

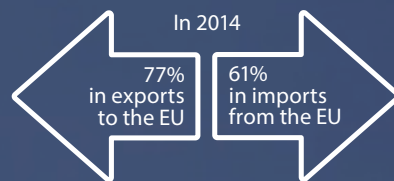
ALBANIA

ON THE PATH TOWARDS THE EU

TRADE & INVESTMENT



The EU is Albania's biggest trading partner



MOBILITY & TRANSPORT

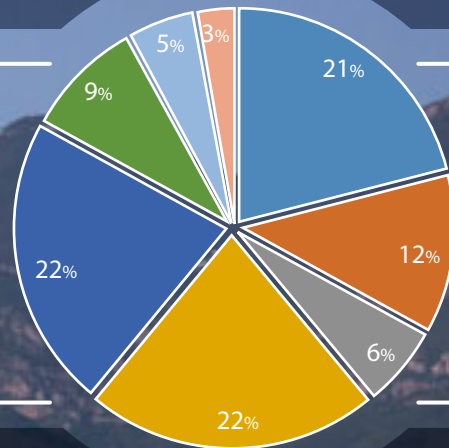


Visa-free travel to the EU since December 2010

6% of EU funding for transport 2007-2013

€51 million invested to construct roads in rural areas

SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS 2007-2013 (€588 MILLION)



- Justice and Home Affairs
- Public Administration Reform
- Social Inclusion and Employment
- Environment and Climate Change
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Transport
- Cross Border
- Others

EU FUNDING



The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Albania

€241.4 million in EU pre-accession funds 2014-2020

€100 million for sector budget support programme

€14.9 million in disaster relief after the 2015 floods

GETTING CLOSER TO EU STANDARDS



- Establishing the rule of law and a stable democracy
- Reforming public administration
- Strengthening competitiveness and support of SMEs
- Improving transport and energy connections
- Working towards a cleaner environment and safer food

KEY MILESTONES

JANUARY 2008

Entry into force of the readmission agreement

APRIL 2009

1. Application for EU membership
2. Entry into force of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement

DECEMBER 2010

Entry into force of visa liberalisation

JUNE 2014

EU candidate country status granted

