**Kosovo**

**On its European Path**

**Trade & Investment**
- The EU is Kosovo’s biggest trading partner.
- Kosovo’s contributions 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)**

- **EU Funding**
  - The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Kosovo.
  - €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 proposed by the Commission in Macro-Financial Assistance for Kosovo and the European Investment Bank is providing a €1.7 billion package of assistance to the region.

- **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 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

[ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement](ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement) | facebook.com/EUnear | twitter.com/eu_near | Last updated: 04/2020