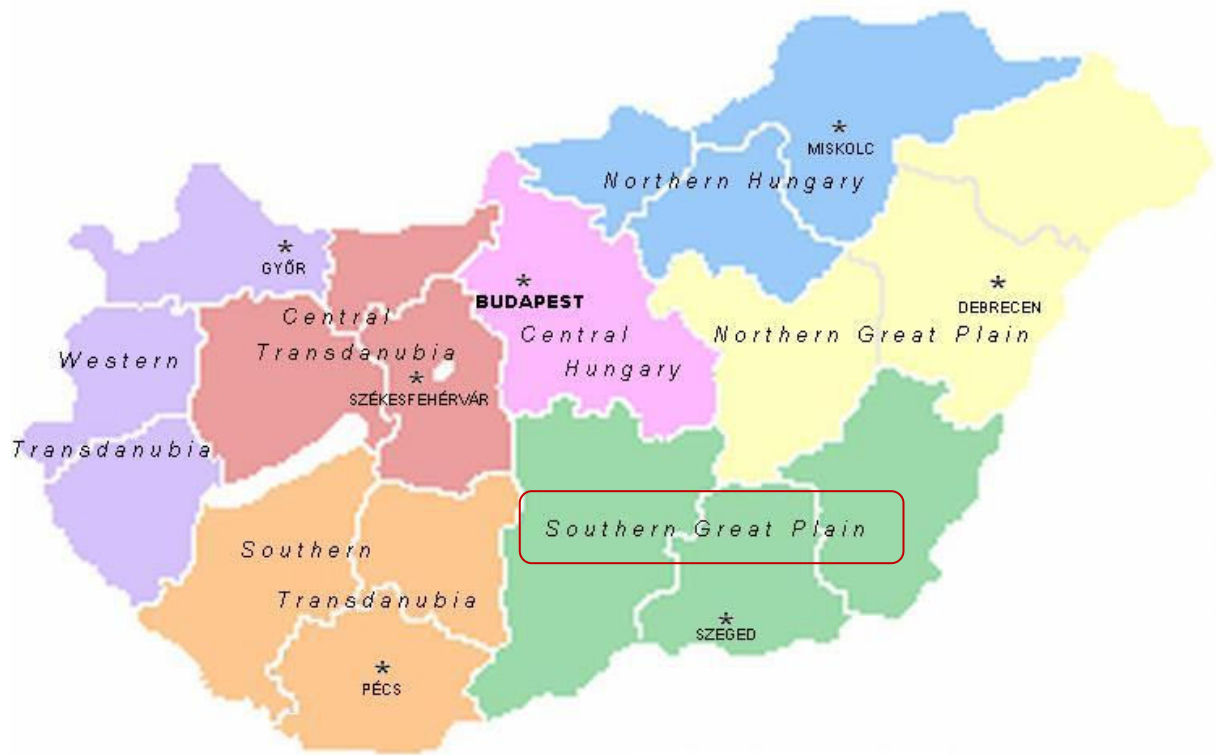


Southern Great Plain



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1. Southern Great Plain

The Southern Great Plain is situated in the south east of Hungary. The region, which has been inhabited from pre-historic times, has the most hours of sunshine in the country and a very pleasant climate. It borders Serbia-Montenegro to the south, Romania to the east, and the river Danube acts as a natural border on the west. The area of the region is 18,339 km² which is one fifth of the total area of Hungary. The region consists of three counties: Bács-Kiskun, Csongrád and Békés. The region retains in many places the typical appearance of the Hungarian "puszta" (steppe), featuring five large rivers, flood plains, dams and lake lands. Its natural facilities are equally advantageous for industry and agriculture, while the spa waters, rare species of birds and gastronomic specialities, many of which have been classified as *hungarica*, render it an ideal destination for tourism.

1,335,000 people, 13.3% of the Hungarian population lives in the region. The density of the population is 73 people/km². The low density originates from the unique settlement structure of the region. The Southern Great Plain is one of the most urbanised areas of the country. 67.9% of the region's population lives in cities.

