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Support for key sectors

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- 14% Rule of law and fundamental rights
- 13% Democracy and governance
- 29% Education, employment and social policies

COVID-19 response

From IPA 2014-2020, €68 million in bilateral assistance for Kosovo to cover urgent health needs and economic and social recovery, and €455 million for regional 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 €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.

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