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Mobility & empowerment

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- 364 ‘Young Cells Scheme’ grants have been awarded to public administration scholars
- 4,000+ young and disadvantaged people received employment and entrepreneurship training
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COVID-19 response

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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: 13%
- Rule of law and fundamental rights: 19%
- Environment, climate action and energy: 19%
- Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development: 25%
- Education, employment and social policies: 29%

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