

THE NEW INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE

Investing in Europe's stability and prosperity



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The new pre-accession funding is an investment in Europe's own stability, security and prosperity. It helps the countries concerned strengthen their democratic institutions, improve their judiciaries and public administrations, reform their economies, introduce high EU standards to protect consumers and environment. All this benefits directly citizens and business in those countries, as well as in the EU.

Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy
and Enlargement Negotiations

Pre-Accession Assistance supports EU candidate countries and potential candidates in adopting and implementing key political, institutional, social and economic reforms to comply with EU values and to progressively align to its rules, standards and policies.

THE INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE 2021 -2027

€ **14.5** billion

20 % increase
compared to
current funding



Shared values



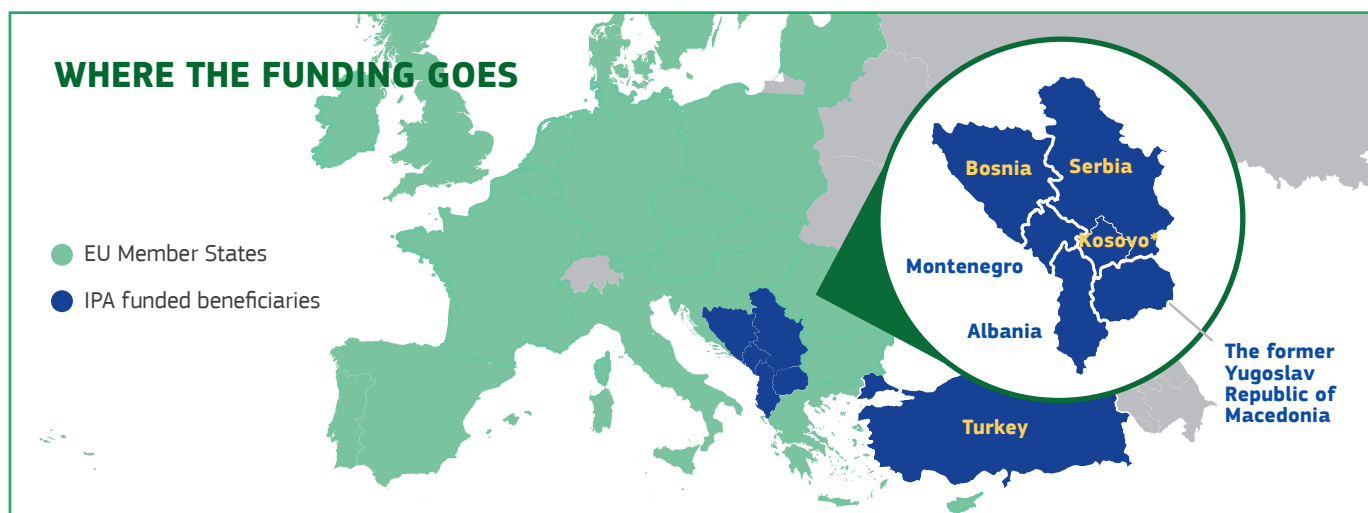
**Reforms to modernise society
and economy**



**Alignment to EU rules and
standards**



**Long term stability &
prosperity for Europe**



*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.

THE NEW INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE AT A GLANCE:

MORE STRATEGIC

- Renewed focus on key reforms for Union membership
- Increased reliance on country-led strategies resulting in greater ownership
- More flexibility and performance-based funding by not establishing partner allocations from the onset

FOCUS ON «FUNDAMENTALS FIRST»

- Link rule of law and respect of fundamental values with two other crucial areas of the accession process: strengthening the democratic institutions and public administration reform as well as economic governance and reforms towards competitiveness.
- Economic governance: strengthened focus on economic development and improved competitiveness
- Strengthening of democratic institutions and public administration reform

MORE INVESTMENTS AND LEVERAGE FUNDS

- Move investments in SMEs, energy efficiency, innovation and digital economy made possible by the External Actions Guarantee. The External Actions Guarantee will have the capacity to guarantee investments up to EUR 60 billion worldwide including in IPA beneficiaries
- Improving the business environment

GREATER IMPACT THROUGH INCREASED COHERENCE

- Coherence and complementarity between the Instrument for Pre-Accession and the new Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument: candidate countries and potential candidates will also benefit from the thematic and rapid reaction components of this new cooperation Instrument
- More synergies with a wide range of EU internal policy programmes to maximise impact on key priority sectors such as security, migration, research and innovation, environment and climate action, connectivity and energy