

FIFA WM City Gelsenkirchen

Facts for reporters



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The city of Gelsenkirchen

- 270,000 inhabitants
- 10,484 hectares

...and what makes it move

- Utilising clean solar energy instead of coal, Gelsenkirchen is the cross-regional leader in the production and development of solar energy
- Art not coal: in former collieries the curtain now rises to present cabaret, exhibitions, and much more (for example Consol Theater, Schacht Oberschuir, the Kaue)
- Gelsenkirchen boasts 48,000 members in 77 football clubs, including FC Schalke 04; this traditional club has 55,000 members, not only in Gelsenkirchen but throughout the world
- Schalke's successes: seven German championships (1934, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1942, 1958), four Cup championships (1937, 1972, 2001, 2002), and the UEFA Cup (1997)

History

- 1147 First written record of Gelsenkirchen, the district Buer as early as 1003
- 1840 Coal discovered in Gelsenkirchen, number of inhabitants in today's city zone about 7,000
- 1875 Award of the town charter
- 1903 nearby villages are incorporated, this way Gelsenkirchen temporarily becomes the most important mining city on the continent with about 138,000 inhabitants
- 1904 FC Schalke 04 is founded
- 1928 Gelsenkirchen, Buer, and Horst join to form the new city Gelsenkirchen with 340,000 inhabitants
- 1956 Coal and steel occupy about 80,000 workers in Gelsenkirchen
- 1960 Inhabitants peak at almost 400,000
- 1974 Five FIFA World Cup matches at the Park Stadium
- 1988 Two European Cup matches at the Park Stadium
- 2000 The city's last colliery closes, number of inhabitants 285,000
- 2006 Five 2006 FIFA World Cup™ matches at the Arena

--> Further information at: www.institut-fuer-stadtgeschichte.de/

Sports in GE

- **Football** is Number One: Gelsenkirchen's clubs have about 48,000 members, and the number of active players is about 10,000
- The greatest **sports event** in the city to date: 2004 Champions League final , FIFA World Cup 1974, Bofrost Cup on Ice (international figure skating tournament), numerous trotting races, Veltins Biathlon World Team Challenge, international Masters Open judo tournament,
- A particularly high number of **members** are enjoyed by the swimming (5,500), gymnastics (5,600), tennis (2,600), and disabled sports (2,100) clubs

Economy

- Gelsenkirchen is home to many renowned **companies** like BP Raffinerie & Petrochemie GmbH (oil refinery), Sabic Polyofine GmbH (chemicals), E.ON. Kraftwerke GmbH, E.ON Engineering GmbH, Gelsenwasser AG (water supply service), Muellers Muehle (legumes, preserved foods), Oexmann (largest European producer of ice cream cones and wafers), Seppelfricke (fittings), Electrotechnology Trading GmbH (digital control systems), etc. Since 1999 Shell Solar Deutschland GmbH has been running its solar cell production facilities in Gelsenkirchen, and the company Scheuten Solar Technologies production facilities for photovoltaic modules. Business IT Ruhr GmbH (866 personnel) is a leading German IT service provider in Gelsenkirchen.
- The film "**Eleven for Gelsenkirchen**", portrays eleven of the city's leading business representatives (download at: www.fifawm2006.gelsenkirchen.de)
- **World Trade Centre (WTC) Ruhr Area**
Economic cooperation and networking on the international level (www.wtc-ruhrgebiet.de)
- **Gelsenkirchen port:** large logistics site with industrial and trade port on the Rhine-Herne canal, a total of 117,800 m² of water, total annual transfers over 2 million tonnes (mineral oil, steel products, grain, and more), www.hafen-ge.de

Leisure

- **ZOOM Adventure World:** the animals of Africa, Asia, and Alaska on an area as large as 33 football pitches (www.ZOOM-erlebnisswelt.de)
- **Sports Paradise:** indoor and outdoor swimming, ice skating in winter, skittles, shooting, and more (www.sport-paradies.de)
- **Nordstern Park:** spread around the former Nordstern colliery this park was redesigned for the 1997 Federal Garden Show and is now a landscape park with relaxation facilities and cultural programme at the amphitheatre with canal-borne stage (www.nordsternpark.info)
- **Rheinelbe Wood Sculptures:** industrial nature designed by the artist Herman Prigann – colliery foundations suspended from tree trunks, illuminated drifts as

bizarre “blue caves”, 85 metre climb on the Stairway to Heaven ending in the concrete relics of a colliery extending into the sky like an Aztec monument

