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**EXTERNAL TRADE, for December 2022****The overall external trade in the Republic of Serbia for the period January- December 2022 amounted to:**  - **USD 70206.7 million - which was an increase of 17.0% compared to the same period 2021;** - **EUR 66613.4million - which was an increase of 31.1% compared to the same period 2021.** The value of **exports** amounted to **USD 29058.2 million**, which was 12.4% increase when compared to the same period last year, while the value of **imports** amounted to **USD 41148.5 million**, which was 20.4% increase relative to the same period last year.Expressed in **Euros**, the value of **exports** amounted to **EUR 27604.7 million**, which was 26.3% increase, compared to the same period last year. The value of **imports** amounted to **EUR 39008.7 million**, which was 34.8% increase when compared to the same period last year. **The deficit** amounted to **USD 12090.2 million**, which was an **increase of 44.9%** in relation to the same period last year. The deficit expressed in Euros amounted to **11404.0** million, which was an **increase of 61.1%** compared to the same period last year.**The export - import ratio** equalled **70.6%** and was lower if compared to the same period last year when it was 75.6%.Observed by regions, the largest share in export of Serbia was noted in Region Vojvodine (33.6%), followed by Beogradski region (23.3%), Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije (21.0%), Region Južne i Istočne Srbije (19.9%), and approximately 2.1% of total exports is not classified by territories. The greatest share in import of Serbia was noted in Beogradski region (42.0%), followed by Region Vojvodine (33.8%), Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije (12.5%), Region Južne i Istočne Srbije (8.0%), and approximately 3.7% of total imports is not classified by territories. Data on Kosovo and Metohija are not available. Export and import by regions is presented **according to the headquarters of goods owners at the moment of customs declaration delivery**. It means that owners of goods, according to customs law, may be producers, users, exporters or importers of goods. This fact is to be noted while observing the data by regions. For example, imports of oil and gas mostly refer to the region of Vojvodina and Belgrade and the mentioned are the energy commodities for the whole territory of Serbia.Regarding **the structure of exports according to products’ destination** (the principle of prevalence), the most notable were: reproduction products 64.1% (USD 18612.1 million), then consumer goods 25.4% (USD 7379.3 million) and equipment 10.6% (USD 3065.7 million). Unclassified goods according to destination amounted to 0.0% (USD 1.1 million). Regarding **the structure of imports according to products’ destination**, the most notable were**:** reproduction products 59.3% (USD 24419.5 million), then consumer goods 17.6% (USD 7254.9 million) and equipment 12.1% (USD 4967.0 million). Unclassified goods according to destination amounted to 11.0% (USD 4507.1 million). The external trade in the reference period noted the highest level with the counties with which we have signed agreements on free trade. European Union member countries account for 58.7% of total external trade.**The major foreign trade partners were,** separately, as follows:

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| **Exports** | USD million | EUR million | **Imports** | USD million | EUR million |
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| Germany  | 3977.3 | 3785.8 | China  | 4982.4 | 4736.2 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 2166.9 | 2058.8 | Germany  | 4692.4 | 4453.5 |
| Italy  | 2103.2 | 1992.1 | Russian Federation  | 3083.8 | 2930.4 |
| Hungary | 1578.8 | 1501.4 | Italy  | 2727.2 | 2586.4 |
| Romania | 1280.7 | 1213.2 | Hungary  | 2315.4 | 2148.4 |

