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Introduction

The regional city Košice with over 223 thousand inhabitants is the second largest city in Slovakia. It is administratively divided into 4 districts and 22 city parts. The town lies on the Eastern plains in the valley of the river Hornád, near the border with Hungary and Ukraine. The convenient location and rich history as well as economic and social potential predestined city to its rapid economic and population growth. Košice is a natural metropolis of Eastern Slovakia, which provides employment for the residents and the surrounding region. The city of Košice received the prestigious title of European Capital of Culture in the year 2013. After this prestigious title, Košice city received another major title - the European City of Sport 2016 (in the competition of 19 European cities), as the first city in Slovakia. By supporting the development of the creative industry and information technology, Košice joined the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in 2017, when it was awarded the UNESCO Creative City of Media Arts status. The calculation is followed by an award from representatives of the European Voluntary Center in 2019 and obtaining title the European Capital of Volunteering. The second time that Slovakia hosted the Ice Hockey World Championship and Košice was one of the host cities in 2019.

The first written mention of the town dates back to 1230, where Košice is mentioned as "Villa Cassa". In 1983, the historical center was declared as a conservation area, the largest in Slovakia. Košice is an attractive tourist center with many cultural monuments, sacral buildings, museums, galleries and theatres. Košice is the seat of the Constitutional Court and other institutions of national importance. It is a significant industrial center; the production of metals and metal products, and energy industries are key pillars. There are also ceramic, construction, engineering and food industries. The city is home to the Košice IT Valley cluster, which plays an important role in the development of the IT industry in the region. The city is a major university center. There is a rich network of services, trade, accommodation, medical, and social facilities.

The publication of content builds on previous editions of issue, selected indicators are published for a longer period of time to evaluate the development of the city.

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