Two important railway lines serve the region. The Budapest-Újszász-Szolnok-Békéscsaba-Lökösháza line forms part of Trans-European corridor IV, while the Budapest-Kelebia line is part of Trans-European corridor X/B. Helsinki corridor no. IV also goes through the region. The M5 reached Szeged at the end of 2005 and the Serbian- Montenegrin border in 2006. Important development projects commencing in the near future include the construction of dual carriageway M43, first to Makó and then to the border town of Nagylak. The region has an adequate road system; several important main roads go through it and all settlements are accessible by public road. More extensive use of the Danube-Main-Rhine canal connecting the North Sea with the Black Sea may be Central Europe's best future freight transportation option. The region has a public port on the Danube at Baja and another one on the Tisza, which zigzags through the region, at Szeged. The region has twelve civil airports and one military airport (the latter at Kecskemét). Two of these, Békéscsaba Airport and Szeged Airport have a customs airport status, which enables them to handle international air traffic when required.

In the Southern Great Plain altogether 32 industrial parks offer their services for investors. 9 industrial parks are operated in Bács-Kiskun county, 9 in Békés county and 14 in Csongrád county. On the periphery of the region, two enterprise zones were created, one in Csongrád county (Makó and its subregion enterprise zone) and one in Békés county (in the area of Sarkad and Szeghalom). 5 villages and Baja in Bács-kiskun county belong to the Enterprise Zone of Mohács. The combined share of industry

and construction in the economy is more or less the same as the share of agriculture, for which the region is naturally well suited. The service sector accounts for approximately six tenths of the region's economic performance. The exploitation of the considerable R+D potential accumulated in the research centres operating in the region, for example, by the local establishment of biotechnology and the software industry, has already started to accelerate the industrial restructuring ongoing in the region. Strengthening the region's logistical importance attributable to its geographical location by creating national logistics centres may have a similar impact. New activities such as electronics and mechanical engineering are taking over from the region's traditional industries of textiles, leather and shoes production. The food industry (cereals, meat, canning, dairy) continues to fulfil an important role amongst industrial sectors. Several key products such as Pick salami and Csaba sausage are exported and have acquired international reputation. Mechanical engineering and the chemical industry are also strongly export-oriented. Some of the region's industrial products account for a substantial part of national production (e.g. crude oil, natural gas, china products, roofing tiles, glassware). Foreign investments, e.g. Phoenix Mecano, Knorr-Bremse, Masterfoods, Phoenix Rubber, Hunguard, Linamar, Tondach and Henkel have contributed significantly to this development.

Musical and theatrical life of the region is internationally recognized. Since 1931, the name of Szeged has become inseparably tied to the open-air theatre performances, while Gyula has come to be noted for its castletheatre performances and its baths. Cultivation of the Kodály tradition in music teaching raised the reputation of Kecskemét. Hidden treasure of the earth is thermal water which is classified as therapeutic spa water. Apart from health tourism, bicycle tourism, village and horse tourism play a significant role in the region.

A world class resource of the Southern Great Plain Region is the outstanding intellectual potential and the highly qualified labor force. In Csongrád county there are three significant research institutions with international fame and nearly 50 other organizations pursue research activities, mainly in Szeged. The most famous research institutions are the University of Szeged, the Biological Research Center of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the Grain Production Research Institute and the Bay Zoltán Biotechnological Institute. In Békés county, the Research Institute of Fishing and Irrigation and the Center for Regional Researches of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences carry out significant research activities. Technical scientific research activities are carried out at the Faculty of Machine Engineering and Automation of the College of Kecskemét in Bács-Kiskun county.

2. Regional Characteristics

2.1 General indicators and figures

| | | | South Great Plain |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| General indicators and figures | Area*, km ² | | 18 339 |
| | Population, thousand persons* | thousand persons | 1 335 |
| | <i>Thereof:</i> age of 0-14 years, % | % | 14,6 |
| | age of 15-64 years, % | % | 68,4 |
| | age of 65-x years, % | % | 17,0 |
| | GDP** | million EUR | 8 450 |
| | <i>Thereof:</i> Agriculture, % | % | 11,7 |
| | Industry and construction, % | % | 28,1 |
| | Services, % | % | 60,2 |
| | GDP per capita** | thousand EUR | 6,3 |

