The Region Offering Great Opportunities!

Russian Federation
SMOLENSK REGION

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

Let me cordially welcome you to our ancient and heroic Smolensk land. I would like to invite you to take a closer look at our region.

The present guide for investors will be an ideal way to highlight numerous opportunities revealed by the Smolensk Region.

I feel perfectly sure that the up-to-date overview of the regional potential contained in this guide will be of great interest to senior and top management of companies and enterprises, representatives of business community and a wide range of other people willing to know more about the Smolensk Region.

Being considered as the Western gate of Russia, Smolensk has an economically advantageous geographical location which creates prerequisites needed to increase and fulfil the investment potential of the region.

The Smolensk Region is an important transportation and communication hub with the shortest highways and railways running from Central Russia to Europe.

Vast territory and rich mineral resources, significant technological and intellectual potential make the Smolensk Region attractive for investors, Russian and international companies and financial organisations.

The Smolensk Region of today can boast of its most favourable environment created to ensure the sustainable economic development; extensive efforts are made to improve the investment climate and to ensure safe investments of foreign and domestic capital.

The Administration of the Smolensk Region has worked out a clear investment policy.

We provide real support to the investors who strive to establish strong and mutually beneficial relations with the representatives of the Smolensk Region in various business fields.

Our region is open to cooperation with the partners who pursue serious interests and good intentions. We express our readiness for widening cooperation in industrial, technological, investment and scientific areas.

I believe that the Smolensk Region will always be a hospitable home for investors. I sincerely wish all the business community prosperity and success in implementing investment projects within the region.

Governor of the Smolensk Region

Alexey Ostrovsky
The Smolensk Region is the most important transportation and communication hub.

60 million people live within a 500-km radius of Smolensk.
It includes 2 transport corridors

**East-West**
- E30 (M1 “Belarus”)
- A130 from Moscow to the border with the Republic of Belarus
- The Yamal-Europe Gas Pipeline

**North-South**
- R120 from Oryol to the border with the Republic of Belarus
- The Baltic Pipeline System (BPS – II)
- Main Railway Line
- A highway from Shanghai to Hamburg (will be laid through the territory of the Smolensk Region, commissioning is scheduled for 2020)
35% of Russian and 75% of international cargo is transported from Western Europe to Russia through the territory of the Smolensk Region.

- 140 km from Moscow
- A number of highways connecting Russia with European countries
- Favourable conditions for logistics development and terminals functioning
- 1900 deposits of mineral resources:
  - brown coal
  - gravel and sand
  - coal clay
- 56 deposits of fresh underground waters
- 12 deposits of mineral underground waters

Total area: 50,000 km²
Population: 1,000,000 people
25 municipal districts
25 urban settlements
10,700 km of motorways
1,259 km of public railways
The main transportation hubs are: Smolensk, Vyazma, Roslavl
Transport accessibility

DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CITIES ON M1 “BELARUS” HIGHWAY

SMOLENSK – MINSK – 348 km
SMOLENSK – MOSCOW – 395 km

Minsk

Moscow

Riga

Paris

Berlin

Warsaw

Riga

1 hour 35 minutes

3 hours 40 minutes

1 hour 10 minutes

2 hours 45 minutes

1 hour 45 minutes

1 hour 10 minutes

2 hours 40 minutes

2 hours

1 hour 30 minutes

50 minutes

4 hours

Minsk – Smolensk – 3 hours

Moscow – Smolensk – 4 hours

Lastochka (Swallow) train

Moscow – Nice – 50 hours

VIAZ

M1
**Competitive edge**

- **INVESTMENT PREFERENCES**
- **DEVELOPED INDUSTRY**
- **INDUSTRIAL PARKS AND PRIORITY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREAS**
- **TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION HUB**
- **QUALIFIED LABOUR, AFFORDABLE WORKFORCE**
- **CONGENIAL BORDER LOCATION**
- **ENERGY SECURITY**
- **APPEALING LEGISLATION IN THE FIELD OF INVESTMENTS**
- **PREREQUISITES FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT: RECREATIONAL ZONES, CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE**
State support for small and medium enterprises

**INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE SMOLENSK REGION**

The Corporation serves to increase investment appeal of the Smolensk Region, attract investments and launch investment projects within the region, as well as create investment sites for the investors and manage investments and borrowed capital.

**FEDERAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES JSC**

The Corporation is liable for rendering financial, information, marketing, property and legal support to small and medium-sized business entities and companies creating infrastructure to provide this support.

**INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT FUND**

The Fund stimulates modernization of Russian industry, encourages new production facilities to appear and ensures import substitution. The Fund offers easy terms of cofunding the projects aimed at developing new high-tech products, technical retrofitting and establishing competitive production facilities based on the best available technologies, offering special-purpose loans with the annual interest of 1% and 5% granted for up to 7 years in the amount ranging from 50 to 750 mln. roubles.

**SMOLENSK REGIONAL FUND FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT**

The Fund performs microfinance, consulting services for business management and development. It also provides guarantees for small and medium-sized enterprises. It is entitled to function as state-supported regional industrial development fund and is authorized to give easy loans on behalf of the Federal Industry Development Fund.

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT CENTRE OF THE SMOLENSK REGION**

The Centre offers its partners free information and consulting services in marketing, licensing and patenting procedures, legal support, business planning, recruitment, certification of goods, works and services.

**FUND FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SUPPORT OF SMALL ENTERPRISES**

The Fund implements programmes of innovative development, aimed to establish new high-tech companies and encourage development of the existing ones, as well as to increase their profits resulting from scientific and technological activities; it also attracts investments of small innovative enterprises and creates new job opportunities.

**CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF THE SMOLENSK REGION**

The Center helps to create favourable environment for cluster formation and development, as well as to manage efficient interaction of territorial clusters participants with educational and research institutions, profit and non-profit organisations, public organisations, public authorities and investors for the benefit of cluster development, and also to ensure implementation of joint cluster projects.

**EXPORT SUPPORT CENTRE OF THE SMOLENSK REGION**

The Centre stimulates export activity of small and medium enterprises of the Smolensk Region in the foreign markets by sole or joint funding of Smolensk regional enterprises’ participation in business-missions, exhibitions, training workshops, special marketing and patent research, standardization and licensing of export goods, search and involvement of foreign counterparties, complete support of export contracts at every stage.
Smolensk regional fund for entrepreneurship support

MICRO-LOANS*

8% per year ₽
and 10% per year ₽

DEPENDING ON THE KIND OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

PROVISION OF GUARANTEES FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

* Micro loans are provided by the Smolensk Regional Fund for Entrepreneurship Support Registration entry No. 61101670000500 dated 25.10.2011
Microfinance:

Loans for entrepreneurs and companies:
- from 10,000 up to 1,000,000 roubles
- from 1 up to 3 years depending on the type of economic activity

8% per year for companies working in agriculture, industrial production and service

10% per year for companies working in other spheres including trade

Micro loans up to 3,000,000 roubles for
- purchasing, repairing and modernising of capital assets
- purchasing of tangible assets
- business extension and/or development

Duration: up to 36 months

Interest rate (of the outstanding debt): 12% for processing industry and agriculture, 14% for others

To receive a bank loan:

- the borrower submits a limited number of documents
- the loan is provided within 5 days
- no security of the pledge
- early repayment of credit

Guarantee fund:

Guarantees up to 25 mln roubles for bank loans and letters of credit no longer than for 5 years
- the commission for guarantee provision does not exceed 1/3 of the key interest rate defined by the Central Bank of Russia
- it covers up to 50% of the loan or the letter of credit
- decisions are made within 5 days

To be eligible for the Fund loan/guarantee the applicant should:
- be registered as a tax payer and function in the territory of the Smolensk Region
- be included into the Unified Register of Small and Medium-Sized Businesses (SMB) (https://rmsp.nalog.ru)
- not have any debts into the regional budget

