

The Prime Minister of Serbia, Ana Brnabić, stated that she was happy with the successful balance at the end of 2021, after the President of the state, Aleksandar Vučić, announced that Serbia ended the year with 3.9 billion euros of foreign investments.

“Such data are gratifying, and 3.9 billion euros of foreign investments mean new jobs for young people,” Brnabic said.

She added that during 2020, German and Japanese investors came to Serbia the most.

“Our economy has remained at the same level as before the pandemic, as in 2019, so we had a really phenomenal year, despite the fact that it is the second year of the global contagion. That is 1.2 percent more investments compared to 2019,” said the Prime Minister of Serbia.

She emphasized that, despite the pandemic, Serbia is setting new records.

“Average salaries in December 2021 will exceed 600 euros. I will remind you, numerous factories have been opened in Zrenjanin, Indjija, Bačka Topola, Belgrade, Aleksinac, Subotica. When you look at 2021, with the opening of these factories, that is a total of 12,490 new jobs. If it weren't for the pandemic, this would be a record year for us,” Brnabic added.

She also emphasized that Serbia is moving in the direction of domestic investments.

“When you look at the state's funds for incentives, for job creation, we give much more to domestic than to foreign investors, with the goal of achieving productivity, so that our salaries grow quickly,” the Prime Minister emphasized.

According to her, the state's economy is reflected in how strong domestic investors are.

“The stronger they are, the stronger our economy is. We really have stronger domestic investors who have made money with their knowledge. By building infrastructure, they are expanding further. Now we are buying something from the country that we imported earlier and that is great,” she explained.

Brnabic said that the majority of the public is not aware of how many products are made in Serbia.

“A lot of things are produced in Serbia, and we would never say, the general public does not know about it. We have very good domestic investors, now we are looking at how to help them further. If I'm not mistaken, in 2015 or 2016, the then government adopted a new Investment Law, which equated domestic and foreign investors. Until then, foreign investors had preferential treatment,” she added, Biznis reports.