The EU is North Macedonia’s biggest trading partner

The EU’s Foreign Direct Investment in North Macedonia reached €25.28 million in 2020

Volume of trade in goods with the EU was €8.7 billion in 2020

Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2009

Over 11,600 participants from North Macedonia in higher education, vocational education and training, school education, adult learning and youth under ERASMUS+ (2014–2020)

Pre-accession support has modernised sections of the Pan-European Corridor X motorway and railway Corridors VII and X

€24.3 million in support to civil society (2014–2020)

The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to North Macedonia

€1.25 billion in EU pre-accession funds (2007–2020)

€940 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999

€186.2 million in grants provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework, to leverage investments of estimated €2.1 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

In 2020

74% in exports

46% in imports

Supporting transformation

Support for key sectors

Democracy and governance: 22%

Rule of law and fundamental rights: 26%

Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development: 17%

Environment, climate action and energy: 19%

Education, employment and social policies: 7%

€633 million

2014 - 2020

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