





In the coming years, **the Western Balkans have the opportunity to move forward** on their respective European paths. The Commission assesses the countries in a fair and objective manner on the basis of **their own merits** and at the speed at which they achieve progress in meeting the established criteria.

This requires **serious efforts** on key reforms including **rule of law** and **fundamental rights**, tackling **corruption and organised crime**, improving the functioning of **democratic institutions**, **public administration** and the **economy**, and fostering **good neighbourly relations** and **solving bilateral disputes**.

EU-WESTERN BALKANS - TIMETABLE

7	9 March	European Council reaffirms its unequivocal support for the European perspective of the Western Balkans
201	13 September	State of the Union 2017: President Juncker underlines the importance of a credible enlargement perspective for the Western Balkans
m	6 February	Adoption of the Western Balkans Strategy
2018	7-10 February	Commissioner Hahn visits Serbia and Montenegro
	15-16 February	Informal meeting of EU Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Gymnich)
2	25 February - 1 March	President Juncker, High Representative/Vice-President Mogherini and Commissioner Hahn visit the region
	17 April	Adoption of the Enlargement Package
18 Apri		Commissioner Hahn visits the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
	18 April	Commissioner Hahn and Commissioner Gabriel attend the Digital Summit in Skopje
	17-19 April (High Representative/Vice-President Mogherini visits the region
	24-28 April	President Tusk visits the region
	2 May	Commission proposes the Multiannual Financial Framework for the period 2021-2027
	11 May	Commissioner Hahn visits Montenegro
	17 May	EU – Western Balkans Summit in Sofia
14 June		Multiannual Financial Framework: Legislative proposal for spending programme "Neighbourhood and the World"
	26 June	General Affairs Council
	28-29 June (European Council
2019	9 May	Informal Leaders' meeting in Sibiu