



KOSOVO*

on its European path

#EUenlargement



Key milestones

APRIL 2013

'Brussels Agreement' between Belgrade and Pristina signed

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



Trade & investment

- The EU is Kosovo's biggest trading partner
- The EU's Foreign Direct Investment in Kosovo reached €158.2 million in 2019
- Volume of trade with the EU was €1.4 billion in 2019



EU funding

- The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Kosovo
- €1.21 billion in EU assistance funds 2007-2020
- €229 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €148.4 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, to leverage investments of estimated €1.3 billion



Mobility & empowerment

- In 2015-2020: over 4,940 participants from Kosovo in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+
- 364 'Young Cells Scheme' grants have been awarded to public administration scholars
- 4,000+ young and disadvantaged people received employment and entrepreneurship training

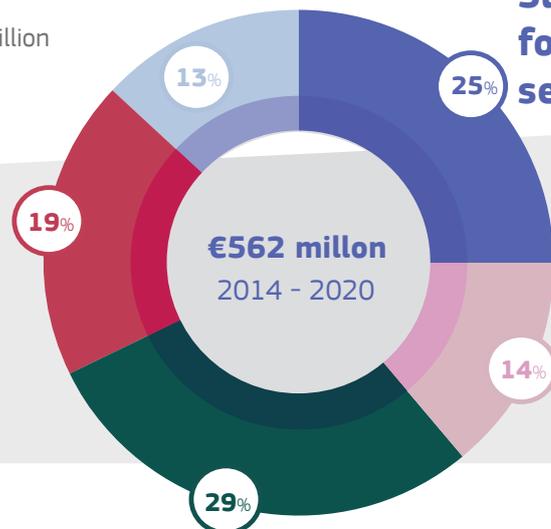


Supporting transformation

- 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

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

Support for key sectors



COVID-19 response

From IPA 2014-2020, €68 million in bilateral assistance for Kosovo to cover urgent health needs and economic and social recovery, and €455 million for regional economic reactivation package. In addition, €100 million was approved by the EU in Macro-Financial Assistance for Kosovo and the European Investment Bank is providing €1.7 billion to the region. In December 2020 the Commission adopted a €70 million package to help fund the access of Western Balkans partners to COVID-19 vaccines.

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