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Introduction

Basic figures on the Western Balkans and Turkey — 2022 edition

The 2022 edition of Basic figures on the Western Balkans and Turkey presents series of basic statistical data for five candidate countries and two potential candidates and compares them with EU data.

The candidate countries, at the time of writing, were: Montenegro, North Macedonia, Albania, Serbia and Turkey, while the potential candidates were Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo.

Eurostat collects data from national statistical authorities and releases a range of publications, all of which are free of charge, on its website in PDF format: https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/main.

More details on the statistical cooperation with the Western Balkans and Turkey, and links to the websites of their national statistical authorities and to the data sources of the figures and graphs can be found at the end of the publication.

Statistics Explained

Statistics Explained (https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php) is a wiki-based system that presents statistical topics in an easy to understand way; it is composed of articles that together make up an encyclopaedia of statistics. There is a wide range of articles on the Western Balkans and Turkey: https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Enlargement_countries_-_statistical_overview

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Montenegro

Population, 2021 (million, 1 January)

0.6

Most similar EU Member State: Luxembourg: 0.6

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)

45.7

Most similar EU Member State: Lithuania: 44.6

GDP per capita, 2020 (EUR)

6 740

EU: 29 910

Infant mortality, 2019 (per 1 000 live births)

2.4

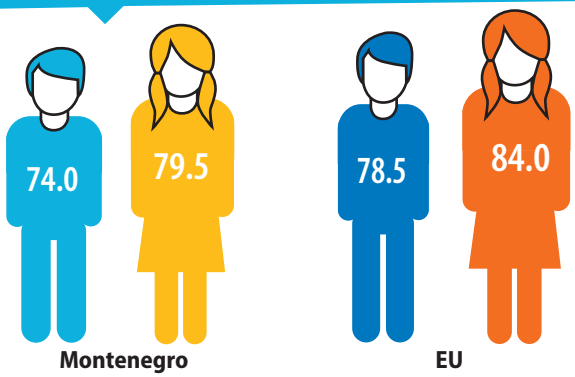
EU: 3.4

Youth unemployment, 2020 (% of labour force aged 15-24 years)

36.0

EU: 17.5

Life expectancy, 2019 (years)



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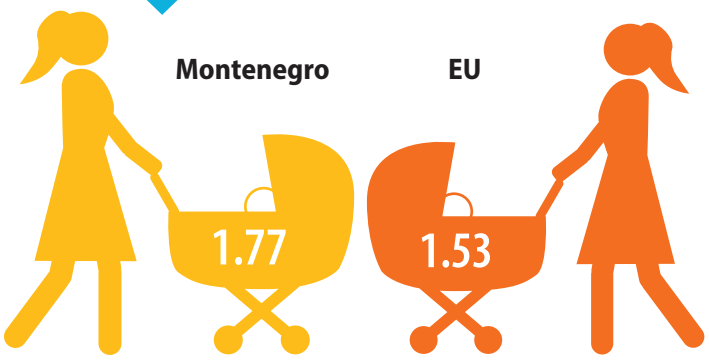

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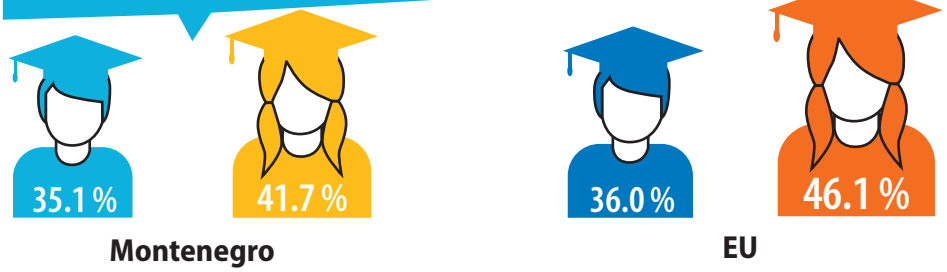

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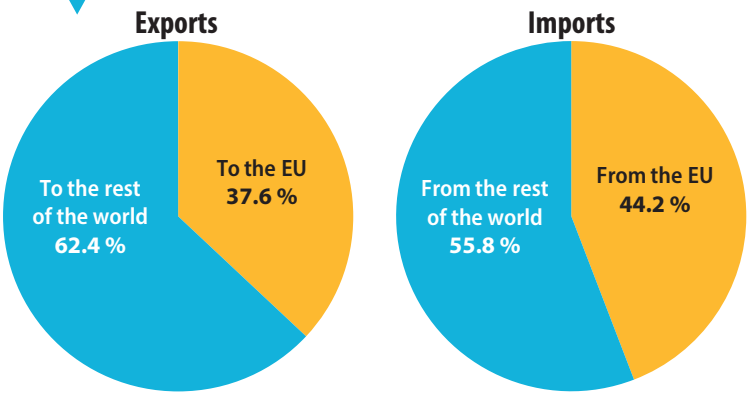

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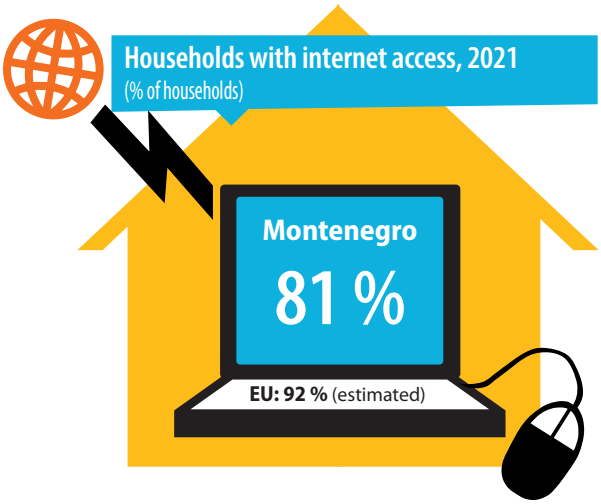

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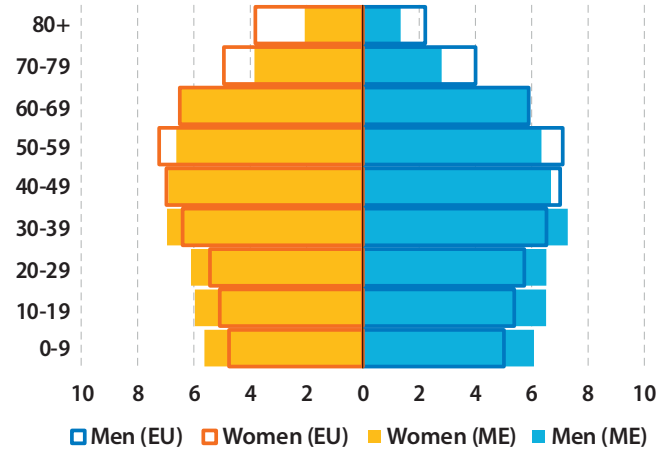

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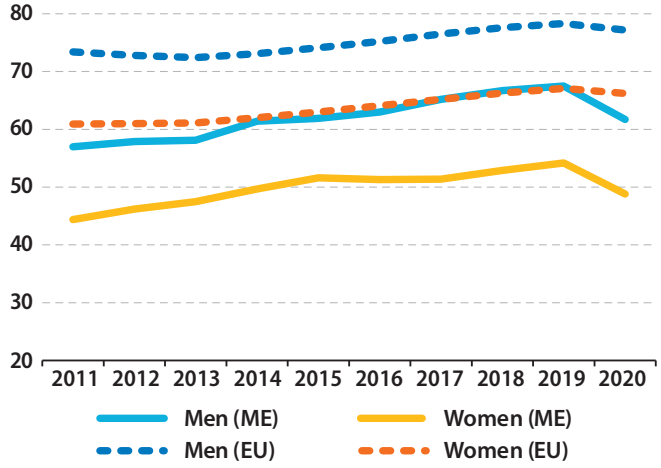

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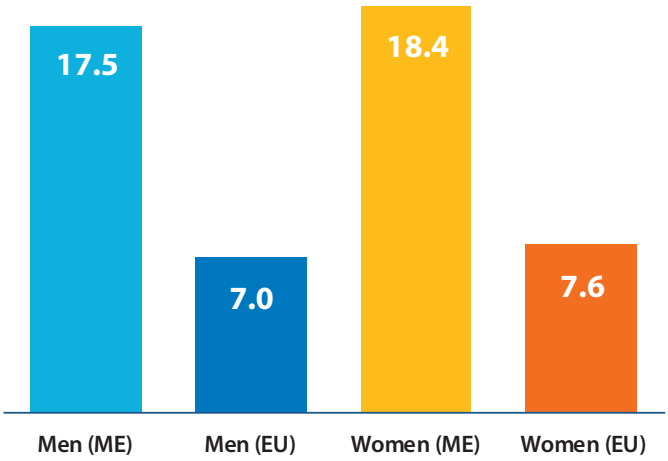

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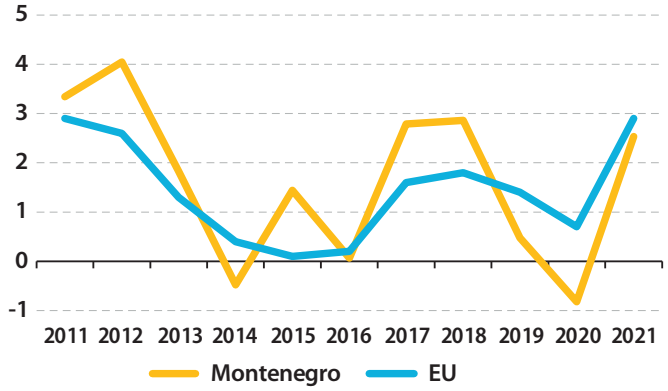