Smolensk Regional Fund for Entrepreneurship Support is accredited by the Federal Development Corporation of Small and Medium Enterprises and SME Bank
State support for investment activity of big business

TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR INVESTORS

- 0% ASSETS TAX
- 16.5% CORPORATE PROFIT TAX
- Exemption period: 10 years
- Investment: >300 mln roubles

SUBSIDIES

- to provide partial reimbursement of corporate profit tax
- for companies implementing the priority investment projects
- 10 years
- ≥ 3 bln roubles
- ≥ 200 jobs

Main types of economic activity:
- food industry
- machinery and manufacturing
- production of electric, electronic and optical equipment
- vehicle production
- pharmaceutical industry

OTHER KINDS OF SUPPORT:

- Investment project management
- Project design and business counselling
- Information and administrative support
State support of investment activity of small and medium enterprises

TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR INVESTORS

- **0%** Assets tax
- **16.5%** Corporate profit tax

Exemption period: 5 years
Investment: 50-300 mln roubles

SUBSIDIES

- Reimbursing up to 50% of expenses involved in technological connection to power grid facilities with a capacity less than 1.5 MW
- Reimbursing up to 30% of expenses incurred for purchasing equipment to upgrade and retrofit production facilities.
- Reimbursing up to 50% of expenses resulting from paying first installment (advance payment) under the equipment lease agreements concluded with Russian leasing companies.
- Reimbursing up to 90% of expenses related to paying first installment (advance payment) to SMB, which have entered into the equipment lease agreements with the Russian leasing companies, registered and operating in the monotown of Dorogobuzh

OTHER KINDS OF SUPPORT:

- Investment project management
- Project design and business counselling
- Information and administrative support
Logistics complexes and terminals

**RUDNYANSKY CLT EUROTRANSERVIS LLC**

**LOCATION:** Smolensk Region, Rudnya, 14 Let Oktyabrya St.

- Convenient terminal location on the Bryansk-Smolensk-Vitebsk highway (A-141) which connects the region with the Baltic countries, North Europe, Ukraine and the Republic of Belarus
- total area – 21,716 m²
- capacity – 133 cargo vehicles per day

**ROSŁAVLSKY CLT ROSŁAVL-TERMINAL LLC**

**LOCATION:** Smolensk Region, Roslavl District, Roslavl, Karl Marks St. 166.

- total area – 25,000 m²
- capacity – 140 cargo vehicles per day

**SMOLENSKY CLT TRANSIT/С LLC**

**LOCATION:** Smolensk, Lavochkin St. 105.

- total area – 28,400 m²
- capacity – 200 cargo vehicles per day

**EL TRANS+ LLC WAREHOUSE FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE**

**LOCATION:** Smolensk Region, Yartsevo, Vtoraya Mashinostroitelnaya St. 5/3.

- total area – 6,328 m²
- capacity – 85 cargo vehicles per day

**ALFA-LOGISTIK WAREHOUSE FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE**

**LOCATION:** Smolensk Region, Yartsevo (329 km of the M-1 Motorway).

- total area – 6,328 m²
- capacity – 85 cargo vehicles per day

**NIKOLSKY TERMINAL LLC WAREHOUSE FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE**

**LOCATION:** Smolensk Region, Smolensk District, Nikolskoe Village 3.

- total area – 20,000 m²
- capacity – 50 cargo vehicles per day

**VYAZEMSKY TERMINAL LLC WAREHOUSE FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE**

**LOCATION:** Smolensk Region, Vyazma, Elevatornaya St. 12.

- total area – 20,000 m²
- capacity – 50 cargo vehicles per day
**Priority investment sites**

### Agricultural lands

* Sites with favourable opportunities of technological connection to power grid facilities from 15 to 50 MVA

