



VAS COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT OFFICE

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# VAS COUNTY

## ...AS A GEOGRAPHICAL UNIT

VAS COUNTY IS SITUATED AT THE VERY WESTERN BORDER OF HUNGARY, AT THE FOOT OF THE ALPS AND THE LITTLE PLAIN. IT SHARES BORDERS WITH AUSTRIA AND SLOVENIA AND THE HUNGARIAN COUNTIES GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON, VESZPRÉM AND ZALA.

**The history** of the county goes back to centuries. The county has raised during the reign of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hungarian King, István, and its public and infrastructural unit has built on the *ruins of the Roman Empire*. The capital of the county is the city of **Szombathely**, what was founded by the roman emperor *Claudius in 43 AC* with the name **Savaria**.

In the last couple of centuries, the County has opened its **gate to the modern European culture**, and acted as **mediator during economical modernization**. Because of its fortunate geographical location the area is easily approachable.

Its **total area** is 3.336 km<sup>2</sup> and its **population** is 252.551 persons. According to the **settlement system** there are 203 *villages* and 13 *cities* in the county. The capital city – Szombathely – has 76.528 **inhabitants**. Other bigger towns in Vas County are Celldömölk, Csepreg, Körmend, Kőszeg, Répcelak, Sárvár, Szentgotthárd, Vasvár.



## ...AS A BUSINESS GATE

VAS COUNTY IS CONSIDERED TO BE HUNGARY'S WESTERN GATE TO EUROPE AND IT PLAYS A DECISIVE ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND SOCIETY FOCUSING ON R&D.

Benefiting from its positional advantages, it has become the pioneer of economic transition and has turned into one of the most important centers of economic and social modernization in Hungary.

The county is **situated in one of the most attractive investment regions** as it has *favorable geographic conditions*, a *restructured economy*, as well as *high quality human resources and cultural values*.

**Strong presence of international and multinational companies** – such as Opel Szentgotthárd Kft., BPW-Hungária Kft., Linde Gáz Zrt., Ada Hungária Bútorgyár Kft., FALCO Kronospan, Schaeffler Savaria Kft., TDK Hungary Components Kft., Aptiv Services Hungary Kft., SCHOTT Hungary Kft., Kromberg-Schubert Kft. – in the county, also gives a boost not only to the national but also to the regional economy.







## VAS COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICE

THE VAS COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICE IS THE ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION OF THE VAS COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

### COMPETENCES

Organizing of county level **regional development and mezo-level spatial planning**

Boosting **economic & infrastructural development**

Managing and developing of **international relations**

Participating in preparation, coordination and realization of **development initiatives** in and around Vas County

**Mobilizing partnerships** of professional organizations in business, cultural and civic spheres of life







## INTERNATIONAL PROJECT DEPARTMENT

THE TASKS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROJECT DEPARTMENT OF THE OFFICE ALSO INCLUDE THE CREATION, MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

The department took place as **lead partner** or as **project partner in the management of several international projects**. These projects are *financed by European Union Programs*, such as Interreg SI-HU, Interreg AT-HU, Interreg Europe, Central Europe, Erasmus+, Europe for Citizens Program, COSME Program, etc.

The Office is also **searching for new partnerships with European regions**.

## TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The colleagues of the Territorial Development Department are responsible for the **preparation, management and implementation of the Territorial and Settlement Development Operational Programme** – launched by the local government bodies – both as **consortium leader** or as **consortium member**.





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