



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

on its European path

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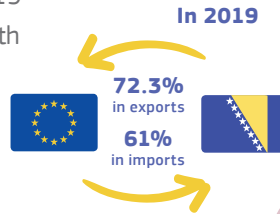
Key milestones

- JULY 2008**
Signature of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement & entry into force of the Interim Agreement on trade
- DECEMBER 2010**
Entry into force of visa liberalisation
- JUNE 2015**
Entry into force of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement
- FEBRUARY 2016**
Bosnia and Herzegovina submits EU membership application
- MAY / DECEMBER 2019**
Commission Opinion on EU membership application: 14 key priorities, endorsed by the EU Council conclusions



Trade & investment

- The EU is Bosnia and Herzegovina's biggest trading partner
- The EU's Foreign Direct Investment in Bosnia and Herzegovina reached circa €200 million in 2019
- Volume of trade with the EU was €10.34 billion in 2019



Mobility & empowerment

- Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2010
- In 2015–2020: over 12,169 participants from Bosnia and Herzegovina in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+
- €35.15 million in support to civil society in 2014 – 2020



EU funding

- The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina
- €1.19 billion in EU pre-accession funds (2007–2020)
- €2.4 billion in loans from European Investment Bank since 1999
- €284.3 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, to leverage investments of estimated €3.6 billion

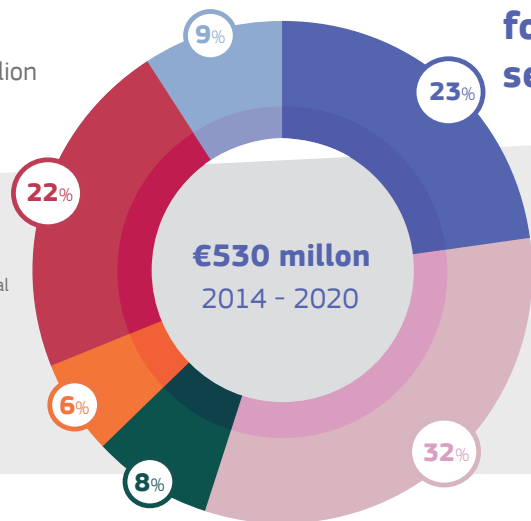


Supporting transformation

- 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

- Democracy and governance
- Rule of law and fundamental rights
- Environment, climate action and energy
- Transport
- Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development
- Education, employment and social policies



COVID-19 response

From IPA 2014–2020, €80.5 million in bilateral assistance for Bosnia and Herzegovina to cover urgent health needs and economic and social recovery, and €455 million for regional economic reactivation package. The EU makes available to Bosnia and Herzegovina Macro-Financial Assistance of up to €250 million in the form of a loan. In December 2020 the Commission adopted a €70 million package to help fund the access of Western Balkans partners to COVID-19 vaccines.

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