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

- €1.21 billion in EU assistance funds (2007-2020)
- €280 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €198.7 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, to leverage investments of estimated €1.8 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

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Over 3,412 participants from Kosovo in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+ (2014-2020)

- 364 ‘Young Cells Scheme’ grants have been awarded to public administration scholars
- 4,000+ young and disadvantaged people received employment and entrepreneurship training
- €18.5 million in support to civil society (2014-2020)

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Key milestones

- **MARCH 2011**: EU-facilitated dialogue between Belgrade-Pristina started
- **APRIL 2013**: ‘Brussels Agreement’ between Belgrade and Pristina concluded
- **APRIL 2016**: Entry into force of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement
- **MAY 2016**: The European Commission proposes visa-free travel for the people of Kosovo
- **OCTOBER 2016**: First meeting of the EU-Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Council
- **JULY 2018**: Commission confirms that Kosovo has fulfilled all outstanding visa liberalisation benchmarks
- **OCTOBER 2020**: Commission proposes Economic & Investment Plan to support and bring the Western Balkans closer to the EU

Support for key sectors

- Democracy and governance
- Rule of law and fundamental rights
- Environment, climate action and energy
- Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development
- Education, employment and social policies

In 2020

- 50% in imports
- 33% in exports

COVID-19 response

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