

# KOSOVO

## ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

### TRADE & INVESTMENT

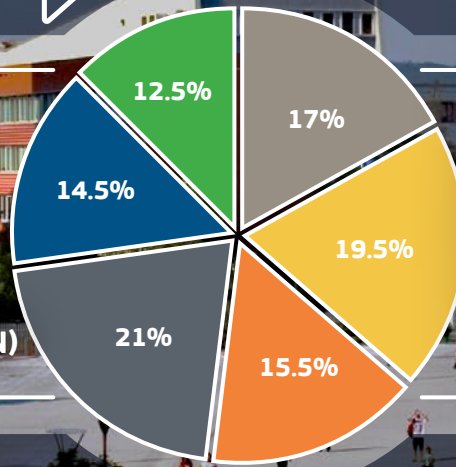
- The EU is Kosovo's biggest trading partner
- The EU's contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment was 1.18 billion in 2017
- Volume of trade with the EU was €9.6 billion in 2017



### MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT

- In 2015 – 2016 over 2200 participants in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+
- 259 'Young Cells Scheme' grants have been awarded to public administration scholars
- 3500+ young and disadvantaged people received employment and entrepreneurship training

### SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS 2014-2020 (€645.5 MILLION)



- Democracy and Governance
- Rule of Law Fundamental Rights
- Energy
- Competitiveness and Innovation
- Education, Employment and Social Policies
- Agriculture and Rural Development

### EU FUNDING

The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Kosovo

- €1.48 billion in EU assistance funds 2007-2020
- €149 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €95.7 million in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants since 2009, leveraging investments estimated at €764 million

### SUPPORTING TRANSFORMATION

- Strengthening Democracy: Rule of Law, Justice and Fundamental Rights
- Reforming public administration
- Strengthening competitiveness and supporting business development
- Working towards a cleaner environment and safer food

## KEY MILESTONES

APRIL 2013

'Brussels Agreement' between Belgrade and Pristina signed

APRIL 2016

The Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the EU and Kosovo enters into force

MAY 2016

The European Commission proposes visa-free travel for the people of Kosovo MAY 2016

OCTOBER 2016

First meeting of the EU-Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Council

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

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