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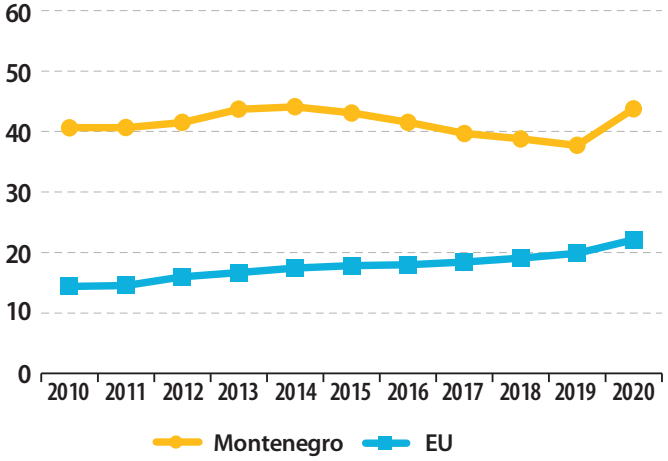
Renewable energy sources, Montenegro and EU
(% of total energy production)



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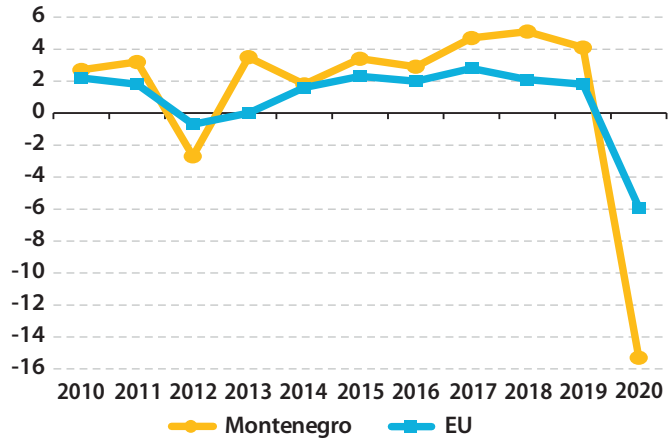

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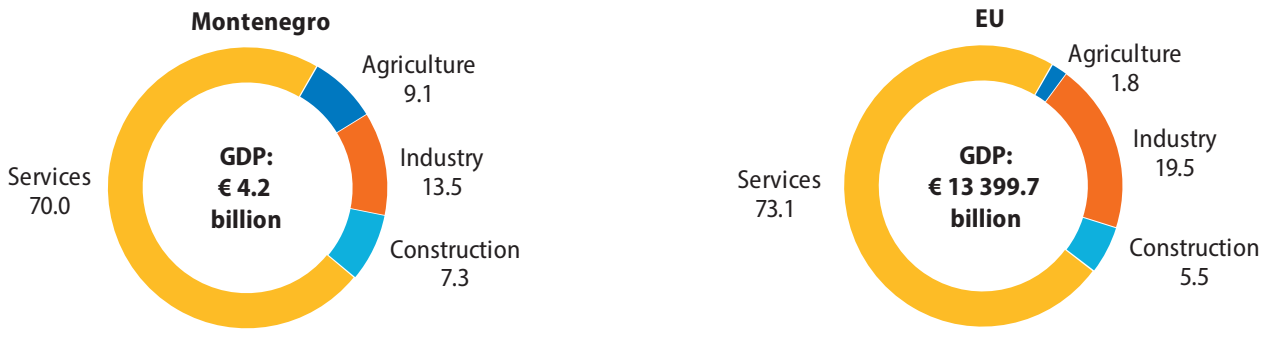

North Macedonia

Population, 2021 (million, 1 January)

2.1

Most similar EU Member State: Slovenia: 2.1

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)

83.4

Most similar EU Member State: Romania: 82.7

GDP per capita, 2018 (EUR)

5 170

EU: 30 290

Note: North Macedonia: estimated.

Infant mortality, 2019 (per 1 000 live births)

5.6

EU: 3.4

Youth unemployment, 2020 (% of labour force aged 15-24 years)

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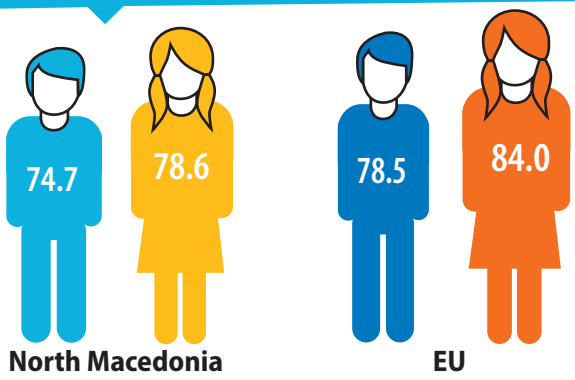
EU: 17.5

Life expectancy, 2019 (years)



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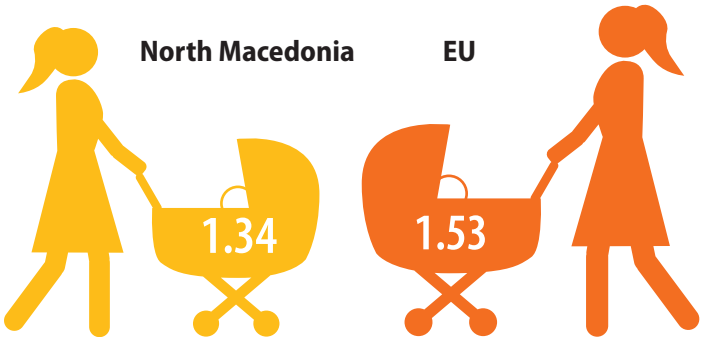

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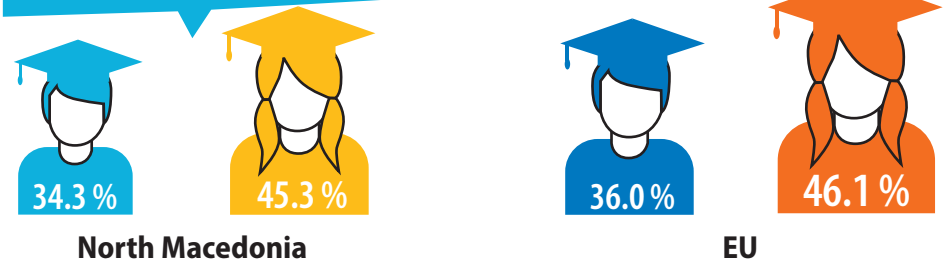

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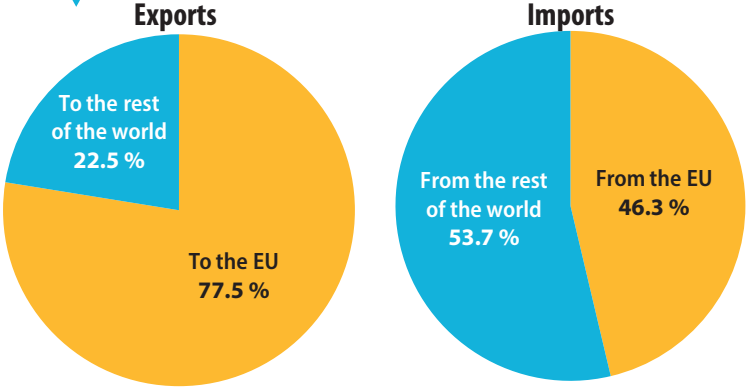

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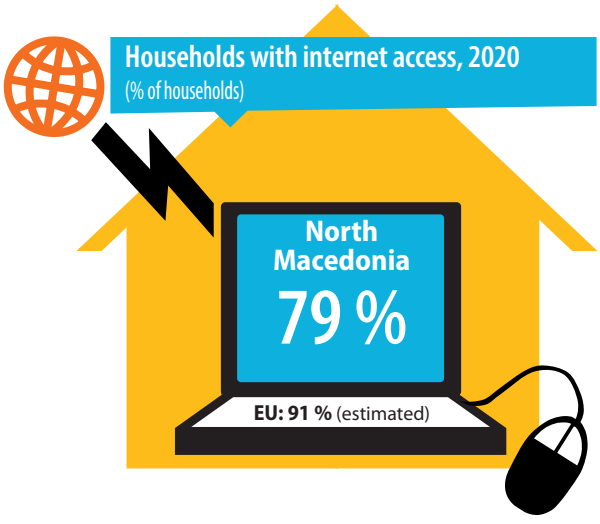
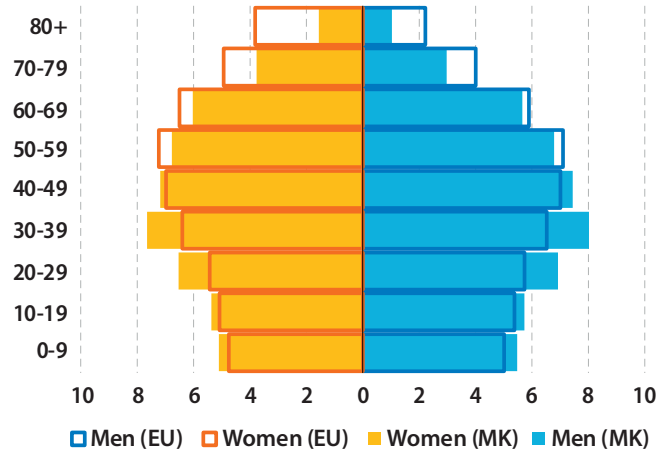


Population by age group, North Macedonia and EU, 2021
(% of total population, 1 January)



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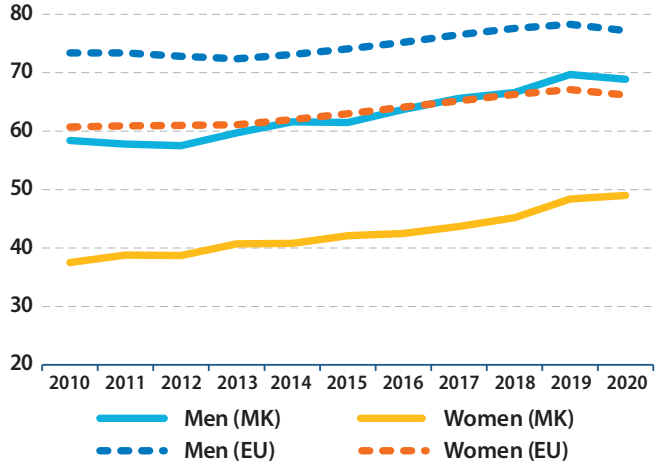

