NORTH MACEDONIA
ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

TRADE & INVESTMENT
- The EU is North Macedonia’s biggest trading partner
- The EU’s contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment was 46.5% in 2017
- 82% of the total FDIs stock in the country comes from the EU countries

MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT
- Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2009
- In 2015-2018, over 2300 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
- €27 million in support to the civil society for 2014-2020

SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS 2014-2020
(€608.9 MILLION)

EU FUNDING
The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to North Macedonia
- €1.23 billion in EU pre-accession funds 2007-2020
- €749 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €117 million in the Western Balkans Investment Framework grants since 2009, leveraging investments for a total estimated project cost of €1.9 billion

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
OCTOBER 2009
First recommendation to open accession negotiations
DECEMBER 2009
Entry into force of visa liberalisation
APRIL 2018
Commission recommends the opening of accession negotiations
JUNE 2018
The Council sets out the path towards opening accession negotiations
MAY 2019
Commission recommends opening of accession negotiations

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