

# Application of Risk Analysis in Business Investment Decision-Making

## Primjena analize rizika u donošenju odluka o poslovnim investicijama

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**ABSTRACT** • Investment decision-makings should be regarded in each business entity as the crucial factor for its long-term prosperity. An acquired decision affects the performance of the company as well as its competitiveness in long time. If a competent investor has an interest to make a qualified investment decision, it means that he must primarily determine the time and risk factor. In the capital-intensive investment projects, attention must be paid to the risks that the preparation, realization and use of investment bring. The aim of this paper is to identify critical factors that affect the expected profit and cash flow in the implementation of investment projects by applying the most advanced models used to quantify the risks of investing. Research was conducted in a wood processing and furniture manufacturing company. The results given by cash flow indicators show that the investment project is feasible and effective. By changing some parameters, sensitivity analysis shows that the main risk factors for the project in question are the selling price, volume of production, material costs and labor costs.

**Key words:** investment, enterprise investment, investment activity, risk of investment, sensibility analysis

**SAŽETAK** • Donošenje odluka o investicijama u svakom bi se poslovnom sustavu trebalo smatrati ključnim čimbenikom za njegovu dugoročnu uspješnost. Donesena odluka utječe na djelovanje kompanije, kao i na njezinu dugoročnu konkurentnost. Kako bi kompetentni investitor donosio kvalitetne investicijske odluke, potrebno je da prije svega donese odluku o vremenu i riziku investicije. U većim investicijskim projektima veću pozornost potrebno je pridati rizicima što ih donose priprema, realizacija i korištenje investicije. Cilj ovog rada jest identificirati kritične čimbenike koji utječu na očekivani profit i tijek novca pri primjeni investicijskih projekata korištenjem poboljšanih modela kojima se kvantificiraju rizici u investiranju. Istraživanje je provedeno u jednom poduzeću za preradu drva i proizvodnju namještaja. Rezultati ispitivanja tjeka novca pokazuju da je investicijski projekt provediv i učinkovit. Analizom osjetljivosti promjenom pojedinih parametara vidljivo je da su osnovni rizici istraživanog projekta prodajna cijena, opseg proizvodnje, materijalni troškovi i troškovi rada.

**Ključne riječi:** investicije, investicije u poduzeće, aktivnost investicije, rizik investicije, analiza osjetljivosti

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1. UVOD

The issue of business risk - its principles, acceptance, evaluation and reflection of the impact, increasingly affects not only the permanent business activity, but also its role in planning and implementing new investments. This situation results from the still ongoing economic and financial crisis. Business risk cannot be understood without a comprehensive approach, because non-acceptance of its impact in all areas can significantly reduce business efficiency.

The allocation of available financial resources to fixed assets or investments in modernization of production technologies are possible ways when a company can ensure its prosperity. In order to ensure adequate use of these investments, it is necessary to evaluate their economic benefits and also to analyze the risk associated with the investment. It is not possible to develop business activity without taking into account an acceptable level of risk. It is difficult to find a suitable and acceptable balance between the current risk and a potential profit. It is not enough to identify business risks and apply the newest procedures of risk quantification to prevent bad decision-making and subsequent economic loss.

#### 1.1 Decision-making under certainty, risk, uncertainty and undefined conditions

##### 1.1.1. Donošenje odluka u sigurnim, rizičnim, nesigurnim i nedoređenim uvjetima

The terms “risked” and “uncertainty” were clearly defined and distinguished by Frank H. Knight (1921). Both terms refer to an indefinite future, but in a different way. Speaking of risk, the current situation can be described and on that basis the probability of certain future events can be determined. With uncertainty, due to the lack of information, it is not possible to describe the current state and quantify the possible outcomes of our future decisions (Baláž, 2009).

In decision theory, information about ambient positions and consequences of the decision alternatives is a fundamental classification aspect of decision-making processes. From this perspective, the following types of decisions can be distinguished: under certainty, risk, uncertainty and undefined conditions (Varcholová and Dubovická, 2008; Ojurović *et al.*, 2013).

Decision-making in conditions of certainty: The company or investor has full information about the consequences of the decision alternatives considering different evaluation criteria (e.g. amount of profit, cash flow), i.e. he knows with certainty which ambient status (which situation) will occur and what consequences of the implemented variants can be expected (Varcholová and Dubovická, 2008). Environment of certainty assumes that the investor knows the situation. Then it is much easier to make the decision and the investor chooses an alternative that can provide maximum profit. The problem of decision-making techniques is eliminated. Environment of certainty is extremely rare and does not exist in practice (Kolenka and Hajdúchová, 2008).

Decision-making in conditions of risk: If the investor has sufficient information to estimate the future status with some probability, he can assess the risk (Kolenka and Hajdúchová 2008). However, it is not easy to make this estimate and this is something expert teams and consulting firms deal with.

Decision making in conditions of uncertainty: An investor knows the possible future status of the environment (possible future situation) and the consequences of the decision alternatives in these conditions, but the probability of the status of individual variants is not known (Varcholová and Dubovická, 2008).

