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# REGIONAL COOPERATION IN WESTERN BALKANS – A JOINT APPROACH TO SPACE SECTOR?

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- UNISpace +50
- Platform for all countries
- Emerging countries (example of Serbia and Western Balkans)
- Socio-economic issues with developing countries
- Regional and international cooperation





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## SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTS ON SERBIA

- 1990-1995 Yugoslav wars
- 1999 NATO bombing of Serbia
- 2000 – democratic changes and beginning of transition
- 2017 – average monthly salary (48.212 RSD = 405EUR)  
– unemployment rate (11.8%)\*
- 2017 – EU Candidate

\* <http://www.tradingeconomics.com/serbia/wages>

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## REASONS AND JUSTIFICATION

- 21st Century is a Century of knowledge
- Significant number of highly educated people in Space sector in Serbia
- International cooperation and involvement in Space community
- Active participation in creation of Space policy





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## PRACTICAL SPACE APPLICATIONS

- Serbian floods in 2014
- Agricultural use
- Current migrant crisis
- Human (urban) settlements
- Disaster management

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## REGIONAL COOPERATION IN WESTERN BALKANS

- Specific history
- Similar position and socio-economic status
- Insufficient capacity to stand alone
- A joint goal and approach

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# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN EMERGING COUNTRIES

- Joint approach as a representative point for all developing countries
- Roof organization
- Equal and possible involvement of all world countries
- A sustainable solution



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