# Trade and logistics center in the Republic of Serbia



2022 year

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- The development of the project is possible within the framework of the signing of an intergovernmental agreement between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Serbia, as well as private investments
- The proposed project is appropriate for entering into a number of strategic directions for foreign economic activity between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Serbia
- The required land area is from 25 hectares (first stage) and up to 300 hectares (second stage). It is preferable to place Trade and logistics center in the Republic of Serbia on transport arteries: the coastal waters of the Danube or Savva, or exit highways to the EU countries (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary) with the prospect of creating a developed transport and river-port infrastructure.

#### **PROJECT OBJECTIVE**

creation of a logistics platform for foreign economic and economic activities of Russian companies with partners from the Republic of Serbia and EU countries

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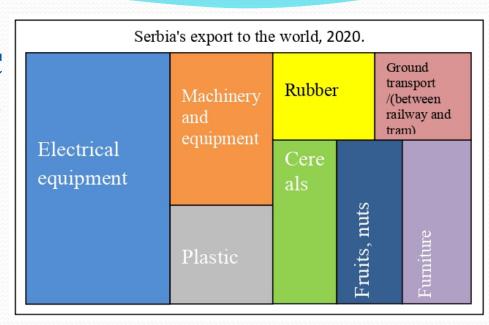
- Localization of support measures for Russian companies in the Republic of Serbia;
- The use of duty-free preferences for most goods produced in the Republic of Serbia at the facilities of Russian companies;Оптимизация возможных налоговых преференций;
- Reduced transportation costs.

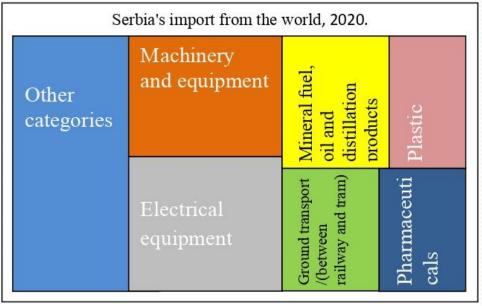
# FREE TRADE BETWEEN THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC UNION AND THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

#### **Economy of the country**

Population	6,9 million people
GDP	53,1 billion US
dollars	
GDP per capita	7 652 US dollars

Predictable preferential conditions for the access of goods to the Serbian market are being created for the Russian exporter and exporters of the EEC member states. Serbia has free trade agreements with Russia, Turkey, the EU, EFTA, and along with 5 other European countries, it is part of the free trade organization - CEFTA. Prior to the entry into force of the Agreement, the basis for trade relations between Russia and Serbia was the Free Trade Agreement of 2000 (amended in 2011), according to which 95% of goods in mutual trade are exempt from customs duties.





# **GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION**

Serbia, officially the Republic of Serbia— is a landlocked country in southeastern Europe, in the central part of the Balkan Peninsula.

It borders Macedonia to the south,
Bulgaria and Romania to the east,
Hungary to the north, Croatia and Bosnia
and Herzegovina to the west, Montenegro
and Albania to the southwest.

Three areas stand out: Serbia proper and the autonomous territories — Vojvodina (2 million) and Kosovo and Metohija (1.95 million). Until June 2006, it was part of the confederate State Union of Serbia and Montenegro, also called Little Yugoslavia. Area: 88,361 km2. Population: 9.40 million people.

The distance from Serbia to Moscow is 2325.8km

Transit time on the way:by car 7-17 days;
by sea and by car - 7-17 days

Border points - Belgrade, Pristina Customs clearance of goods from Serbia to customs:St. Petersburg, Ust-Luga, Moscow

#### **Major cities**

The capital of Serbia isBelgrade (about 2 million people). Pristina (195 thousand people), Nis (185 thousand people), Kragujevac (177 thousand people), Novi Sad (175 thousand people), Prizren (117 thousand people), Subotica (98 thousand people), Chacak (92 thousand people), Zrenyanin (80 thousand people).

