**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 72% in 2017.
- Volume of trade with the EU was over €24 billion in 2018.

**EU FUNDING**
- The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Serbia.
- Over €5.5 billion provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999.
- €167.4 million provided to date in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, leveraging investments estimated at €4.9 billion.
- €162.2 million in disaster relief after the floods in 2014.

**SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS 2014-2020 (€1.5 BILLION)**

**MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT**
- Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2009.
- In 2015-2018 over 11,184 participants in academic exchange under Erasmus+.

**SUPPORTING TRANSFORMATION**
- Strengthening Democracy: rule of law and fundamental rights.
- Reforming public administration.
- Strengthening competitiveness and supporting business development.
- Working towards a cleaner environment and safer food.

**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.
- **MAY 2019**
  - 16 chapters out of 35 opened of which 2 provisionally closed.

Source: EU data