SERBIA ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

EU 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 (€1.5 BILLION)

TRADE & INVESTMENT
➔ The EU is Serbia’s biggest trading partner
➔ The EU’s contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment in Serbia was 63% in 2018
➔ Volume of trade with the EU was over €24 billion in 2018
➔ 67% in exports to the EU

MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT
➔ Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2009
➔ In 2015 - 2018 over 11,184 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
➔ 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

DECEMBER 2019
18 chapters out of 35 opened of which 2 provisionally closed

Source: EU data