

Region Business Profile

Uzice

Short Summary

The area of Uzice is located in southwest Serbia, tucked between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro. Partnerships between the city of Uzice, Cajetina and Nova Varos were established as part of this project. Uzice is located 160km from Belgrade, 40km of the border with Bosnia and Herzegovina and 115km from the border with Montenegro. It sits on several important transit routes – the M5 route which connects with Bosnia, the M21 with Montenegro, as well as the railway route passing through Western Serbia. It is only 300 km from the port of Bar, Montenegro. It has a small military and commercial airport “Ponikve” for aircrafts of up to 100 seats. The closest airports are in Belgrade – Nikola Tesla (160km), Kraljevo – Ladjevci (90km) and in Montenegro – Podgorica (260km). The most developed industries of this area are metallurgy, construction, textile and wood. Because its location is the Zlatibor district, it has big tourist potential. The cities of Cajetina and Nova Varos have managed to use its position to attract tourist from Serbia and other nearby countries, so tourism has become an important sector. Thanks to river systems Djetinja and Luznica, its alluvial plains make the land around them very fertile, enabling the growth of various vegetables and fruits.



Quick Facts

	Region	National level
Territory		
Total area	1,896 km ²	88,502 km ²
Agricultural area	85,856 ha	5,096,267 ha
Population	109,423	7,186,862
Number of formally employed	27,872	1,000,872
Average wage (net in July)	325 EUR	390 EUR
Number of enterprises	846	78,934
Number of entrepreneurs		
Submitting financial statements	410	15,630
Not submitting financial statements	4,073	224,997
Value added (in mill EUR)	177.7	14,078.8
Average success rate of companies (%)*	27.7	25.4
Main industries	Construction Of Buildings, Manufacture Of Precious And Other Non-Ferrous Metals, Wholesale Trade Manufacture Of Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery And Equipment	
Main exports	Precious products, Metal And Plastic Products, Agriculture products	
Most important foreign direct investments	Impol Seval (Slovenia)	

Source: SORS, CEVES calculations based on SBRA data

* Successful companies are considered to have: 1) managed to overcome negative impacts of the financial crisis; 2) increased its real revenues and employment; and 3) operated profitably over the entire period.

