

Country Historic Profile: YUGOSLAVIA

World Bank Group Archives
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Basic Historical Information

Membership days for each affiliate

Information is taken from the World Bank Group Archivists' Chronology, accessible [here](#).

- IBRD: December 27, 1945 (withdrawn February 25, 1993)
- IDA: October 26, 1960 (withdrawn February 25, 1993)
- IFC: July 5, 1968 (withdrawn February 25, 1993)
- MIGA: February 4, 1992 (withdrawn March 19, 1993)
- ICSID: April 20, 1967 (withdrawn August 2000)

First loan(s)

Information is taken from the [Projects & Operations website](#).

- October 17, 1949: [Agriculture Timber Equipment Project](#)

Resident Mission establishment

Information is taken from internal World Bank Group Archives resource.

- July 29, 1949

Photo resources related to country

Hyperlink links to photos in the World Bank Group Archives' [Photo Catalog](#) for a given country. Digitization and description of archival photos are ongoing, and photos are added to the catalog regularly. In instances where the catalog contains no photos for a given country, check back frequently for additions, or contact the Archives for consultation by emailing archives@worldbank.org.

- [Historical photos related to Yugoslavia](#)

Project profiles related to country

Link is to a list in the [Projects & Operations website](#) of all projects approved, dropped, or in the pipeline for a given country. Each project links to a project profile that includes description, financial details, and lists of reports, archival record folders, and photos, when available. This can be helpful to study the evolution of the Bank's work in the country over time, and to identify notable projects that represent important shifts or moments in the country's history. Projects are also excellent examples of case studies of how the Bank made an impact in a particular sector. The WBG Archives have original records and other information related to these projects. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

- [Yugoslavia project profiles in Projects & Operations](#)

Description of operational records in Archives Holdings

Archival records relating to Bank operations are described according to the ISAD(g) standard and are accessible in our [Archives Holdings catalog](#). Descriptions include lengthy organizational histories of the regional vice presidency responsible for operations in that region and a description of records created and transferred to the Archives by that vice presidency. The descriptions in the catalog can be helpful to understand the organizational context of Bank work, and to understand more about the content of the records in the Archives.

- [Records of the Europe and Central Asia Regional Vice Presidency](#)

Chronology events

Events have been selected from the Archivists' Chronology, an 800+ page resource compiled by Bank Group archivists over the course of the institution's history. Events chosen include important firsts, milestones and other events that evidence the country's development history and/or its relationship with the World Bank Group. The Archivists' Chronology is accessible on [this page](#). This list of events can be helpful to determine if you'd like to dig deeper into any moments in the country's history of engagement with the Bank. The WBG Archives may have original records and other information about these events. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

Bretton Woods Conference; Representatives of Yugoslavia Attend

July 1-22, 1944

IBRD Articles of Agreement Signed by Yugoslavia

December 27, 1945

Loan Application from Yugoslavia Announced

January 7, 1948

Bank Mission to Yugoslavia Announced

July 29, 1949

Bank Announces Approval of Loans to Yugoslavia for Timber-Producing Equipment

October 17, 1949

Yugoslavia Approves Use of Its 18 Percent Paid-In Currency

August 30, 1950

First Repayment of Loans by Yugoslavia

September 30, 1951

IDA Articles of Agreement Signed by Yugoslavia

October 26, 1960

Yugoslavia Joins ICSID

April 20, 1967

IFC Articles of Agreement Signed by Yugoslavia

July 5, 1968

First Tourism Project Loans Announced, in Yugoslavia

June 21, 1971

President Conable Travels to Yugoslavia

September 1, 1990

MIGA Articles of Agreement Signed by Yugoslavia

February 4, 1992

Yugoslavia Ceases Membership in IBRD and IFC; IBRD, IFC and IDA Articles of Agreement Signed by Bosnia and Herzegovina

February 25, 1993

Yugoslavia Ceases to Be a Member of MIGA

March 19, 1993

World Bank Group Timeline Events

Events are selected from the [World Bank Group Timeline](#). The Timeline is an online platform created by the Archives designed to highlight the important events in the Bank Group's history and to illuminate those events through a variety of archival records, photos, video and audio clips, oral history transcripts, reports, and more.