Culture

- **Musiktheater im Revier (MiR):** Main presentations: Belcanto opera, American musical classics, Baroque opera, and contemporary opera, ballet (choreographed by Bernd Schindowski). Premiere and producer of the musical “Nullvier – keiner kommt an Gott vorbei” (“Oh-four – nobody gets past God”) for the centennial of FC Schalke 04; 150,000 visitors per season, room for 1,008 spectators in the Grosses Haus (“Great House”) (190 performances a year), up to 336 seats in the Kleines Haus (“Small House”) (120 performances a year); The Building (opened in 1959, architect: Werner Ruhnau) combines the performing with the visual arts, on the inside, large plaster and sponge reliefs (up to 7 x 21 m) by Yves Klein, an early mobile by Jean Tinguely, and other works by Norbert Kricke, Paul Dierkes, and Robert Adams at the house, www.musiktheater-im-revier.de
- **Consol Theater:** programme of music, dance, and theatre in the ventilator hall of the Consol colliery closed in 1993, www.consoltheater.de
- **Horst Castle:** Renaissance building in the Dutch mannerism style (built in 1555), painstakingly restored with additional glass facade, it is occupied today by the Registry Office
- **More information at:** www.kultur.gelsenkirchen.de

Science

- **Science Park** with e.g. the Labour and Technology Institute, Institute for Applied Photovoltaics, Solar Exhibition, etc. (www.wipage.de), 1995 German Architecture Award for the building with the 300 metre glass arcade
- **Gelsenkirchen University of Applied Sciences**, founded in 1992; over 20 engineering, computer sciences, science, economy, law, and journalism courses (www.fh-gelsenkirchen.de)
- **University** of applied sciences for **public administration**, www.fhoeff.nrw.de

The 2006 FIFA World Cup™

Gelsenkirchen programme

Friday,	9 June 2006,	Poland vs. Ecuador	9 pm	
Monday,	12 June 2006,	USA vs. Czech Republik	6 pm	
Friday,	16 June 2006,	Argentina vs. Serbia-Montenegro		3 pm
Wednesday,	21 June 2006,	Portugal VS. Mexico	4 pm	
Saturday,	1 July 2006,	(quarterfinal)	5 pm	

FIFA Fan Festival

- Venue Glueckauf-Kampfbahn
 - Free admission during match broadcasts
 - Support programme on all match days, 1 pm to 11 pm
 - 60 m² LED video wall
 - Enclosed area, so inspections are unaffected by greater security requirements
 - Capacity for up to 20,000 spectators
 - Concerts of national and international bands on non-match-days:
 - 8 June 2006 **SIMPLE MINDS**
 - 28 June 2006 **STATUS QUO**
 - 29 June 2006 **GIPSY KINGS**
 - 2 July 2006 **MUSTAFA SANDAL** and **SÜMER EZGÜ**
 - 3 July 2006 **DIE FANTASTISCHEN VIER (support: clueso)**
 - 6 July 2006 **TOKIO HOTEL**
 - 7 July 2006 **BRYAN ADAMS**
- Admission: 15 -22 Euros, Performances scheduled to start at 8pm.
Ticket Hotline: ++49 (0)209 1477 999
- Further information: www.glueckaufkampfbahn2006.de

World Cup Ambassador

Olaf Thon, former player FC Schalke 04, World Cup Winner 1990

The Arena

- Opened in 2001
- Seating capacity for the 2006 FIFA World Cup™: 53,000
- Extendable lawn: the grass recovers in the fresh air from matches
- Stadium roof closes in 30 minutes
- “The world has never seen a stadium such as this” (FIFA President Sepp Blatter)
- Own stadium chapel
- This is incidentally the only one of twelve World Cup stadiums built without government subvention; total cost about € 191 million
- It is not only a football temple, but also a stage for opera and rock concerts
- Further information at www.arena-aufschalke.de

