



THE SAXONY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST 25 YEARS

Year	Events
1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 29 – Resolution of the State Government to establish the WFS• September 26 – Official entry of the WFS in the Commercial Register• Until the end of 1991: 130 consultations with foreign business representatives; export counseling for 90 / start-up counseling for 83 Saxon enterprises; realization of 22 relocation projects (DM 900 million; 3,200 jobs)
1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organization of the first state information / joint company booth for Saxony (on behalf of the Saxon State Ministry for Economic Affairs; today's "Sachsen-live" trade show booths)• First delegation trip (headed by the Saxon Minister President to the Republic of Bashkortostan)• Presentation of Saxony (*Sachsen#) via T-Online (formerly BTX; until 1996)• Publication of the first "Subsidy Guide for Saxony" (until 2009)
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launch of the advertising campaign "Saxony takes out small ads, so there's more money left for investors!" (until 2002)
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of a multimedia system to present the business venue Saxony (abbreviated "STAPS")• Establishment of the Japanese external trade organization JETRO's representative office in Saxony at the WFS (until 2008)
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business setup of the first Japanese investor in Saxony: Takata Sachsen GmbH (today with three locations in Saxony)• Business setup of the first Israeli investor in Saxony: Freiberger Compound Materials
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of Saxony ("Sachsen Online") at: www.sachsen.de (as of 2009, operated on the State Government's eGovernment platform)
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of the company online data bank (today to be found at: www.firmen.sachsen.de)• Launch of the "Saxon Student Network" (objective: Organization of stays abroad for students as "ambassadors on behalf of Saxony's economy," e.g. in the USA, China, Russia)
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First publication of the English magazine "SaxonMail" (3x per year; approx. 1,000 subscribers worldwide; until 2011)
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Porsche AG decides in favor of the business location Leipzig (official cornerstone ceremony for the new Porsche factory in September)
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordination of Saxon projects for the EXPO 2000 in Hannover• WFS goes online with its website www.wfs.sachsen.de• Introduction of the industrial real estate online data bank (today to be found at: www.business-saxony.com → "Info Center")
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BMW AG decides in favor of the business location Leipzig• Business setup of the Italian automotive supplier Magnetto in Treuen



- 2002** • **Business setup** of the **Advanced Mask Technology Center (AMTC)** in Dresden (photomask development center of GLOBALFOUNDRIES and Toppan Photomasks)
- 2003** • Decision of **Hitachi Ltd.** to build fuel injection pumps for motor vehicles near **Döbeln**
 - First dispatch of the WFS's **electronic newsletters** for the Saxon business community (published every two weeks, approx. 4,000 subscribers)
- 2004** • **Business setup** of **DHL** in Leipzig – the Deutsche Post logistics subsidiary relocates its European hub to Saxony
 - For the first time, the WFS is a project partner in an **EU-subsidized, cross-border project** – "3-CIP," followed by another six projects since then
- 2005** • Presentation of Saxony at the World Exhibition **EXPO 2005** in the Japanese Prefecture of Aichi and within the scope of the "**Germany in Japan 2005/06**" special event year
- 2006** • Presentation of the investment venue Saxony at:
www.invest-in-saxony.com
 - **Decision** of the **Amazon Logistik GmbH** in favor of the **business location** Leipzig
- 2007** • Decision of the Bochum-based wind energy enterprise **Eickhoff** in favor of a **business location near Dresden**
- 2008** • Launch of the marketing campaign for the business venue Saxony under the **united label SAXONY!**
- 2009** • Organization of "**Saxony Linked Globally:**" Almost 200 participants; eleven country-specific discussion groups; all international representatives and contact partners of the WFS were present in Dresden
- 2010** • **Locational decision** of the Esslingen-based automotive supplier **Eberspächer** in favor of Wilsdruff
 - Visit of **Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel**, the Federal Minister of Economics, and the Federal Minister of the Interior to the SACHSEN! booth on the occasion of the **5th National IT Summit** in Dresden
- 2011** • **Business setup** of the automotive supplier **Magna** in Treuen
- 2012** • **MSG Lithoglas GmbH** (a specialist for the production of ultrathin glass sealings on semiconductor components) **relocates** its **corporate headquarters** to Saxony
 - Organization of the first "**Sachsen genießen**" **joint booths** at trade shows of the food industry (on behalf of the Saxon State Ministry of the Environment and Agriculture)
- 2013** • **Business setup** of **Bosch Sensortec** (development / production of electronic components) and the **Tech Center Carbon Composites of ThyssenKrupp AG** (CFRP development) as well as the **production site of the ThyssenKrupp Carbon Components GmbH** (vehicle components) in the Dresden region
- 2014** • **Allgaier Werke GmbH** – an **automotive supplier** and a machine construction company – **sets up** an additional **production site** in Oelsnitz / Vogtland Region
- 2015** • **Business setup of the Borbet Sachsen GmbH** in Kodersdorf (Europe's largest manufacturer of aluminum rims)
 - The **B. Braun Avitum Saxonia GmbH** **decided to establish its third production site in Saxony** in Wilsdruff
- 2016** • **Business setup** of the Swiss lightweight engineering company **Connova AG** in Grossroehrsdorf
 - The new website of the business location Saxony goes online at:
www.business-saxony.com