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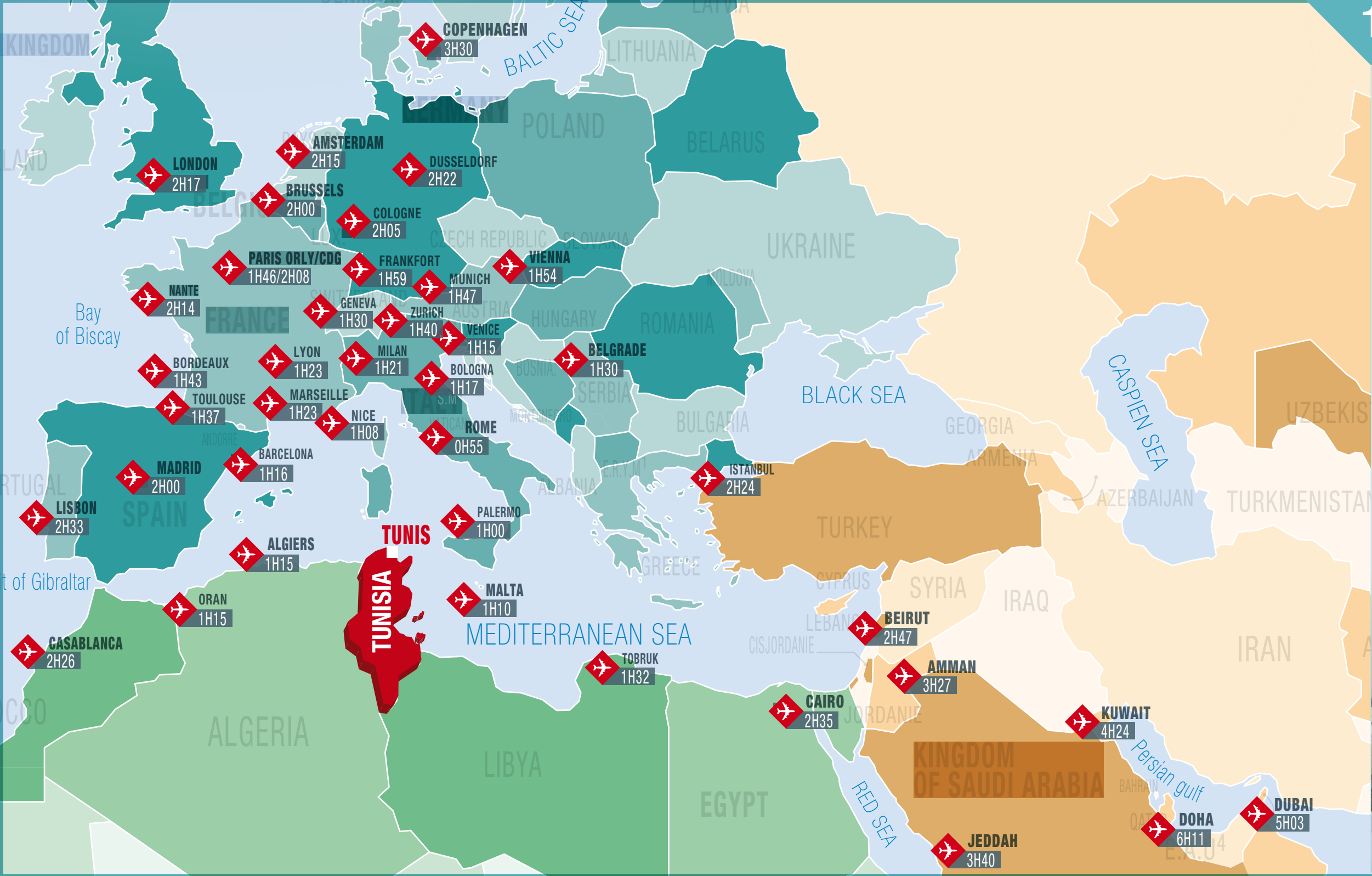
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TUNISIA

ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

INVEST IN TUNISIA



LOCATION GEOGRAPHICAL OF TUNISIA

Capital	Tunis
Area	162 155 Km²
Situation	North Africa, 140 km from Italy, 1300 km of coastline along the Mediterranean
Climat	Mediterranean, 12°C in winter, 30°C in summer
Time zone	GMT + 1



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INFRASTRUCTURE AND GOUVERNORATES

Main cities	Tunis, Sfax, Sousse, Bizerte, Kairouan, Gabès
Administrative division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 governorates • 264 delegations • 264 municipalities
Population	10.982 million inhabitants
Urban population	67.8%

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| 01. Gouvernorate of Ariana | 13. Gouvernorate of Manouba |
| 02. Gouvernorate of Béja | 14. Gouvernorate of Médénine |
| 03. Gouvernorate of Ben Arous | 15. Gouvernorate of Monastir |
| 04. Gouvernorate of Bizerte | 16. Gouvernorate of Nabeul |
| 05. Gouvernorate of Gabès | 17. Gouvernorate of Sfax |
| 06. Gouvernorate of Gafsa | 18. Gouvernorate of Sidi Bouzid |
| 07. Gouvernorate of Jendouba | 19. Gouvernorate of Siliana |
| 08. Gouvernorate of Kairouan | 20. Gouvernorate of Sousse |
| 09. Gouvernorate of Kasserine | 21. Gouvernorate of Tataouine |
| 10. Gouvernorate of Kébili | 22. Gouvernorate of Tozeur |
| 11. Gouvernorate of Kef | 23. Gouvernorate of Tunis |
| 12. Gouvernorate of Mahdia | 24. Gouvernorate of Zaghouan |

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INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- BUSINESS PARKS**
- 04 Industrial and commercial activity & services intended for export
 - 14 Industrial activity, oil technology and logistics
- CLUSTERS**
- 01 Information and communication technologies
 - 01 Engineering applied to health & pharmaceutical industries
 - 03 Biotechnology, renewable energy, environment
 - 03 Aerospace industry
 - 04 Food industry
 - 05 Eco-industry & environmental technology
 - 06 Industrial and technological activities, services
 - 13 Textile and clothing
 - 14 Exploitation and enhancement of natural resources of the Sahara
 - 15 Textile and clothing
 - 17 Information and communication technologies
 - 20 Mechanics, electricity and computing



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CONCENTRATION OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

TUNISIA IS THE 1ST NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRY

- respecting economic freedom (FRIEDRICH NAUMANN FOUNDATION, 2014)
- having the best business climate (DOING BUSINESS 2015, WORLD BANK)
- facilitating and simplifying payment of taxes and duties in 2014 (WORLD BANK, INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION and PWC)
- hosting information and communication technologies (WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM, 2014)

TUNISIA IS THE 2ND NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRY

- as a performing country in business (FORBES MAGAZINE with THE WORLD BANK, THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, WEF 2014)
- in the three dimensions of globalization : economic, social and political (KOF INDEX OF GLOBALIZATION, 2014).



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INCENTIVES GRANTED TO PROJECTS LOCATED IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ZONES

The privileges of regional development investments are granted to the sectors of **industry, tourism, crafts and a number of service activities** that are performed in the zones encouraging regional development.

ADVANTAGES GRANTED TO PROJECTS LOCATED IN THE THREE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ZONES

- **Total deduction** of income or profits generated by investments from the tax base during the first **5 or 10 years** of activity according to the Zone and **deduction within the limit of 50%** of such income or profits for the following 10 years for the priority areas.
- Subsidy of the employer's contribution to statutory social security scheme related to wages for a period ranging from 5 to 10 years **depending on the area**.
- **Premium ranging from 8% to 25% of the investment cost, working capital included, capped at 0.5 or 1 or 1.5 million dinars according to the zone.**
- Partial contribution to infrastructure expenditure: **25%, 75% or 85%** of the amounts incurred by the company.

ADVANTAGES GRANTED TO PROJECTS LOCATED IN THE 2ND GROUP ZONES AND PRIORITY ZONES

- **Exemption** from the contribution to the Housing Promotion Fund for employees in the **first five years** of operation.
- **Exemption** without time limitations from the tax on vocational training (TFP).

Note:
* These areas are involved in regional development under a number of delegations.

