# CREDIBILITY OF SERBIAN BANKING SECTOR FROM THE ASPECT OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS

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**Abstract**: Economic science recognizes direct investments foreign (FDIs)considered as source of economic growth and development as well as a factor of increasing GDP, increasing employment rate and factor of creation confidence in institutions of certain country. Credibility of the country leads to their increased engagement into international flows and competitiveness level. Majority of transition economies, such as Serbia, were focused on FDIs attraction, whilst banking sector was marked as one to the most propulsive targets for entrance. Removing of entrance barriers on Serbian banking market as well as conducted several regulatory changes in accordance with European Union legislative were critical milestones in the process of attracting FDIs in Serbian banking sector, which currently operates under aboveaverage performance in comparison with neighboring countries. This paper analyzes the structure of FDIs in Serbian banking sector, by granulation on greenfield and brownfield investments and pinpoint on major movements and perspectives development.

**Key words:** foreign direct investments, greenfield, brownfield, Serbian banking sector, transition economies.

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