



# KOSOVO\*

on its European path

#EUenlargement

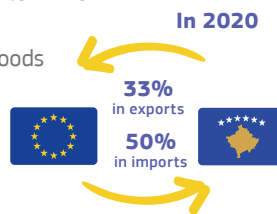


## Key milestones

- MARCH 2011**  
EU-facilitated dialogue between Belgrade-Pristina started
- APRIL 2013**  
'Brussels Agreement' between Belgrade and Pristina concluded
- APRIL 2016**  
Entry into force of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement
- 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
- OCTOBER 2020**  
Commission proposes Economic & Investment Plan to support and bring the Western Balkans closer to the EU

## Trade & investment

- The EU is Kosovo's biggest trading partner
- The EU's Foreign Direct Investment in Kosovo reached €151.6 million in 2020
- Volume of trade in goods with the EU was €1.3 billion in 2020



## EU funding

- The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Kosovo
- €1.21 billion in EU assistance funds (2007-2020)
- €280 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €198.7 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, to leverage investments of estimated €1.8 billion

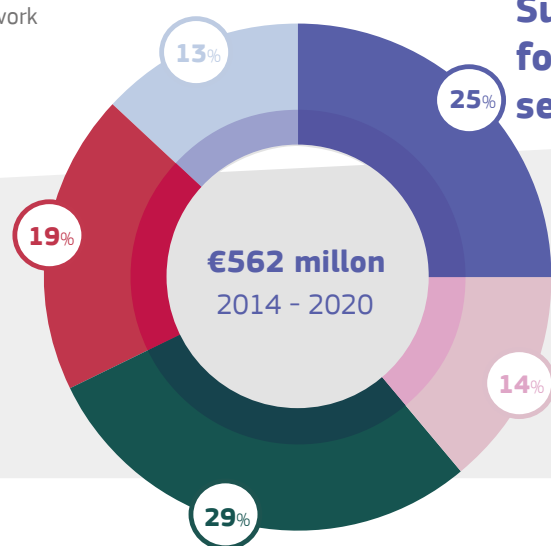
## Mobility & empowerment

- Over 3,412 participants from Kosovo in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+ (2014-2020)
- 364 'Young Cells Scheme' grants have been awarded to public administration scholars
- 4,000+ young and disadvantaged people received employment and entrepreneurship training
- €18.5 million in support to civil society (2014-2020)

## 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

In December 2020, the Commission adopted a **€70 million** package of grants to help fund the access of Western Balkans partners to COVID-19 vaccines. A part of these grants covered the delivery of 650,000 doses of BioNTech/ Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines to all the Western Balkans - funded by the EU and facilitated by Austria - between May and August 2021. In February 2021, the Commission launched a project of over €7 million jointly with WHO, to support readiness for vaccination efforts and resilient health systems in the Western Balkans.

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