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On 25 June, Štefan Füle, Member of the EC in charge of Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, presented the conclusions on Serbia and Kosovo at press conference of the General Affairs Council. Regarding enlargement and the stabilisation and association process, the Council agreed to recommend to the European Council to open accession negotiations with Serbia. The Council also agreed in principle on draft Council decisions authorising the opening of negotiations on a stabilisation and association agreement (SAA) between the European Union and Kosovo, to be adopted on 28 June 2013, following the necessary procedures.

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00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	General view of press conference	00:00:03
00:00:08	SOUNDBITE (in English) Štefan Füle, Member of the EC in charge of Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy: Now the conclusions adopted today also describes the next steps in the procedures: the Commission will be invited to present the draft negotiating framework without delay, second it will be up to the Council to approve the negotiating framework with the view of holding the first intergovernmental conference in January newt year at the very latest. This does not exclude doing it earlier and the Commission will work hard to make it technically possible, there is a consensus by the member States to do it as early as October. Now, point number three, we are asked, already now, to undertake the analytical examination of the acquis, the screening giving the priority to the chapter 23 and 24, on the judiciary and fundamental rights and justice freedom and security.	00:01:18
00:01:26	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:05
00:01:31	SOUNDBITE (in English) Štefan Füle: Now on Kosovo, the Ministers have agreed to open the negotiation on stabilisation and association agreement with Kosovo , a mandate for this negotiations will be formally adopted this Friday at the same time that the EU Council conclusions. I am pleased to say that we have an ambitious mandate on the table, including all elements of a stabilisation and	00:00:43

	the table, including all elements of a stabilisation and association agreement which is political dialogue, justice and freedom, security, economic and trade policy, cooperation in other important areas.	
00:02:14	Speakers leaving	00:00:00

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