*2008

**2006

2.2 Industry, construction

| | | | South Great Plain |
|---------------------------|--|---|----------------------|
| Industry, construction | Industrial production, volume index* | % | 97,9 |
| | Industrial sales* | % | 98,4 |
| | <i>Thereof:</i> Domestic sales, volume index | % | 95,1 |
| | Export sales, volume index | % | 104,1 |
| | Production of construction, volume index** | % | 86,9 |

*2008 Q1-3

2.3 Enterprises

| | | | South Great Plain |
|-------------|---|--|----------------------|
| Enterprises | Number of registered enterprises* | | 149.678 |
| | <i>Thereof:</i> | | |
| | in manufacturing | | 9 111 |
| | in construction | | 10 057 |
| | in trade | | 25 062 |
| | providing real estate/business services | | 44 579 |
| | others (%) | | 60 869 |
| | Number of enterprises per 1 000 inhabitants | | 169 |
| | Number of foreign-owned enterprises** | | 1 304 |
| | Number of 100% foreign owned companies** | | 801 |

*2007

**2006

2.4 Investment*

| | | | South Great Plain |
|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Investment | Foreign direct investment stock | million EUR | 1 240 |
| | Share in total FDI stock in Hungary | % | 2,3 |

*2006

2.5 Main foreign companies present in the region

| Company name | Profile |
|---|--|
| Linamar Hungary Autóipari és Gépgyártó Rt. | Manufacturing components of the automotive industry |
| DÉMÁSZ Zrt. | Electricity supply |
| ÉGÁZ-DÉGÁZ Zrt. | Gas supply |
| Phoenix Mecano Kecskemét Kft. | Manufacturing plastic products, aluminium profiles, industrial electronics |
| Merian Orosháza Finom Szárnyaskülönlegességek Rt. | Poultry processing |
| Knorr - Bremse Fékrendszerek Kft. | Manufacturing and trade of vehicle components, brake systems |
| Digital Disc Drives Gyártó Kft. | Electronics |
| Gallicoop Pulykafeldolgozó Rt. | Turkey processing |
| Masterfoods | Pet food manufacturing |
| LEGRAND KONTAVILL Villamosszerelési Rt | Electronics |
| MAG Hungary Kft. (volt ThyssenKrupp Nothelfer) | Automotive industry |
| Hunguard Glass | Glass products |

2.6 Labour market

| | | | South Great Plain |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Labour market | Number of employed people* | thousand persons | 492,1 |
| | Economically actives* | thousand persons | 537,3 |
| | Economically inactives* | thousand persons | 484,7 |
| | Participation rate** | % | 52,6 |
| | Employment rate** | % | 48,4 |
| | Unemployment rate*** | % | 8,6 |
| | Number of unemployed*** | thousand persons | 45,2 |
| | <i>Thereof:</i> | | |
| | Man | thousand persons | 23,7 |
| | Woman | thousand persons | 21,5 |
| | Number of registered jobseekers*** | | |
| | <i>Thereof:</i> | | |
| | younger than 19 | thousand persons | 2,00 |
| | 20-24 | thousand persons | 9,09 |
| | 25-34 | thousand persons | 17,05 |
| 35-44 | thousand persons | 15,12 | |
| 45-54 | thousand persons | 14,61 | |
| 55- | thousand persons | 5,35 | |
| <i>Thereof:</i> | | | |
| with high level education | % | 4,99 | |
| with secondary education | % | 56,9 | |
| with primary school or less than 8 grades | % | 38,11 | |
| Gross average monthly wages*** | EUR | 617,38 | |
| Blue-collar*** | EUR | 471,28 | |
| White-collar*** | EUR | 823,28 | |

*2008 Q2

**2007

***2008 Q3

2.7 Education*

| | | | South Great Plain |
|-----------------|---|--------------|----------------------|
| Education | Number of secondary schools | | 266 |
| | <i>Thereof:</i> | | |
| | grammar schools | | 120 |
| | specialized secondary schools | | 146 |
| | Graduates / year | | 6 000 |
| | Number of vocational schools | | 95 |
| | Graduates / year | | 8 238 |
| | Number of bilingual schools | | 14 |
| | Number of universities or colleges | | 6 |
| | Number of university - college graduates / year | | 6 442 |
| <i>Thereof:</i> | | | |
| Engineer | | 121 | |
| Business | | 1 168 | |
| IT | | 342 | |
| Others | | 4 811 | |