Decision-making under undefined conditions is described as the way in which the investor can identify future status, but is unable to determine the probability of occurrence (Kolenka and Hajdúchová, 2008).

#### 1.2 Risk analysis of investment projects

##### 1.2.1. Analiza rizika investicijskih projekata

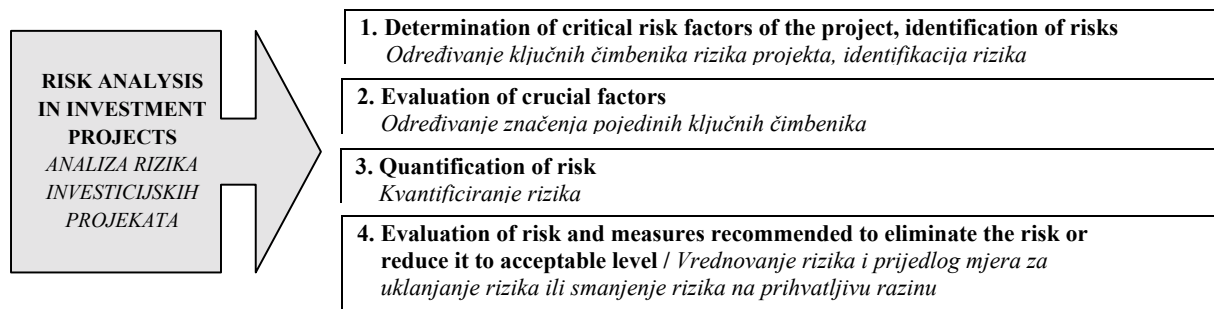
Risk analysis of investment helps the companies to prepare investment projects in order to increase their probability of success. Through risk analysis, the company detects which risk factors are important in terms of the project and, on the other hand, which ways and measures can reduce the project risk and how much of the risk is still acceptable for the business.

The base of risk analysis is a systematic process of working with risk and uncertainty, which requires deeper knowledge of tools and methods of risk decision-making, all these resulting in a significant increase in the quality of preparation and evaluation of business projects (Fotr, 1992). The content of project risks analysis can be briefly divided as shown in Figure 1.

Appropriately selected risk categories, i.e. a clear definition of the content and boundaries between categories, are the basis for a well-structured systematic process of identifying business risks (Rybárová and Grisáková, 2010). The tools and resources that can be used to identify risk factors are the following: check lists, discussions and interviews, audits, results of financial controlling and financial analysis, as well as various analyzes of internal and external business environment, such as SWOT analysis, STEEP analysis, mind maps, brainstorming method, etc. It should be emphasized that the identification of project risk factors is the most important and time-consuming phase of the risk analysis. It requires experience, a systematic approach and ability to predict possible future situations.

For determining the significance of risks, it is possible to use sensitivity analysis by which risk factors can be quantified, or expert evaluation by which the assessed factors cannot be quantified and they are evaluated verbally.

The results of the identification and determination of the significance of the crucial factors are the basis for the next phase of risk analysis, namely the quantification or measurement of risk. In order to e.g. compare two investment options, it is necessary to express the risk (risk of failure or risk of another negative effect) in some way (Smejkal and Rais, 2009). The risk



**Figure 1** Risk analysis of investment projects (IP)  
**Slika 1.** Analiza rizika investicijskih projekata (IP)

of the project can be determined numerically, where the starting point is to determine the probability distribution of one of the basic economic criteria (e.g. profit) for the evaluation. The risk can be determined directly, but this is, however, more difficult and requires the use of some tools of risk decision making (decision matrix, decision trees, probability trees, computer simulation, using models). The risk can also be determined indirectly, with certain characteristics, which together provide information about the greater or lesser degree of risk of the project (Polách *et al.*, 2012). The most common method of measuring risk is a statistical method of variance, standard deviation and coefficient of variation (Kráľovič *et al.*, 2008); a statistical method of variance and standard deviation of the cash flows (Hrdý, 2008) is a very common indicator of the project risk.

The objective of this paper is to make a qualified risk analysis of the suggested investment project in the company of wood production and to highlight the key risk factors of the investment. The aim is to identify the crucial factors that affect the expected profit, cash flow of investment projects and accomplishment of investment goals by using modern models for the quantification of investment risks.

On the basis of the economic analysis and investment risk analysis (sensitivity risk analysis and Monte Carlo simulation), final evaluations and conclusions are presented for the company and investment project.

The research was focused on achieving the following targets:

- Define theoretical background and methodology of used models for investment risk analysis and investment decision-making;

- Evaluate the investment project by dynamic methods (Net Present Value, Internal Rate of Return, Profitability Index and Discounted Payback Period);
- Apply the sensitivity analysis with the determination of significance of factors and Monte Carlo simulation;
- Evaluate the achieved results of risk analysis and synthesis and their use as a support for investment decision-making of the company.

## 2 METHODOLOGY OF RESEARCH 2. METODOLOGIJA ISTRAŽIVANJA

Investment risk analysis and methodological process used in our research are defined and described below.

