

NORTH MACEDONIA

ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

TRADE & INVESTMENT (€)

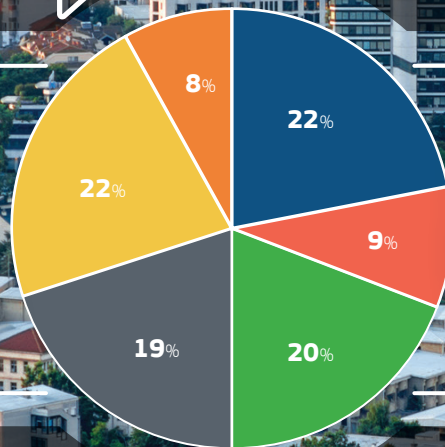
- The EU is North Macedonia's biggest trading partner
- The EU's contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment in North Macedonia was €495.2 million in 2018
- Volume of trade with the EU was €10.5 billion in 2018



MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT

- Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2009
- In 2015-2018, over 2300 participants in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS +
- Pre-accession support has modernised sections of the Pan-European Corridor X motorway and railway Corridors VII and X

SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS 2014-2020 (€633 MILLION)



- Democracy and governance
- Rule of law and fundamental rights
- Environment, climate action and energy
- Transport
- Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development
- Education, employment and social policies

EU FUNDING

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

- €1.25 billion in EU pre-accession funds 2007-2020
- €749 billion provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €180.1 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, leveraging investments of estimated €2.1 billion

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

OCTOBER 2009

First recommendation to open accession negotiations

DECEMBER 2009

Entry into force of visa liberalisation

APRIL 2018

Commission recommends opening of accession negotiations

JUNE 2018

The Council sets out the path towards opening accession negotiations

MAY 2019

Commission recommends opening of accession negotiations

