New Growth Plan for the Western Balkans

What are some of the economic benefits?



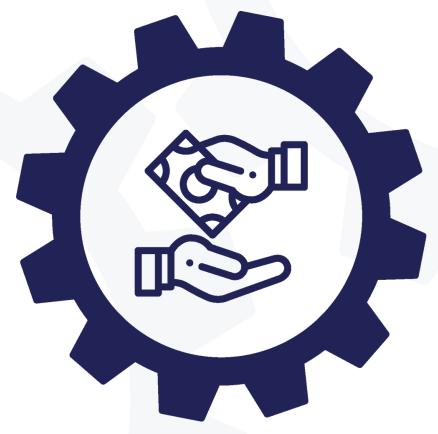
The Growth Plan aims to help the Western Balkan partners double the size of their economies within the next 10 years.

A fully functional Common Regional Market will add **10%** to their economies.



Growth Plan priority action 3: Access to the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA)

Joining SEPA and modernising payments will lower the cost of sending money within the Western Balkan region and with the EU.





- €500 million saved in cost of remittance
 transfers
- Reducing the informal economy and driving financial inclusion

Growth Plan priority action 4: Facilitation of Road transport

In 2023 the reduction in waiting times at borders in the Western Balkans amounted to over **20 years saved in queuing**.





Investing in roads pays off:

Investment in primary roads across the Western Balkans over the last decade has **increased individual's purchasing power by around 5%**.

