SERBIA ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

TRADE & INVESTMENT
- The EU is Serbia’s biggest trading partner
- The EU’s contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment in Serbia was €2 billion in 2019
- Volume of trade with the EU was over €24 billion in 2019

EUROPEAN FUNDING
The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Serbia
- €2.79 billion in EU pre-accession funds 2007-2020
- Over €5.5 billion provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €210.2 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, leveraging investments of estimated €5.4 billion
- €162.2 million in disaster relief after the floods in 2014

SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS 2014-2020 (€1.4 BILLION)

MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT
- Visa-Free travel to the EU since December 2009
- In 2015 - 2019 over 12,470 participants in academic exchange under Erasmus+
- €33 million in support to the civil society for 2014-2020

SUPPORTING TRANSFORMATION
- Strengthening Democracy: rule of law, justice and fundamental rights
- Reforming public administration
- Working towards a cleaner environment and safer food

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE
From IPA 2014-2020, €93.4 million in bilateral assistance for Serbia to cover urgent health needs and economic and social recovery, and €455 provided regionally for an economic reactivation package. In addition, the European Investment Bank is providing a €1.7 billion package of assistance to the region.

KEY MILESTONES
- DECEMBER 2009: Application for EU membership
- MARCH 2012: EU Candidate country status granted
- SEPTEMBER 2013: Entry into force of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement
- JANUARY 2014: Accession negotiations opened
- DECEMBER 2019: 18 chapters out of 35 opened of which 2 provisionally closed

Source: EU data