INTRODUCTION
The Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes was formed in 1918; its name was changed to Yugoslavia in 1929. In 1989, Yugoslavia broke up along ethnic lines. In 1991, Croatia, Slovenia, and Macedonia declared independence, followed by Bosnia in 1992. Montenegro and Serbia declared independence in 2006.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Aleksandar VUCIC
Head of Government
Prime Minister Ana BRNABIC
Government Type
parliamentary republic
Capital
Belgrade
Legislature
unicameral National Assembly or Narodna Skupstina (250 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 77,474 sq km
Land: 77,474 sq km
Water: 0 sq km
Climate
in the north, continental climate (cold winters and hot, humid summers with well-distributed rainfall); in other parts, continental and Mediterranean climate (relatively cold winters with heavy snowfall and hot, dry summers and autumns)
Natural Resources
oil, gas, coal, iron ore, copper, zinc, antimony, chromite, gold, silver, magnesium, pyrite, limestone, marble, salt, arable land

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
upper middle-income Balkan economy; current EU accession candidate; hit by COVID-19; pursuing green growth development; manageable public debt; new anticorruption efforts; falling unemployment; historic Russian relations; energy import-dependent
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $125.8 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $18,200 (2020 est.)
Industries - automobiles, base metals, furniture, food processing, machinery, chemicals, sugar, tires, clothes, pharmaceuticals
Agricultural products - maize, wheat, sugar beets, milk, sunflower seed, potatoes, soybeans, plums/sloes, apples, barley
Exports $25.42 billion (2020 est.)
insulated wiring, tires, corn, cars, iron products, copper (2019)
partners: Germany 12%, Italy 10%, Bosnia and Herzegovina 7%, Romania 6%, Russia 5% (2019)
Imports $30.15 billion (2020 est.)
crude petroleum, cars, packaged medicines, natural gas, refined petroleum (2019)
partners: Germany 13%, Russia 9%, Italy 8%, Hungary 6%, China 5%, Turkey 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
7.0 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
-0.48% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Serb 83.3%, Hungarian 3.5%, Romani 2.1%, Bosniak 2%, other 5.7%, undeclared or unknown 3.4% (2011 est.)
Language
Serbian (official) 88.1%, Hungarian 3.4%, Bosnian 1.9%, Romani 1.4%, other 3.4%, undeclared or unknown 1.8% (2011 est.)
Religion
Orthodox 84.6%, Catholic 5%, Muslim 3.1%, Protestant 1%, atheist 1.1%, other 0.8% (includes agnostics, other Christians, Eastern, Jewish), undeclared or unknown 4.5% (2011 est.)
as of October 2021