[Eleven European Countries Sign IBRD Articles of Agreement](#)

December 27, 1945

[UN Proposes New International Organization to Offer Low-Interest Loans](#)

April 12, 1949

[First World Bank Funding to Yugoslavia Approved](#)

October 17, 1949

[Finland and Yugoslavia Make First Repayments of Loans](#)

September 30, 1951

[Yugoslavia – The Economy Released](#)

October 1, 1951

[Funding for General Loan to Yugoslavia Approved](#)

October 11, 1951

Early Country Economic Reports

Reports have been selected from the [Documents & Reports website](#), a database of publicly available World Bank Group authored reports and publications dating to the opening of the Bank in 1946. Country economic reports that are selected here are, in many cases, some of the earliest economic studies ever published on Bank member countries. Reports discussing the whole economy of a country, rather than individual sectors, are prioritized in this list.

Report on the economy and creditworthiness of Yugoslavia	October 1, 1951
Yugoslavia - Current economic developments and creditworthiness	January 30, 1953
Yugoslavia - The economy (Vol. 2): External public debt	May 1, 1958
Yugoslavia - The economy (Vol. 3): Statistical tables	May 1, 1958
Yugoslavia - The economy: Main report	May 1, 1958
Yugoslavia - The economy (Vol. 2): Statistical tables on Yugoslavia	January 19, 1961
Yugoslavia - The economy (Vol. 3): Agriculture in Yugoslavia	January 19, 1961
Yugoslavia - The economy (Vol. 4): Transport in Yugoslavia	January 19, 1961
Yugoslavia - The economy (Vol. 5): The electric power industry	January 19, 1961
Yugoslavia - The economy: Main report	January 19, 1961
Yugoslavia - Current economic position and prospects	July 31, 1962
Yugoslavia - Current economic position and prospects	June 30, 1963
Yugoslavia - Current economic position and prospects (Vol. 2): Annexes 1 & 2: Agricultural situation and prospects, and industry	September 8, 1966
Yugoslavia - Current economic position and prospects: Main report	September 8, 1966
Yugoslavia - Current economic position and prospects (Vol. 3): Memorandum on the economic situation	May 23, 1967
Yugoslavia - Current economic position and prospects	July 31, 1968
Yugoslavia - Current economic position and prospects	February 28, 1970
Yugoslavia - Current economic position and prospects	May 31, 1971
Yugoslavia - Current economic position and prospects (Vol. 2): Appendices	May 26, 1972
Yugoslavia - Current economic position and prospects: Main Report	May 26, 1972
Yugoslavia - Economic development (Vol. 2): Volume 2	November 26, 1973
Yugoslavia - Economic development (Vol. 3): Volume 3	November 26, 1973

Yugoslavia - Economic development (Vol. 4): Volume 4	November 26, 1973
Yugoslavia - Economic development (Vol. 5): Volume 5	November 26, 1973
Yugoslavia - Economic development (Vol. 6): Volume 6	November 26, 1973
Yugoslavia - Economic development: Volume 1	November 26, 1973
Yugoslavia - Economic memorandum	May 31, 1975
Yugoslavia - Economic memorandum	September 30, 1976
Yugoslavia - Self management socialism and the challenges of development (Vol. 2): Self-management socialism: contours of the system	March 21, 1978
Yugoslavia - Self management socialism and the challenges of development (Vol. 3): Development issues	March 21, 1978
Yugoslavia - Self management socialism and the challenges of development (Vol. 4): Development issues (continued)	March 21, 1978
Yugoslavia - Self management socialism and the challenges of development (Vol. 5): Appendices I-VII	March 21, 1978
Yugoslavia - Self management socialism and the challenges of development (Vol. 6): Appendix VIII	March 21, 1978
Yugoslavia - Self management socialism and the challenges of development: An economic system in evolution	March 21, 1978
Yugoslavia - Recent economic developments	November 30, 1979

Country Assistance Strategies

The list is based on a similar list compiled by the World Bank's Secretary's staff. Introduced in 1990 and replaced by the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) in 2014, the CAS is an overview of each borrowing country's current economic situation and contains a discussion of its development challenges, prospects, and project-planning. CASs were often initially published as part of project documents but later on were published as standalone documents.