1. **Zamoshchye**
   - Investment Site
   - Site area – 60 ha

2. **Koshchinskaya**
   - Investment Site
   - Site area – 47 ha

3. **Kovalyovka**
   - Investment Site
   - Site area – 135 ha

4. **Kamenka**
   - Investment Site
   - Site area – 30 ha

5. **Shokino**
   - Investment Site
   - Site area – 310 ha

6. **Demidov**
   - Investment Site
   - Site area – 3,340 ha

7. **Boyady**
   - Investment Site
   - Site area – 197 ha

8. **Prechistoe**
   - Investment Site
   - Site area – 9,228 ha

### Industrial lands

9. **VNPO Resurs**
   - Investment Site
   - Site area – 52.5 ha

10. **Stalkon**
    - Industrial Zone
    - Site area – 7.5 ha

11. **Golynki**
    - Investment Site
    - Site area – 59 ha

12. **RAAZ**
    - Investment Site
    - Site area – 89.5 ha

13. **Roslavlskaya**
    - Investment Site
    - Site area – 140 ha

14. **Kardymovo**
    - Investment Site
    - Site area – 99 ha

15. **Smolensk-Lavochkina**
    - Investment Site
    - Site area – 26 ha

16. **Dorogobuzh**
    - Investment Site
    - Site area – 39 ha

17. **Glushenki**
    - Investment Site
    - Site area – 35 ha

18. **Belkino**
    - Investment Site
    - Site area – 390 ha
Priority investment sites

Reserve land fund for agricultural usage of more than 720 thousand ha

Including:
- Dukhovshchina District – 44 ths. ha
- Elnya District – 42 ths. ha
- Krasny District – 36 ths. ha
- Monastyrschina District – 54 ths. ha
- Pochinok District – 35 ths. ha
- Roslavl District – 53 ths. ha
- Rudnya District – 70 ths. ha
- Safonovo District – 36 ths. ha
- Smolensk District – 37 ths. ha
- Sychyovka District – 30 ths. ha
- Kholm-Zhirkovsky District – 32 ths. ha
- Shumyachi District – 30 ths. ha
PHOENIX
State Industrial Park

Northern part of Smolensk, Smolensk Region

TAX CONDITIONS:
- LAND TAX
- PROPERTY TAX
- TRANSPORT TAX
- PROFITS TAX

MODERN PRODUCTION
facilities (4-5th hazard class):
- metal processing
- machine manufacturing
- production of metal and plastic goods
- consumer goods industry
- food industry

72 ha

highway (IV-th category)
residential areas
electric substation
artesian well
sewage treatment facilities
electric power substation
gas pipeline

PHOENIX
State Industrial Park
Vitebsk
Minsk
Moscow

highly qualified specialists
complex engineering infrastructure
free technical connection to an electric grid of high voltage
free using of land during construction

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Highly qualified specialists
Complex engineering infrastructure
Free technical connection to an electric grid of high voltage
Free usage of land during construction

Southern part of Safonovo, Smolensk Region

TAX CONDITIONS:
- Land Tax: 0%
- Property Tax: 0%
- Transport Tax: 0%
- Profits Tax: 16.5%

Modern production facilities (2-5th hazard class):
- Production of composites
- Chemical production
- Metal processing
- Instrumentation engineering
- Reinforced plastic production

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130 ha
25 ha
Priority Social and Economic Development Area (PSEDA) of Dorogobuzh

Location: Dorogobuzh

PSEDA advantages:
- The first PSEDA in the Central Federal District
- Monotowns Development Fund Non-Profit Organization finances:
  - PSEDA residents at annual interest rate of 5% in the amount ranging from 100 mln to 1 bln roubles
  - creating the monotown infrastructure
- the best possible benefits and incentives for PSEDA residents
- developed infrastructure

Accommodation of modern production facilities:
- food products, non-alcohol drinks
- textile goods, clothing, leather and goods made of leather
- woodworking and production of goods made of wood and cork
- printed products
- chemical substances and chemical products (except for production of fertilizers and nitrogen compounds)
- pharmaceutical products and materials for medical use
- rubber and plastic goods
- other non-metal mineral products
- finished metal goods, except for cars and equipment
- furniture as well as other finished goods
- plant growing (construction of greenhouses for growing vegetables, grain crops)
- dairy products

Accommodation of modern enterprises in the service sector:
- healthcare system
- sport, recreation and entertainment
- laundry and dry-cleaning
- hotel business
- centres for call processing
- goods packaging
- renting personal hygiene items and household goods.