*2007/2008

2.8 Research and development*

| | | | South Great Plain |
|-----|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| R&D | Number of R&D units | | 310 |
| | Number of R&D personnel | | 2 401 |
| | R&D expenditure | million EUR | 76,3 |

*2007

2.9 Infrastructure

| | | | South Great Plain |
|----------------|--|--|----------------------|
| Infrastructure | Public road network | | 5,115 |
| | Thereof: motorway | | 130 |
| | Public road per 100 km ² | | 27.9 |
| | Main telephone lines per 1 000 inhabitants | | 250 |

3. Industrial Parks

3.1 List of industrial parks

| Name of the Industrial Park | Managing organization | Website | Contact person | Contact data | Address |
|--|---|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Békés county | | | | | |
| Békéscsaba, Almáskerti Ipari Park (Békéscsaba) | Békéscsaba M. J. Város Önkormányzata, Békéscsabai Vállalkozói Centrum Kft.* | www.baip.hu | Sztankó János managing director | ☎ 66/442-720, ☎ 66/442-720, ☎ 20/971-2324, ✉ bic@bvc.hu | 5600 Békéscsaba, Kétegyházi út 3. |
| Gyomaendrődi Ipari Park (Gyomaendrőd) | "GYOMASZOLG" Ipari Park Kft. | www.gyomaendrod.hu | Fábián Lajos managing director | ☎ 66/386-233, ☎ 66/386-269, ✉ ipgyomaszolg@bekesnet.hu | 5500 Gyomaendrőd, Ipartelep út 2. |
| Gyulai Ipari Park (Gyula) | Gyula Város Önkormányzata | www.gyula.hu | Gellén Vencel managerr | ☎ 66/362-155, ☎ 66/463-143, ☎ 30/276-9478, ✉ gellenv@gyula.hu | 5700 Gyula, Petőfi tér 3. |
| Körösladányi Ipari Park (Körösladány) | Körösladányi Ipari Park Szolgáltató Kft. | - | Bartucz László Zoltán ügyvezető | ☎ 30/963-3239, ✉ bartucz.laszlo@korospark.com | 5600 Békéscsaba, Teleki u. 6. |
| Mezőhegyesi Ipari Park (Mezőhegyes) | BIOPACK 2001 Kft. | | Borbély József managing director | ☎ 68/467-322, ☎ 68/467-316, ☎ 30/257-7330, ✉ biopack@csoki-net.hu | 5820 Mezőhegyes, Hild J. u. 16. |
| Orosházi Ipari Park (Orosháza) | Orosháza Város Önkormányzata, Orosháza Ipari Park Kft.* | www.ip.orosshaza.hu | Csik András managing director | ☎ 68/473-941, ☎ 68/473-941, ☎ 30/619-3152, ✉ iparipark@orosshaza.hu | 5900 Orosháza, Szabadság tér 4-6. |

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|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Sarkadi Ipari Park (Sarkad) | OLYMPIATRADE HUNGARY Kft. | www.olympiatradehu ngary.hu | Béhr Attila commercial director | ☎ 66/375-744, ☎ 66/375-581, ☎ 20/979-3496, 📧 olympiatrade@bekesnet.hu | 5720 Sarkad, Szalontai u. 9. |
| Sárréti Ipari Park (Szeghalom) | Layer Kereskedelmi Szolgáltató és Ipari Kft., Sárréti Ipari Park Kft.* | www.layer.hu | Csák Gyula managing director | ☎ 66/371-008, ☎ 66/371-398, ☎ 30/915-0112, 📧 csakgy@layer.hu | 5520 Szeghalom, Kandó Kálmán u. 1. |
| Szarvasi Ipari Park (Szarvas) | Szarvas Város Önkormányzata, Szarvasi M-Thermál Kft.* | www.szarvas.hu | Sonkolyiné Szekercés Margit technical manager | ☎ 66/311-684, ☎ 66/311-704, ☎ 30/943-5841 📧 iparipark@szarvas.hu | 5540 Szarvas, Szabadság u. 25- 27. |

