

# SERBIA AT A GLANCE



Form of Government: Parliamentary Republic

Capital: Belgrade

Currency:

Serbian Dinar RSD



Territory: 88,499 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 7.1 million

GDP (2015): €33,5bn

GDP pc (2015): €4,720

\*Source: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.

Middle exchange rate (as of 30-Sep-2016):

EUR/RSD: 123.29

USD/RSD: 109.90

EU integration:

Serbia formally started negotiations to join EU on 21January 2014

Opened Chapters 32, 35, 23 and 24

Credit ratings:

Fitch Ratings: B+/positive

Moody's: B1/positive

S&P: BB-/stable

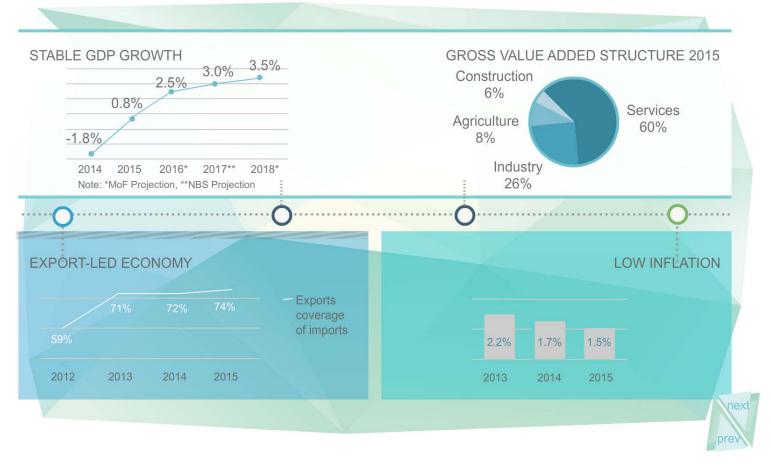
Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) credit rating agency:

Serbia has moved upward into moderate-risk country group



## MACROECONOMIC BACKGROUND





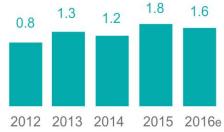
## SUCCESS IN ATTRACTING FDI



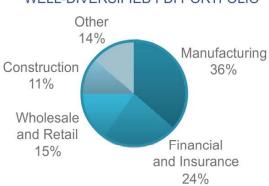


(cumulative inward FDI since 2000)

FDI, net (EUR bn)



### WELL-DIVERSIFIED FDI PORTFOLIO



New incentive scheme was passed in March 2016

The main criteria to receive incentives are:

- investment volume
- number of new jobs
- location of investment planned (criterion by development level of local self government)

Serbia has attracted more than €27.5 bn of inward FDI since 2000





## **ENCOURAGING INVESTMENT REGIME**



### State level incentives

- Awarded funds for investments:
- of special importance
- in labor intensive projects
- Funds for large, medium and small sized companies

# Municipality level incentives

- City construction land lease and
- Land development fee exemptions or deductions

### Area-based incentives

- 5 groups of local governments by the level of development
- Granted funds: €3,000-7,000 (per new job created)

### Corporate Income Tax

Serbia 15%
Hungary 19%
Poland 19%
Czech Republic 19%
Croatia 20%
Slovakia 22%

#### Tax incentives

- Available Corporate Income tax holiday for 10 years for certain investments
- Treaties on avoiding double taxation with 54 states
- Tax statement losses may be transferred to the account of the profit declared in the tax statement in future accounting periods (for up to 5 years)
- Partial compensation of taxes and social contributions payed on salaries under certain conditions



# NUMEROUS SUCCESS STORIES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF SERBIA

































Origin of investments





# FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS





# FAVOURABLE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT



Functional infrastructure:

- transport
- energy
- telecommunications

Fastest average Internet speed in the region (11.71 Mbps)

Low operating costs:

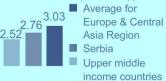
- The lowest cost of electricity and postal services in the region
- Strongly motivated workforce
- Competitive tax policy

World Bank: Doing Business 2016



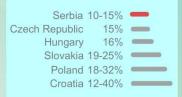
World Bank: Logistic performance index Serbia 76th (of 160 countries)











# Average Gross Monthly Salary 2015 (EUR)



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## HIGHLY QUALIFIED WORKFORCE



University of Belgrade is ranked as one of Top 300 Universities (Shanghai List)

**Dual education** 

Highly educated young workforce with around 50,000 university and college graduates, and 75,000 high school graduates every year

Top quality technical education at both high school and university level

Over 100,000 registered unemployed hold either university or college degree

Strong command of the English language. Serbia was ranked



Young graduates speak other languages, primarily German, French, Italian and Russian



## FREE ZONES



### Investors' benefits:

- No customs and import duties for goods required for business operations
- VAT exemptions for energy consumption, entry of goods or selling of goods and services within zones
- Import and export of goods and services without any quantitative restrictions



14 free trade zones with 262 companies

In 2015 the total value of exchanged goods and services within the zones reached €4.6bn

Two free zones are on the list of 34 best free zones in the world ("Financial Times" 2014 - FZ Pirot and FZ Zrenjanin)



# CLUSTERS IN SERBIA



- Strong suppliers from Serbia
- More than 500 companies in 13 industries
- 104 clusters operating in Serbia
- More than 40,000 employees



Metaworking and Pow Industry

Construction Industry

Construction Industry

Pharmaceutical Industry

Textile Industry

Wood Industry

Trade

Trade

Transport

Non-Metal Industry



## NEW CHAMBER. NEW SERVICES.



- Investment procedures assistance
- Support in finding business partners
- Legal aid and human resources
- Projects assistance

- New Law on Chambers

Better influence on improving business conditions and investment climate

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia

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