None.

Staff Newsletters

Resources have been selected from the World Bank Group's [Documents & Reports website](#). The World Bank has produced a staff newsletter since 1947. The publication changed its name twice: from International Bank Notes to Bank Notes in 1971 and then to Bank's World in 1982. The newsletter moved online in 2000 and physical publication ceased. In addition to offering news relating to Bank operations and country development, the newsletters were intended to foster a sense of community among staff by highlighting social events, marriages and births, the arrival of new staff, recreational

events, favorite cooking recipes submitted by staff, and features on different aspects of staff's home country and culture.

International Bank Notes -- Vol. 3, Iss. 21	November 1, 1949	"Bank Grants Loans to Finland and Yugoslavia"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 6, Iss. 5	May 1, 1952	"Yugoslavia"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 16, Iss. 2	February 1, 1962	"The bridge on the Drina"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 20, Iss. 5	May 1, 1966	"Yugoslavia and the World Bank"
Bank Notes -- Vol. 1, Iss. 1	September 15, 1971	"They Call It "Work" In Tourism Projects"
Bank's World -- Vol. 3, Iss. 2	February 1, 1984	"Bank Loan Helped Reduce Air, Water Pollution - Sarajevo's Fitting Environment for the Olympic Games"
Bank's World -- Vol. 6, Iss. 10	October 1, 1987	"Protecting history in Bank's work - Something old, something new"

Oral histories

Oral histories are selected from the World Bank Group Archives' [Oral History website](#). The site contains transcripts of oral history interviews with departed staff and, in lesser number, Executive Directors and other individuals affiliated with or impacted by the World Bank Group. Interviews were conducted as part of an ongoing effort by the Archives to collect the personal stories and reflections of Bank Group staff. A portion of the interviews was conducted as research for publications. Each transcript provides a valuable first-person account of Bank activities and decision-making from the very beginning of its operations.

Martin Rosen	July 12, 1961
Lester Nurick	November 10, December 5, 2003; February 20, April 7, 2004; February 22, 2005
Dragoslav Avramovic	September 9, 1996

Online exhibits

Online exhibits are authored by the World Bank Group staff and are accessible on both the Archives' [external site](#) and as a [series of older exhibits](#) in the Documents & Reports website. Exhibits focus on notable personalities and accomplishments in the Bank Group's history.

Title: [Early Mission Trip to Yugoslavia](#)

Originally published: July 2003

Executive Directors

The list is based on the World Bank Group [Board of Directors website](#). The country following the name of each ED indicates their nationality.

BARANSKI, Leon, (Poland)	May 7, 1946	October 31, 1948
BARANSKI, Leon, (Poland)	November 1, 1948	June 22, 1950
SELEK, Cabir (Turkey)	December 6, 1950	October 31, 1952
ZAHN, Johannes C. D. (Germany)	November 7, 1952	June 30, 1954
DONNER, Otto, (Germany)	September 7, 1954	April 30, 1968
CRENA DE IONGH, Daniel (Netherlands)	November 1, 1954	September 30, 1955
LIEFTINCK, Pieter (Netherlands)	October 1, 1955	October 31, 1962
LIEFTINCK, Pieter (Netherlands)	November 1, 1962	March 31, 1971
RINNOOY KAN, Alfred (Netherlands)	April 5, 1971	October 31, 1974
WITTE, Peter C. (Netherlands)	November 1, 1974	October 31, 1976
LOOIJEN, A.I.J.A., (Netherlands)	December 27, 1976	October 31, 1982
VAN DAM, Ferdinand (Netherlands)	November 1, 1982	October 31, 1986
ARLMAN, Paul (Netherlands)	November 1, 1986	September 27, 1990
HERFKENS, Eveline (Netherlands)	November 1, 1990	October 31, 1992

For More Information

If you would like information or guidance on accessing more historic sources, we invite you to contact us by emailing archives@worldbank.org.