Security

Police

- Security partnerships between the police and the municipal public order office for all events and fan festivals in the public sphere, further public order cooperation projects between the police, federal, and state authorities
- The Gelsenkirchen police headquarters has extensive experience in managing major football events on the federal league and international levels, its own project group has been coordinating since May 2003 all security issues, deployment tactics, traffic, and PR work
- Information exchange via the ZIS, the Central Information Office for Sports Events in Duesseldorf, in addition via officers familiar with the scene
- New World Cup headquarters at Police Inspection North with state of the art technology

Arena

- Two security rings around the Arena complying with the FIFA regulations (admission only with ticket or accreditation)
- The host at the Arena is FC Schalke 04, in its name a security services provider provides for security on and around the terraces
- The police can also use the stadium’s own CCTV system. About ninety cameras facilitate the early detection of every single hooligan on and around the terraces
- Not least of all the federal league season is accompanied by final rehearsals every two weeks before regularly sold-out terraces – not even the World Cup will be any fuller

City

- Coordination with the police, firefighting department, rescue services, public order office, municipal administration, and FC Schalke 04 in the Sports and Security working group
- Training courses for department heads, lord mayor, firefighting department, and press office at the Federal Office for Civil Defence and Disaster Relief
- A permanent crisis committee also deals with the World Cup
- Close contacts between the World Cup office and the two other hosting cities in NRW, Dortmund and Cologne

World Cup cultural programme

- Support programme for public viewing
- Outline programme in the city
 - “Kicks and Balance” (light and music artistic performance), 9-13 June 2006, 11pm, Josef-Büscher-Platz, Gelsenkirchen-Horst (opposite Horst Castle)
 - 2006 Street Soccer Final by the West German Football and Athletics Club, 9 June to 1 July 2006
 - ExtraSchicht – the night of industrial culture (at the Gelsenkirchen Nordstern Park, Science Park and Consol Theatre and about 35 other venues in the Ruhr Area), 17 June 2006
 - World Cup in Theatre Sports (27 June to 2 July 2006) in eight Ruhr Area cities, three matches at the Consol Theater (28 June, 1 July, 3 July 2006)
 - Information about the city’s culture and history in the “Bildungszentrum” (educational Centre), Ebertstrasse 19
 - Exhibition “Ballkünstler: Künstlerball” (Ball Artists – Artists’ Ball) features 100 artistically worked balls in the municipal museum, 13 June – 20 August
- Music theatre: Zaira (opera by Vincenzo Bellini, premiere outside Italy); Il Trovatore (opera by Giuseppe Verdi); Die Großherzogin von Gerolstein (operetta by Jacques Offenbach); symphony concert by the New Westphalian Philharmonic orchestra (Jean Sibelius, Symphony No. 2; Maurice Ravel, La Valse); Heavy Music – Cool Love (the Schindowski ballet troupe dances for children and youths)
- Arts from Ecuador: Concert Boris Cepeda (Piano), 5 June, Schloss Horst (Horst Castle), Exhibition Oswaldo Guayasamin in the Municipal Museum (9 June – 2 July)
- Gelsenkirchen “Info International”, City information center (culture, history, film documents) in the “bildungszentrum”, Ebertstraße 19, during the World Cup

Tourism

- **Call-Center (Accommodation-Service and tourist-information)** from the "Stadtmarketing Gesellschaft" in **english**, french, spanish and german: ++49 (0)209 951970
- **New Tourist-information-Point**; Bahnhofsvorplatz 1, directly next to the main station
- **Hotel capacity** about 1,900 beds in Gelsenkirchen
- **Camping facilities** with 2000 pitches being planned in the nordsternpark and the Rivierpark Nienhausen, amongst that: a special **youth camp** (www.jugendcamp-gelsenkirchen.de) with up to 400 pitches at low prices (three to six € per night) near the "Berger See" (Lake Berge)
- **New Courtyard** by Marriott hotel at Berger Feld (next to the arena), twelve floors, 200 beds, cost about € 28 million (special state subvention: € 3.5 million)
- **Accommodation services** from the Schalker Fan Club: www.sfcv.de
- **Youth hostels** in Dorsten-Wulfen, Haltern am See, Gross Reken, Essen, Muelheim / Ruhr, Duisburg-Wedau, and Duisburg Meiderich (www.djh.de)

Economy

- **Good forecasts (1)**: a study by the Gelsenkirchen University of Applied Sciences showed that alone the 2004 Champions League final poured just under € 4 million into Gelsenkirchen's coffers, a further € 8 million in the region's. The study certified further potential – if the spectators stay in the city longer.
- **Good forecasts (2)**: "The economic potential of the 2006 World Cup for NRW", a study by gfw (association for economic development), Wegweiser GmbH in Berlin, and the Ruhr University of Bochum: 150 experts questioned by the study believe that NRW will profit more from the World Cup than the other federal states, the winners will be the cities Gelsenkirchen and Dortmund, and contracts amounting to about € 500 million will be awarded, a great potential for NRW as well. According to the study, this major sports event will perceptibly improve the image and the consumer and investment climate in particular in NRW.

