The EU is Albania's biggest trading partner.

The EU's Foreign Direct Investment in Albania reached €492.5 million in 2020.

Volume of trade in goods with the EU was €4.5 billion in 2020.

Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2010.

Over 9,835 participants from Albania in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+ (2014-2020).


The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Albania.

€1.35 billion in EU pre-accession funds 2007-2020, including €115 million EU grants for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Albania after the 2019 earthquake.

€464 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999.

€143.8 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, to leverage investments of estimated €2.3 billion.

Strengthening democracy: rule of law, justice and fundamental rights.

Reforming public administration.

Fostering competitiveness and supporting business development.

Working towards a cleaner environment and safer food supply.

Support for key sectors:

- Democracy and governance: 23%
- Rule of law and fundamental rights: 28%
- Environment, climate action and energy: 16%
- Transport: 3%
- Education, employment and social policies: 4%
- Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development: 26%

COVID-19 response:

In December 2020, the Commission adopted a €70 million package of grants to help fund the access of Western Balkans partners to COVID-19 vaccines. A part of these grants covered the delivery of 650,000 doses of BioNTech/Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines to all the Western Balkans – funded by the EU and facilitated by Austria – between May and August 2021. In February 2021, the Commission launched a project of over €7 million jointly with WHO, to support readiness for vaccination efforts and resilient health systems in the Western Balkans.

Source: EU Data