Sonaca Aerospace Transylvania soon to take off

A few months after the opening of its new plant of composites and assembly in Romania, preparations for starting the production activity are in full swing within the teams of Sonaca Transylvania in Moldovenesti, Bădeni Village, Cluj County. The building has already received all the official approvals from the authorities and the firefighters in early June.

Also, the painting booths were installed by the Belgian company SIMA and the clean room was put into place by ADC, a Romanian company. In the weeks to follow, the installation of autoclaves and cutting machines will be done. In the same time, Romanian workers and engineers who will work in the production unit had the opportunity to learn about the practical aspects of their future job directly from the members of Sonaca teams in Belgium.

Unless delays are experienced throughout the summer, the first composite parts are bound to see daylight by the end of October 2016.

More info: www.sonaca.com

Belgian and Romanian investors launch real estate platform in Cluj-Napoca

A group of Belgian and Romanian investors specialized in e-commerce and IT development invests 500,000 Euros in Wizmo.ro, a new real estate platform dedicated to both the residential and the business sector, which aims to contribute to the market transparency and development in Romania.

Wizmo.ro, a listing ad platform specialized in real estate, is targeting property owners, real estate agents, property developers, individuals and companies looking for a built-up space or land, either for rent or for sale. In the next three months, Wizmo.ro aims to reach 100,000 ads, and most of them will be on the residential segment.

Wizmo.ro differs in many aspects from the other similar platforms available on the local market. Firstly, owners can create an account and list an ad for free. Secondly, those who are looking for a property have everything in one place, with a user-friendly interface which allows them to easily access the details of the properties they are interested in.

Another benefit and unique tool offered by the new platform is the reviews system through which customers can give feedback about the quality of services offered by the agencies. In addition, Wizmo.ro will reward the qualitative ads and will give potential customers access to a direct messaging service. Also, the agencies will have four free months trial to test the platform.

More info: marketing@wizmo.ro or www.wizmo.ro
**Bekaert Group to publish its financial results for the first half of 2016**

By the end of July Bekaert Group, world market and technology leader in steel wire transformation and coating technologies with its roots and headquarters in Belgium, will publish its results for the first half of 2016. Also, the Belgian group will publish next week a consensus on its results performed by a group of financial analysts active in the field of capital market.

Recently, Bekaert Group organized an important capital market event in Bucharest and Slatina, Romania (June 6-7). All financial analysts covering Bekaert Group in their research participated in the program, which consisted of presentations delivered by Bekaert top managers on business and market evolutions and on the implementation status and progress of the company’s global transformation programs.

The experts got first-hand information on how customers see future trends and where their partnership with Bekaert can create value, and paid a visit to the Bekaert manufacturing site in Slatina, where the Belgian company operates a steel cord plant acquired from Pirelli.

The financial results of Bekaert Group for the first half of 2016 will be published on the company’s website towards the end of July.

More info: [www.bekaert.com](http://www.bekaert.com)

**Overview FIT Economic Mission May 2016**

During May 23–26 Flanders Investment and Trade organized an economic mission focused on Construction – Energy – Environment in Romania. The program consisted of seminars, B2Bs and site-visits in Bucharest, Brașov and Ploiești.

A number of 14 companies from Flanders, Belgium participated next to more than 70 companies and authorities from Romania. On the first evening the Flemish representatives were introduced to the Romanian business environment during a welcome reception held at the residence of the Belgian Embassy in Bucharest. As the program of the mission unfolded, the Flemish companies, together with their potential Romanian partners made a further step in exploring the Romanian market opportunities, during the presentations held by the Romanian authorities, banks, associations and private players, and during individual appointment sessions (B2Bs). Site-visits to Flemish companies active in Romania followed, providing up-to-date information on successful Belgian investments.

The Flemish economic mission “Construction – Energy – Environment” 2016 proved to be the perfect tool to promote and support international businesses between Flanders and Romania.

