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## Večernje novosti

### Largest Companies Generate Nearly Half of Profits

According to a report by the Serbian Business Registers Agency, Serbia's economy operated profitably for the eleventh consecutive year in 2025. The 100 companies with the highest net profit generated 43.1% of the total profit of business entities. At the same time, the 100 enterprises with the highest operating revenues accounted for 28.7% of total revenues. They employed 16.4% of employees in business entities. The data show a high concentration of business results among large systems.

## Danas

### APR: State-Owned Systems and Major Investors Lead in Revenue

The APR "Top 100" report for 2025 shows that state-owned enterprises, foreign investors, and firms engaged in major projects with the state dominate among Serbia's largest companies. Elektroprivreda Srbije recorded RSD 460.5 billion in operating revenue and ranked first. NIS was second with RSD 266 billion, with revenue down 31.2% from the previous year. In its analysis, Danas also examines the position of Chinese mining and construction companies. The article raises questions about the structure of the domestic economy and the dependence of some companies on government contracts.

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### NBS and Rating Agencies on the Resilience of the Serbian Economy

A delegation of the National Bank of Serbia met in Bangkok with representatives of the rating agencies Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings on the sidelines of the annual IMF and World Bank meetings. The meeting assessed that Serbia had preserved macroeconomic and financial stability despite global challenges. Agency representatives highlighted the importance of reserves and continuity of economic growth. The NBS noted that Serbia received an investment-grade rating from Standard & Poor's in 2024. Additional indicators of stability cited were public debt at 43.3% of GDP and the share of non-performing loans below 2%.

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### Survey: Workers Estimate RSD 200,000 Is Needed to Live

A survey by the Center for Emancipation Policies and BIRODI found that employees in Serbia estimate that the amount needed to live is significantly higher than the median wage. Among 638 respondents, the median estimated required salary was RSD 200,000. At the same time, the median monthly wage was RSD 95,000, while median household income was RSD 190,000. The Center for Emancipation Policies previously calculated that a salary of RSD 154,740 is needed to cover basic living costs. Interviewees point to the gap between income and the subjective perception of living costs.

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### Insurance Market Records Strong Growth Over the Past Decade

Secretary General of the Association of Serbian Insurers Duško Jovanović said the domestic insurance market had achieved stable growth over the past ten years. Premium per capita increased from around EUR 75 to more than EUR 250. Total premium rose from approximately RSD 60 billion to more than RSD 200 billion. Jovanović highlighted the importance of regulatory support from the



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National Bank of Serbia and growing public awareness of the need for insurance. The future of the sector will be discussed at the tenth "Serbian Insurance Days."

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### **Serbian Seed Varieties Preserved in Gene Banks Worldwide**

Plant genetic resources originating in Serbia are held in scientific collections and seed banks around the world, including the vault on Svalbard, Norway. According to data from the Genesys database cited in the article, 3,934 samples are recorded, with the largest number held in the United States. International collections include old varieties of grains, peas and other plants, as well as domestic plum varieties. Their preservation is important for developing plants that are more resistant to drought, disease and climate change. Agricultural economist Milan Prostran stresses the strategic importance of seed production for Serbia.