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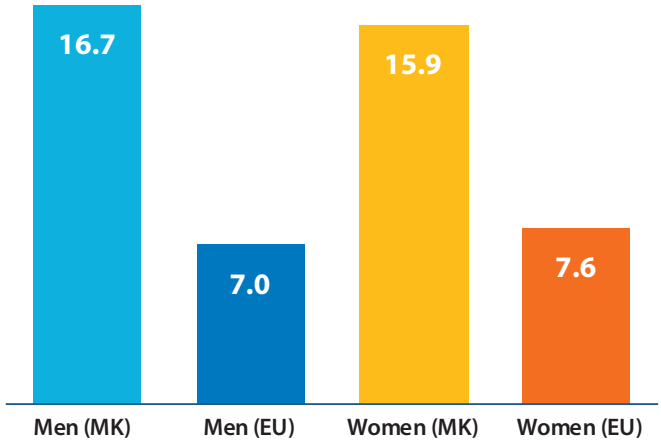

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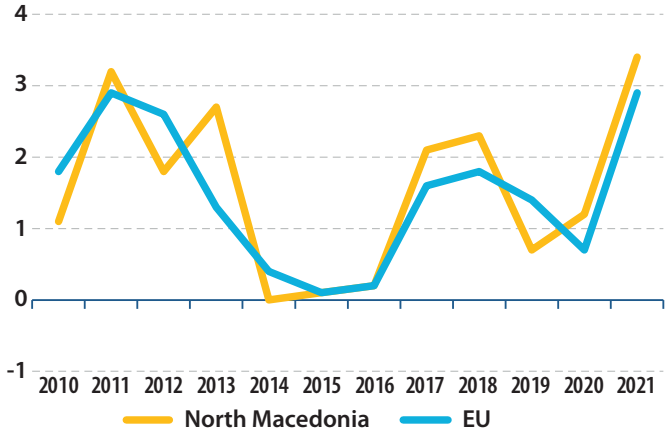

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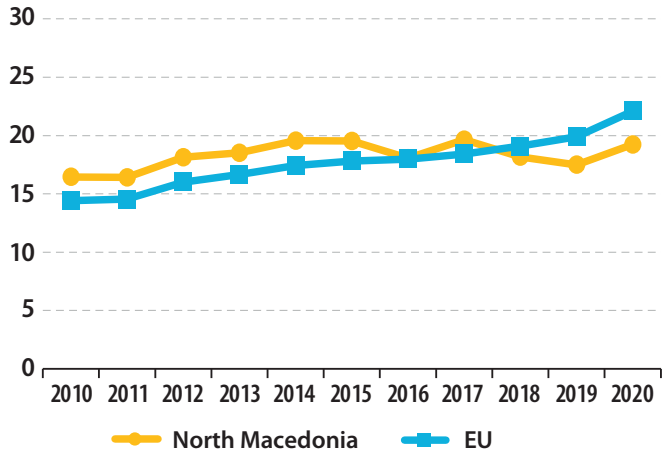

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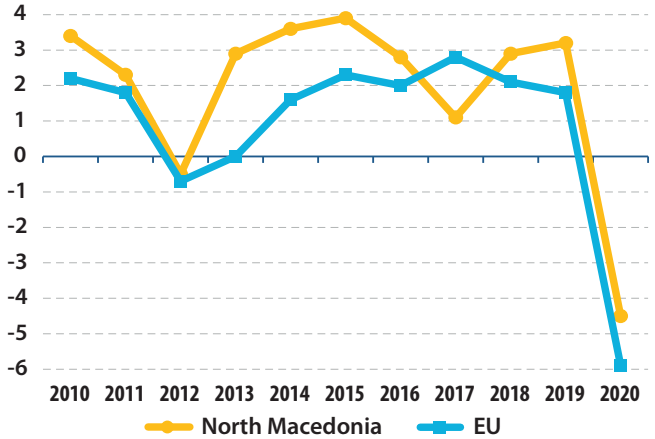

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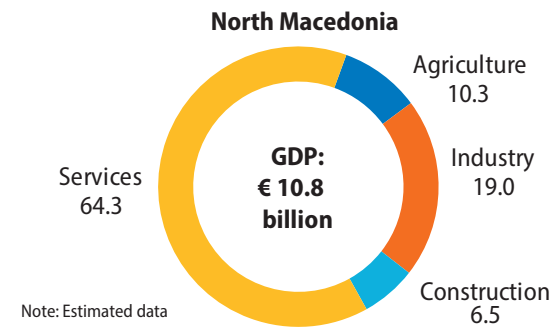

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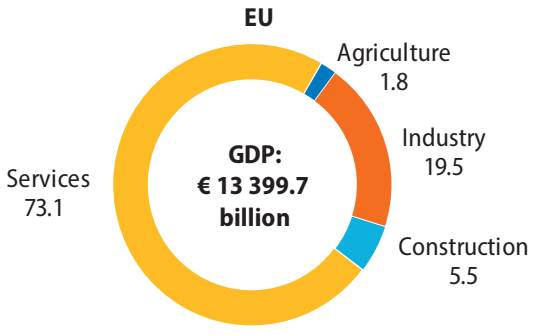


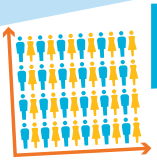
Albania

Population, 2021 (million, 1 January)

2.8

Most similar EU Member State: Lithuania: 2.8

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)



99.1

Most similar EU Member State: Cyprus: 95.7

GDP per capita, 2020 (EUR)

4 610

EU: 29 910

Note: Albania: estimated.

Infant mortality, 2019 (per 1 000 live births)

10.3

EU: 3.4

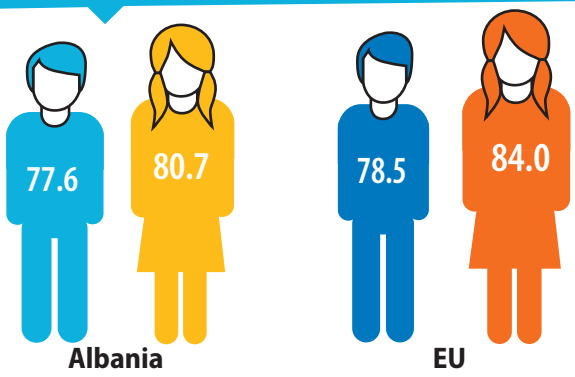
Youth unemployment, 2020 (% of labour force aged 15-24 years)

26.5

EU: 17.5

Note: Albania: data supplied by and under the responsibility of the national statistical authority.

Life expectancy, 2019 (years)



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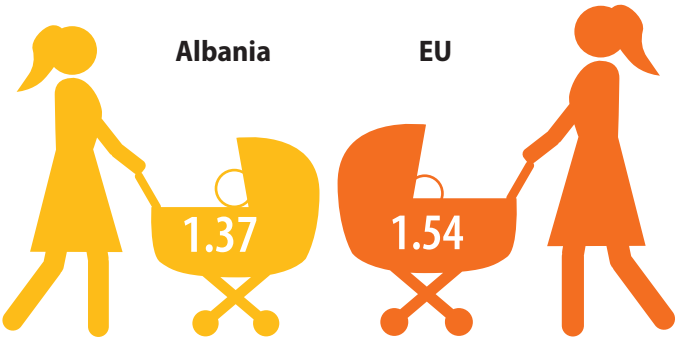

Young people with tertiary education degree, 2020 (% of population aged 30-34 years old)

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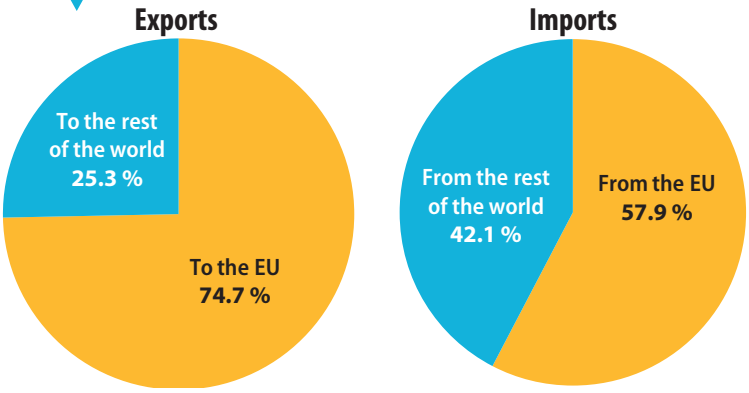

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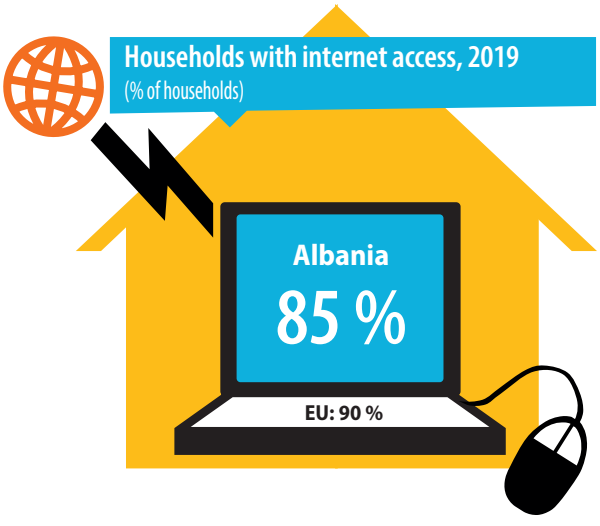
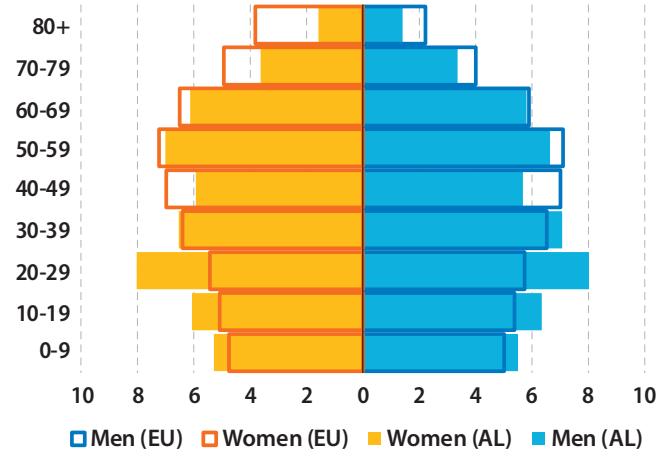