Sensitivity analysis of investment is an important part of decision-making on investment projects. Its function (Scholleová, 2009) is to:

- Stop in time the realization of the investment that seems to be profitable, if its risk does not meet the goals of the company. The expected deviation of its return may in fact be so large that the probability of the possible investment loss is not at an acceptable risk level of owners.
- Mark critical values, whose monitoring and control will be necessary during the investment, as they have a significant impact on the investment value and high probability of change.

The basic equation for sensitivity analysis (Polách *et al.*, 2012) is:

$$P = Q \cdot p - \left[ (v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_n) \cdot Q + f_1 + f_2 \dots + f_n + \frac{I}{T} \right] \quad (1)$$

Where:

$P$  – profit from the investment project per year / *godišnji profit od investicije*  
 $Q$  – quantity of production in natural units (pcs, kg, m, ...) per year / *godišnja proizvodnja (kom, kg, m, ...)*  
 $p$  – price per unit / *jedinična cijena*  
 $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  – variable costs per unit / *varijabilni jedinični*

*troškovi*  
 $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  – fixed costs per whole production / *fiksni troškovi cijele proizvodnje*  
 $I$  – investment / *investicija*  
 $T$  – time of the lifecycle (years) / *vrijeme životnog ciklusa (godine)*

The scope of sensitivity analysis in investment decision-making is to detect the sensitivity of the chosen criteria for possible changes in risk factor values that affect the criterion. The basic form of sensitivity analysis is the one-factor analysis, which determines the effects of selected changes in individual risk factors for the chosen criterion, while all other factors are stable at their projected (planned, most probable) values.

The sensitivity analysis, however, also has some limitations. These are mainly the effects of isolated changes in individual risk factors on the criterion, so that disregarding the possible dependence of several risk factors, the change of one factor can cause changes in another (for example a significant increase in the selling price leads to a decrease in demand and therefore sales). The solving point would be to apply a multifactor sensitivity analysis, which is more difficult (Hnilica and Fotr, 2009).

When performing a sensitivity analysis with the same relative changes in each factor (percentual changes from the most probable and planned values), a different level of uncertainty for risk factors, common in practice, is not respected when some deviations may be less than  $\pm 10\%$ , and others significantly larger. Given this fact, in setting the significance of risk factors, it is necessary to take into account not only the results of the sensitivity analysis, but also the assessment of different degrees of uncertainty, which also affect the significance of risk factors.

### 3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 3. REZULTATI I RASPRAVA

**Table 1** Operating costs (€)

**Tablica 1.** Operativni troškovi (€)

Cost item / Years <i>Trošak / Godina</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6
Material costs / <i>materijalni troškovi</i>	666 434	773 020	905 464	1 002 390	1 002 390	1 002 390
Personal costs / <i>osobni troškovi</i>	403 704	484 598	592 877	691 794	709 155	690 732
Lease / <i>unajmljivanje</i>	23 900	24 962	26 090	27 252	28 480	29 775
Administration, Services / <i>administracija, usluge</i>	54 106	56 562	59 085	61 774	64 529	67 450
Energy / <i>energija</i>	54 903	57 392	59 981	62 670	65 492	68 446
Repairs and maintenance / <i>popravci i održavanje</i>	49 127	51 318	53 641	56 065	58 587	61 210
Transport / <i>transport</i>	32 995	34 455	36 015	37 642	39 335	41 094
Insurance / <i>osiguranje</i>	5 045	5 278	5 510	5 743	6 008	6 274
Promotion / <i>promocija</i>	83 744	92 047	96 196	116 345	105 357	109 772
Other costs / <i>ostali troškovi</i>	40 862	42 687	44 613	46 604	48 729	50 919
Operating costs 1 / <i>operativni troškovi 1</i>	1 414 820	1 622 320	1 879 473	2 108 279	2 128 062	2 128 062
Amortization / <i>amortizacija</i>	188 774	187 612	185 919	184 326	143 730	142 435
Interests / <i>kamate</i>	63 750	52 125	40 500	28 875	17 250	8 625
Operating costs 2 / <i>operativni troškovi 2</i>	1 667 344	1 862 057	2 105 892	2 321 418	2 289 042	2 279 122

The purpose of Monte Carlo simulation is to generate a large number of scenarios (each scenario is a discrete arrangement) and the value calculation of financial criteria for each scenario. The result of Monte Carlo simulation is a graph of the probability distribution of the selected criteria. The Monte Carlo simulation allows a simple implementation of a large number of possible situations created as combinations of possible values of input variables, for example sales volume, price, cost, etc., to calculate the possible values of a profit (Varcholová and Dubovická, 2008; Fotr, 2011).

Generating the scenarios (many times repeated random experiments on the input data sample) is carried out until stable results are provided of the density of probability distribution. The results become more stable because the statistics data (that describe it) change less with the increasing number of simulated calculations. The number of trials will vary depending on the distribution functions.

The procedure of Monte Carlo simulation can be generally divided into several phases:

- Creating of mathematical model;
- Determination of the probability distribution of key risk factors;
- Determination of statistical dependence of risk factors;
- Selection of output variables and process of simulation.