Local Economy Basic Structure

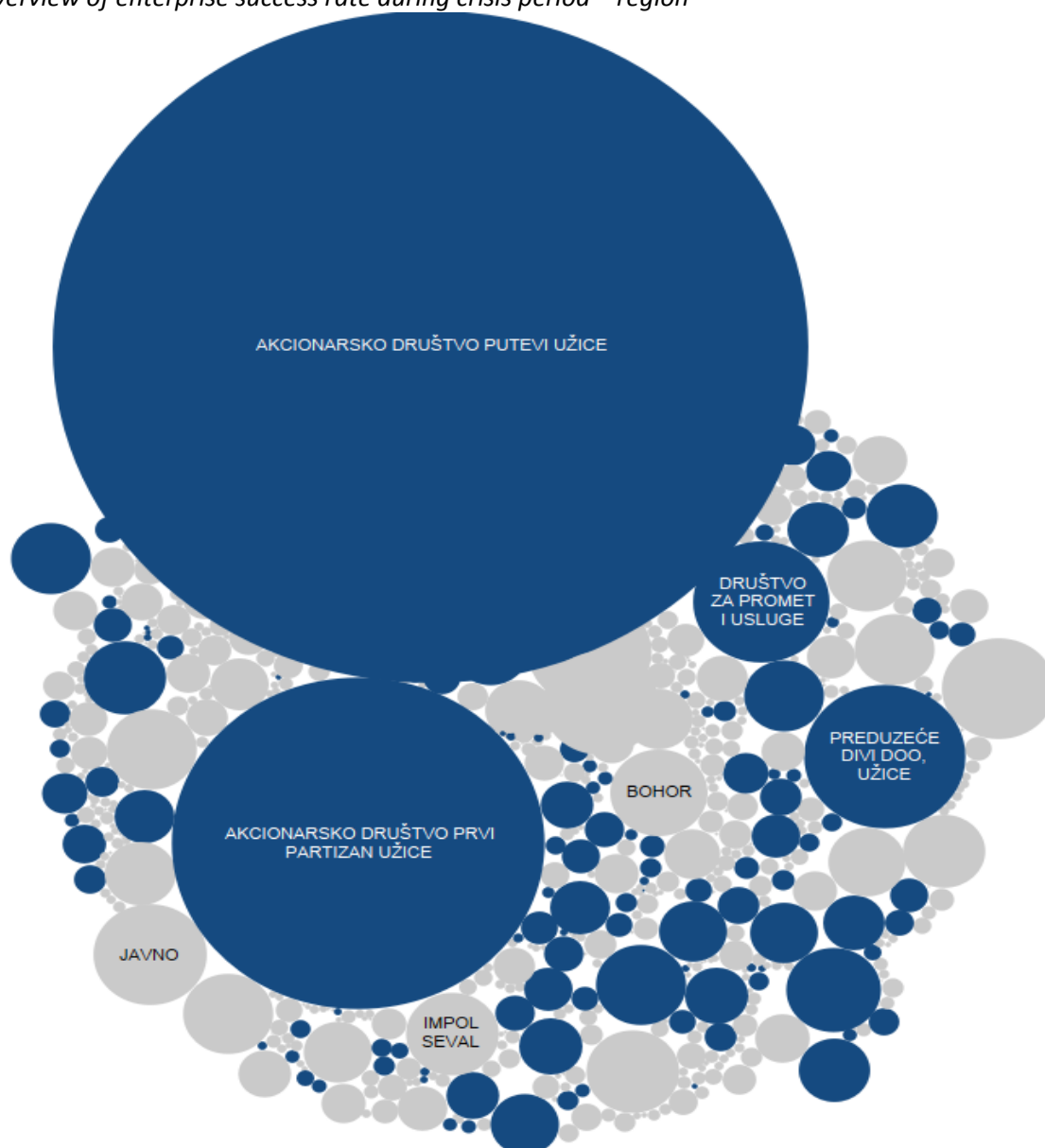
Table 1: Enterprise structure by size*

Size of enterprise	Number of enterprises			Number of employees			Business revenues		
	Region		National level	Region		National level	Region		National level
	# of firms (2013)	Growth rate 2009-2013(%)	Growth rate 2009-2013(%)	# of employees (2013)	Growth rate 2009-2013(%)	Growth rate 2009-2013(%)	Value (2013; in mill RSD)	Growth rate 2009-2013(%)	Growth rate 2009-2013(%)
Micro	1,075	-3.6	-2.0	2,037	-3.5	-2.2	12,747	-1.6	1.1
Small	141	-4.7	-2.6	2,923	-2.9	-2.7	17,813	3.5	1.5
Medium	33	-2.2	-3.5	3,442	-2.2	-3.5	11,576	2.4	2.2
Large	7	-8.5	-1.0	5,226	-5.3	-0.6	56,589	21.4	6.0
Total	1,256	-3.7	-2.1	13,657	-3.8	-2.0	98,725	10.7	3.3

Source: CEVES calculations based on SBRA data, in our analysis were included only those enterprises that have regularly submitted financial reports

*Enterprises are classified by number of employees (1-9 micro, 10-49 small, 50-249 medium, > 250 large)

Graph 1: Overview of enterprise success rate during crisis period – region*



Source: CEVES calculations based on SBRA data

*Size of bubbles: Business revenues; Color of bubbles: Successful during crisis period (blue) or not (gray)

Table 2: Exporters (2013)*

Size of enterprise	Number of exporters			Total value of exports (in mill EUR)		
	Region	National level	Share (%)	Region	National level	Share (%)
Micro	72	4,923	1.5	4.9	1,029.2	0.5
Small	49	2,918	1.7	21.1	1,228.4	1.7
Medium	19	1,003	1.9	28.0	2,090.7	1.3
Large	5	299	1.7	202.8	5,875.2	3.5
Total	145	9,143	1.6	256.9	10,223.5	2.5

