Welcome to this session on SAP country version Serbia.

This lesson will give you an overview of country specifics in the financials area, how SAP manages legal changes for rollout, and documentation paths in the SAP system.
After completing this session, you will be able to:

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- Outline Serbian localization features in SAP ERP (country version Serbia)
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This session will give you some insight on requirements in Serbia that need to be addressed by any ERP software provider in Serbia, enabling businesses to be compliant with Serbian legislation.

I will briefly discuss the features offered in country version Serbia in the area of financials.

I will also touch upon the support system for companies implementing SAP ERP, and discuss some recommendations for those who are planning their first steps with country version Serbia.
Country Version Serbia

Quick Facts

Let’s start with some quick facts about country version Serbia.
Country Version Serbia
Quick Facts

Key Strengths
- Established add-on version since SAP R/3 Enterprise and a trusted name among SAP customers
- Provides legal compliance for business transactions
- Development and support in Serbian language for Serbia
- Standard and simplified rollout strategy for legal changes
- Large customer base including global giants

Challenges
- Finance/logistics (VAT, payments)
- Legal changes:  
  - Come unplanned
  - Applicable on short notice

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- It provides legal compliance features at various business transactions, enabling businesses to run better. Development and support for these features is provided by, one of the most experienced research and development teams in the SAP Labs global network: the highly skilled team located at Brno.
- Country version Serbia is now operational at most of the top corporations in the Serbia, including global business giants who have establishments in the Serbia.

Challenges:
- There is one localization area:
  - The FI/LO area mainly covers legally required reports in the VAT area and provides the payment formats for automated domestic or foreign payment transactions. The legal changes are often unplanned and have to be released on short notice.
Now let’s look at Serbian requirements. We will delve deeper into the Serbian legislation complexity and language requirements.
There are three major criteria which determine the complexity of a country version. These are:

- Law complexity
- Law frequency
- Official languages (countries with one or more official languages)

Regarding the law complexity of the Serbian country version:

- Serbian finance and logistics is highly complex. This is mainly due to country-specific revaluation topics in the asset area and special depreciation rules.
The second criterion relates to the law frequency in Serbia.

- The law frequency in the financials area is medium, which means legal change announcements are well-distributed over the year.
The third criterion relates to a country’s official languages. In the Serbia, Serbian is the only official language in finance and logistics.

In the Serbian country version, SAP supports the Latin alphabet for the user interface translation in the finance and logistics area.
Next, let’s take a look at the financials part of country version Serbia.
In the area of finance, the tax area is the heart of the Serbian country version.

Automatic transfer posting of tax payable is provided, and filling out the tax return forms is provided as well.

In addition, a set of four VAT books have to be created by the user for tax purposes: One book of down payments made, one book of outgoing invoices, one book of down payments received, and one book for incoming invoices.

| TAX AREA                     | Standard VAT report creates the advance return for tax on sales/purchases. It creates transfer posting of tax payable and also fills out the tax return, if required. | Four special VAT reports are needed:  
  |                             | • Book of down payments made  
  |                             | • Book of outgoing invoices  
  |                             | • Book of down payments received  
  |                             | • Book of incoming invoices |
In the asset area, there are two legal requirements according to Serbian legislation.

Serbian-specific regulations determine the tax depreciation settlement for tax purposes, as well as the relation of tax depreciation to accounting depreciation and deferred tax assets (liabilities).

In Serbia, a revaluation of assets has to be performed on whole sets of asset classes. During asset revaluation, the total revaluation amount is distributed over different general ledger accounts, depending on the positive and negative revaluation results posted in the previous and current years.
The Serbian country version supports payment formats in the outgoing payment area, as well as bank statement formats. In Serbia, payment formats of type Halcom and Pexim are supported in the outgoing domestic and foreign payment areas. For Halcom and Pexim, two different format files and paper forms are used for domestic and foreign payments. The forms are used by all Slovenian banks for domestic payments and foreign payments. Bank statements can be automatically imported and processed by specific bank statement formats.
Another important area of the Serbian country version is the reporting part.

The Serbian general ledger reports provide a list of all posted documents. One report lets you see the opening and closing balance. The other one displays all posted general ledger items with the opening and closing balances.

Serbian customs authorities require a customs declaration report of export and import invoices. The report displays all posted Logistics Invoice Verification documents related to an individual customs declaration and includes all related costs, which are posted as planned freight.

The Control Book allows the user to get an overview of all invoices and payments related to contracts or sub-contracts. The contract status—completed or not completed—is also reflected in the report. For every contract, the report consists of two parts: The first part includes general data related to the contract, and the second part includes a list of invoices with amounts to be paid and already paid.
Additional Highlights

Support and Rollouts
Customer Collaboration
Recommendations

- So that was a brief overview of the functionalities of country version Serbia.
- Now lets look at some significant aspects of the country version Serbia.
For more information on topics discussed in this lesson, see the following references:

- Serbia FAQ and Guidance Notes (Appendix)
- Full support on legal changes throughout the year delivered through SAP Notes
- Special rollout procedure for legal changes: Legal change cycles
- Serbia financials localization: Serbia - localization documentation
- service.sap.com/GKB

Country version Serbia support and rollout:

- You can refer to a good number of informative SAP Notes, including some installation guidance notes. Please refer to the Serbia Guidance Notes (Appendix).
- Unplanned legal changes during the year are rolled out smoothly via SAP Solution Notes, which can be applied directly to customer systems.
- Additionally, legal changes are supported by special rollout procedures, for example, country legal change (CLC).
- SAP Service Marketplace also hosts a dedicated Serbia page that customers can access directly. It contains the latest updates to country version Serbia.
- Customers can also access the documentation for country version Serbia, accessible at the link shown here.
Next, let's have a quick look at the legal change rollout process.
Legal Changes

- SAP may continuously provide legal changes to its country versions to help customers comply with changing laws in their countries.

- SAP provides Support Packages to help customers implement legal changes. Support Packages are released every month and provide customers with the latest legal requirements and corrections. They include all updates for international functions and country versions.
You can find information on planned legal changes to existing laws affecting SAP ERP Financials and SAP ERP Operations in the Legal Change report.

The Legal Change report includes all current legal changes. The legal change files include the following information:

- Short description of the planned legal change
- Link to the corresponding SAP announcement note, where you can find detailed information about the calendar week and year in which planned legal changes are assumed to be provided
- Whether the legal change is already available
Finally, here are some recommendations for those new to country version Serbia:

- First, as you may agree, country version Serbia is not a “do it yourself” system. Because of the level of complexity, we recommend you have experts on board right from the beginning.
- Expert knowledge is required so as to avoid surprises, as many global customers have realized.
- We strongly recommend that you upgrade to the most recent Support Pack level for country version Serbia to get any relevant legal changes in the future.
- User training is a critical part of a successful country version Serbia implementation.
Lesson Summary

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Thank You!

Thank you for attending this ebook lesson
Country Version Serbia: Notes
Appendix

**Installation Queries**
- Add-on installation queries: SAP Note 520991
- Country template Serbia: SAP Note 1585749
- Country version upgrade and objects: SAP Note 962774

**Notes on Assets and Reports**
- Serbian tax depreciation: SAP Note 1180277, change in 2010: 1573215
- Serbian revaluation of fixed assets: SAP Note 1160281
- Electronic book reports update (output files: VAT + prime ledger): SAP Note 1619801

**Notes on Payment**
- Serbia – Domestic payment format Pexim: SAP Note 1499556
- Foreign Serbian payment format Halcom: SAP Note 1622595