#### 3.1 Evaluation of economic efficiency of the investment project

##### 3.1. Vrednovanje ekonomske učinkovitosti investicijskog projekta

The company Pinus, Ltd., dealing with the production of construction and carpentry products, has to decide whether to accept the investment plan for increasing the production volume and expanding the range of offered products. In case of the investment,

aimed at modernizing the production technology, another added value is a more efficient use of raw material. In addition, the implementation of the project will create new jobs to the region with high unemployment (Benková, 2012).

**Table 2** Financial sources for the investment project (€)  
**Tablica 2.** Izvori financiranja investicijskog projekta (€)

Equity / Vlastita sredstva	Debt / Duga	Total / Ukupno
306 360 €	900 000 €	1 206 360 €

**Table 3** Loan terms for the investment project

**Tablica 3.** Uvjeti kreditiranja investicijskog projekta

Outstanding debt <i>Iznos duga</i>	Annual payment <i>Godišnja otplata</i>	Interest rate p.a. <i>Godišnja kamatna stopa</i>	Payback period <i>Vrijeme povrata</i>
900 000 €	150 000 €	5.75 %	6 years / godina

From the available input data, we calculated the net present value, internal rate of return, profitability index and discounted payback period. All calculated

values of these criteria prove the suitability of the investment. The results are presented in Table 4.

**Table 4** Evaluation of the investment project by Cash Flow (€)

**Tablica 4.** Vrednovanje investicijskog projekta tijekom novca (€)

Indicator / Years <i>Pokazatelj / Godina</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total income <i>ukupni prihod</i>	1 676 700	1 957 460	2 258 200	2 558 940	2 678 000	2 678 000
- Expenses <i>troškovi</i>	1 414 820	1 622 320	1 879 473	2 108 279	2 128 062	2 128 062
- Amortization <i>amortizacija</i>	188 774	187 612	185 919	184 326	143 730	142 435
- Interests <i>kamate</i>	63 750	52 125	40 500	28 875	17 250	8 625
= Profit before taxes <i>dobit prije poreza</i>	9 356	95 403	152 308	237 460	388 958	398 878
- Taxes 19 % <i>porez 19 %</i>	1 777.64	18 126.57	28 938.52	45 117.40	73 902.02	75 786.82
= Net profit <i>neto dobit</i>	7 578.36	77 276.43	123 369.48	192 342.60	315 055.98	323 091.18
- Funds 10 % <i>fondovi 10 %</i>	757.84	7 727.64	12 366.95	19 234.26	31 505.60	32 309.12
= Disposable profit <i>raspoloživa dobit</i>	6 820.52	69 548.79	111 032.53	173 108.34	283 550.38	290 782.06
+ Amortization <i>amortizacija</i>	188 774	187 612	185 919	184 326	143 730	142 435
= Cash Flow <i>tijek novca</i>	195 594.52	257 160.79	296 951.53	357 434.34	427 280.38	433 217.06
- Debt payment <i>otplata duga</i>	200 000	200 000	200 000	200 000	150 000	150 000
= Net Cash Flow <i>neto tijekom novca</i>	-4 405.48	57 160.79	96 951.53	157 434.34	277 280.38	283 217.06
Discount 10 % <i>diskont 10 %</i>	0.90909	0.82645	0.75131	0.8301	0.62092	0.56447
PVCF per year <i>TVTNI godišnje</i>	177 813.20	212 529.58	223 104.08	244 132.46	265 307.50	244 539.74
<b>Present Value of Cash Flow - PVCF in total</b> <i>trenutačna vrijednost tijeka novca – TVTN ukupno</i>	1 367 426.56 €					
<b>Net Present Value – NPV</b> <i>trenutačna neto vrijednost - TNV</i>	161 066.56 €					
<b>Profitability index – PI</b> <i>indeks profitabilnosti - IP</i>	1.13					
<b>Internal Rate of Return – IRR</b> <i>interna stopa povrata - ISP</i>	13.87 %					
<b>Discounted Payback Period – DPP</b> <i>diskontirano vrijeme povrata - DVP</i>	5.34 years					

As follows from the economic analysis of the project based on cash flow indicators, the project is feasible and effective, although some values (Discounted Payback Period) can be considered borderline. The project at the discount rate has the leeway to risk. Investment can be recommended to be implemented in practice, because the applied criteria meet the specified terms and hence ensure the required return of investment.

