



## SERBIA



## ENCOURAGING INVESTMENT REGIME

State level incentives

 Funds are awarded for investment of special purpose or applied to Public Invitation

 Funds awarded depend on: -level of development of municipality

-size of the company

-up to 7,000 EUR per job created -additional incentives for investing in fixed assets

-additional incentives for labour intensive projects

Local government incentives reduction or exemption of payment of certain local fees or charges

 benefits for construction or lease of neccesary facilities for investment

 benefits for conecting to local infrastructure

Tax incentives

**Available Corporate** Income tax holiday for 10 years for certain investments

 Treaties on avoiding double taxation with 58 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 for employing unemployed persons

## **AT A GLANCE**

**SERBIA** 

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

Population (2017): 7mn

GDP (2017): €36.8 bn GDP pc (2017): €5,226

Currency: Serbian Dinar RSD

Credit ratings: Fitch ratings: BB/stable Moody's: Ba3/ stable S&P: BB/positive

 RSD exchange rate (31-03-2018): EUR/RSD: 118.3853 USD/RSD: 96.0842

• EU integration: - Serbia formally started negotiations to join EU on 21st January 2014

- Opened 12 Chapters out of 35 and 2 closed

#### **FAVOURABLE BUSINESS** ENVIRONMENT

**Doing Business** 2018 (World Bank)



New liberalized labour law from 2014

World leader by the number of new jobs created per capita in 2016 (IBM Global Locations Trend 2017)

The first out of 94 countries in the world by the greenfield FDI performance Index (Financial Times)

Functional infrastructure

telecommunications

Low operating costs

The lowest cost of electricity and postal services in the region

Strongly motivated workforce

Competitive tax policy

Fastest average Internet speed in the region (14.2 Mbps) 99.7% of Serbia's population is covered by 3G signal

Value Added Tax



**Corporate Tax** 



Average Gross 1 Monthly Salary (EUR), 2017

1625 960 1017 1079 1121 SVK POL CRO CZE SLO

Average Net Salary €395

 Total cost for employer (Gross 2) €643

# **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 zones with 262 companies
- In 2017 the total value of exchanged goods and services within the zones reached €4.9bn
- FZ Pirot has been ranked twice on the list of the best free zones in the world ("Financial Times" 2014 and 2017)

## HIGHLY QUALIFIED WORKFORCE

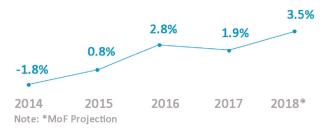
University of Belgrade is ranked as one of Top 300 Universities ("Shanghai" list)

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

Terbia is the best ranked country in the region and 16th among 72 countries in the world with high proficiency level of English ("Education First" list)

# MACROECONOMIC BACKGROUND

#### STABLE GDP GROWTH

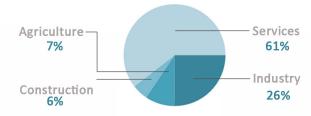


#### CONSOLIDATED FISCAL BALANCE

(in % of GDP) -6.6% -3.7% -1.3% 1.2%



#### **GROSS VALUE ADDED STRUCTURE**



# NUMEROUS SUCCESS STORIES































## **CLUSTERS IN SERBIA**

- · Strong suppliers from Serbia
- More than 500 companies
  Main clusters are from ICT, automotive, textile, metalwork, wood and construction industry













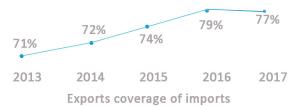






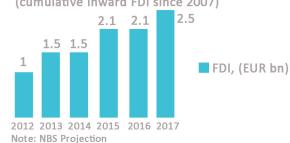
#### **EXPORT-LED ECONOMY**

Serbian exports of goods reached record high of €15 bn in 2017



#### €24bn ALREADY INVESTED

(cumulative Inward FDI since 2007)



#### WELL-DIVERSIFIED FDI PORTFOLIO



- Manufacturing
- Financial and Insurance
- Construction
- Wholesale and Retail
- Realestate
- Other

#### LOW INFLATION AND STABLE FX RATE



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