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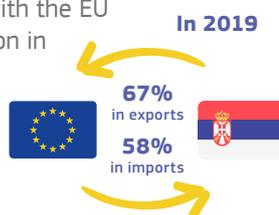
on its European path

#EUenlargement



Trade & investment

- The EU is Serbia's biggest trading partner
- The EU's Foreign Direct Investment in Serbia reached €2 billion in 2019
- Volume of trade with the EU was over €24 billion in 2019



Mobility & empowerment

- Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2009
- In 2015-2019: over 12,470 participants in academic exchange under Erasmus+
- €33 million in support to civil society from 2014-2020



EU funding

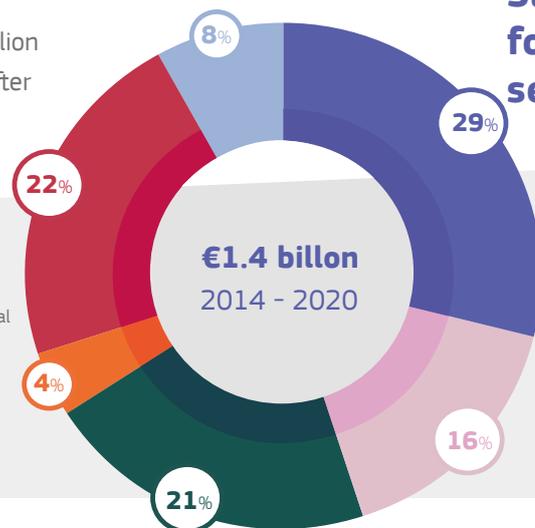
- The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Serbia
- €2.79 billion in EU pre-accession funds 2007-2020
- Over €5.5 billion provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €210.2 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, to leverage investments of estimated €5.4 billion
- €162.2 million in disaster relief after the floods in 2014



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

From IPA 2014-2020, €93.4 million in bilateral assistance for Serbia to cover urgent health needs and economic and social recovery, and €455 million for regional economic reactivation package. In addition, the European Investment Bank is providing €1.7 billion to the region.

Key milestones

DECEMBER 2009

Application for EU membership

MARCH 2012

EU Candidate country status granted

JUNE 2013

EU decides to open accession negotiations

SEPTEMBER 2013

Entry into force of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement

DECEMBER 2019

18 chapters out of 35 opened of which 2 provisionally closed

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