

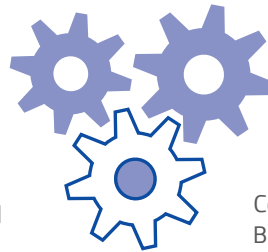
EU – Western Balkans relations

April 2020
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2020 – a new moment for EU-Western Balkans relations

February 2020: Revised methodology, presented by the Commission, to drive the enlargement process forward with a **stronger political steer** and in a more **credible, predictable, dynamic way**

March 2020: EU decides to open accession negotiations with **Albania** and **North Macedonia**

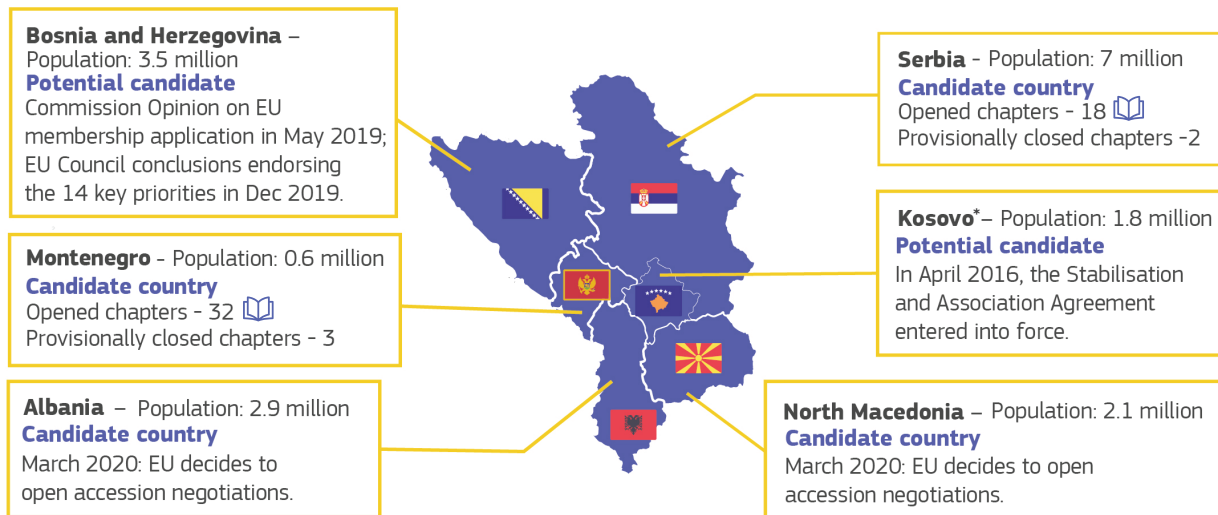


April 2020: EU financial support package of **over €3.3 billion** to tackle coronavirus-related health needs & post-pandemic socio-economic recovery

6 May 2020: EU-Western Balkans leaders meeting

Commission proposal to further the EU-Western Balkans agenda with an **economic & investment plan** for the region to be presented **later this year**

Overview: EU relations with the Western Balkans



Economic potential of the EU relations with the Western Balkans



€12.7 billion
Foreign Direct Investments
in 2014-2018. EU companies are the biggest investors in the Western Balkans



Western Balkans is a market of
18 million consumers



€55 billion
in trade between the EU and the Western Balkans in 2019