KOSOVO
ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

TRADE & INVESTMENT
- The EU is Kosovo’s biggest trading partner
- The EU’s contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment was 50% in 2018
- Volume of trade with the EU was €1.53 billion in 2018

MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT
- In 2015 – 2018 over 2784 participants in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+
- 390 ‘Young Cells Scheme’ grants have been awarded to public administration scholars
- 3500+ 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
  - €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 €1.2 billion

- 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. Decision on Commission’s proposal is pending in EP & Council

*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.

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