The EU is Serbia’s biggest trading partner
The EU’s Foreign Direct Investment in Serbia reached €2.1 billion in 2020
Volume of trade in goods with the EU27 was €32.3 billion in 2021

Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2009
Around 12,400 participants from Serbia in higher education, vocational education and training, school education, adult learning and youth under ERASMUS+ (2014-2020) (Serbia is a programme country in Erasmus+ since 2019)
€33 million in support to civil society (2014-2020)

The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Serbia
€2.79 billion in EU pre-accession funds (2007-2020)
Over €6.3 billion provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
€444 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, to leverage investments of estimated €7 billion
€162.2 million in disaster relief after the floods in 2014

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 6%
Rule of law and fundamental rights 28%
Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development 19%
Environment, climate action and energy 15%
Transport 5%
Education, employment and social policies 27%

Supporting transformation
Trade & investment

Key milestones

DECEMBER 2009
Application for EU membership

MARCH 2011
EU-facilitated dialogue between Belgrade–Pristina started

MARCH 2012
EU Candidate country status granted

JUNE 2013
EU decides to open accession negotiations

SEPTEMBER 2013
Entry into force of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement

OCTOBER 2020
Commission proposes Economic & Investment Plan to support and bring the Western Balkans closer to the EU

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.

Support

€1.44 billion
2014 - 2020

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