Smolensk – 110 km
Moscow – 330 km
M1 Motorway – 30 km
Total area is 1,834 ha.
Infrastructure:
electrical substation, artesian well, gas, sewage treatment facilities, telecommunications.

PROVISION OF A LAND PLOT WITHOUT BIDDING

TAX BENEFITS FOR THE PSEDA RESIDENTS:
- CORPORATE INCOME TAX
- CORPORATE PROPERTY TAX 0%
- LAND TAX
- INSURANCE PREMIUM 7.6%

New jobs  > 20 employees
Exemption period 10 years
Investment  > 20 mln roubles
Development priorities

**LOGISTICS SERVICES**
- 14 temporary storage warehouses,
- 6 customs and logistics terminals

**COMPOSITE MATERIAL PRODUCTION**
- an industrial park specialized in composite material production

**FOOD INDUSTRY**
- > 150 enterprises
- > 8,000 jobs

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES**
- IT-cluster,
- specialized academic institution

**EXPLOITATION OF PEAT AND CEMENT RAW MATERIALS DEPOSITS**
- 25% of the total sand and gravel extraction in the Central Federal District

**MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**
- > 450 enterprises
- > 22,500 jobs

**SHOE MANUFACTURING**
- one of the four largest tanneries in Russia

**AGRICULTURE**
- >2 mln ha of land for agricultural usage,
- rapidly developing animal husbandry and crop farming

**TOURISM**
- 60 museums, 4,225 cultural heritage sites (historical and cultural monuments),
- 1,754 archeological heritage sites, nature reserves, such as the Smolensk Lakeland National Park (“Smolenskoe Poozerye”) and the Gagarinsky Natural Park
The Smolensk Region is one of industrial regions of Central Russia.

Industrial centres totally manufacturing over 90% of the overall amount of industrial goods produced within the region.

- 1/4 of workforce is employed in industrial production
- > 30% gross regional product
- about 30% of tax revenues

Industrial centres: ROSLAVL, YARTSEVO, SAFONOVO, VYAZMA, GAGARIN, DOROGOBUZH, DESNOGORSK, SMOLENSK.
Structure of the industrial production

- Food production
- Beverage production
- Production of textiles
- Production of garments
- Leather and leather goods production
- Wood working
- Paper and paper goods production
- Printing and data storage media copying
- Production of chemical goods and substances
- Production of medicinal products and materials applied in medicine
- Production of rubber and plastic goods
- Production of other non-metallic mineral products
- Metallurgical production
- Production of ready-made metal products except for machines and devices
- Manufacture of computers, electronic and optical products
- Electrical equipment manufacturing
- Production of machines and devices, not included into other classifications
- Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
- Manufacture of other motor vehicles and transport equipment
- Furniture manufacturing
- Production of other finished goods
- Repair and mounting of machines and devices
- Electrical power, gas and steam supply, air conditioning
- Water supply, water discharge, wastewater collection and waste recovery, pollution elimination
THE SMOLENSK REGION HAS A HIGH POTENTIAL FOR AGribUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

1. Land for agricultural usage:
   - 1.7 mln ha agricultural land
   - including 0.4 mln ha cultivated area

IN 2017

2. Plant growing
   The total amount of yielded crops:
   - grain – 242.5 thousand tons
   - flax – 4.5 thousand tons
   - rape – 11 thousand tons
   - potato – 202 thousand tons
   - vegetables – 66 thousand tons