Our second major partner refers to the ***CEFTA countries***, since our gained surplus in external trade amounted to USD 2479.3 million, resulting mainly from the exports of electricity, cereals and produces thereof, oil and oil derivatives, iron and steel, and beverages. Our exports in the referent period amounted to USD 4613.7 million, while the imports were USD 2134.4 million. The export– import ratio equalled 216.2 %. Expressed in **EUR**, exports amounted to **4386.7** and imports to **2023.3** million (surplus amounted to EUR 2363.4 million and export – import ratio equalled 216.8%). Observed by countries, the largest surplus in the external trade was gained with the surrounding countries – Montenegro (exports of electricity and retail trade medicaments and imported were electricity and lignite), Bosnia and Herzegovina (exports mostly related to gas oils and electricity, and the most imported are coke and semi-coke of hard coal and electricity), and Republic of North Macedonia (exports of electricity and electric conductors; imported were electricity and hot- rolled products of iron and steel). Regarding other countries, surplus was also noted in trade with Croatia, Slovakia, Romania, United Kingdom, Sweden, Czech Republic. The greatest deficit marked the trade with China (due to imports of phones for network stations and laptops), followed by trade with the Russian Federation, Turkey, Iraq, Hungary, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland, Netherlands, Poland, France, Greece, Slovenia, Bulgaria, USA….According to **the divisions of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC**) the first five sections in exports accounted for 31.9% of the overall exports. Imports of the first five sections accounted for 26.1% of total imports. Section of *unclassified goods*, now also involving customs storage goods and goods in free zone, has share of 11.1% in total imports.

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| **Exports** | USD million | EUR million | **Imports** | USD million | EUR million |
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| Electrical machines and apparatus | 3301.5 | 3140.6 | Oil and oil derivatives  | 3156.8 | 3000.0 |
| Metal ores and residues | 2020.6 | 1918.1 | Electrical machines and apparatus | 2492.2 | 2367.1 |
| Power engines and motors  | 1445.3 | 1377.4 | Natural gas | 1823.7 | 1682.9 |
| Iron and steel | 1284.0 | 1212.5 | Electricity  | 1673.1 | 1574.4 |
| Fruit and vegetables  | 1220.2 | 1160.1 | Medical and pharmaceutical products | 1595.5 | 1517.1 |
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In **December** 2022, value of exported goods amounted to **USD 2436.8 million**, being the increase of 6.4% relative to the same month last year. Value of imports was **USD 3540.7 million**, presenting the increase of 4.4% compared to the same month 2021. Expressed in EUR, value of exported goods was **2307.0 million**, being the increase of 13.8% compared with the same month last year. Import amounted to **EUR 3348.5 million**, presenting the increase of 11.6% relative to the same month last year. The seasonally adjusted index December 2022/ November 2022 shows that exports increase by 1.7% and imports increase by 6.4%, calculated/ expressed in USD. Seasonally adjusted index December 2022/ November 2022, expressed in EUR, shows that exports increase by 0.4% and imports increase by 2.9 %. According to the Nomenclature of the External Trade Statistics (NETS), **December** list is as follows: On the list of the first 5 products in **exports**, the first item refers to *copper ore and concentrates* (USD 146 million), followed by *ignition wiring sets’ for vehicles, aircrafts and ships* (USD 112 million); *electricity,* with USD 110 million was on the third place, followed by *new tyres for passengers’ cars* (USD 43 million). *Retail sale washing and cleaning preparations* were the last items on the list, with the value of USD 40 million. **December** list of the first 5 **imported** products shows that *crude oil* with the value of USD 209 million is the first imported product, followed by *natural gas* (USD 181 million), *electricity* (USD 100 million), *retail trade medicaments* (USD 83 million); The last item on the list related to import of *urea, whether or not in aqueous solution* (USD 42 million). **Important: The data for 2021 and 2022 have been revised due to the changed coverage of electricity.**[[Exports and imports by classification of activities (production principle)](https://www.stat.gov.rs/media/358554/kd_2022_po-mesecima.xlsx)](https://www.stat.gov.rs/media/358554/kd_2022_po-mesecima.xlsx) [[Exports and imports by sections and divisions of SITC, rev. 4](https://www.stat.gov.rs/media/358555/smtk_2022_po-mesecima.xlsx)](https://www.stat.gov.rs/media/358555/smtk_2022_po-mesecima.xlsx)Starting from 1999 the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has not at disposal and may not provide available certain data relative to AP Kosovo and Metohija, and therefore these data are not included in the coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total).

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