasing attractiveness of the container land bridge between China and western Europe and the growing interest of Chinese logistics handlers in the rapidity of rail transport, the adjacent areas at the combined traffic terminal in Frankfurt (Oder) will also be developed to provide more value-adding services on site.

① www.kv-terminal.de

> Silicon Radar wins future prize 2016



Brandenburg's Minister for Economics, Albrecht Gerber, awarded the future prize 2016 to Anja Bölicke, Katrin Blum and Dr. Wolfgang Winkler (f.l.t.r.) from Silicon Radar GmbH in Frankfurt (Oder). The award is presented by all chambers of commerce and chambers of craftsman in the state of Brandenburg and rewards companies being especially creative, active and innovative.

High-tech made in Frankfurt (Oder): At the 2016 future prize award ceremony for the State of Brandenburg, the company Silicon Radar GmbH from Frankfurt (Oder) was commended for its innovative product developments. The company was founded around 10 years ago with two workers as a start-up from the IHP in Frankfurt (Oder) and now employs 20 employees from seven countries – including from the Ukraine, Turkey and Bangladesh. Its core business is the production of tiny radar systems, such as for drones and

domestic robots – its technology can e.g. protect a 360° radius around drones. For this, the radars are integrated in minuscule chips with a full scope of functions. Due to their miniaturisation, low power consumption and precision, these chips have become market leaders worldwide. In addition, the products are low-cost and designed for a broad range of applications. "We are by no means an elitist company. Our interest is in everyday applications," emphasises Anja Bölicke, Managing Director of the company.
 ① www.siliconradar.de

> CommuniGate is growing



CommuniGate Managing Directors Claus Zimmermann and Otto Vogel (from left): "We are delighted to be in Frankfurt (Oder). We have been welcomed with open arms and with open hearts here."

A win-win situation: When CommuniGate stepped to Frankfurt (Oder) five years ago, it was the start of a huge success story. Having started out with 24 employees, the full-service communications provider (e-mail, fax, letters, online chat) today employs more than 200 staff and is an important employer for the region. It plans to take on more staff within next year.
 ① www.communiGate.org

> Power station takeover



The multi-fuel combined heat and power station burns residue substances from paper production as well as recovered fuels from waste but it can also use sewage and fossil fuels as energy sources.

Progroup AG – one of Europe's leading manufacturers of corrugated cardboard – will be taking over the combined heat and power station in Eisenhüttenstadt from Energie Baden-Württemberg AG (EnBW). Its acquisition of this power station for thermal recycling of recovered fuels, which supplies the gigantic PM2 paper machine with steam, sees Progroup pursuing its goal of a more low-cost and efficient energy supply design by means of integration effects. PM2 is one of the largest and most modern paper machines in Europe and has an annual production of 650,000 tons. ① www.progroup.ag