

Official name:	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
Governmental system:	Federal republic
Head of State:	Vladimir Putin
Prime Minister:	Dmitry Medvedev
Minister of Foreign Affairs:	Sergey Lavrov
Date of establishing diplomatic relations:	1838

have maintained diplomatic relations since 1838. Modern

Political relations:

Visits

In May 2013, President of R. Serbia Tomislav Nikolic paid a working visit to the Russian Federation (Sochi), heading the delegation whose members were also First Deputy Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic, Foreign Minister Ivan Mrkic and Minister of Natural Resources, Mining and Spatial Planning Milan Bacevic.

On that occasion, President of R. Serbia Tomislav Nikolic and President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin signed the Declaration on Strategic Partnership between R. Serbia and the Russian Federation.

President of R. Serbia Tomislav Nikolic decorated President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin with the Order of the Republic of Serbia with a long chain for exceptional merit in developing and consolidating peaceful cooperation and friendly relations between Serbia and Russia.

In 2012, President of R. Serbia Tomislav Nikolic and President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin met on two occasions, in May in Moscow and in September in Sochi.

In 2012/2013 Prime Minister of R. Serbia Ivica Dacic and First Deputy Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic visited the Russian Federation on many occasions.

Economic relations:

The value of trade in 2012 amounted to EUR 2,283.2 million (exports amounting to EUR 675.8 million and imports to EUR 1,607.4 million).

Serbia and the Russian Federation have a signed Free Trade Agreement between them.

Particular importance in economic cooperation has been attached to the construction of the South Stream gas pipeline; launch of the works on the part of the gas pipeline in R. Serbia is

expected by the end of 2013.

Intensive credit-financing cooperation has been achieved; The Russian Federation has approved to R. Serbia a loan as support to the budget amounting to USD 200 million, a loan for upgrade of the railway infrastructure worth USD 800 million and a loan for budget support of USD 500 million.

Bilateral agreements