The EU enlargement policy is a geo-strategic investment in Europe’s peace, security, stability and prosperity.

Russia’s aggression against Ukraine underlines the need to accelerate the accession process of the Western Balkans.

The EU will continue its strong political, technical, and financial support to all six Western Balkan partners, to help them advance key political, institutional, social and economic reforms that are necessary to progress on their path toward the EU.

The EU is the biggest donor, investor and trading partner in the Western Balkans

**No. 1 DONOR**

The EU has committed over **€29.5 billion** since 2007

**No. 1 INVESTOR**

EU companies are by far the leading investors, accounting for **61% of FDI stock** in the region in 2021

**No. 1 TRADING PARTNER**

EU accounts for almost 70% of the region’s total trade in 2021

The European Commission and the European Investment Bank

**€3.3 billion** to tackle COVID-19 pandemic and socio-economic recovery in the Western Balkans

Western Balkans is a market of over **17 million consumers**

Under the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans, the EU supports the post pandemic socio-economic recovery of the region and helps the region closing the development gap with the EU.

So far the EU approved funding for **40 flagship investments**, worth **€5.7 billion** in total investment