

European Commission's Assessment of the Western Balkans 2018

A comparative overview of progress and preparation for EU membership

1. Political criteria

Level of progress

	Albania	BiH	Montenegro	Kosovo	Macedonia	Serbia
Public Administration Reform	Some progress	No progress	Good progress	Some progress	Good progress	Some progress
Functioning of the judiciary	Good progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress	Some progress
Fight against corruption	Good progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress
Fight against organised crime	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress
Freedom of expression	Some progress	No progress	No progress	No progress	Good progress	No progress

Level of progress 1 - BACKSLIDING 2 – NO PROGRESS 3 – SOME PROGRESS 4 – GOOD PROGRESS 5 – VERY GOOD PROGRESS

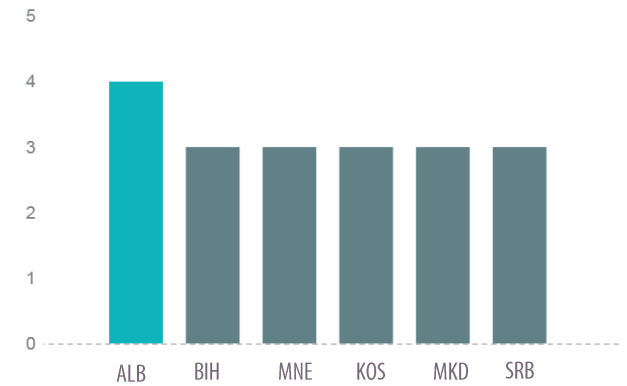
Public administration reform



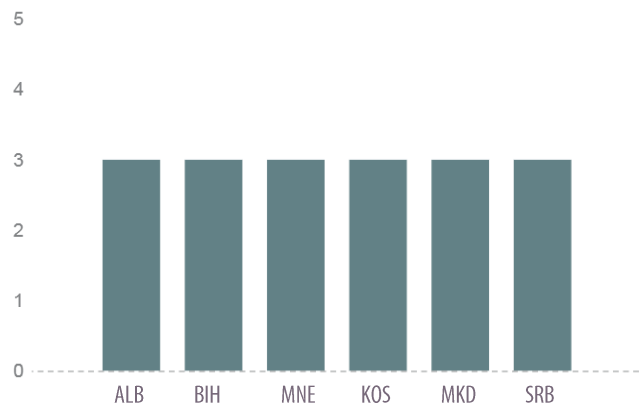
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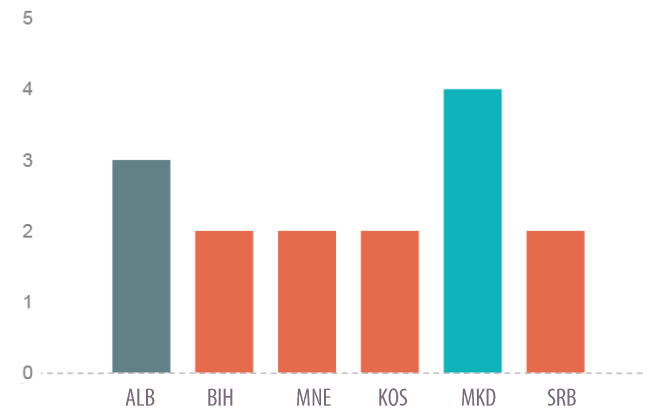
Fight against corruption



Fight against organised crime



Freedom of expression



Level of preparation for EU membership

	Albania	BiH	Montenegro	Kosovo	Macedonia	Serbia
Public Administration Reform	Moderately prepared	Early stage	Moderately prepared	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
Functioning of the judiciary	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Early stage	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation
Fight against corruption	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation	Early stage/Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation
Fight against organised crime	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation	Early stage	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation
Freedom of expression	Some level of preparation/Moderately prepared	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation

Level of preparation

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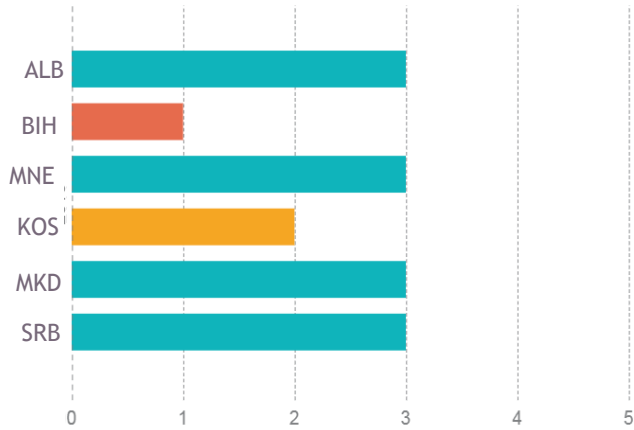
2 – SOME LEVEL OF PREPARATION

3 – MODERATELY PREPARED

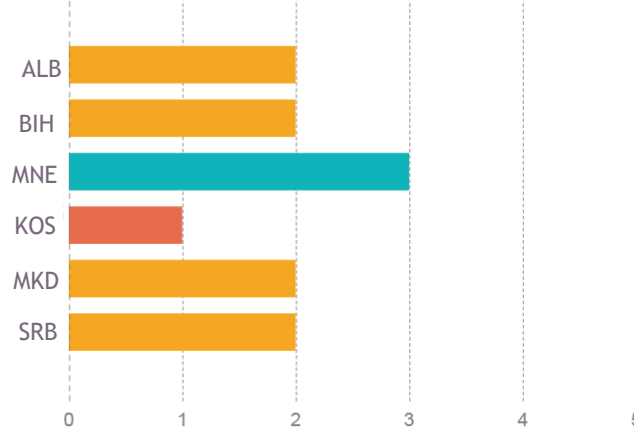
4 – GOOD LEVEL OF PREPARATION

5 – VERY ADVANCED STAGE

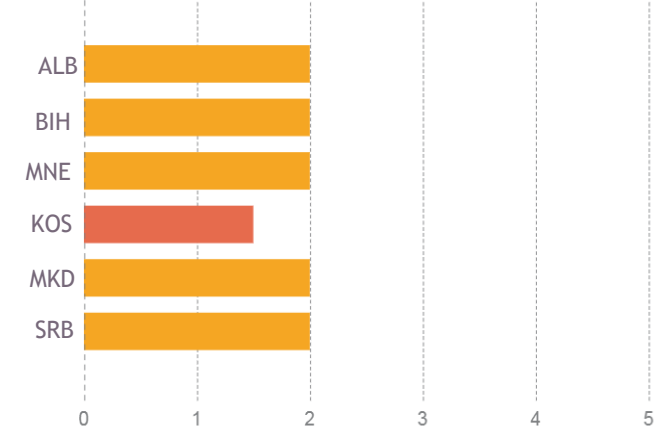
Public Administration Reform



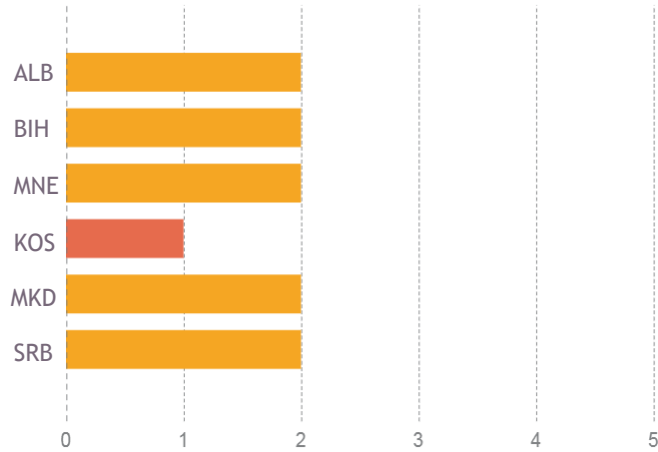
Functioning of the Judiciary



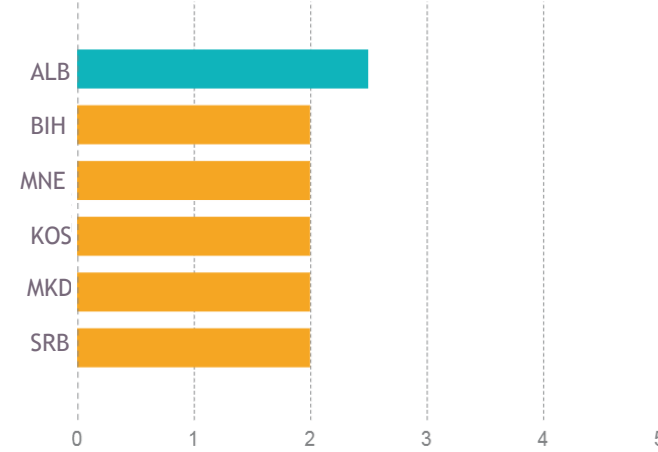
Fight against corruption