### 3.2 Sensitivity analysis of the investment project

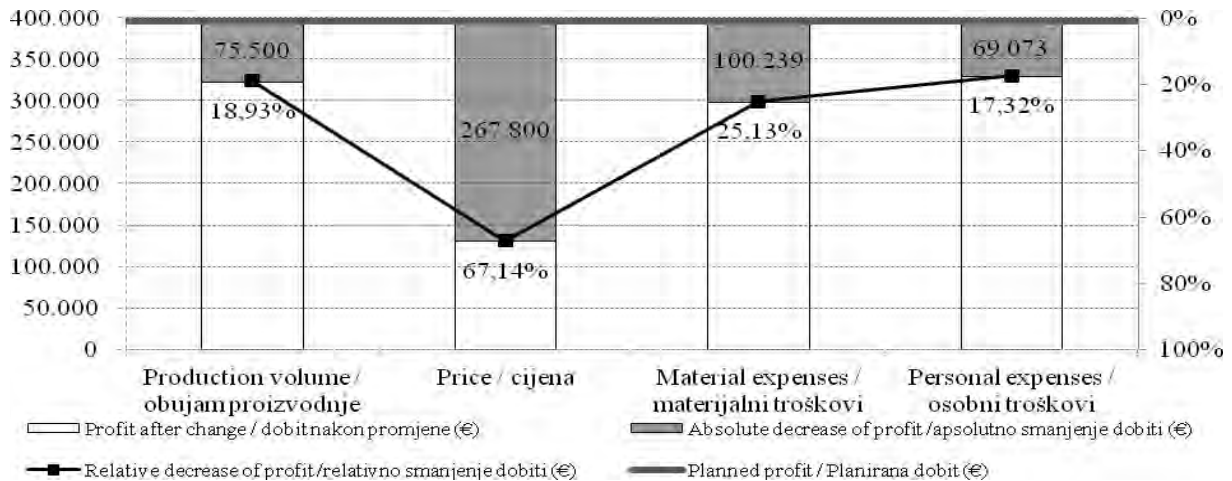
#### 3.2. Analiza osjetljivosti investicijskog projekta

The sensitivity analysis clearly identifies the factors that affect most the profit in the observed period. To evaluate the factors in a longer term, the focus is on the impact of the selling price, production volume, changes in cost price of inputs as well as changes in labor costs per unit of output. The results of the sensitivity analysis for the planned investment project are shown in Table 5.

**Table 5** Project risk factor quantification (project sensitivity analysis)

**Tablica 5.** Kvantificiranje čimbenika rizika projekta (analiza osjetljivosti projekta)

Risk factor <i>Rizik</i>	Item <i>Naziv</i>	Unit <i>j.m.</i>	Estimated value <i>Procijenjena vrijednost</i> €	Estimated value <i>Procijenjena pojedinačna vrijednost</i> €pcs	Deviation <i>Odstupanje</i> ± 10 %	Profit after change <i>Dobit nakon promjene</i> €	Absolute change <i>Apsolutni iznos promjene</i> €	Relative change <i>Relativni iznos promjene</i> %
$Q$	Production volume <i>Vrijednost proizvodnje</i>	Pcs <i>kom.</i>	885,00	885	797	323 378	75 500	18.93%
$c$	Price <i>cijena</i>	€pcs <i>€/kom.</i>	3 025.99	3 025.99	2 723.39	131 078	267 800	67.14%
$v_1$	Material expenses <i>materijalni troškovi</i>	€pcs <i>€/kom.</i>	1 002 390.00	1 132.64	1 245.91	298 639	100 239	25.13%
$v_2$	Personal expenses <i>osobni troškovi</i>	€pcs <i>€/kom.</i>	690 732.00	780.49	858.54	329 805	69 073	17.32%
$v_3$	Promotion <i>promocija</i>	€pcs <i>€/kom.</i>	109 772.00	124.04	136.44	387 901	10 977	2.75%
$v_4$	Administration, services <i>administracija, usluge</i>	€pcs <i>€/kom.</i>	67 450.00	76.21	83.84	392 133	6 745	1.69%
$v_5$	Other variable expenses <i>ostali varijabilni troškovi</i> (35%)	€pcs <i>€/kom.</i>	17 821.65	20.14	22.15	397 096	1 782	0.45%
$v_6$	Transport <i>transport</i> (30%)	€pcs <i>€/kom.</i>	12 328.20	13.93	15.32	397 645	1 233	0.31%
$v_7$	Energy <i>energija</i> (15%)	€pcs <i>€/kom.</i>	10 266.90	11.60	12.76	397 851	1 027	0.26%
$v_8$	Repairs and maintenance <i>popravci i održavanje</i> (20%)	€pcs <i>€/kom.</i>	12 242.00	13.83	15.22	397 654	1 224	0.31%
$f_1$	Lease <i>unajmljivanje</i> (€)	€	29 775.00	29 775.00	32 753	395 900	2 978	0.75%
$f_2$	Insurance <i>osiguranje</i>	€	6 274.00	6 274.00	6 901	397 026	1 852	0.46%
$f_3$	Other fix expenses <i>ostali fiksni troškovi</i> (65%)	€	33 097.35	33 097.35	36 407	395 568	3 310	0.83%
$f_4$	Transport <i>transport</i> (70%)	€	28 765.80	28 765.80	31 642	396 001	2 877	0.72%
$f_5$	Energy <i>energija</i> (85%)	€	58 179.10	58 179.10	63 997	393 060	5 818	1.46%
$f_6$	Repairs and maintenance <i>Popravci i održavanje</i> (80%)	€	48 968.00	48 968.00	53 865	393 981	4 897	1.23%
$f_7$	Amortization <i>amortizacija</i>	€	142 435.00	142 435.00	156 679	384 634	14 244	3.57%
$f_8$	Interests <i>kamate</i>	€	8 625.00	8 625.00	9 488	398 015	863	0.22%
$P$	Profit <i>dobit</i>	€	<b>398 878</b>					



**Figure 2** Impact of crucial factors in decreasing profit  
**Slika 2** Utjecaj ključnih čimbenika u smanjenju dobiti

The results of the project sensitivity analysis by changing the project values  $\pm 10\%$  show that the risk factors that mostly cause the decrease of profit (Figure 2) are the selling price, production volume, material costs and labor costs. The effect of other factors such as amortization, advertising, services, energy, repairs and maintenance, other costs and transportation is not so significant. Costs for rent, insurance and interests have very little effect on profit.

