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## The history of the industry in the county and in the region

Hello everyone! I'm Lídia from Portugal and today I'm going to talk a little bit about Industry in my region.

I live in Vila Nova de Famalicão, a town located in the North of the country, near important cities like Porto, Braga and Guimarães. The first modern companies emerged in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. "Boa Reguladora", created in 1892, is one of them. "Boa Reguladora", which produced table and wall clocks, was a very famous factory by then.

This factory doesn't exist anymore, but its building is the most important testimony of the industrial architecture in the town. During the 100 years that this factory was operating, a lot of watches were produced and exported to many places all over the world. Nowadays, Industry has a really important role in my city's economy.

Famalicão enjoys the status of the largest exporter in the North region and the third largest in Portugal, and hosts some of the best companies in the country as well. We have about 13 850 companies, that make Famalicão's economy as vibrant as it is. These companies are spread out by several industrial sectors, such as the Agro-Food, the Metalworking, the Automotive, and the Textiles and Clothing Industry. In the Agro-Food Industry, we can highlight the importance of Vieira de Castro, Primor and Porminho. In the Metalworking Industry, we have ROQ and AMOB. The Automotive Industry is led by companies like Continental Mabor and Tesco. Finally, Textiles and Clothing Industry, in which we can underline the importance of Riopele, Salsa and Tiffosi.

Famalicão is the Textile City of Portugal, because of its industrial identity, companies, business owners and its employees. It's also important to talk about the Textile Industry Museum, founded in 1987, and located where a textile factory was previously established in. At this museum, you can find a permanent exhibition and also a library, an educational



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service, a temporary exhibition area, etc. I hope that you have learned a little bit about my city, thank you for your time!