The EU companies are the biggest investors in the Western Balkans: over €10 billion of Foreign Direct Investments in the past five years.

Western Balkans is a market of some 18 million consumers.

Future potential: fast growing economies with high domestic demand.

The EU is the Western Balkans’ largest trading partner: €43 billion of total trade between the EU and the Western Balkans in 2016.

OVERVIEW OF THE EU RELATIONS WITH THE WESTERN BALKANS

Bosnia and Herzegovina – Potential candidate
Opened chapters - 30
Provisionally closed chapters - 3

Montenegro – Candidate country
Opened chapters - 12
Provisionally closed chapters - 2

Serbia – Candidate country
Opened chapters - 12
Provisionally closed chapters - 2

Albania – Candidate country
On the basis of fulfilled conditions, the Commission is ready to prepare a recommendation to open accession negotiations.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia – Candidate country
On the basis of fulfilled conditions, the Commission is ready to prepare a recommendation to open accession negotiations.

A CREDIBLE ENLARGEMENT PERSPECTIVE FOR AND ENHANCED EU ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WESTERN BALKANS

THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF THE EU’S RELATIONS WITH THE WESTERN BALKANS

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