Population by age group, Albania and EU, 2021

(% of total population, 1 January)



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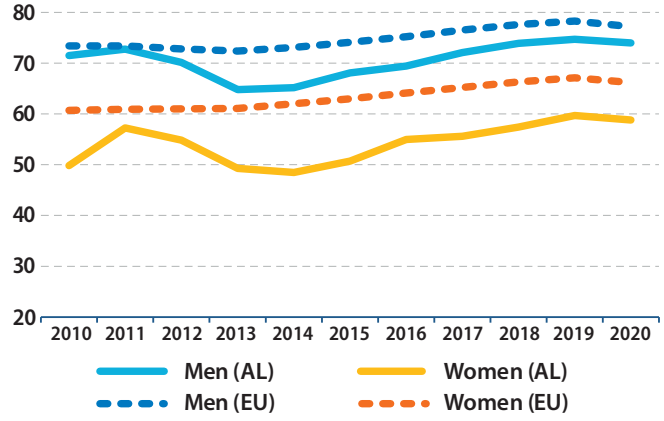
(% of total population, 20-64 years old)



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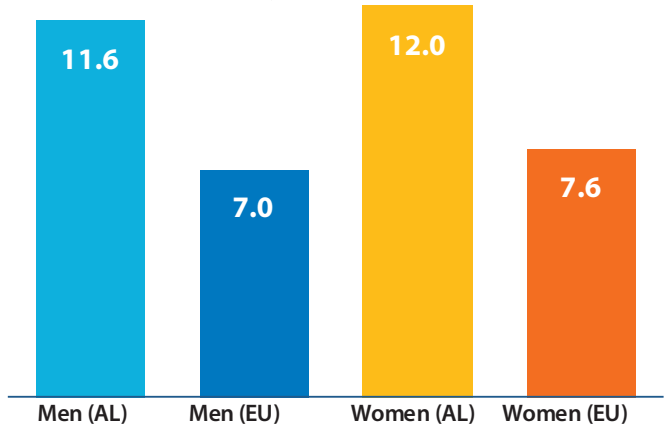

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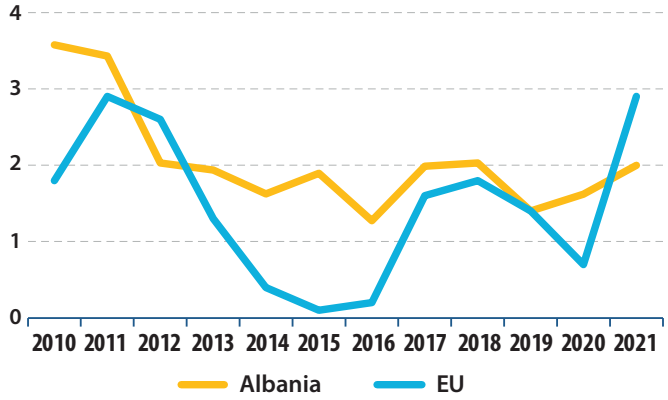
Annual average inflation rate, Albania (CPI) and EU (HICP)

(total, % change on previous year)



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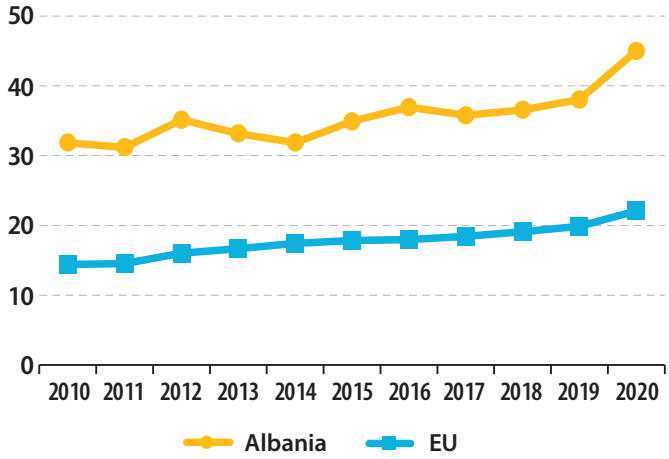
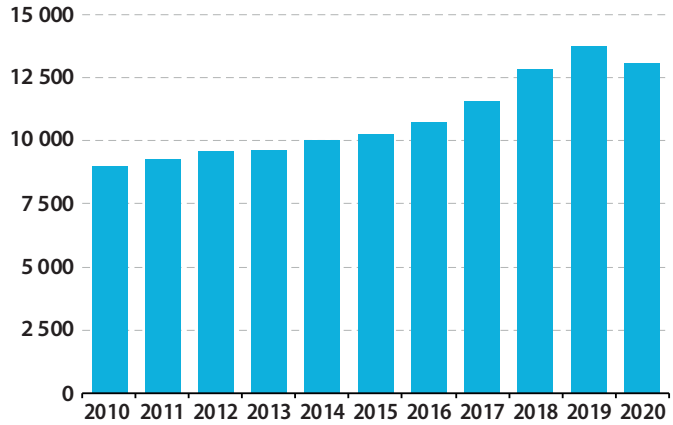
Renewable energy sources, Albania and EU

(% of total energy production)



Gross domestic product at market prices, Albania

(million EUR, current prices)



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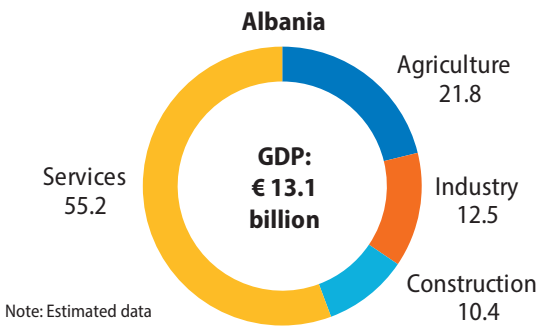

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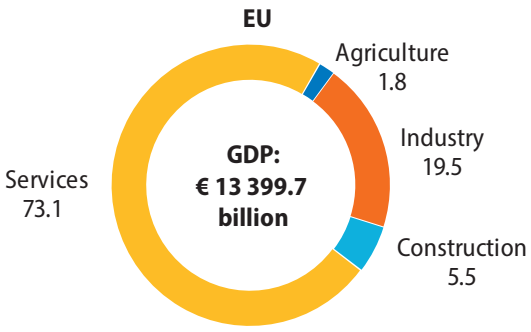

Serbia

Population, 2021 (million, 1 January)

6.9

Most similar EU Member State: Bulgaria: 6.9

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)

90.5

Most similar EU Member State: Spain: 93.8

GDP per capita, 2021 (EUR)

7 780

EU: 32 270

Note: Serbia: provisional.

Infant mortality, 2019 (per 1 000 live births)

4.8

EU: 3.4

Youth unemployment, 2020 (% of labour force aged 15-24 years)

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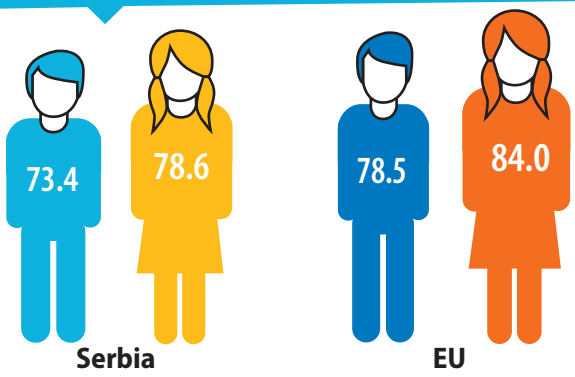
EU: 17.5

Life expectancy, 2019 (years)



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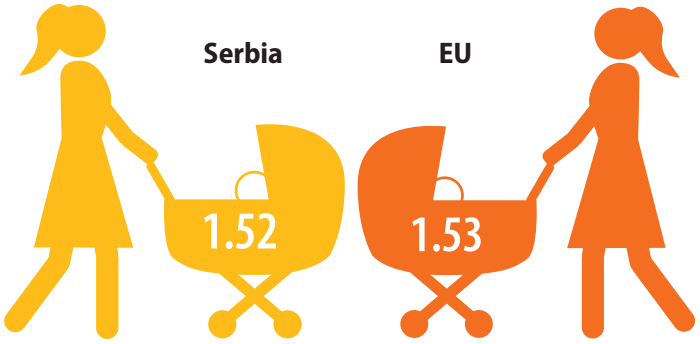

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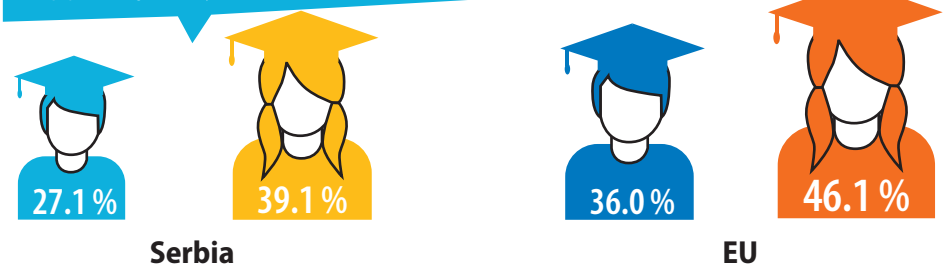
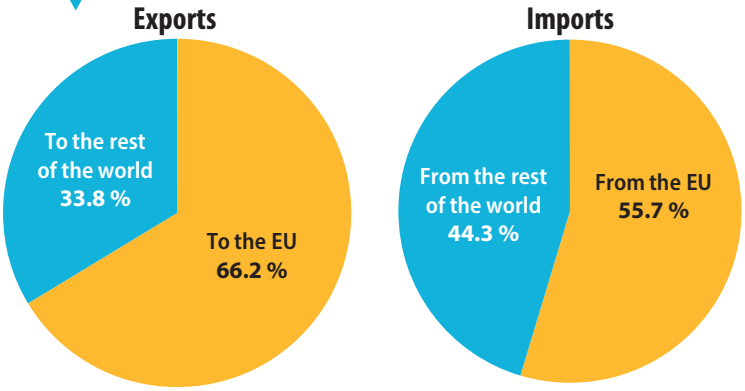


