



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

on its European path

#EUenlargement



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

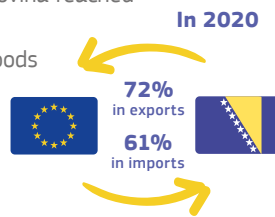
OCTOBER 2020

Commission proposes Economic & Investment Plan to support and bring the Western Balkans closer to the EU



Trade & investment

- The EU is Bosnia and Herzegovina's biggest trading partner
- The EU's Foreign Direct Investment in Bosnia and Herzegovina reached €228 million in 2020
- Volume of trade in goods with the EU was €9.6 billion in 2020



Mobility & empowerment

- Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2010
- Over 12,169 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)



EU funding

- The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina
- €1.19 billion in EU pre-accession funds (2007-2020)
- €2.4 billion in loans from European Investment Bank since 1999
- €284.3 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, to leverage investments of estimated €3.6 billion

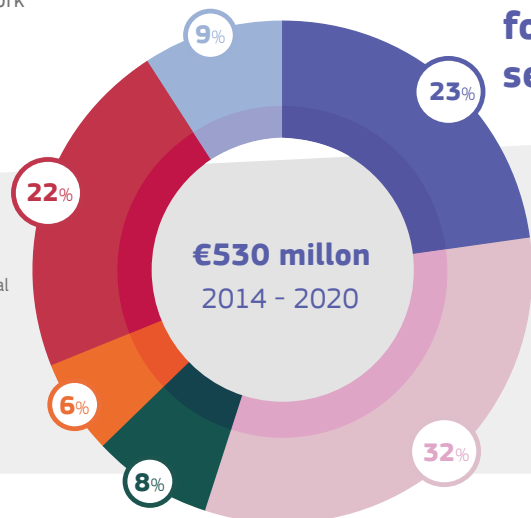


Supporting transformation

- 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

- Democracy and governance
- Rule of law and fundamental rights
- Environment, climate action and energy
- Transport
- Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development
- Education, employment and social policies



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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