Traffic

- At the heart of Europe's largest conurbation, 6.4 million people can reach the Arena within a radius of 50 kilometres. On the national level this is even 60 million within a radius of 250 kilometres.

Public transport

- Only 15 minutes by suburban rail (302) from the main station to the Arena AufSchalke
- Only ten minutes by suburban rail (302 stopping at Ernst-Kuzorra-Platz) from the main station to the FIFA Fan Festival

By car

- A2 motorway, exit Gelsenkirchen-Buer, or the A42, exit Gelsenkirchen-Schalke; after exiting follow the signs for "ARENA"

By plane

- 45 kilometres to Duesseldorf Airport (45 minutes)
- 80 kilometres to Niederrhein Weeze Airport (60 minutes)
- 45 kilometres to Dortmund-Wickede Airport (45 minutes)
- 100 kilometres to Muenster / Osnabrueck Airport (70 minutes)
- 100 kilometres to Cologne / Bonn Airport (70 minutes)
- 219 kilometres to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (180 minutes)

Innovative concepts

- Fast routes – the Ruhrpilot, an innovative information platform on the internet (www.ruhrpilot.de), collects and collates all the traffic data in the region up to the World Cup. People arriving by car or train can then see whether the road ahead is free or they have to look for an alternative in their route planner. The site also provides congestion forecasts for the hour ahead. The Ruhrpilot was developed by Prof. Michael Schreckenber at the University of Duisburg-Essen. The partners to this development are the Ruhr Area cities like Gelsenkirchen and the local public transport companies.

Building projects for the 2006 FIFA World Cup™

- Total investments of about € 55 million, of which the city contributes about € 7 million.
- These include e.g. modifications to the main railway station, a new connection to the A42 motorway, and expansions and developments to a number of inner city connections.
- The building projects in detail: the new junction GE-Schalke on the A42 and connection to the K5, Vinckestraße (yet completed: four-lane expansion between Devese- and Horster Strasse for improving the efficiency of the Arena shuttle), expansions to Uferstrasse for improved efficiency (focusing on cross roads), overhead conductor for double heading tram line 302 on Kurt-Schumacher-Strasse, double heading modifications on the main station's suburban railway platform, traffic optimisation all around the Arena (traffic lights, filter lanes), third tram siding at the Arena, lift for the disabled to the ZOB, modifications to the station.



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- **Police press office:** Konrad Kordts, +49 (0) 209 365-2005, konrad.kordts@gelsenkirchen.polizei.nrw.de

--> Organisation, event management

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--> For guests

- **Overnight stays** are arranged by :
 - **Stadtmarketing Gesellschaft**, tel. +49 (0) 209 95197-0, fax +40 (0) 209 9519710; e-mail: info@stadtmarketing.de
 - **Ruhrgebiet Tourismus GmbH & Co. KG**, c/o Regionalverband Ruhr, Gutenbergstrasse 47, 45128 Essen, hotline: 01805 1816180 (6 cents / 30 seconds from the German fixed telephone network), fax +49 (0) 201 1767188
 - For Team supporters: **Schalke Fan Club**, Ebertstrasse 20, 45879 Gelsenkirchen, tel. +49 (0) 209 958860, fax +49 (0) 209 9588625, www.sfcv.de, touristik@sfcv.de

Web links

www.gelsenkirchen.de (city homepage)
www.fifawm2006.gelsenkirchen.de (official site of the FIFA host city Gelsenkirchen)
www.glueckaufkampfbahn2006.de (Fan Fest)
www.jugendcamp-gelsenkirchen.de (Youth Camp)
www.veltins-arena.de (stadium information)
www.schalke04.de (club homepage)
www.sfcv.de (Schalke Fan Club)