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**Alinso Group - current projects in Romania**

FIT, The Flanders Investment & Trade agency visited on May 26 PLOIEȘTI WEST PARK, a development of ALINSO GROUP, during their economic mission to Romania. This visit was an opportunity to learn more on the two large scale projects currently developed in Romania by ALINSO GROUP: PLOIEȘTI WEST PARK and ATP TERMINAL.
PLOIEȘTI WEST PARK is the largest industrial park in SE Europe, strategically located in the second most industrially developed county in Romania, with direct access to the future A3 highway, DN 72 Ploiești – Târgoviște and district road 101 I (DJ 101 I). With a total surface of approximately 300 ha, the park provides great flexibility and many advantages such as: a focus on industrial & semi-industrial activities, logistics, offices, built-to-suit buildings, ONE STOP SHOP concept, large storage capacity and high-tech facilities. All buildings are designed in accordance with international standards for “environmental friendly” constructions class A for logistics warehouses and all utilities and facility management services are available on site. Also green energy developments were incorporated, with the installation of the largest rooftop photovoltaic project in Romania. Recently, ALINSO GROUP welcomed the company Coba in the park, which makes for around 30 companies located here having more than 2.000 employees.

ATP TERMINAL is the first privately held, independently managed and open intermodal terminal in Prahova county, located only 2.5 km away from PLOIEȘTI WEST PARK. With a total surface of 10 ha and 5000 TEU total storage capacity used for containerized cargo, refrigerated containers and unitized cargo, the terminal provides access to national road DN 72 and makes the connection with Western Europe. Another facility is that the Customs office is situated nearby, which makes for a regular transit volume of 2 trains per week to/from Constanța port (with customers such as Yazaki and Bertschi) and 1 train per week to/from Alba Iulia (transportation of concrete beams for highway construction). Other services are provided on demand.

More info: www.alinso.eu

AGLT (TON) summer courses 2016

AGLT, “Asociația Grupurilor Locale de Tineret”, is a Romanian association of local youth groups, member of The Open Network for Community Development. The association is active in almost every region of Romania, mostly in small villages, but also in towns and cities. At local level the youth groups organize a wide scale of activities for children and youngsters, including persons with disabilities.

AGLT started its activity in 2000. In response to the local demand, SOMEPRO vzw engaged Belgian youth organizations to help with the start-up of a local youth movement. Trainers from Chiro, Scouting, KSA, Kazou and many others traveled to Romania to give courses to motivated young people. After these courses, the participants were able to start their own local youth movement. As a result, there are currently more than 40 local AGLT groups active in Romania.

AGLT organizes summer courses on a yearly basis during which young volunteers receive training on how to start up their own local youth movement. This year the courses will take place in Muncel (jud. Iași): 25 – 31 July and Ostrov (jud. Tulcea): 10 – 15 August.

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Wallonie Bruxelles events

June 29-30: The Belgian theater company “Les Voisins” participates in the Festival held in Țândârică Street with the show “Y a de la lumière chez l’voisin”. On Wednesday, June 29, the show will be held at the headquarters of radio station Itsy Bitsy in 19 Leonida Street, Bucharest at 10 PM.
The following day at 9 PM a new representation will take place in Buftea City Hall, 1 Mihai Eminescu Square, which will blend urban theater with new technologies. "Y a de la lumière chez l’voisin" allows spectators to see everything without being seen as they get closed to the house to better observe the shadows of people inside. Still, these are not shadows that we see on the windows, but rather video projections cleverly put into stage by graphic artists. Suddenly, the characters materialize in the street and from a voyeur witness, the spectator becomes an accomplice.


**July 3-17**: The Francophone summer camp organized by Centre Culturel Francophone de Buzău in Poiana Pinului, Buzău county. Young Belgian entertainers present at the summer camp through the Association "Youth in Romania Asbl" Wallonia-Brussels will hold theater, music, dance and visual arts workshops, as well as French interpreting competitions.

More info: [www.facebook.com/CentrulCulturalFrancofonBuzau](http://www.facebook.com/CentrulCulturalFrancofonBuzau)

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June 18-August 27: ADR Photo exhibition 'Visiting Moti', Kasterlee; for more information mail at: jefvanmeerbergen@yahoo.com*

July 6: Information evening about the ‘Biking for a noble cause’ competition organized by ADR-Vlaanderen this fall, at 19u30, in Lokaal Masereel, Korte Begijnenstraat, Turnhout; info: jef.vanhoof@adrvlaanderen.be*

July 14-21: Participation of the Romanian delegation to the 14th World Congress of the French Language teachers, under the patronage of La Francofonie (Liège), [www.liege2016.fipf.org*](http://www.liege2016.fipf.org)

July 21-24: TON will distribute a practical guide for local collaboration between NGO’s, local groups and policymakers during the TONNE (TON National Event) summer training to be held in Vatra Dornei: Patrick.Vandennieuwenhof@adrvlaanderen.be*