3. Animal husbandry
   Gross output:
   - milk – 199 thousand tons
   - livestock and poultry for slaughter (live weight basis) – 85 thousand tons
   - eggs – 214 mln

4. Social development of rural areas:
   - constructed (purchased) housing – 3.2 thousand m²
   - constructed gas supply networks – 25 km
   - constructed water supply networks – 20 km
INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN AGRICULTURE

PRIORITIES OF AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX DEVELOPMENT:

- dairy cattle breeding, raw material processing, finished goods production
- beef cattle breeding
- vegetable farming, including protected vegetable growing
- flax cultivation, primary processing and advanced refinement, linen goods production
- rape growing and processing
- cultivating and processing grain and grain legume crops into cereals (buckwheat, pea, wheat)

2.2 mln ha of land applicable for agricultural usage, including 1.7 mln ha of agricultural land
- 213 agricultural organizations;
- 326 farming enterprises and individual entrepreneurs
- 117 thousand people having private farm households
State support for agribusiness

SUBSIDIES

PLANT GROWING
1. Subsidies on partial reimbursement of costs for purchasing elite seeds.
2. Green box subsidies for plant growing.
3. Subsidies on partial reimbursement of costs for carrying out land clearing operations and adding ameliorants to reduce soil acidity of reclaimed territories involved in agriculture (soil liming and (or) phosphorite application).
4. Subsidies for hydro technical reclamation activities.
5. Subsidies for purchasing grass seed mixture.
6. Green box subsidies for rape seed production.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
1. Subsidies on partial reimbursement of costs for purchasing pedigree young dairy cattle stock in breeding herds officially listed in the state breeding register.
2. Subsidies on increasing productivity of dairy cattle farming.
3. Subsidies on partial reimbursement of expenses related to increasing dairy cow population.
4. Subsidies on support of pedigree livestock farming.
5. Subsidies on maintaining high yielding dairy cow population.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR LOAN INTEREST RATES
1. Subsidies on partial reimbursement of expenses for paying interest on short-term loans given to organizations and individual entrepreneurs that carry out primary and (or) further (industrial) processing of agricultural products.
2. Subsidies on partial reimbursement of expenses for paying interest on the loans given to farming enterprises, to people having private farm households, and agricultural consumer cooperatives (except for the credit ones).
3. Subsidies on partial reimbursement of expenses for paying interest on investment loans.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT
1. Grant financing of local initiatives offered by people living in rural areas.
2. Social transfers on housing construction (purchase) for people living in rural areas, including young families and recent graduates.
3. Subsidies on gas infrastructure development in rural areas.
4. Subsidies on developing water supply systems in rural areas.
5. Subsidies on integrated development of sites designed for building compact residential housing in rural areas.

AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX MODERNIZATION AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY PURCHASING
1. Subsidies on partial reimbursement of costs for purchasing agricultural machinery used to produce agricultural goods.
2. Subsidies on purchasing facilities to equip slaughter houses (units).
3. Subsidies on partial reimbursement of costs for purchasing agricultural machinery and (or) equipment for flax fiber production and (or) primary processing.

GRANT SUPPORT
1. Grants given to beginning farmers for setting up and development of farming enterprises.
2. Grants for developing family cattle breeding farms on the basis of farming enterprises, including individual entrepreneurs.
3. Grants given to agricultural consumer cooperatives for improving the supply of materials and machinery.
Education

373 educational institutions
42 thousand people

133 centres
56.9 thousand people

Higher education:
19 academic institutions
68 branches of study

375 academic institutions
88.3 thousand people

Vocational education:
33 institutions
97 professions

PRE-SCHOOLING

SCHOOL EDUCATION

FURTHER EDUCATION

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
The major healthcare facilities:
- Smolensk Regional Clinical Hospital, Regional State Funded Healthcare Facility (hereinafter RSFHF)
- Smolensk Regional Children’s Clinical Hospital RSFHF
- Smolensk Regional Clinical Hospital for War Veterans RSFHF
- Clinical Hospital for Emergency Care RSFHF
- Perinatal Centre RSFHF
- Smolensk Centre for AIDS Prevention and Treatment RSFHF
- Smolensk Blood Centre RSFHF
- Smolensk Regional Institute for Pathology RSFHF
- Research Institute for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy at the Smolensk State Medical University of the Ministry of Healthcare of the Russian Federation
- Federal Research Centre for Resistance Monitoring

