

EU – Western Balkans relations

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2020: a key year for the EU-Western Balkans relations

Revised methodology endorsed to drive the enlargement process forward with a **stronger political steer** and in a more **credible, predictable, dynamic way**

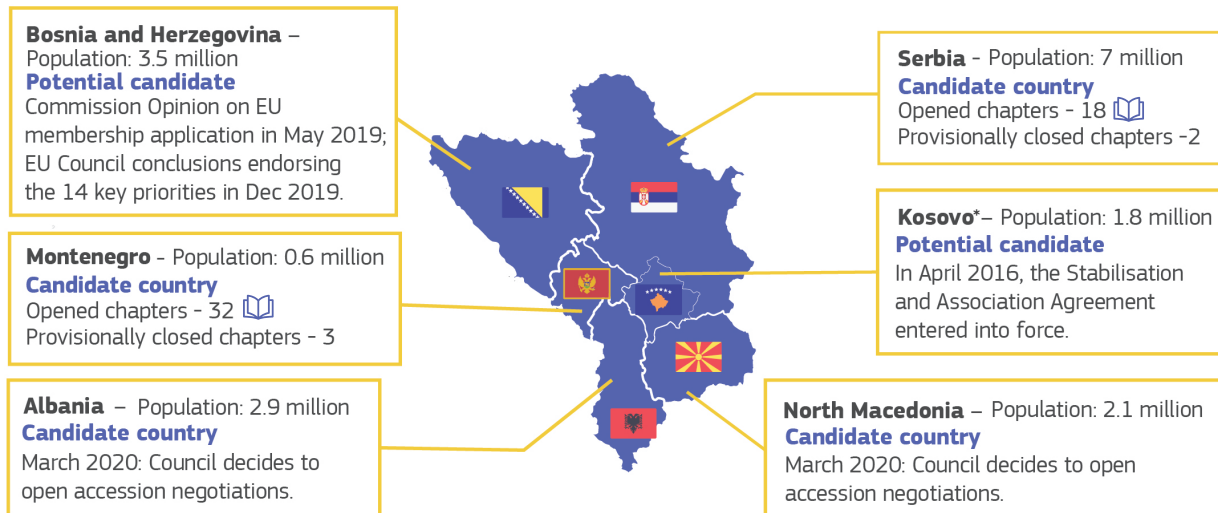
Council decided, subject to endorsement by the European Council members, to open accession negotiations with **North Macedonia** and **Albania**



Commission proposals to further the EU-Western Balkans agenda with a strong focus on **economic development**

EU-Western Balkans Summit in Zagreb

Overview of the EU relations with the Western Balkans



Economic potential of the EU relations with the Western Balkans



€12.7 billion
Foreign Direct Investments in 2014-2018. EU companies are the biggest investors in the Western Balkans



Western Balkans is a market of **18 million consumers**



€54 billion
in trade between the EU and the Western Balkans in 2018