



KOSOVO*

on its European path

#EUenlargement



Key milestones

APRIL 2013

'Brussels Agreement' between Belgrade and Pristina signed

APRIL 2016

The Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the EU and Kosovo enters into force

MAY 2016

The European Commission proposes visa-free travel for the people of Kosovo

OCTOBER 2016

First meeting of the EU-Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Council

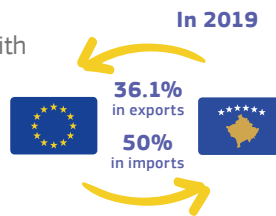
JULY 2018

Commission confirms that Kosovo has fulfilled all outstanding visa liberalisation benchmarks

Source: EU Data

Trade & investment

- The EU is Kosovo's biggest trading partner
- The EU's Foreign Direct Investment in Kosovo reached €158.2 million in 2019
- Volume of trade with the EU was €1.4 billion in 2019



EU funding

- The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Kosovo
- €1.21 billion in EU assistance funds 2007-2020
- €229 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €148.4 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, to leverage investments of estimated €1.3 billion

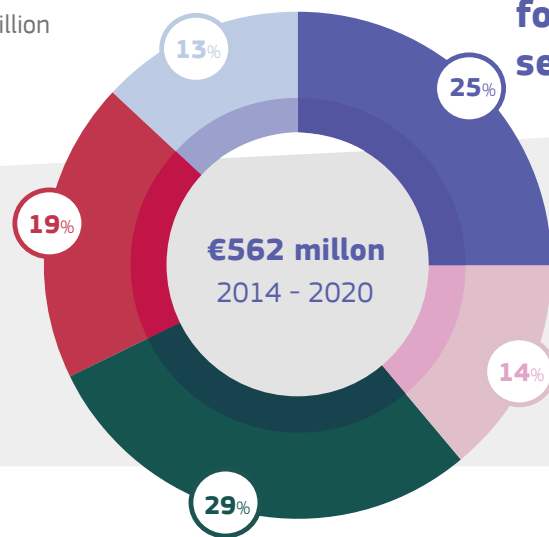
Mobility & empowerment

- In 2015-2019: over 4,177 participants in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+
- 364 'Young Cells Scheme' grants have been awarded to public administration scholars
- 4,000+ young and disadvantaged people received employment and entrepreneurship training

Supporting transformation

- Strengthening democracy: rule of law, justice and fundamental rights
- Reforming public administration
- Fostering competitiveness and supporting business development
- Working towards a cleaner environment and safer food supply

Support for key sectors



COVID-19 response

From IPA 2014-2020, €68 million in bilateral assistance for Kosovo to cover urgent health needs and economic and social recovery, and €455 million for regional economic reactivation package. In addition, €100 million was approved by the EU in Macro-Financial Assistance for Kosovo and the European Investment Bank is providing €1.7 billion to the region.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

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