



Kragujevac

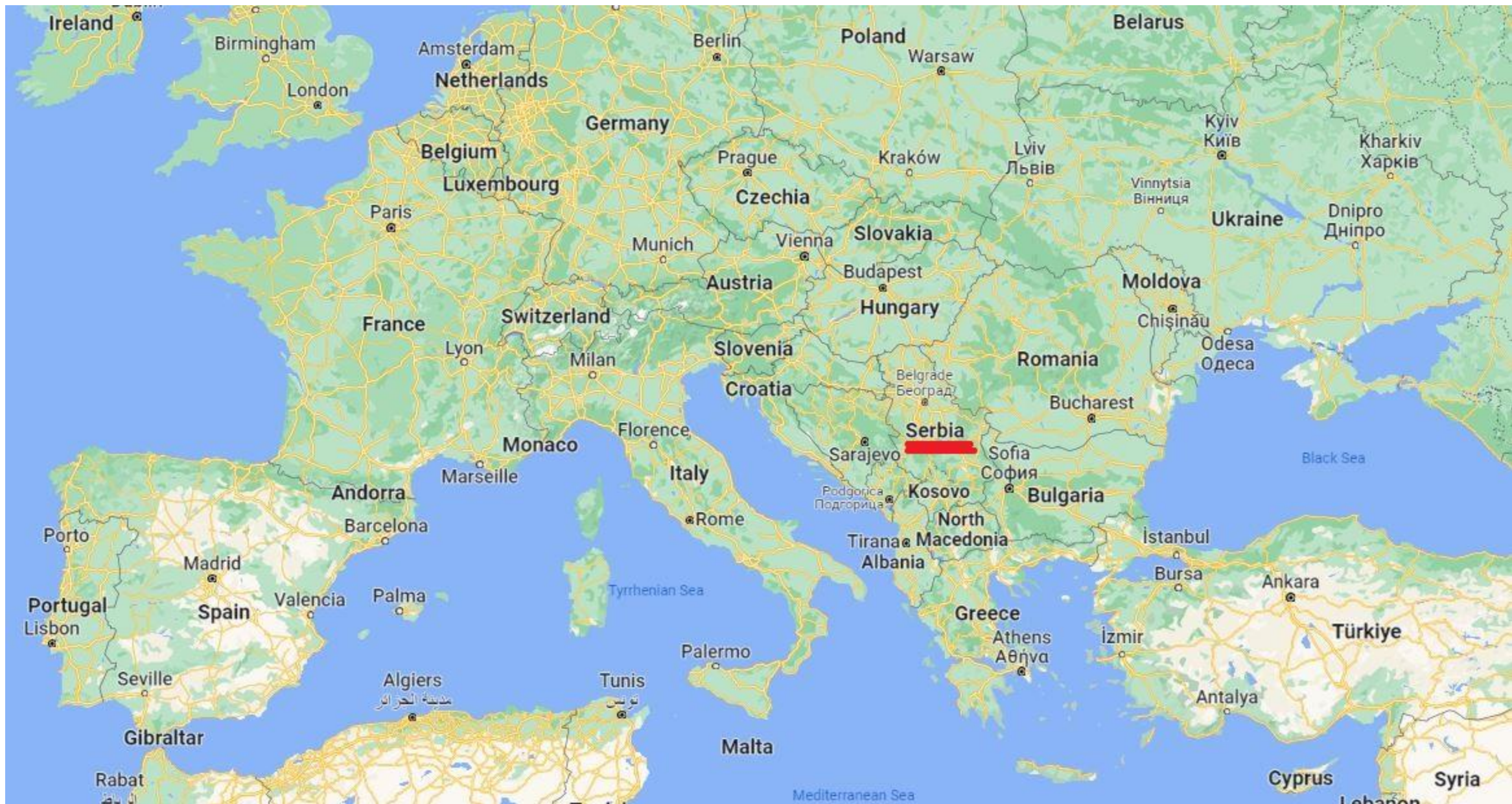
A Milwaukee Sister City



Serbia's Heartland

- Similar to Milwaukee, Kragujevac is located in the center of its homeland, Serbia.
- Located 100 km south of Belgrade on the banks of the Lepenica river, Kragujevac is known for its many vineyards.
- Kragujevac is a city of breathtaking natural beauty and rich history.







Geography and Demographics

- According to the 2022 census, Kragujevac has 171,186 inhabitants. It is Serbia's fourth largest city.
- The city covers an area of 322 square miles and is surrounded by the slopes of the Rudnik, Crni Vrh, and Gledić mountains.
- Kragujevac is the traditional center of Šumadija, a region characterized by its rolling hills and fertile orchards.