Source: Customs Administration database, Ministry of Finance of Rep. of Serbia

* Note: Only includes companies that realized minimum exports of 5,000 EUR

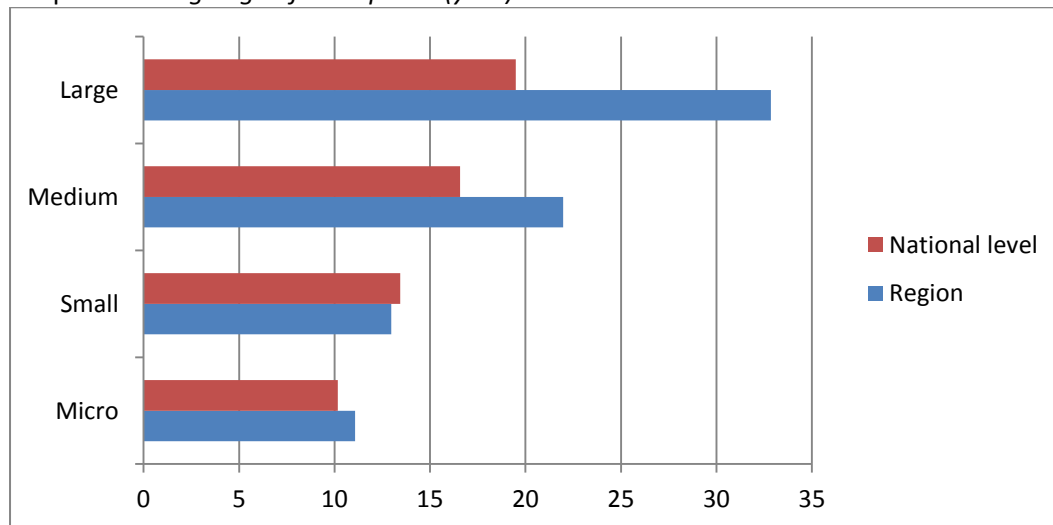
Economic Vitality

Table 3: Survival rate of companies

Period	Number of enterprises established		Survived in 2013 (%)	
	Region	National level	Region	National level
2006 - 2008	486	35,430	47.7	48.1
2009 - 2010	209	20,763	60.3	61.6

Source: CEVES calculations based on SBRA data

Graph 2: Average age of enterprises (year)



Source: CEVES calculations based on SBRA data

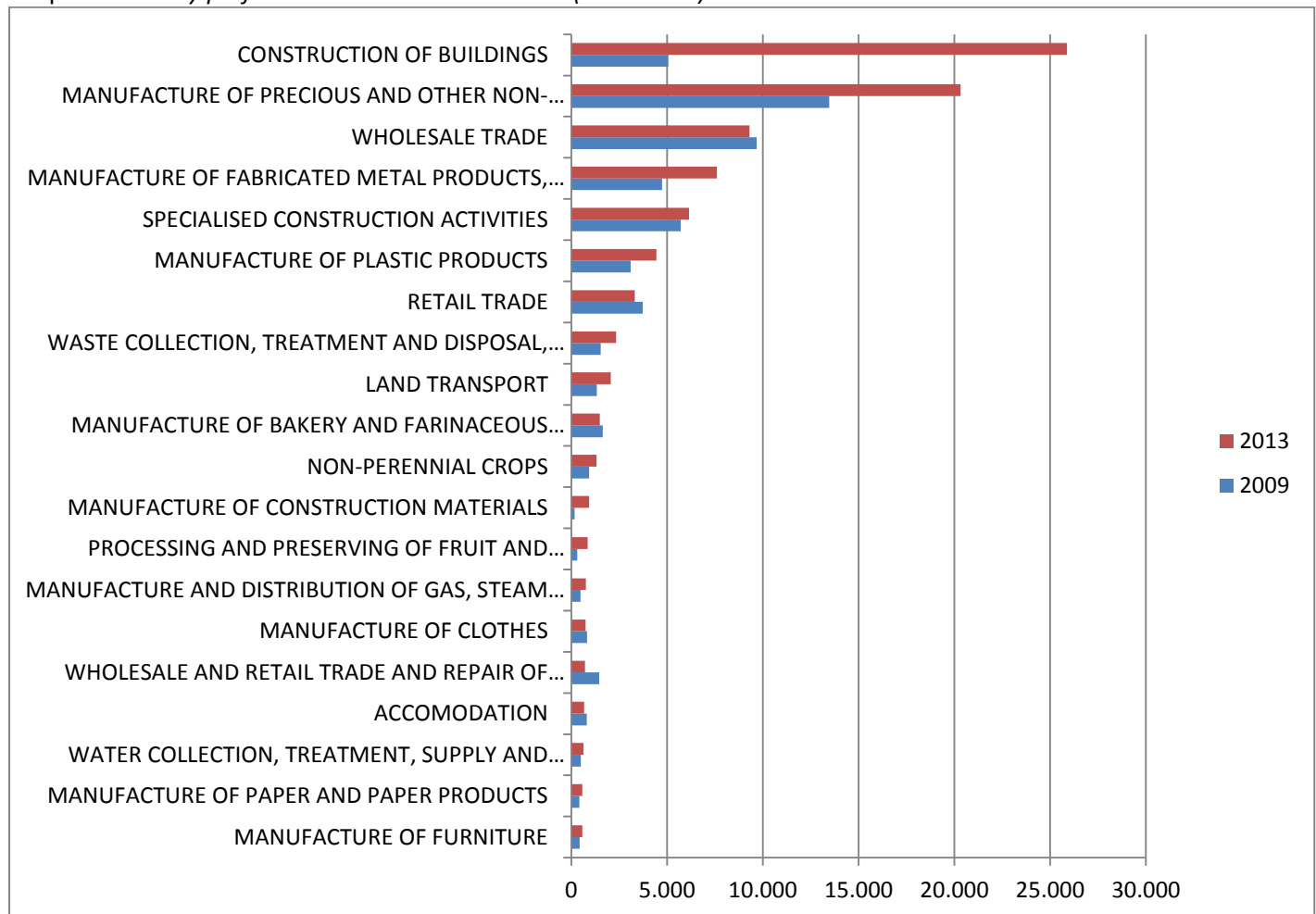
Table 4: Share of successful enterprises in total - region

