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IMF: Serbia's Economic Growth to Accelerate to 3.3%

The International Monetary Fund raised its forecast for Serbia's economic growth in 2026 to 3.3%, from the previously expected 2.8%. Growth of 4% is projected for 2027, while inflation, according to the Fund's estimate, is expected to be 3.1% this year and 4.2% next year. The IMF also expects a slight decline in unemployment and a reduction in the current-account deficit.

Pesticide-Free Vegetables Arrive from the Outskirts of Belgrade

The family-owned company Zeleni hit, based near Belgrade, is developing fruit and vegetable production according to the Zero Residue standard, which means that finished products contain no measurable pesticide residues. The company has cooperated with the Lidl retail chain since 2023 and plans to deliver about 250,000 kilograms and units of fresh produce by the end of the season, almost three times more than at the start of the cooperation. Production combines carefully planned plant protection, biological methods and laboratory testing, while Zero Residue is not the same as organic production.

EPS Expected Greater Electricity Savings

Changes to electricity-consumption tariff thresholds have so far failed to produce the expected reduction in consumption, according to an article on the operations of Elektroprivreda Srbije. The threshold for entering the most expensive, red tariff zone was lowered from 1,600 to 1,200 kilowatt-hours, but EPS says that no major effects were recorded in the first eleven months. Supply Director Milena Radulović said the number of households in the red zone depends on the season and temperature, with consumers expected to gradually change their habits.

Working Group Formed for Financial Consolidation of Putevi Srbije

The Serbian government formed a working group to prepare an operational plan for the financial consolidation of the public company Putevi Srbije. The group will analyze liabilities, debts, payment delays and the organizational consequences of possible changes to the company's responsibilities. The goal is a new financial model and a plan covering at least five years that would enable sustainable operations over the long term.

Travel from Užice to Bajina Bašta to Be 30 Minutes Shorter

Construction has begun on the 6.2-kilometer Dub-Dubci road section, which is intended to improve the connection between Užice and Bajina Bašta. The most demanding structure will be a 1,260-meter tunnel beneath Kadinjača, while six bridges and twenty retaining structures are also planned. Once the works are completed, travel time should be reduced by about thirty minutes, with a more reliable road connection during the winter months.

Ikea Begins Buying Back Used Furniture from Customers

Ikea is expanding its second-hand furniture marketplace to the United Kingdom, Ireland and Germany, making the service available in a total of nine European markets. The company is also preparing a pilot project for directly buying used furniture from customers in Spain and Portugal. According to data cited in the article, the platform had 15 million visits and nearly 96,000 listings by the end of August, indicating growing interest in product reuse.