BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA on its European path
#EUenlargement

Trade & investment
- The EU is Bosnia and Herzegovina’s biggest trading partner
- The EU’s Foreign Direct Investment in Bosnia and Herzegovina reached €230 million in 2020
- Volume of trade in goods with the EU was €11.8 billion in 2021
- Sustainable transport: Medakovo – Ozimice Vc Motorway Subsection; Mostar South – Kvanj Tunnel Vc Motorway Subsection; Kvanj Tunnel – Buna Vc

EU funding
- The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina
- The EU is supporting the socioeconomic development and reforms in the enlargement region, including in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with financial and technical assistance through the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)
- For 2021-2027, IPA III funding for the whole enlargement region is €14.162 billion. It responds to thematic priorities
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- Rule of Law, fundamental rights and democracy
- Good governance and neighbourhood relations
- Green agenda and sustainable connectivity
- Competitiveness and inclusive growth
- Territorial and cross-border cooperation

Human capital & innovation
- The EU pays special attention to youth, education and innovation and is helping the Western Balkans implementing Youth Guarantee schemes to support youth employment
- 12,000+ participants from Bosnia and Herzegovina in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+ (2014-2020)
- €35.15 million in support to civil society (2014-2020)

Key milestones
- JULY 2008
  Signature of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement & entry into force of the Interim Agreement on trade
- 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
- OCTOBER 2022
  Commission recommendation to the Council to grant Bosnia and Herzegovina candidate status, on the understanding that a number of steps are taken

Over the next seven years, the EU will mobilise up to €30 billion in cooperation with international financial institutions through the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans launched in 2020. The following EIP projects for Bosnia and Herzegovina were endorsed in 2022:
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EU Data

* IPA assistance is based on EU thematic priorities rather than pre-defined country allocations, hence the global amount for the enlargement region.

Source: EU Data

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