Size of enterprise	Number of enterprises (2013)		Successful ent. (%)		Ent. with blocked account (%)	
	Region	National level	Region	National level	Region	National level
Micro	1,075	82,453	23.8	21.8	18.6	22.6
Small	141	9,501	48.1	43.2	20.6	22.6
Medium	33	2,113	31.3	45.2	27.3	24.3
Large	7	497	71.4	41.1	42.9	23.1
Total	1,256	94,564	23.8	25.4	19.2	22.7

Source: CEVES calculations based on SBRA data

Industrial Structure

Graph 3: Industry performance - business revenues (in mill RSD)



Source: CEVES calculations based on SBRA data

Table 5: Main industries' performance

Industry	Number of enterprises			Number of employees			Business revenues		
	Region		National level	Region		National level	Region		National level
	# of firms (2013)	Growth rate 2009-2013(%)	Growth rate 2009-2013(%)	# of employees (2013)	Growth rate 2009-2013(%)	Growth rate 2009-2013(%)	Value (2013; in mill RSD)	Growth rate 2009-2013(%)	Growth rate 2009-2013(%)
Construction Of Buildings	38	0.0	-1.3	1,641	2.0	-8.6	25,878	50.7	-2.8
Manufacture Of Precious And Other Non-Ferrous Metals	4	-5.4	-4.2	1,651	1.9	-2.2	20,331	11.1	14.0
Wholesale Trade	198	-4.0	-3.4	623	-3.6	-1.8	9,303	-0.7	3.3
Manufacture Of Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery And Equipment	45	-3.5	-1.5	1,407	3.3	-2.8	7,606	12.9	7.1
Specialized Construction Activities	74	-3.7	-3.1	1,118	1.1	-4.6	6,141	2.1	-2.4

Source: CEVES calculations based on SBRA data

Table 6: *Export competitiveness of main industries- region*

<i>Industry</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Export rank</i>	<i>Export competitiveness</i>
Construction Of Buildings	Exporting	14	Moderate Competitive
Manufacture Of Precious And Other Non-Ferrous Metals	Exporting	1	Highly Competitive
Wholesale Trade	Exporting	5	/
Manufacture Of Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery And Equipment	Exporting	2	Highly Competitive
Specialized Construction Activities	Exporting	6	/
Manufacture Of Plastic Products	Exporting	3	Highly Competitive
Non-Perennial Crops	Exporting	4	Uncompetitive

Source: UN Comtrade database and Customs Administration Database, Ministry of Finance of Rep. of Serbia

Notes:

Status - whether industry products are exported by the companies from region

Export rank - Industry export rank according to export value from region

Export competitiveness - CEVES analysis of industry export competitiveness based on export volume, dynamics, and diversification

Foreign Direct Investments

Table 7: *Foreign direct investments- region*

<i>Industry</i>	<i>Number of investments</i>	<i>Total value of investments (in mill EUR)</i>	<i>Number of persons employed</i>	<i>Most important investors</i>
Casting Of Metals	1	40	708	Impol Seval (Slovenia)

Source: SIEPA database

Disclaimer: Due to the lack of official information regarding the amount of individual investments, this information is sourced from research carried out the Serbia Investment and Export Promotion Agency (SIEPA) and includes both completed and forecasted investment projects. Although SIEPA is responsible for maintaining as precise investment data as possible, the agency does not assume any responsibility for any incomplete or potentially inaccurate information.