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 (€1.4 Billion)

Trade & Investment
- The EU is Serbia’s biggest trading partner
- The EU’s contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment in Serbia was €2.12 billion in 2018
- Volume of trade with the EU was over €24 billion in 2018

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