

ALBANIA

ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

TRADE & INVESTMENT

- The EU is Albania's biggest trading partner
- The EU's contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment in Albania was 242.3 million in 2016
- Volume of trade with the EU was €4 billion in 2016

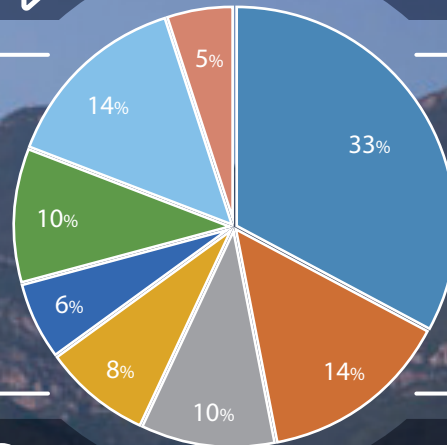


MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT

- Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2010
- In 2015 - 2016 over 3660 participants in student, academics and youth exchanges under Erasmus+
- €25 million in support to the civil society for 2014 - 2020

SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS 2014-2020

(€649.4 MILLION)



- Democracy and Governance
- Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights
- Environment and Climate Action
- Transport
- Competitiveness and Innovation
- Education, Employment and Social Policies
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Territorial Cooperation and Regional Cooperation

EU FUNDING

The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Albania

- €1.24 billion in EU pre-accession funds 2007-2020
- €135 million for sector budget support programmes
- €359 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €92.5 million in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants since 2009, leveraging investments estimated of € 1.2billion
- €14.9 million in disaster relief after the 2015 floods

SUPPORTING TRANSFORMATION

- Strengthening democracy: Rule of Law, Justice and Fundamental Rights
- Reforming public administration
- Strengthening competitiveness and supporting business development
- Working towards a cleaner environment and safer food

KEY MILESTONES

APRIL 2009

1. Application for EU membership
2. Entry into force of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement

DECEMBER 2010

Entry into force of visa liberalisation

JUNE 2014

EU candidate country status granted

APRIL 2018

Commission recommends the opening of accession negotiations

JUNE 2018

The Council sets out the path towards opening accession negotiations in June 2019