### 3.3 Monte Carlo Simulation

#### 3.3. Simulacija Monte Carlo

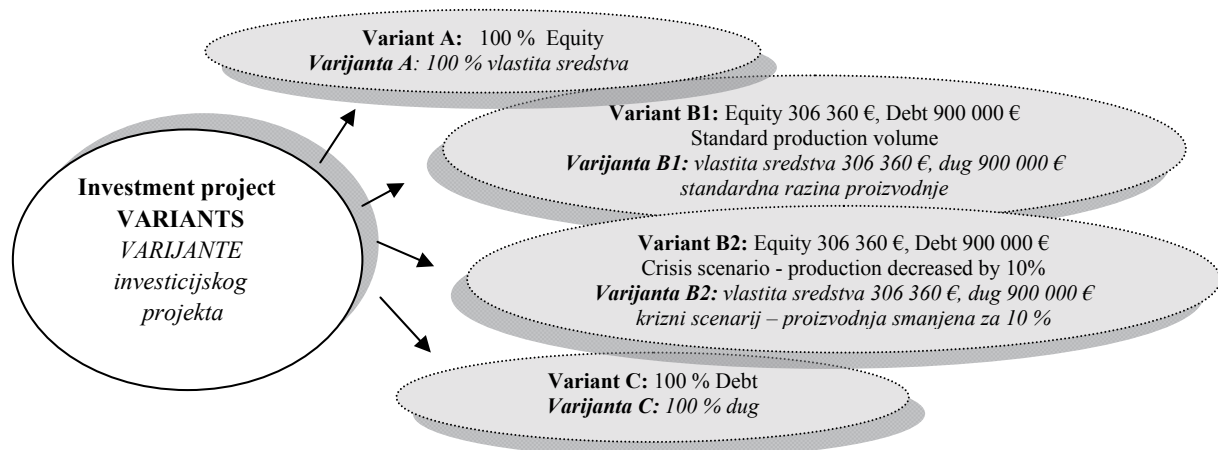
Determination of key risk factors: Key risk factors were selected by using the expert method with owners. Probability distribution was chosen for individual risk factors. The key risk factors that affect the

profit of the company (or the investment project) are as follows:

1. Price – it is the average selling price for a unit of production (piece), triangular distribution, the most probability value, min., max.
2. Production volume – it is the number of sold units, BetaPERT distribution and the most probability value - 10%, 90%.
3. Material costs – raw material input costs, Beta distribution set to the most probability value.

Other risk factors have not a major impact on the planned profit of the enterprise. The statistical dependency between the selected key factors was considered.

Definitions of investment options: alternatives proposed for the project are presented in Figure 3.



**Figure 3** Investment alternatives and scenarios for the investment project  
**Slika 3** Alternative investiranja i scenariji za investicijski projekt

Determination of evaluation criteria and simulation parameters: Two types of variables were defined:

1. Variables that make the object of the simulation, known as Forecasts in the Crystal Ball system. These are the output variables based on which the simulation is carried out. In our case, the following indicators were defined: Net Present Value (NPV), Internal Rate of Return (IRR) and Profitability Index (PI) of the investment project. A total of 50 000 simulations were to be run.
2. Risk factors for the project are the input variables and their uncertainty is respected in the form of probability distribution. These variables are labeled as Assumptions in the Crystal Ball system. In case of two factors – production volume and price – these are not statistically dependent on each other and therefore may be generated independently during the simulation. The next pair of factors – price and material costs – shows a sta-

tistical dependence and it has been considered in the simulation.

The duration of the project is expected to be six years; with a total of 13 risk factors. A total of 50 000 simulations were to be run in order to obtain stable results.

Results of the simulation: The values confirm that the present investment project is significantly profitable in variants A, B1 and C. The criteria values for the investment project for the various alternatives are shown in Table 6.

The results of Monte Carlo simulation for option B1 are shown in the graph of the probability distribution of the output variables Profitability Index, Internal Rate of Return and Net Present Value (Figures 4-6). Statistical characteristics of output variables are presented in Table 7. A Weibull distribution was chosen as the type of probability distribution for NPV and PI, and Beta distribution for IRR.