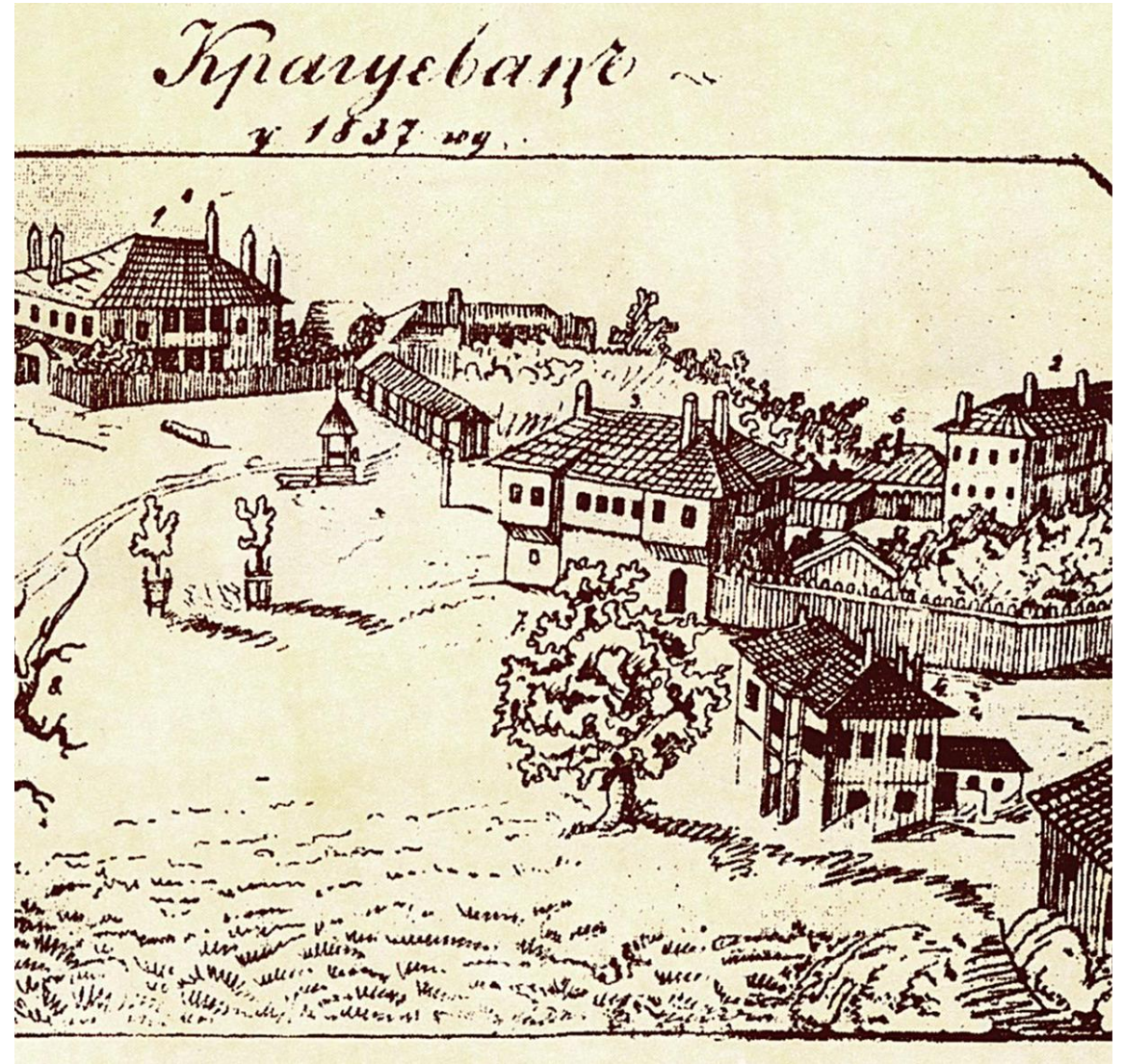
Kragujevac is a city of the future.





History

- First human settlements in the area date back 40,000 years.
- Romans and Illyrians lived here until the arrival of the Slavs.
- Ruled by the Ottoman Empire for almost 500 years.
- Declared the capital of Serbia May 6, 1818, by Prince Milos Obrenovic.
- Adopted the first constitution in the Balkans back in 1838.
- Resisted the Nazi Occupation during World War II.





Operation Halyard, the Great Escape





Sumarice Memorial Park



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Trade and Industry

- Industry came to Kragujevac in the 1840s.
- Kragujevac has been an important industrial and trading center of Serbia for more than two centuries, known for its automotive, firearms and data industries.
- Known as an important part of Europe's automobile industry and home of Fiat Automobili Srbija.
- As of September 2017, Kragujevac contains one of 14 free economic zones established in Serbia.



Worker assembling a car at the Fiat factory.

International Companies in Kragujevac







Education

- There are 22 primary and 8 secondary schools in Kragujevac.
- The University of Kragujevac opened its doors to students in 1976, and it's the fourth largest university in Serbia.
- Around 18,000 students are currently enrolled at the university. And about 1,200 teaching and research staff work for the university.
- The university offers international exchanges.
- Participates in the Erasmus Mundus Programs.







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Cultural Exchange

- Milwaukee's large Serbian population has a cultural and religious connection to Kragujevac.
- St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral established in Milwaukee in 1912.
- Folk dancing (KUD Sumadija)
- Many museums and libraries
- Nine international festivals







