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 in North Macedonia was €495.2 million in 2018
- Volume of trade with the EU was €10.5 billion in 2018

EU FUNDING
The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to North Macedonia
- €1.25 billion in EU pre-accession funds 2007-2020
- €818 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €180.1 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, leveraging investments of estimated €2.1 billion

MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT
- Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2009
- In 2015-2018, over 2300 participants in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS +
- Pre-accession support has modernised sections of the Pan-European Corridor X motorway and railway Corridors VII and X

SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS 2014-2020 (€633 MILLION)
- 23% Democracy and governance
- 22% Rule of law and fundamental rights
- 17% Environment, climate action and energy
- 10% Transport
- 20% Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development
- 10% Education, employment and social policies

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 opening of accession negotiations
- JUNE 2018 The Council sets out the path towards opening accession negotiations
- MAY 2019 Commission recommends opening of accession negotiations
- MARCH 2020 The Council decides to open accession negotiations

Source: EU data