Exports and imports of goods from Serbia, 2020 (% of total)



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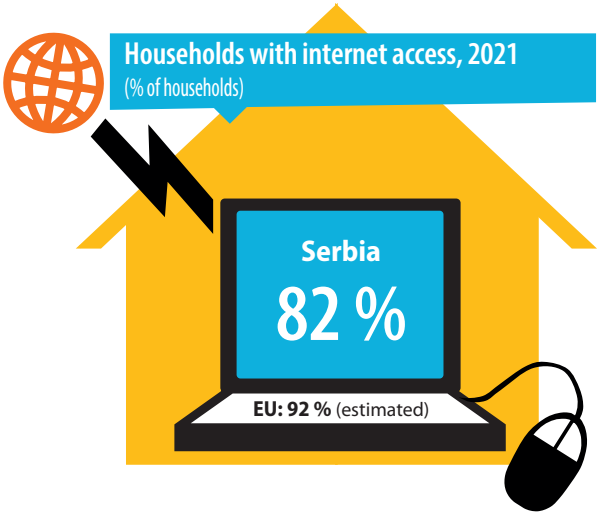

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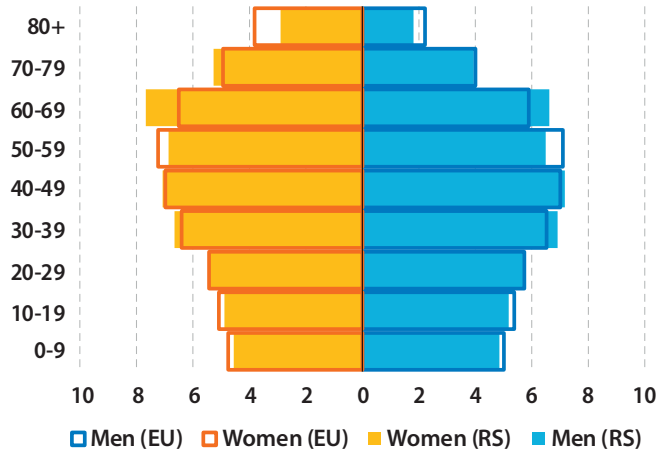

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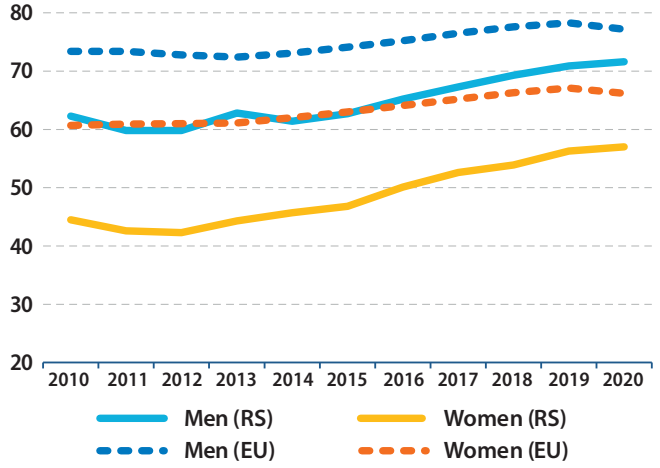
(% of total population, 20-64 years old)



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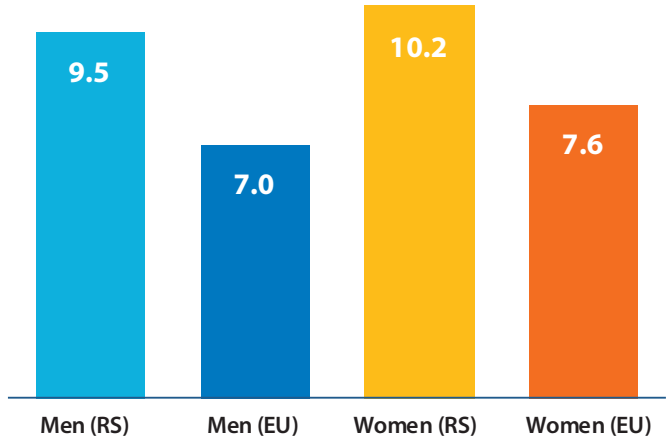

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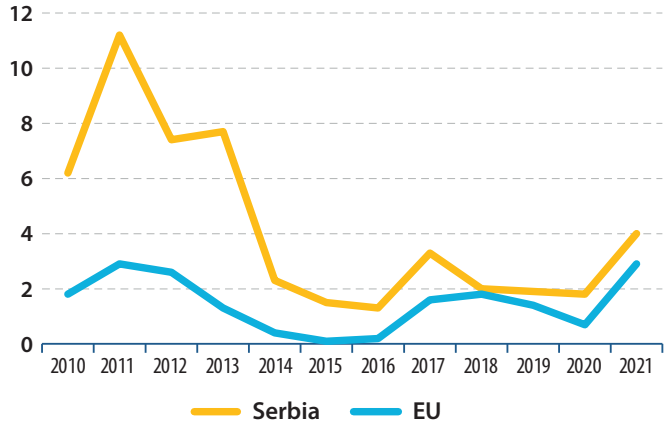
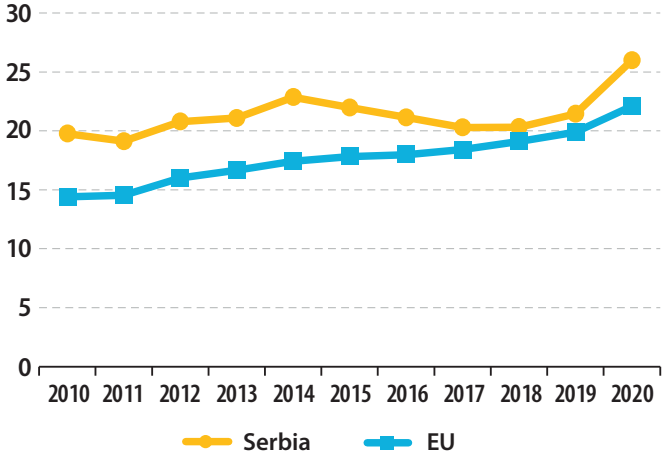


Renewable energy sources, Serbia and EU
(% of total energy production)



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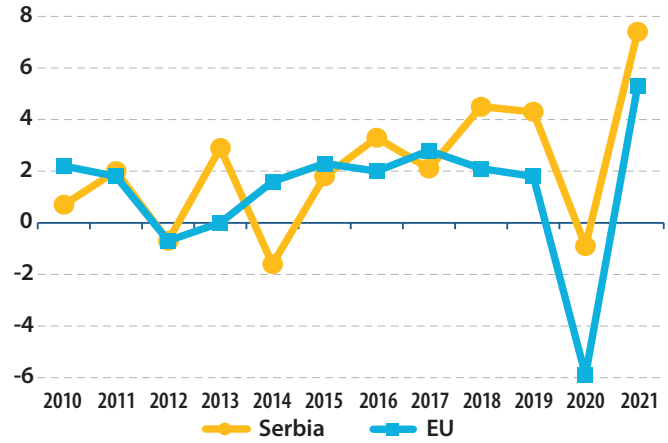

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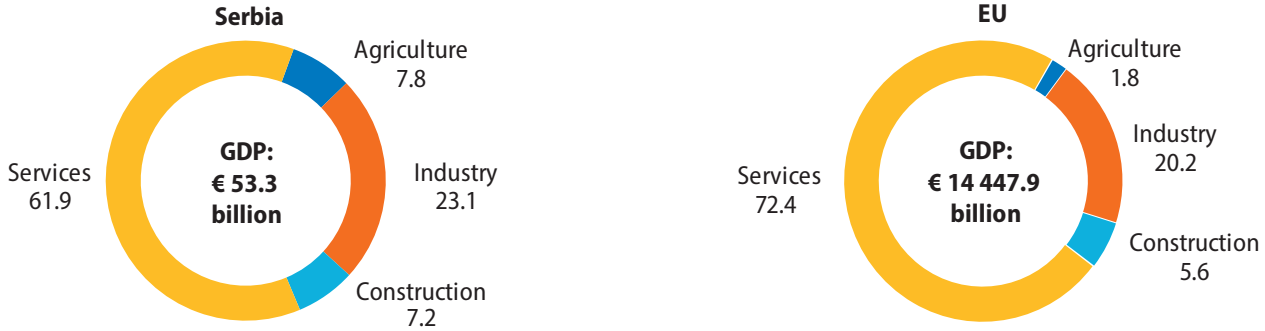

Turkey

Population, 2021 (million, 1 January)

83.6

Most similar EU Member State: Germany: 83.2

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)

107.7

Most similar EU Member State: Austria: 107.6

GDP per capita, 2020 (EUR)

7 510

EU: 29 910

Infant mortality, 2019 (per 1 000 live births)

9.1

EU: 3.4

Youth unemployment, 2020 (% of labour force aged 15-24 years)

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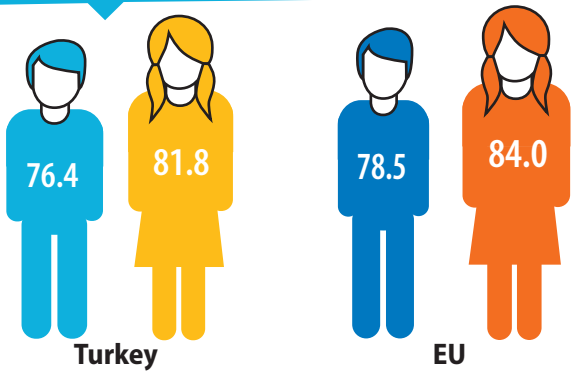
EU: 17.5