Csongrád county

| | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|------|---|--|--|
| Algyő és Térsége „Jura” Ipari Park és Technológiai Központ (Algyő) | Algyő Nagyközség Önkormányzata | 2005 | Ormay Tamás managing director | ☎ 62/517-400/61719. m. ☎ 62/268-002, ☎ 20/916-8058, 📧 okftkft@vnet.hu | 6750 Algyő, MOL Ipartelep 01748/1. hírsz. (☎ 6750 MOL Ipartelep, Pf. 17.) |
| Csongrádi Ipari Park (Csongrád) | Csongrád Város Önkormányzata | 1998 | Szántai Szilvia adviser | ☎ 63/571-912, ☎ 63/571-901, ☎ 20/203-5320, 📧 iparipark@csongrad.hu | 6640 Csongrád, Kossuth tér 7. |
| DÉLÉP Ipari Park (Szeged) | DÉLÉP Ipari Park Kft. | 2002 | Szalai Márton managing director | ☎ 62/461-845, ☎ 62/461-845, ☎ 30/278-4672, 📧 delepiparipark@vnet.hu | 6728 Szeged, Budapesti út 8. |
| Első Szegedi Ipari Park (Szeged) | ESZIP Első Szegedi Ipari Park Kft. | 1998 | Vargáné Muráti Lili Katalin managing director | ☎ 62/566-600, ☎ 62/566-699, ☎ 30/555-6660, 📧 eszip@itszanel.hu | 6721 Szeged, Szilágyi u. 2. |
| Heavytex Ipari Park (Szeged) | HEAVYTEX Újszegedi Szóví Rt. 1 | 2000 | Szell János CEO | ☎ 62/435-807, ☎ 62/435-143, ☎ 20/952-9049, 📧 szell@heavytex.hu | 6726 Szeged, Alsóikötő sor 11. |
| Homokháti Térségi Agrár- Ipari Park (Mórahalom) | Mórahalom Város Önkormányzata | 1998 | Balog László adviser | ☎ 62/281-022, ☎ 62/281-244, 📧 balogh@moraahalom.hu | 6782 Mórahalom, Millemmiumi sétány 2. |

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| Hódmezővásárhelyi Ipari Park (Hódmezővásárhely) | Hódmezővásárhely M. J. Város Önkormányzata, HÓD-IPARI PARK Szolgáltató Kft.* | 1997 | www.hodiparipark.hu | Molnár Zoltán | ☎ 62/530-100, ☎ 62/530-140, | 6800 Hódmezővásárhely, Kossuth tér 1. |
| Kálvária Ipari Park (Szeged) | VERTIKÁL Kft. | 2000 | www.tiszanet.hu/~vertikal | Volford László manager | ☎ 62/550-250, ☎ 62/426-781, ☎ 20/954-6985, ☎ step@vals.hu | 6725 Szeged, Kálvária sgt. 87. |
| Kistélek és Térsége Ipari Park (Kistélek) | Kistélek Város Önkormányzata | 2005 | www.kistelek.hu | Bozsányi Ilona | ☎ 62/598-100, ☎ 62/598-102, ☎ bozsanyi@kistelek.hu | 6760 Kistélek, Árpád u. 1-3. |
| KLÁRAFALVAI IPARI PARK (Klárafalva) | NÉMETH TOLL Feldolgozóipari Kft. | 2005 | | Németh Sándor managing director | ☎ 62/529-011, ☎ 62/529-012, ☎ nemettoll@axelero.hu | 6773 Klárafalva, Tollüzem |
| Makói Ipari Park (Makó) | Makó Város Önkormányzata | 1998 | www.mako.hu | Szemlics Eszter | ☎ 62/210-708, ☎ 62/210-708, ☎ szemlics.eszter@mako.hu | 6900 Makó, Széchenyi tér 22. |
| Nagylaki Ipari Park és Logisztikai Központ (Nagylak) | HUNGAROHEMP Kenderipari és Logisztikai Rt. | 2000 | www.hungarohemp.hu | Homonyik Attila deputy CEO | ☎ 62/515-610, ☎ 62/515-615, ☎ 20/469-6065, ☎ hungarohemp@vnet.hu | 6933 Nagylak, Gyár u. 1. |
| SZEKO Ipari Park (Szeged) | SZILÁNK Rt. | 2002 | | Bakos Tibor technical manager | ☎ 62/620-200, ☎ 62/620-201, ☎ 30/269-0473, ☎ bakos.tibor@szilank.hu | 6724 Szeged, Puliz u. 46. |
| Szentes Ipari Park (Szentes) | Szentes Város Önkormányzata | 1998 | www.szentes.hu | BocsKay István manager | ☎ 63/510-364, ☎ 63/510-341, ☎ 70/521-2771, ☎ bocsKay@szentes.hu | 6600 Szentes, Kossuth tér 6. (☎ 6600 Pf. 58.) |

