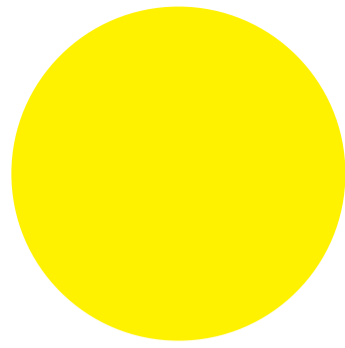


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### ICT serving as catalyst in Iran-Serbia ties



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Iran and Serbia possess unique strengths that contribute to harness the potential of Information and Communication Technology and become global digital leaders. Tehran and Belgrade have the potential to foster ICT initiatives that can propel their collective aspirations.

The Information and Communication Technology is not only a technological advantage rather a catalyst for economic growth, social transformation and international cooperation. As countries increasingly invest in ICT infrastructure, including Artificial Intelligence, digital platforms, and optical fiber, they lay the cornerstone for innovation-driven economies that shape their future and that of the world.

Iran and Serbia are ready to sign the bilateral cooperation agreement in the field of Information and Communication Technology, which focuses on joint projects in telecommunications, launching cloud infrastructure, AI, exchange of modern knowledge and transfer of technology.

Despite facing economic sanctions, Iran has developed a resilient fintech ecosystem that continues to thrive and innovate. Moreover, our country's academic and research capabilities have propelled us to the forefront of AI advancements. We regard this as an opportunity for Serbia.

Serbia can mutually serve as Iran's gateway to the ICT market of the Balkans. My visit to Belgrade is aimed at facilitating presence of Iranian companies in southeastern Europe and to attract investment in startup companies, cyber security, and communication infrastructure.

Relying on Iran's technology diplomacy, we favor a bilateral framework that taps collective strengths of Iran and Serbia, conjoining the skilled human capital and ICT infrastructures of the two countries with their investment capabilities.

We trust in a future where co-operation of Iran and Serbia will lead them to emerge as leading forces in AI and ICT development, address shared challenges and propel us toward a prosperous future.

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Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi (L) and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov walk together after their meeting to give a joint press conference at the Foreign Ministry headquarters in Tehran on February 25, 2025.  
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