The EU is Albania's biggest trading partner. The EU’s Foreign Direct Investment in Albania reached €535.6 million in 2020. Volume of trade in goods with the EU was €5.9 billion in 2021.

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.

€569 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999.

€370 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, to leverage investments of estimated €2.96 billion.

Supporting transformation:
- 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: 26%.
- Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development: 16%.
- Education, employment and social policies: 3%.
- Transport: 4%.

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. To date, over 4.7 million doses of vaccines have been donated by EU Member States or financed by this grant, which by Summer 2021 had 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. In addition, COVAX has provided almost 2.8 million doses, making a total of almost 8 million doses of vaccines received via Team Europe and via COVAX. The Commission also has a project of over €7 million jointly with WHO, which has helped to support readiness for vaccination efforts and resilient health systems in the Western Balkans.