

KOSOVO*

ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

TRADE & INVESTMENT (€)

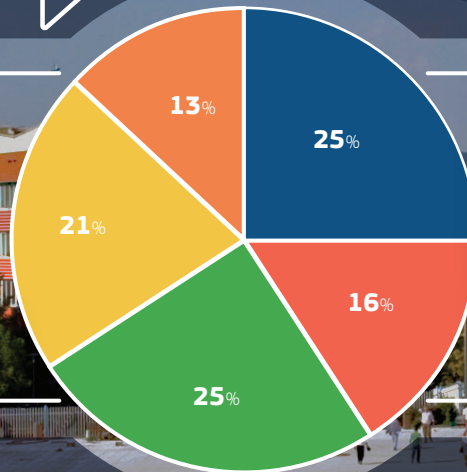
- The EU is Kosovo's biggest trading partner
- The EU's contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment in Kosovo was €116.1 million in 2018
- Volume of trade with the EU was €1.2 billion in 2018



MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT

- In 2015 – 2018 over 2784 participants in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+
- 390 '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 (€573 MILLION)



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

EU FUNDING

- The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Kosovo
- €1.21 billion in EU assistance funds 2007-2020
- €229 million provided in European Investment Bank loans since 1999
- €148.4 million provided since 2009 in Western Balkans Investment Framework grants, leveraging investments of estimated €1.2 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

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

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. Decision on Commission's proposal is pending in EP & 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

