The EU is North Macedonia’s biggest trading partner.

The EU Foreign Direct Investment in North Macedonia reached €519.6 million in 2022.

Total volume of trade in goods with the EU was €13.8 billion in 2022.

Launched in 2020, the Economic and Investment Plan (EIP) for the Western Balkans aims to mobilise up to €30 billion in cooperation with international financial institutions until 2027. Under the EIP for North Macedonia, the EU has already mobilised €1.6 billion in investments, out of which €566 million in grants. For instance, the investments help:

- construct Kriva Palanka – Stracin express road of Corridor VIII: North Macedonia-Bulgaria rail interconnection
- increase the capacity of Bogdanci Wind Park.

The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to North Macedonia.

The EU is supporting the socio-economic development and reforms in the enlargement region, including in North Macedonia, with financial and technical assistance through the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA).

For 2021-2023, the IPA III funding for national programmes amounts to €265 million for North Macedonia. This includes the dedicated €80 million from the 2023 Energy Support Package immediate measures, 90% of which have already been disbursed to support vulnerable families and SMEs facing the rising energy prices. The actions are also aimed at supporting policy measures to accelerate the energy transition.

Since 1999, the EU has provided €1.2 billion in loans to North Macedonia through the European Investment Bank.

The EU pays special attention to youth, education, and innovation. It helps the Western Balkans in implementing Youth Guarantee schemes to support youth employment.

34,500+ participants took part in exchanges between the EU and North Macedonia in the areas of education, training, youth, and sport under ERA5MUS+ (2014-2020).

The EU has provided around €42 million in support to civil society (2014-2023).

The city of Skopje was awarded the title of the European Capital of Culture 2028.