Life expectancy, 2019 (years)



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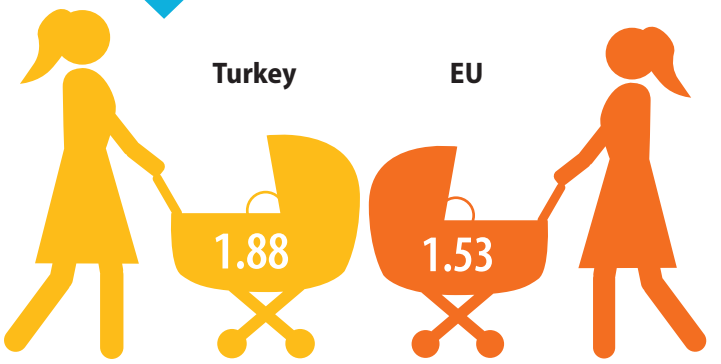

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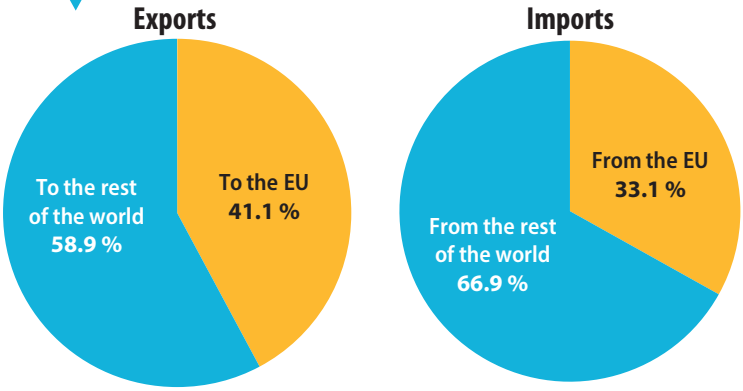

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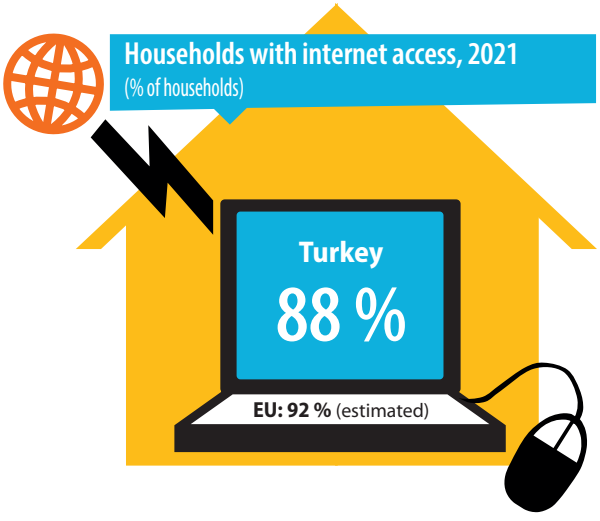
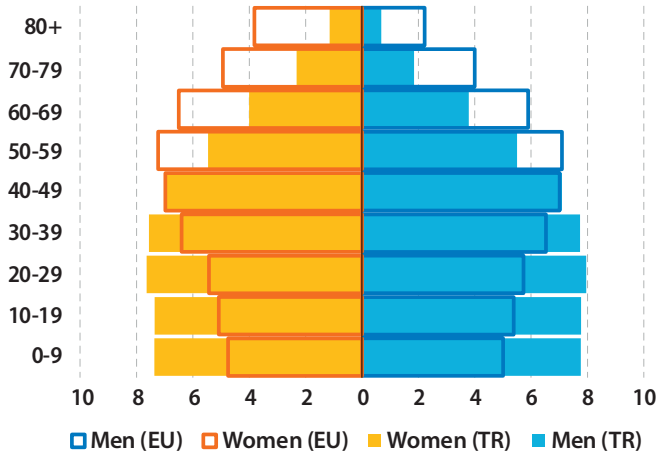


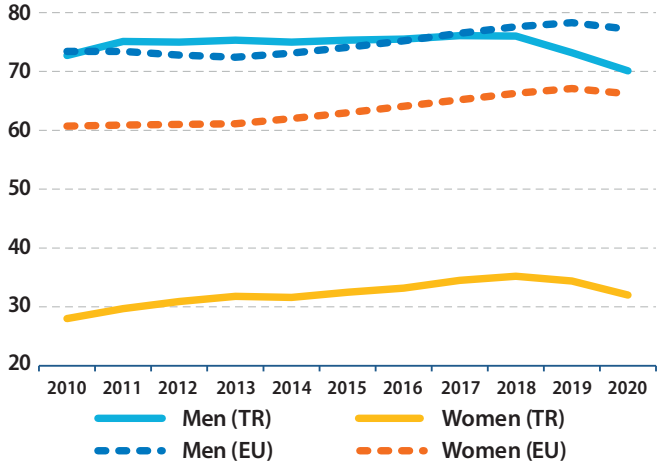
Population by age group, Turkey and EU, 2021

(% of total population, 1 January)



Employment rate, Turkey and EU

(% of total population, 20-64 years old)



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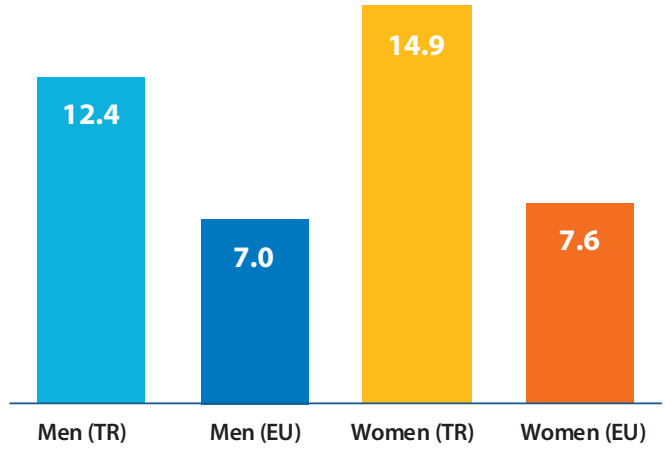

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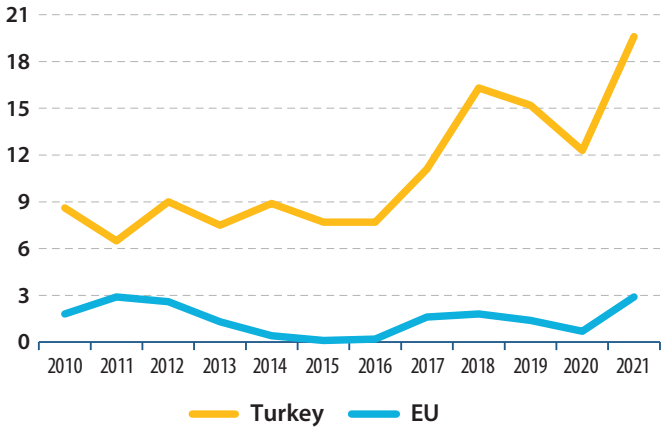

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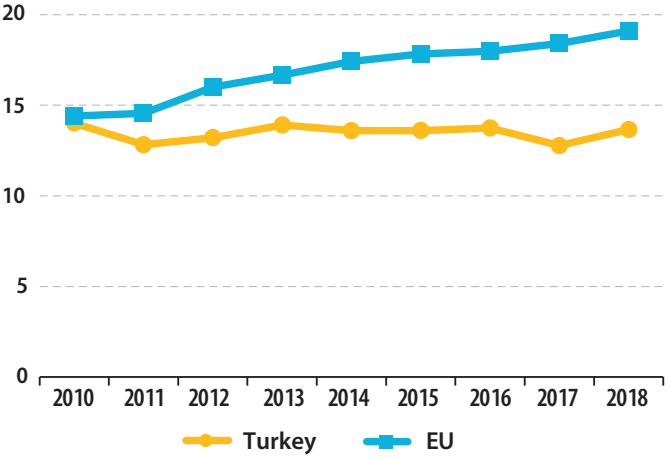
(% of total energy production)



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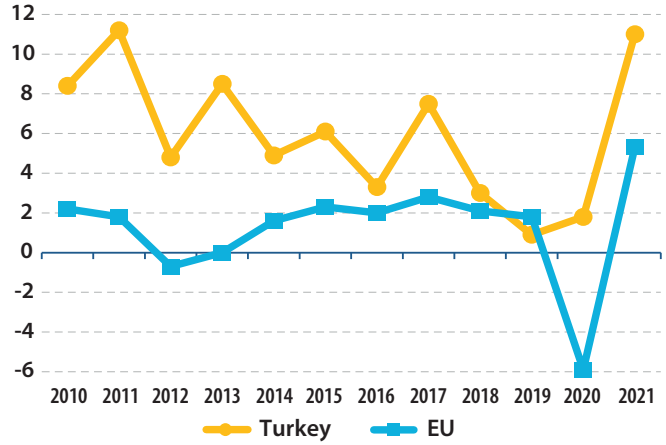

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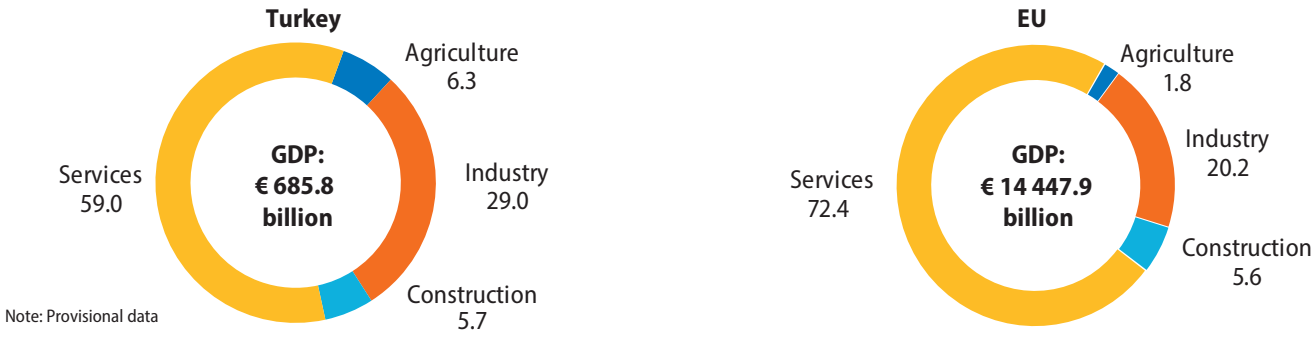

Note: Provisional data

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Population, 2019 (million, 1 January)

3.5

Most similar EU Member State: Croatia: 4.1

Note: Bosnia and Herzegovina: provisional.

