KOSOVO* ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

TRADE & INVESTMENT
➔ The EU is Kosovo’s biggest trading partner
➔ The EU’s contribution to total foreign Direct Investment in Kosovo was €158.2 million in 2019
➔ Volume of trade with the EU was €1.4 billion in 2019

MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT
➔ In 2015 – 2019 over 4177 participants in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+
➔ 364 ‘Young Cells Scheme’ grants have been awarded to public administration scholars
➔ 4000+ young and disadvantaged people received employment and entrepreneurship training

SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS 2014-2020 (€573 MILLION)

- 25% Democracy and governance
- 21% Rule of law and fundamental rights
- 16% Environment, climate action and energy
- 13% Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development
- 50% Education, employment and social policies

EU FUNDING
The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Kosovo
➔ €1.21 billion in EU assistance funds 2007-2020
➔ €229 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
➔ €148.4 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, leveraging investments of estimated €1.3 billion

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE
From IPA 2014-2020, €68 million in bilateral assistance for Kosovo to cover urgent health needs and economic and social recovery, and €455 provided regionally for an economic reactivation package. In addition, €100 million was approved by the EU in Macro-Financial Assistance for Kosovo and the European Investment Bank is providing a €1.7 billion package of assistance to the region

KEY MILESTONES

APRIL 2013
‘Brussels Agreement’ between Belgrade and Pristina signed

APRIL 2016
The Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the EU and Kosovo enters into force

MAY 2016
The European Commission proposes visa-free travel for the people of Kosovo

OCTOBER 2016
First meeting of the EU-Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Council

JULY 2018
Commission confirms that Kosovo has fulfilled all outstanding visa liberalisation benchmarks

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

Source: EU data