**Table 6** Criteria for different variants of the investment project

**Tablica 6.** Kriteriji za različite varijante investicijskog projekta

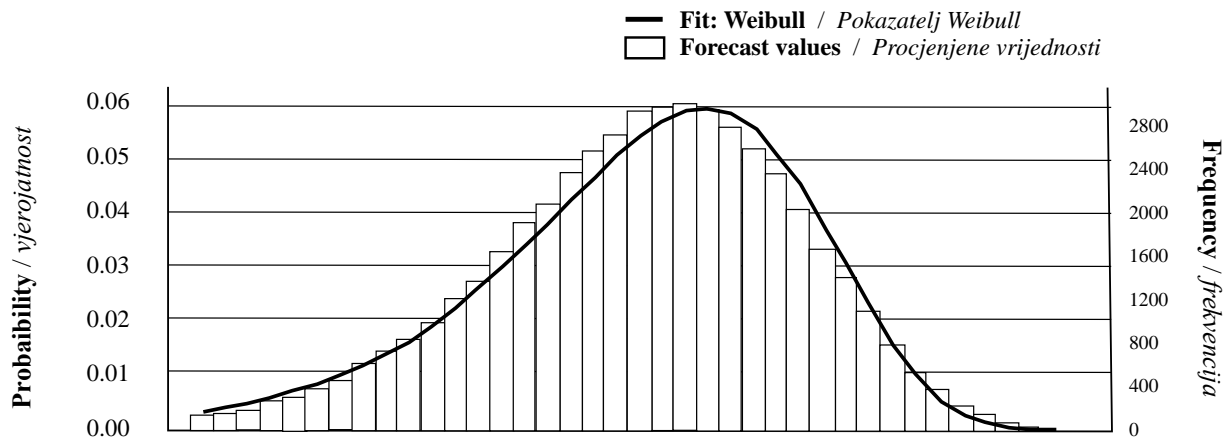
Variants / <i>Varijanta</i>	NPV / <i>TNV</i> (€)	IRR / <i>ISP</i> (%)	PI / <i>IP</i>	DPP / <i>DVP</i> (years / <i>godina</i> )
A	264 481.60	16.64	1.22	4.94
B1	161 066.56	13.87	1.13	5.34
B2	-550 503.00	-4.90	0.54	10.10
C	125 863.92	13.08	1.10	5.48

**Table 7** Statistical characteristics of selected indicators – Variant B1

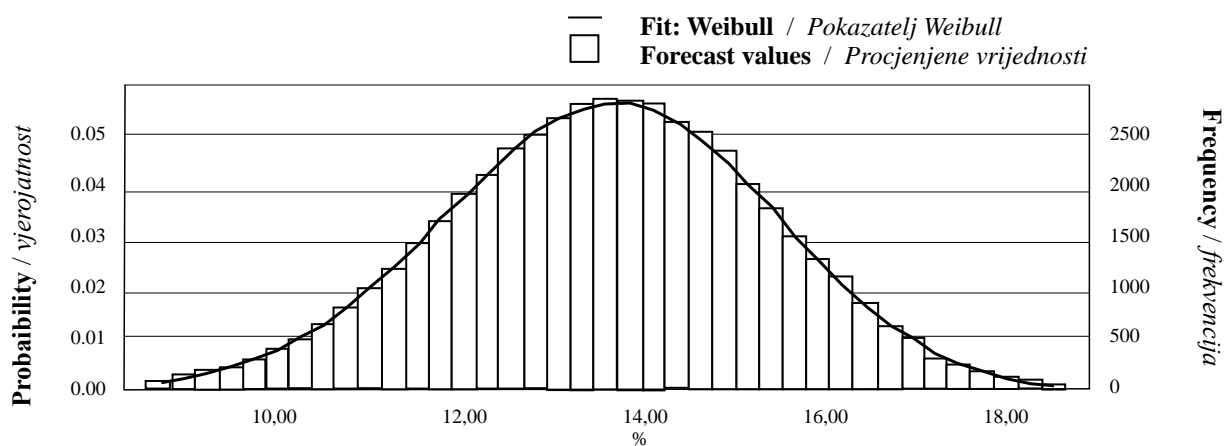
**Tablica 7.** Statističke značajke određenih pokazatelja – varijanta B1

Statistics / <i>Indicators</i> <i>Statistička značajka /</i> <i>Pokazatelj</i>	Profitability Index <i>Indeks profitabilnosti</i>		Internal Rate of Return, % <i>Interna stopa povrata</i>		Net Present Value, € <i>Neto trenutačna vrijednost</i>	
	Fit <i>Pokazatelj</i> Weibull	Forecast values <i>Procjenjena</i> <i>vrijednost</i>	Fit <i>Pokazatelj</i> Beta	Forecast values <i>Procjenjena</i> <i>vrijednost</i>	Fit <i>Pokazatelj</i> Weibull	Forecast values <i>Procjenjena</i> <i>vrijednost</i>
Mean / <i>srednja vrijednost</i>	1.040	1.042	13.73%	13.73%	154 822	154 839
Median / <i>medijan</i>	1.045	1.044	13.86%	13.87%	155 258	155 311
Mode / <i>mod</i>	1.050	-	13.82%	-	156 163	-
Standard Deviation / <i>standardna devijacija</i>	0.510	0.500	4.15%	4.15%	4 362.19	4 307.70
Variance / <i>varijanca</i>	0.2607	0.2509	17.22%	17.22%	19 028 713	18 556 319
Skewness / <i>simetričnost</i>	-0.9153	-0.5868	-0.1105	-0.1105	-0.5588	-0.5319
Kurtosis / <i>vršnost</i> <i>podataka</i>	4.44	3.76	2.96%	2.96%	3.38	3.57
Coeff. of Variability / <i>koef. varijabilnosti</i>	0.490	0.479	0.302%	0.302%	0.0281	0.0278
Minimum / <i>minimum</i>	0.160	0.570	-160.77%	2.03%	123 992	125 350
Maximum / <i>maksimum</i>	+ unlimited	1.215	107.76%	40.57%	+ unlimited	167 976
Mean Std. Error / <i>standardna pogreška</i>	-	0.000	-	0.08%	-	19