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)

68.2

Most similar EU Member State: Ireland: 71.9

Note: Bosnia and Herzegovina: data supplied by and under the responsibility of the national statistical authority.

GDP per capita, 2017 (EUR)

4 580

EU: 29 320

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Infant mortality, 2019 (per 1 000 live births)

Data not available

EU: 3.4

Youth unemployment, 2020 (% of labour force aged 15-24 years)

36.6

EU: 17.5

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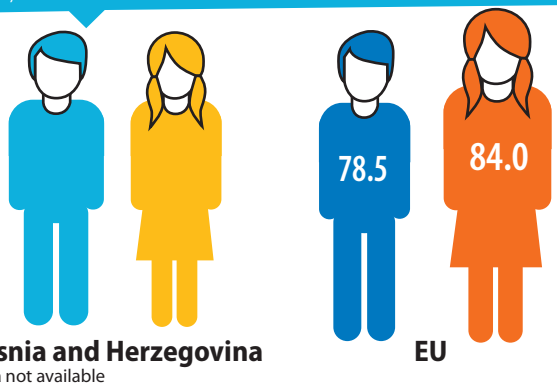
Life expectancy, 2019 (years)



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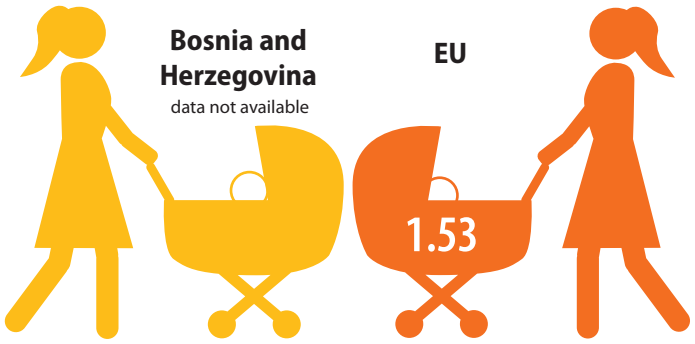
Total fertility rate, 2019 (average number of children per woman)



Young people with tertiary education degree, 2020 (% of population aged 30-34 years old)

Bosnia and Herzegovina **EU**

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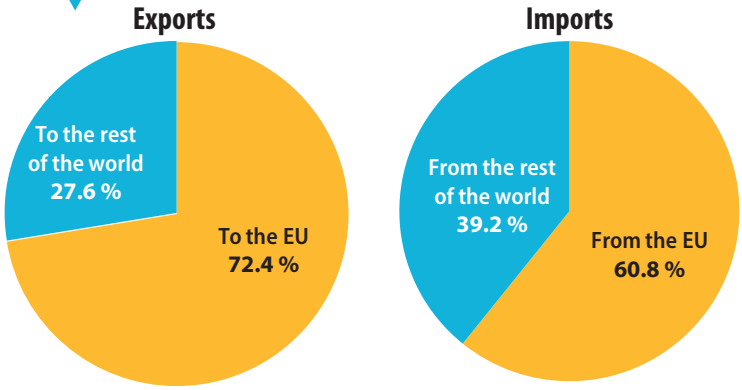
Exports and imports of goods from Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2020 (% of total)



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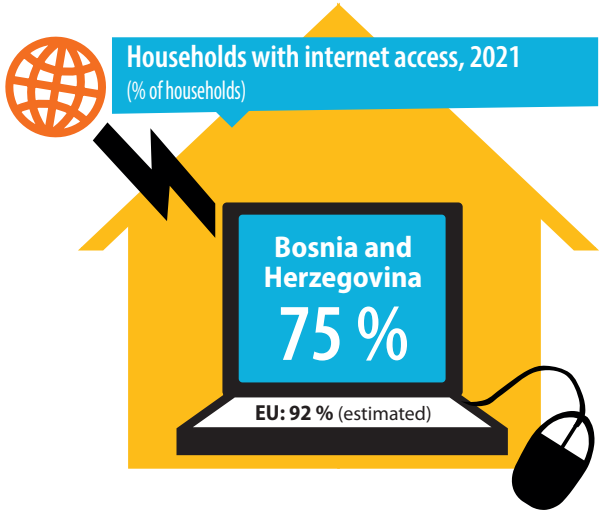
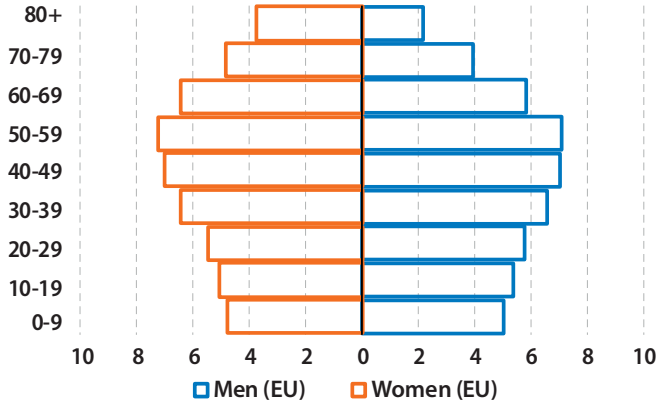


Population by age group, Bosnia and Herzegovina and EU, 2021
(% of total population, 1 January)



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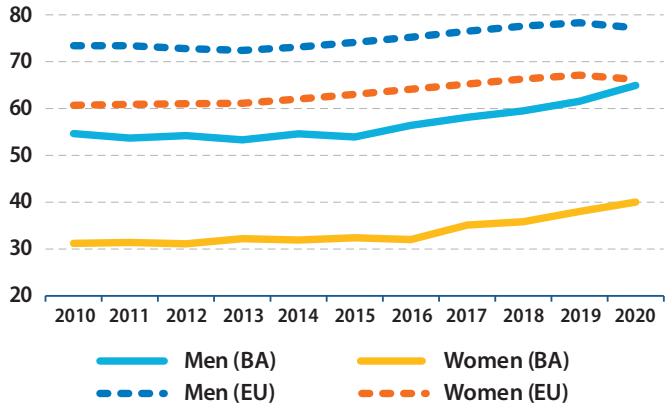

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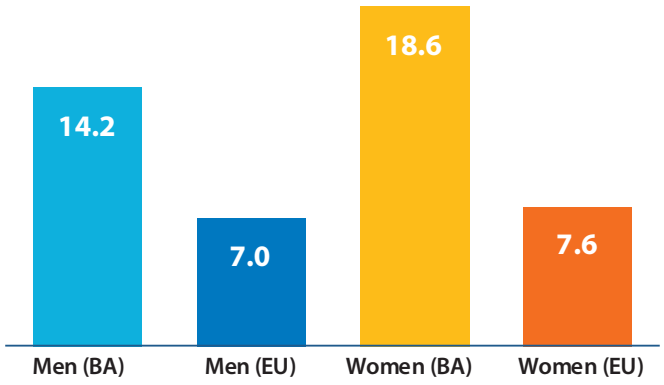

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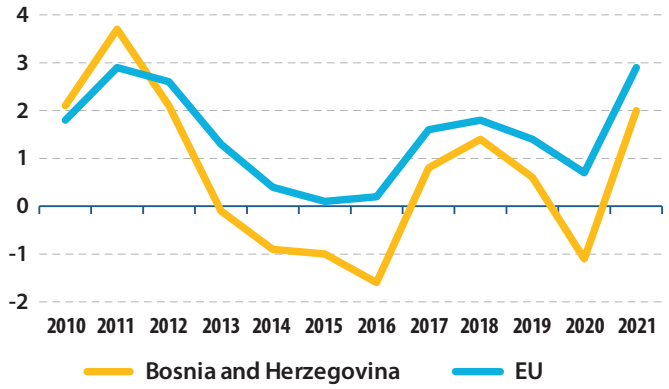

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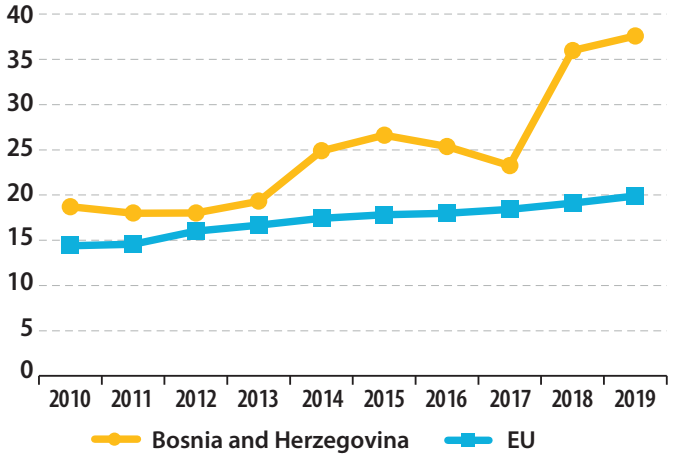

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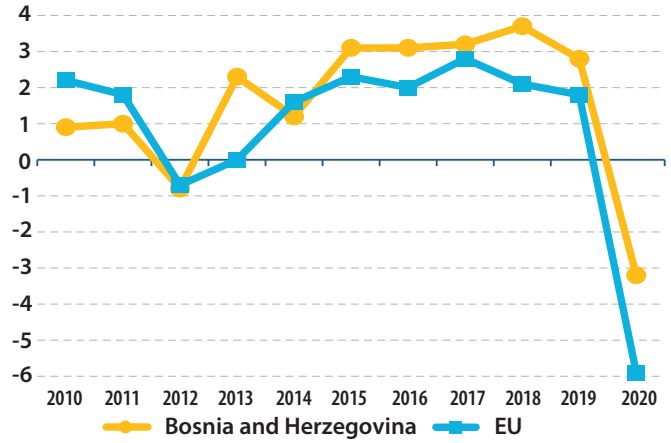

