

# SERBIA

## ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

### TRADE & INVESTMENT (€)

- The EU is Serbia's biggest trading partner
- The EU's contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment in Serbia was €2.12 billion in 2018
- Volume of trade with the EU was over €24 billion in 2018

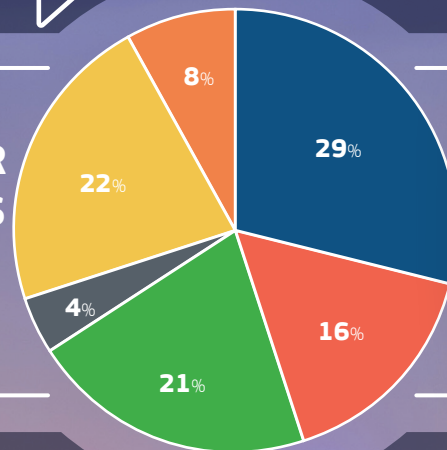


### MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT



- Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2009
- In 2015 - 2018 over 11,184 participants in academic exchange under Erasmus+
- €33 million in support to the civil society for 2014-2020

### SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS 2014-2020 (€1.4 BILLION)



- 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 Serbia
- €2.79 billion in EU pre-accession funds 2007-2020
- Over €5.5 billion provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €210.2 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, leveraging investments of estimated €5.4 billion
- €162.2 million in disaster relief after the floods in 2014

### 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

DECEMBER 2009

Application for EU membership

MARCH 2012

EU Candidate country status granted

SEPTEMBER 2013

Entry into force of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement

JANUARY 2014

Accession negotiations opened

DECEMBER 2019

18 chapters out of 35 opened of which 2 provisionally closed