#### **Transport**

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Serbia, and especially the Moraya River Valley, is often called the "crossroads of East and West", which is one of the main reasons for its turbulent history. This valley is the easiest way to travel by land from continental Europe to Greece and Asia Minor. The main European autobahns going through Serbia are E75 and E70. E763/E761 is the most important road connecting Serbia with Montenegro. The Danube is an important international river route that flows through Serbia.

# **HOW TO BECOME PRESIDENT:**

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To coordinate the project together with the RPZ CC(Business WordExpert))

Create a legal entity in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Serbia Conclude an agreement with the RPZ Management Company (BusinessWordExpert) on conducting industrial and production activities and obtaining a resident certificate

## **BENEFITS FOR RESIDENTS:**

## **Managerial:**

- 100% ownership of your foreign company
- 100% foreign management of import/export operations
- The possibility of labeling goods Made in Serbia

### **Economic:**

- Possibility of 100% repatriation of income
- Duty-free deliveries and shipments of most goods
- Exports to other countries are not subject to duties and excise taxes (for most of the range of goods)
- Provision of rental holidays, preferential tariffs for energy resources
- Special preferential tax treatment

#### **Transport:**

- Proximity to the main river, railway and road transport infrastructures
- **■**Profitable logistics solutions

#### **TAXATION SCHEME**

#### Corporate taxes:

- Corporate income tax 15% (non-residents are taxed only on profits in Serbia)
- ✓ 20% withholding tax (dividends, profit share, royalties, interest, capital gains, payments related to the rental of real estate and other assets)
- ✓ Personal income tax earnings 10%
- ✓ Value added taxspecial rate of 10% (on basic products, daily newspapers, medicines, utilities, etc.)0% (with the right to deduct incoming VAT) for the export of goods, transport and other services directly related to export, international air transportation.0% (without the right to deduct incoming VAT) for securities trading, insurance and reinsurance, rental of apartments, commercial premises, etc.
- ✓ Social insurance of employees only about 65% from the net profitby the end of 2022, the employer may be exempt from taxes and payroll deductions tofacilitate the employment of young repatriates.
- reduction of the tax base and deductions for the employment of foreigners

# STATE SUPPORT MEASURES FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS

Agreement on avoidance of double taxation – The Republic of Serbia has concluded an agreement with the Russian Federation on avoidance of double taxation Tax benefits – up to 80% of income from the commercialization of intellectual property can be exempt from corporate income tax Deduction for R&D - research and development costs in the Republic of Serbia can be recognized as expenses in the tax balance in double amount

IP BOX and R&D deductions can be summed up, which reduces corporate income tax to 0%.

Investing in startups - The Corporate Income Tax Law provides for a tax exemption of 30% of investments in a startup

Recognition of marketing costs in general – the costs of advertising and promotional activities are fully recognized in the tax balance as expenses.

Rest and employee bonding are classified as operating expenses and are not taxed.

Customs privileges – Foreign persons wishing to invest in Serbia in the form of equipment imports (with the exception of passenger cars and gambling equipment) may be exempt from customs duties and other duties if the imported equipment complies with environmental standards of Serbia.

# CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND TARGET MARKETS

- ✓ Companies operating in the Trade and logistics center in the Republic of Serbia are allowed to import/export various goods independently or through a third party without being included in the list of importers and without prior import permission
- ✓ As we see it, any Serbian product can be considered as a product suitable for export abroad
- ✓ General import rules do not apply to imports from abroad to the zone
- ✓ Goods can be obtained from the territory of the Republic of Serbia for operational or export purposes
- ✓ Goods exported to the Republic of Serbia are subject to the general rules of export from outside the country

Trade and logistics center in the Republic of Serbia is a territory of new opportunities for the development of your business. All the necessary infrastructure and conditions for the successful implementation of any type of projects will be created within the framework of the site. From opening a representative office to creating a full-fledged production.

Trade and logistics center in the Republic of Serbia is a platform not only for Russian companies to enter the market of the Republic of Serbia, but also for increasing supplies, including to the EU countries Thank you for your attention!

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