

BELGRADE - Minenco congratulates Marija Petrović and Branko Kostić, students at the Faculty of Mining and Geology in Belgrade, for their award of this year's Minenco-funded scholarships from *the Euro for Knowledge* Foundation.

As one of the largest mining investors in Serbia and the region, Minenco has for the past six years been donating funds for two non-refundable scholarships with a sum of 100,000 dinars to the best students of the Faculty of Mining and Geology.

The winners of this year's *Euro for Knowledge* scholarships, donated by Minenco, are Marija Petrović from Velereč near Gornji Milanovac, with an average grade of 9.10 and Branko Kostić from Belgrade, with an average grade of 8.90, both fourth-year students at the Faculty of Mining and Geology in Belgrade, studying deposit exploration in the economic geology module.

Marija Petrović thanked the Euro for Knowledge Foundation and Minenco for the scholarship.

"Besides the financial support, this scholarship also means to me a confirmation that the work I have been putting in is not in vain. My thanks to Minenco for appreciating science and investing in young people", said Marija and pointed out that it means a lot to her that she will have the opportunity to learn in practice how an important mining company operates in Serbia.

Her colleague Branko Kostić said that the scholarship he received would help him continue his studies just as successfully or even more successfully than before.

"I chose economic geology as a challenge, and this scholarship, donated by a mining company, confirms I was not wrong. Thanks to Minenco who decided to help in this way I hope that I will be able to reciprocate with my knowledge when I finish my studies", added Branko Kostić.

This year, the *Euro for Knowledge* Foundation decided to award a total of six student scholarships of 100,000 dinars each in the school year 2021/22. This Foundation was established in 2010 to invest in knowledge, primarily in the education of young people. Minenco donated funds to this Foundation for the sixth time, and since the selection of scholarship winners was again successful this year, it intends to continue its support in future.

ABOUT THE MINECO GROUP

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