FEDERAL CENTRE FOR TRAUMATOLOGY, ORTHOPEDICS AND PROSTHETICS, FEDERAL STATE FUNDED INSTITUTION OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTHCARE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (SMOLENSK)
The Smolensk region boasts huge cultural potential.

Tvardovsky Regional Library is acknowledged as one of the best regional libraries in Russia.

Griboedov State Drama Theatre.

Smolensk Regional Philharmonia.

Tenishevs Culture and Exhibition Centre.

518 Libraries
60 Museums
4 Parks
3 Theatres

Culture and Exhibition Centre
Philharmonia
The Smolensk Region enjoys a developed network of recreational and sports facilities.

2,458 sports facilities can accommodate over 60 thousand people simultaneously:

- **24** Stadiums
- **5** Ice Palaces
- **57** Swimming Pools
- **24** Skiing Complexes

Field of Physical Culture and Sport embraces:

- Smolensk State Academy of Physical Culture, Sport and Tourism
- Smolensk State School of Olympic Reserve
- Training Centre for Smolensk Region Sports Teams
- Centre for Adapted Physical Culture and Sport in the Smolensk Region
- 10 specialized sports schools of the Olympic reserve for children,
  30 sports schools for children and 29 sports clubs

The Smolensk Ring motor-racing track (in Verkhnedneprovsky urban settlement, Dorogobuzh District) meets all international standards of circuit races. The track is 3,357 m long and 12-15 m wide. www.smolenskring.ru

The Smolensk Region annually holds special winter and summer olympiads, regional competitions in track and fields, skiing and other sports for disabled children. Being members of regional teams, they also take part in Russian national and international competitions.
Tourism potential

EVENT TOURISM
features fascinating spectacular shows:

International Historical Reenactment and Slavic Culture Festival at Gnezdovo (Smolensk)

International Touristic Festival at the Place of the Dnieper Crossing at Solovyovo Village (Kardymovo District)

International Fireworks Festival (Smolensk)

Interregional Cucumber Festival (Demidov District)

Vyazma Gingerbread Festival (Vyazma)

FOCUS AREAS:
- recreational tourism
- rural and ecological tourism
- wellness tourism
- educational, war history and event tourism
- religious and pilgrimage

EDUCATIONAL TOURISM

Educational tourism is gaining popularity in the Smolensk Region thanks to a rich and diverse historical and cultural heritage.
**Tourism potential**

**RELIGIOUS TOURISM AND PILGRIMAGE**
The main centres are Smolensk, Vyazma and Boldino.

**THE SMOLENSK LAKELAND NATIONAL PARK**
(SMOLENSKOE POOZERYE)
- 35 unique glacial lakes
- extensive network of hiking, water and cycling tourist routes and ecological paths
- dozens of camping and recreation sites
- recreational facilities and accommodation

**THE UGRA RIVER COUNTRY**
(UGRANSKOE PORECHYE)
- The Ugra river is one of the most popular areas for water and recreation tourism in Central Russia

**THE GAGARINSKY NATURAL PARK**
- close proximity to the Moscow Region
- implementation of an ambitious investment project of creating infrastructure of the Vazuza&Yauza park tourism cluster in the Gagarin District

**ECO-TOURISM IN THE SMOLENSK REGION**

1. Velizh
2. Przhevalskoye
3. Demidov
4. Rudnya
5. Sychyovka
6. Gagarin
7. Ugra
INVEST IN THE REGION OFFERING NEW OPPORTUNITIES!

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