The EU is Albania's biggest trading partner

- The EU’s Foreign Direct Investment in Albania reached €567.8 million in 2019
- Volume of trade with the EU was €4.94 billion in 2019

Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2010

- In 2015–2020: over 9,835 participants from Albania in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+
- €25 million in support to civil society in 2014 – 2020

The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Albania

- €1.25 billion in EU pre-accession funds 2007-2020
- €464 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €143.8 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, to leverage investments of estimated €2.3 billion
- €115 million EU grants for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Albania after the 2019 earthquake

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

- Democracy and governance: 28%
- Rule of law and fundamental rights: 3%
- Environment, climate action and energy: 16%
- Transport: 4%
- Education, employment and social policies: 27%
- Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development: 22%

Supporting transformation

- \( \text{Imports: } 63.9\% \)
- \( \text{Exports: } 76.6\% \)

COVID-19 response

From IPA 2014–2020, €50.65 million in bilateral assistance for Albania to cover urgent health needs and economic and social recovery, and €455 million for regional economic reactivation package. In addition, €180 million was approved by the Commission in Macro-Financial Assistance for Albania 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. In February 2021 the Commission launched a project of over €7 million jointly with WHO, to support readiness for vaccination efforts and resilient health systems in the Western Balkans.

Source: EU Data