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Preserving Macroeconomic Stability in Serbia: Past Legacies, Present Dilemmas and Future Challenges

Serbia accumulated sizeable macroeconomic imbalances during the boom years 2004 to 2008, which made the country vulnerable to external shocks in the context of the global crisis and rendered the process of crisis management more complex. As these vulnerabilities materialized, Serbia had to take recourse to IFI support, which helped to stabilize the macroeconomic conditions. However, some macroeconomic risks prevail, mainly in terms of fiscal and external sustainability. At the same time, financial stability concerns are mitigated by the banking system's high shock-absorption capacities, the strategically-oriented presence of foreign banks and vigilant central bank action. Looking forward, a main challenge will be to avoid a renewed rise in financial and external vulnerabilities. This calls for a prudent economic policy mix and increased efforts toward structural reform.

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