Fight against organised crime



Freedom of expression

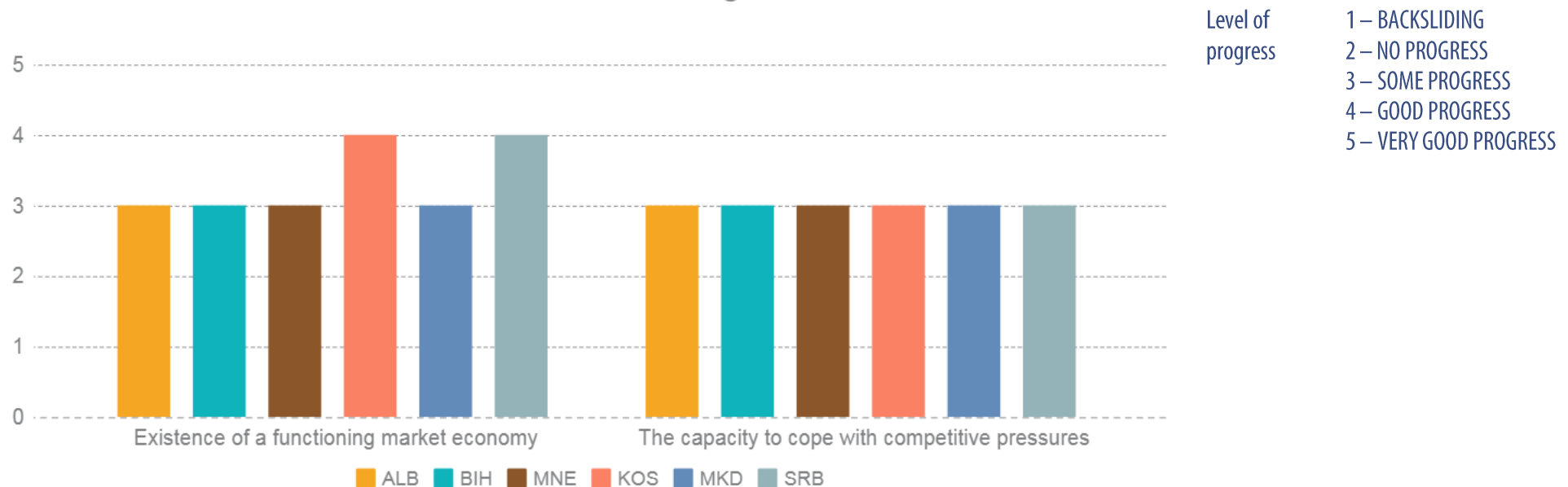


2. Economic criteria

Level of progress

	Albania	BiH	Montenegro	Kosovo	Macedonia	Serbia
Existence of a functioning market economy	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress	Some progress	Good progress
The capacity to cope with competitive pressures and market forces within the Union	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress

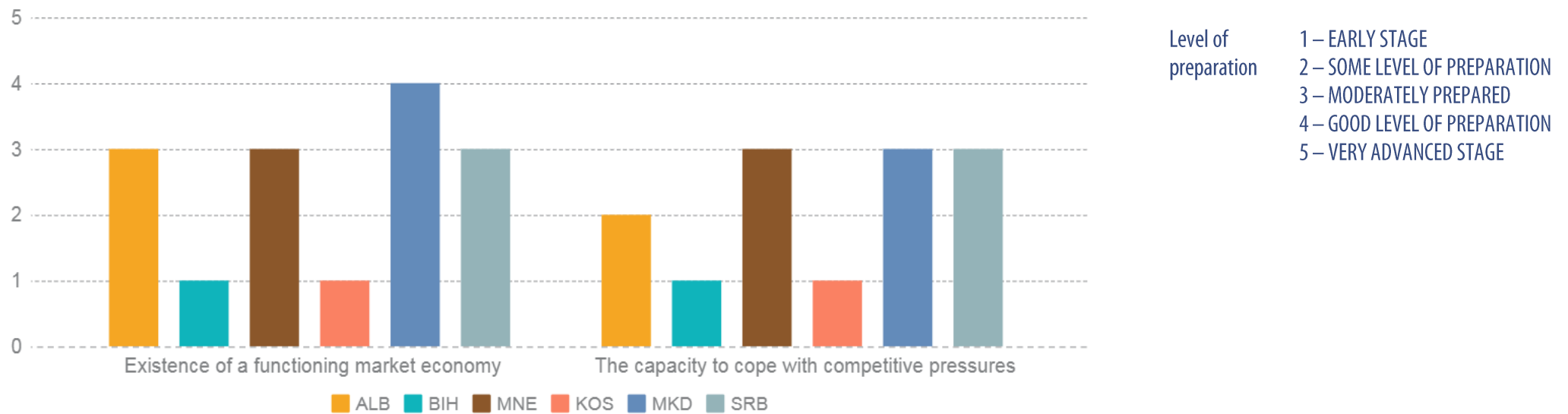
Economic criteria: Progress



Level of preparation for EU membership

	Albania	BiH	Montenegro	Kosovo	Macedonia	Serbia
Existence of a functioning market economy	Moderately prepared	Early stage	Moderately prepared	Early stage	Good level of preparation	Moderately prepared
The capacity to cope with competitive pressures and market forces within the Union	Some level of preparation	Early stage	Moderately prepared	Early stage	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared

Economic criteria: Preparation



3. Chapters of the Acquis

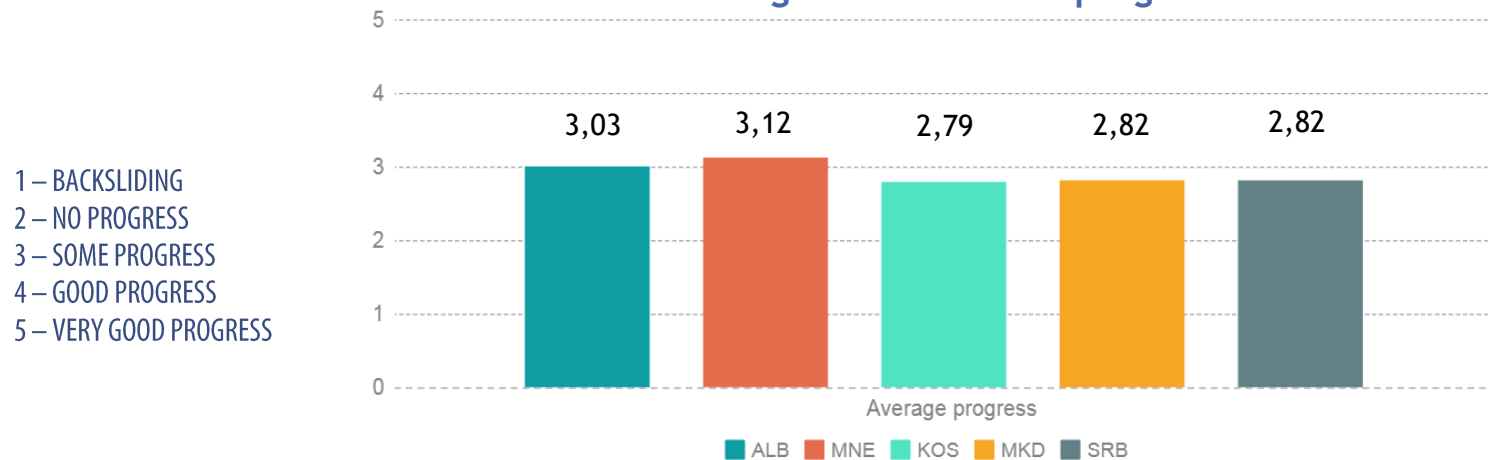
Level of progress

	Albania	Montenegro	Kosovo	Macedonia	Serbia
1. Free movement of goods	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	No progress	Some progress
2. Freedom of movement for workers	No progress	Some progress	Some progress	No progress	Some progress
3. Right of establishment and freedom to provide services	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	No progress	Some progress
4. Free movement of capital	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	No progress
5. Public procurement	Some progress	Backsliding	Some progress	Some progress	No progress
6. Company law	Some progress	Good progress	Some progress	Some progress	No progress
7. Intellectual property law	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	No progress
8. Competition policy	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	No progress	No progress
9. Financial services	Some progress	Good progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress
10. Information society and media	Some progress	No progress	No progress	No progress	No progress
11. Agriculture and rural development	Good progress	Good progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress

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12. Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy	Some progress	Good progress	Some progress	Some progress	No progress
13. Fisheries	Some progress	Good progress	No progress	No progress	Some progress
14. Transport policy	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress
15. Energy	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress
16. Taxation	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress
17. Economic and monetary policy	Some progress	Good progress	/	Some progress	Some progress
18. Statistics	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress
19. Social policy and employment	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress
20. Enterprise and industrial policy	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	No progress	Some progress
21. Trans-European networks	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress
22. Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments	Some progress	Some progress	/	Some progress	Some progress
23. Judiciary and fundamental rights	Good progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress	Some progress
24. Justice, freedom and security	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress	Some progress
25. Science and research	Some progress	Some progress	No progress	Some progress	Some progress

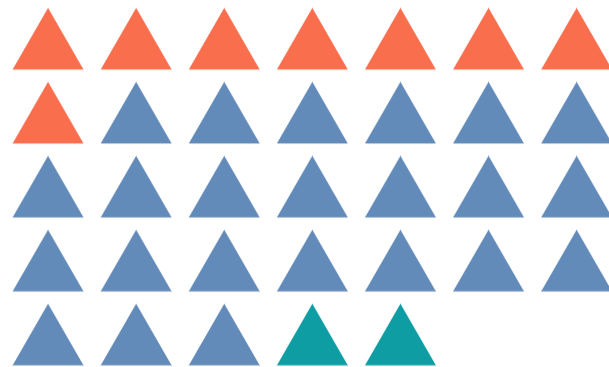
	Albania	Montenegro	Kosovo	Macedonia	Serbia
26. Education and culture	Some progress	Good progress	No progress	Some progress	Some progress
27. Environment	Some progress	Some progress	No progress	Some progress	Some progress
28. Consumer and health protection	Some progress	Some progress	No progress	No progress	Some progress
29. Customs union	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress
30. External relations	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	No progress
31. Foreign, security and defence policy	Some progress	Some progress	/	Some progress	Some progress
32. Financial control	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress
33. Financial and budgetary provisions	Some progress	Some progress	/	Some progress	Some progress

Average assessment of progress



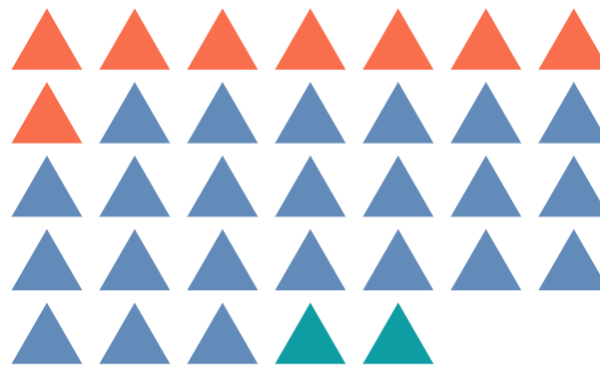
Progress based on the total number of chapters