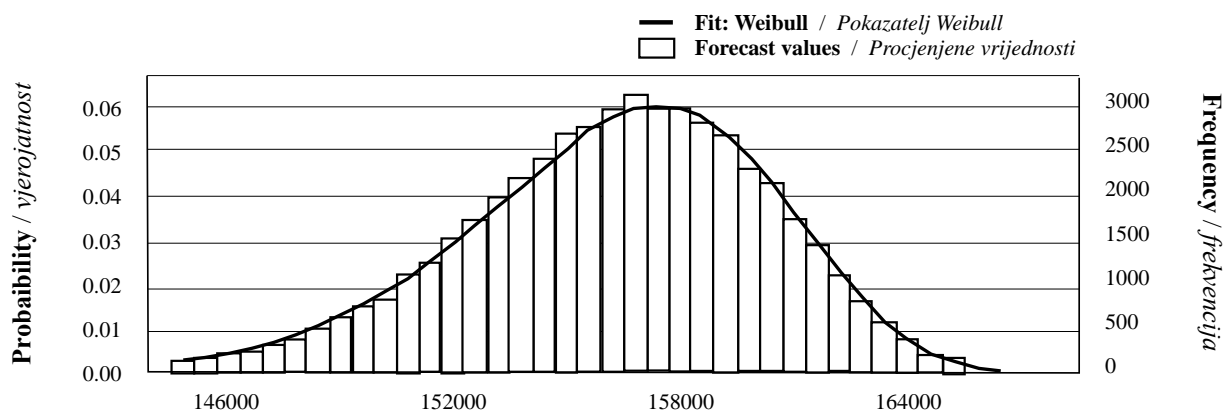




**Figure 4** Probability distribution of the variable Profitability Index – Variant B1  
**Slika 4.** Vjerojatnost distribucije varijable *indeks profitabilnosti* – varijanta B1



**Figure 5** Probability distribution of the variable Internal Rate of Return – Variant B1  
**Slika 5.** Vjerojatnost distribucije varijable *interna stopa povrata* – varijanta B1



**Figure 6** Probability distribution of the variable Net Present Value – Variant B1  
**Slika 6.** Vjerojatnost distribucije varijable *neto sadašnja vrijednost* – varijanta B1

The statistical characteristics of the NPV of the project, variant B1, show that the indicator Mean of NPV is 154 839 € which is about 6 227 less than the estimated value of 161 066.56 € and the Median is 155 311 € The risk characteristics of the project i.e. Stand-

ard Deviation is 24 910 € Variance has a value of 18 556 319 € and the Coefficient of Variability, which represents the quotient of the standard deviation and the mean value, is 0.1953. Skewness is negative, meaning that the NPV probability distribution is not symmetri-

cal (it is symmetrical when the skewness is zero); it is skewed to the left, i.e. towards lower values. The minimum simulated value of NPV is more distant from the Median than the maximum simulated NPV.

The world economic crisis has negatively affected the business efficiency of wood processing and furniture manufacturing in Slovakia since 2008. The crisis is reflected in an increase in prices of input raw materials and energy prices, and fall in demand for long-term products. The evaluation of variants suggests that the growth of production could not be associated with the growth of the project profitability because of the decline in selling prices and also the increase of costs of input materials and energy costs.

On the basis of the project risk analysis by Monte Carlo simulation, project implementation is recommended. Option B1 tested by Monte Carlo method has shown a 99.9 % probability of achieving positive results of net present value, internal rate of return and profitability index. The identified risk for the company Pinus, Ltd. is acceptable.

#### 4 CONCLUSION

##### 4. ZAKLJUČAK

Each investment activity in the company is accompanied by risk and uncertainty; therefore, in making everyday decisions, the enterprise must accept and consider their impact on future profits. After identifying the risks, their sources and impact on the project success, the measures can be taken to reduce the risk to an acceptable level.

Business risk is assessed in relation to specific criteria of efficiency evaluation of the project. By using risk analysis, i.e. the available methods and techniques applied in risk analysis, the company obtains information that will support its decision-making and help deciding whether to accept or reject the project.

The sensitivity analysis shows that, assuming the investment was made, the economic result (profit) of the project would be most strongly influenced by the selling price of the products and then by the change of the production volume, material costs and labor costs. The present risk should be reduced through diversification. Diversification gives the possibility of expanding the product range. The appropriate form of risk reduction is recommended to increase the production volume, provided that export of manufactured products to the EU markets or markets of Russia and Ukraine is increased. The implementation of the project would provide opportunities for further investments to the company Pinus, Ltd.

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