NORTH MACEDONIA
ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

TRADE & INVESTMENT
- The EU is North Macedonia's biggest trading partner.
- The EU's contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment was 46.5% in 2017.
- 82% of the total FDIs stock in the country comes from the EU countries.

MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT
- Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2009.
- Over 2300 participants in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+.
- Pre-accession support has modernised sections of the Pan-Europian Corridor X motorway and railway Corridors VII and X.

EU FUNDING
The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to North Macedonia.
- €1.23 billion in EU pre-accession funds 2007-2020.
- €749 billion provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999.
- €117 million in the Western Balkans Investment Framework grants since 2009, leveraging investments for a total estimated project cost of €1.9 billion.

SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS 2014-2020
(COLOUR CHARTS)

STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY
- Rule of law and governance
- Environment and climate action
- Transport
- Education, employment and social policies
- Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development

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

OCTOBER 2009
- First recommendation to open accession negotiations

DECEMBER 2009
- Entry into force of visa liberalisation

APRIL 2018
- Commission recommends the opening of accession negotiations

JUNE 2018
- The Council sets out the path towards opening accession negotiations

MAY 2019
- Commission recommends opening of accession negotiations

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