Bács-Kiskun county

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------|--------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|
| Bajai Ipari Park (Baja) | Bajai Kommunális és Szolgáltató Kht. | 2002 | www.bajakomm.hu | Dr. Keszthelyi Gábor managing director | ☎ 79/323-655, ☎ 79/324-550, ☎ igazgato@bajakomm.hu | 6500 Baja, Rökus u. 14. |
| Ipari Park (Kunszentmiklós) | Kunszentmiklósi Ipari Park Kft. | 1997 | www.kunszentmiklos-ip.hu | Ferenczi Béla managing director | ☎ 76/500-035, ☎ 76/500-011, ☎ 30/349-9710, ☎ ferenczi.bela@baustar.hu | 6000 Kecskemét, Jókai u. 35. |

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| Kalocsai Ipari Park (Kalocsa-Foktó) | Kalocsa Város Önkormányzata | 1998 | www.kalocsa.hu | Varajti László head of department | ☎ 78/462-362, ☎ 78/462-375, ☎ 30/622-7524, ✉ muszak@kalocsa.hu | 6300 Kalocsa, Szent István király út 35. |
| Kecskeméti Ipari Park (Kecskemét) | Bertrans Zrt. | 1998 | www.bertrans.hu | Rózsa Pál CEO | ☎ 76/999-102, ☎ 76/999-101, ✉ pal.rozsa@bertrans.hu | 6000 Kecskemét, Fuvar u. 1. |
| KÉSZ Ipari Park (Kecskemét) | Könnyszerkezet Építő és Szolgáltató Kft. | 1998 | www.kesz.hu | Fazekas Richárd managing director | ☎ 76/515-200, ☎ 76/515-298, ☎ 30/998-9100, ✉ fazekas@kesz.hu | 6000 Kecskemét, Izsáki u. 6. |
| Kiskunfélegyházi Ipari Park (Kiskunfélegyháza) | Kiskunfélegyháza Város Önkormányzata | 2006 | - | Ficsór József polgármester | ☎ 76/461-255, ☎ 76/461-255, ✉ polgarmester@kiskunfelegyhaza.hu | 6100 Kiskunfélegyháza, Kossuth u. 1. |
| Kiskunhalasi Ipari Park (Kiskunhalas) | Halasi Városgazda Zrt. | 1999 | www.kiskunhalas.hu www.hvzrt.hu | Dr. Szarvas Tibor Deputy CEO | ☎ 77/421-833, ☎ 77/421-833, ✉ vezerigazgatohelyettes@hvzrt.hu | 6400 Kiskunhalas, Garbai Sándor u. 6. |
| Kiskunmajsa és Társége Ipari Park (Kiskunmajsa) | Kiskunmajsa Város Önkormányzata | 1999 | | Terbe Zoltán polgármester | ☎ 77/481-144, ☎ 77/481-364 ✉ polgarmester@satnet.hu | 6120 Kiskunmajsa, Fő u. 82. |
| Technik-Park Heliport (Kecskemét) | Technik-Park Heliport Kft. | 1999 | www.eirngklinger.de | Barta Pál managing director | ☎ 76/486-450, ☎ 76/470-306, ☎ 30/985-3350, ✉ tpark@axelero.hu | 6000 Kecskemét- Kadafalva, Heliport |

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