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## INTRODUCTION

### Assessment of the Trends of Poverty and Living Standard and the Response to the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic

Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia



According to the early data of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, like in the previous years, there was no increase in the absolute poverty rate in 2019. The absolute poverty rate stood at 7% in 2019, which means that around 480 thousand people were unable to satisfy basic needs. No statistically significant changes were registered in terms of either an increase or a decline in the absolute poverty rate in relation to previous years.

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## SIPRU ACTIVITIES



[International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)

[Social Benefit Calculator for Estimating the Amount of Financial Social Assistance and Child Allowance](#)

[New Section on SIPRU Website: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Transition Guide for Transgender People in Serbia Presented](#)

[Mapping Social Care Services and Material Support within the Mandate of Local Self-Governments in the Republic of Serbia Presented](#)

[Serbia Without Barriers – Panel Discussion Was Held on Positive Examples of Accessibility in our Society](#)

[City Municipality of Vračar Receives the 2019 Award for the Contribution to the Development of All Forms of Accessibility](#)

[The Report on Referencing the National Qualifications Framework of Serbia to the European Qualifications Framework](#)

[Meet the Normals!](#)

## BLOG ON SOCIAL INCLUSION

### The Barriers that Sabotage Life: Stand Up FOR ACCESS

Iva Eraković



If you have ever sprained your ankle, broken your leg or arm or had your eyes dilated – you know how inaccessible a place the world can be. Raised kerbs, lifts, counter shields, stairways, blurred perspective... Anything can turn into a challenge that requires huge effort, or simply becomes an unsurmountable barrier. While these difficulties in everyday functioning are only temporary for the majority of people, for some they are life-long experience, present in every day of their existence.

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## SUCCESS STORY

### Accessing Information Without Barriers

*Information & Communication Accessibility as the Key to Social Inclusion*



When deliberating on the inclusive society of the 21st century, some of the key issues to consider are accessibility and representation. Information accessibility is the reflection of the differences that exist among individuals and irrevocably influence the life experience of individuals and entire communities. When information accessibility is considered in the context of information & communication technologies (ICT), it becomes clear that the differences existing in the analogue sphere also affect the life experience of excluded people in the digital sphere, to an equal extent.

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