Serbia



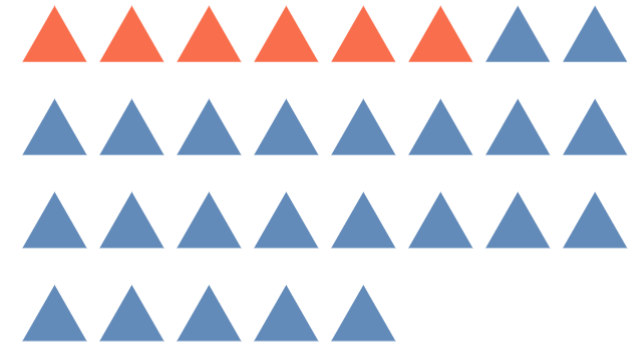
■ Backsliding (0%) ■ No progress (24.24%) ■ Some progress (69.70%)
 ■ Good progress (6.06%) ■ Very good progress (0%)

Macedonia



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 ■ Good progress (6.06%) ■ Very good progress (0%)

Kosovo



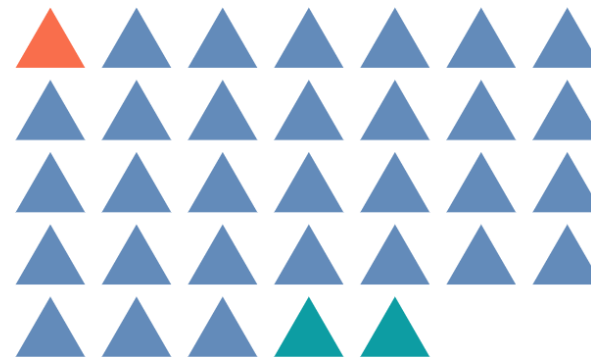
■ Backsliding (0%) ■ No progress (20.69%) ■ Some progress (79.31%)
 ■ Good progress (0%) ■ Very good progress (0%)

Montenegro



■ Backsliding (3.03%) ■ No progress (3.03%) ■ Some progress (72.73%)
 ■ Good progress (21.21%) ■ Very good progress (0%)

Albania



■ Backsliding (0%) ■ No progress (3.03%) ■ Some progress (90.91%)
 ■ Good progress (6.06%) ■ Very good progress (0%)

Level of preparation for EU membership

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1. Free movement of goods	Some level of preparation/Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Early stage/Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
2. Freedom of movement for workers	Early stage	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Early stage	Moderately prepared
3. Right of establishment and freedom to provide services	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
4. Free movement of capital	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
5. Public procurement	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
6. Company law	Moderately prepared	Good level of preparation	Early stage	Good level of preparation	Good level of preparation
7. Intellectual property law	Some level of preparation	Good level of preparation	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Good level of preparation
8. Competition policy	Some level of preparation/Moderately prepared	Some level of preparation/Moderately prepared	Early stage	Moderately prepared	Some level of preparation /Moderately prepared
9. Financial services	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
10. Information society and media	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
11. Agriculture and rural development	Early stage	Moderately prepared	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Some level of preparation
12. Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Some level of preparation	Good level of preparation	Moderately prepared
13. Fisheries	Early stage	Early stage	Early stage	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared

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14. Transport policy	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared/Good level of preparation	Early stage/Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared / Good level of preparation
15. Energy	Moderately prepared	Good level of preparation	Early stage	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
16. Taxation	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Early stage	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
17. Economic and monetary policy	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	/	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
18. Statistics	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
19. Social policy and employment	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation	Early stage	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
20. Enterprise and industrial policy	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
21. Trans-European networks	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Some level of preparation	Good level of preparation	Moderately prepared
22. Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	/	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
23. Judiciary and fundamental rights	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Early stage/Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation	Some level of preparation
24. Justice, freedom and security	Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Early stage/Some level of preparation	Moderately prepared	Some level of preparation
25. Science and research	Early stage	Good level of preparation	Early stage	Good level of preparation	Good level of preparation
26. Education and culture	Moderately prepared	Good level of preparation	Early stage	Moderately prepared	Good level of preparation

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29. Customs union	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Good level of preparation	Good level of preparation
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31. Foreign, security and defence policy	Good level of preparation	Good level of preparation	/	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
32. Financial control	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared	Early stage	Moderately prepared	Moderately prepared
33. Financial and budgetary provisions	Some level of preparation	Early stage	/	Early stage	Early stage

Average assessment of preparation to take on the obligations of membership

