

EU-WESTERN BALKANS

THE WAY FORWARD

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In the coming years, **the Western Balkans have the opportunity to move forward** on their respective European paths. The Commission assesses the countries in a fair and objective manner on the basis of **their own merits** and at the speed at which they achieve progress in meeting the established criteria.

This requires **serious efforts** on key reforms including **rule of law** and **fundamental rights**, tackling **corruption and organised crime**, improving the functioning of **democratic institutions**, **public administration** and the **economy**, and fostering **good neighbourly relations** and **solving bilateral disputes**.

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