THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

TRADE & INVESTMENT
- The EU is the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia’s biggest trading partner
- The EU’s contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment was 64% in 2016
- Volume of trade with the EU was €83 billion in 2017

MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT
- Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2009
- In 2016 – 2017 over 3500 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 (€664.2 MILLION)
- €12.88 billion in EU pre-accession funds 2007-2020
- €6.49 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €93.4 million in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants since 2009, leveraging investments estimated at €905 million

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

EU FUNDING
The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- In 2017 81.8% of all exports to the EU
- In 2017 62.9% of all imports from the EU

KEY MILESTONES
- DECEMBER 2005: Candidate country status granted
- JANUARY 2008: Entry into force of the readmission agreement
- 2009: First Commission recommendation to open accession negotiations. Entry into force of visa liberalisation 2009
- APRIL 2018: Commission recommends the opening of accession negotiations
- JUNE 2018: The Council sets out the path towards opening accession negotiations in June 2019

Source: EU data