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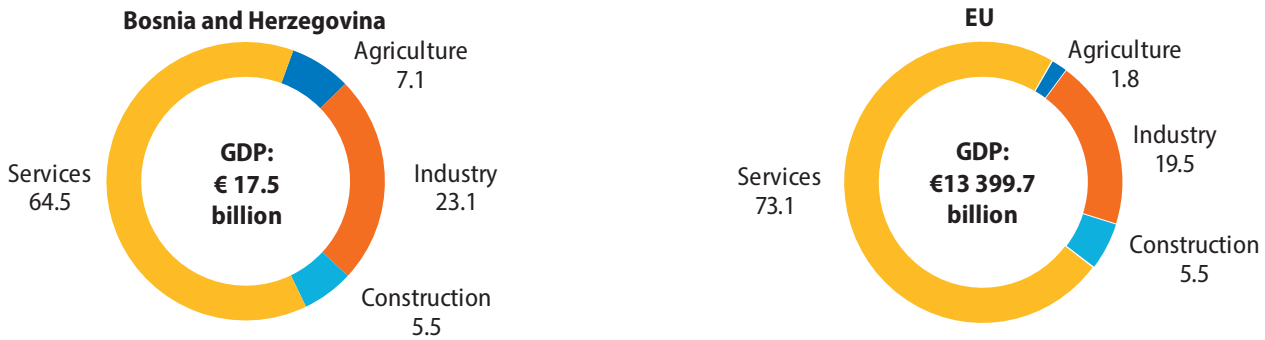


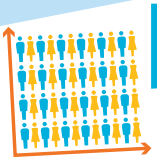
Kosovo

Population, 2020 (million, 1 January)

1.8

Most similar EU Member State: Latvia: 1.9

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)



163.4

Most similar EU Member State: Denmark: 138.5

Note: Kosovo: data supplied by and under the responsibility of the national statistical authority.

GDP per capita, 2018 (EUR)

3 740

EU: 30 290

Note: Kosovo: data supplied by and under the responsibility of the national statistical authority.

Infant mortality, 2019 (per 1 000 live births)

8.7

EU: 3.4

Youth unemployment, 2020 (% of labour force aged 15-24 years)

49.1

EU: 17.5

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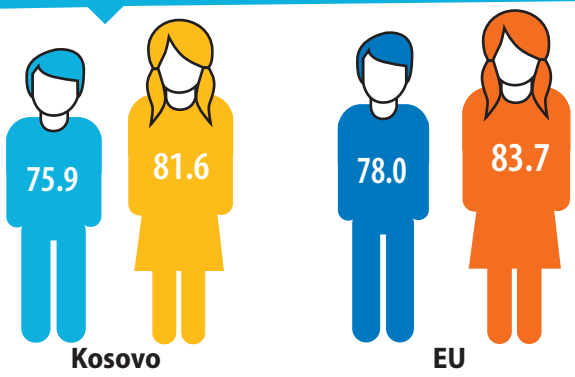
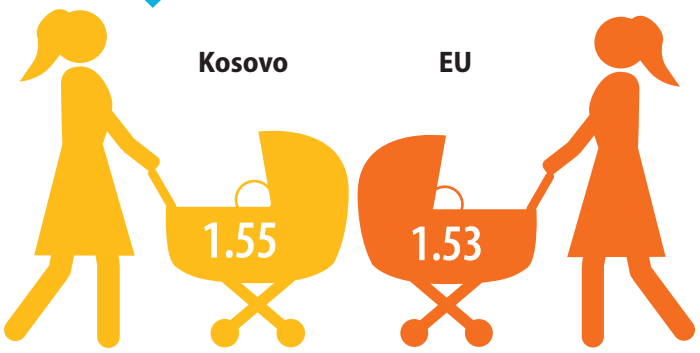
Life expectancy, 2016 (years)



Total fertility rate, 2019 (average number of children per woman)



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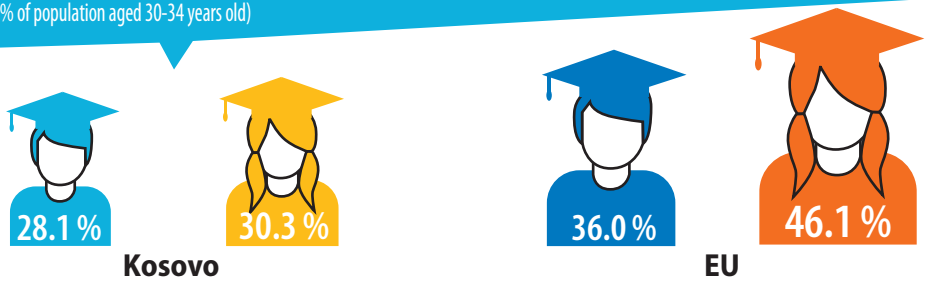

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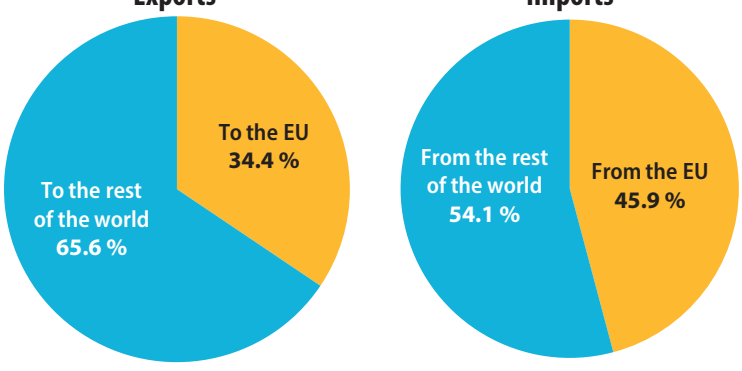

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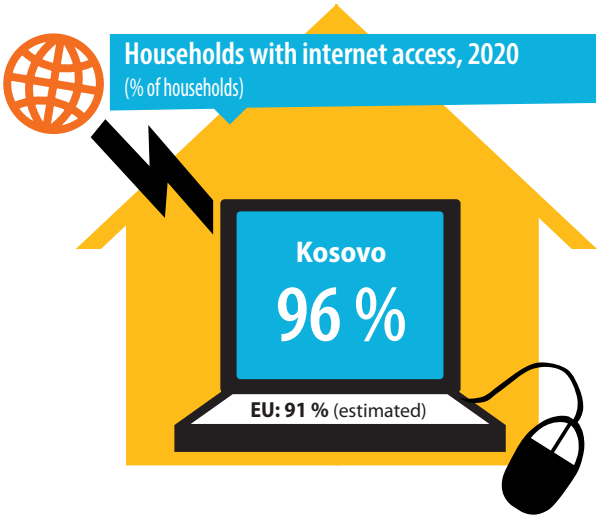
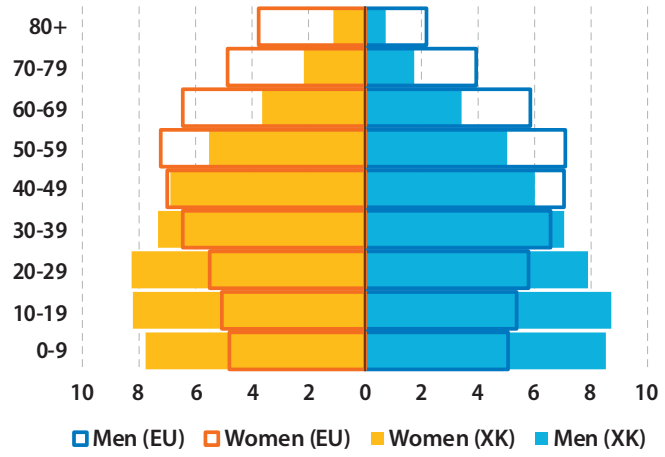


Population by age group, Kosovo and EU, 2020

(% of total population, 1 January)



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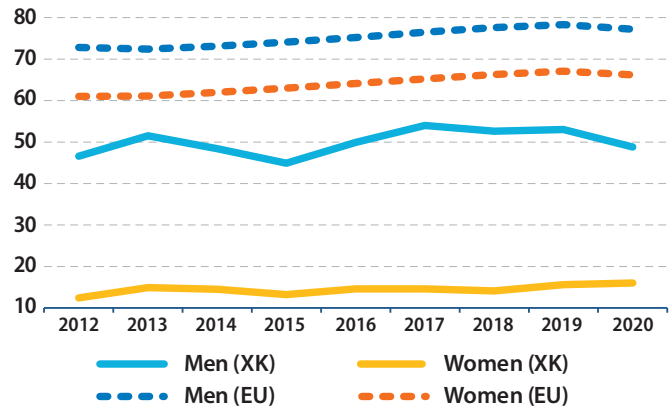

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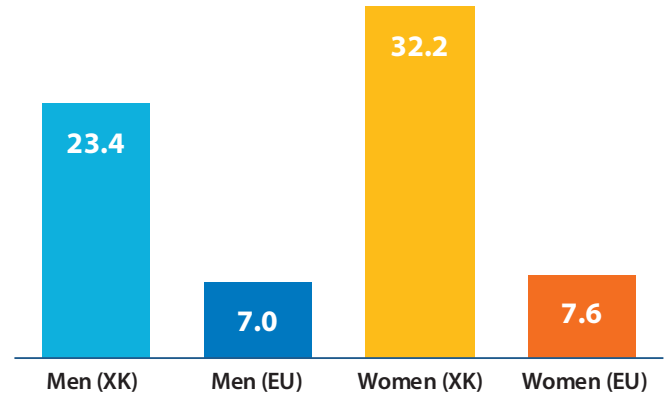
Unemployment rate, Kosovo and EU, 2020

(% of active population 15-74 years old)



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Annual average inflation rate (HICP), Kosovo and EU

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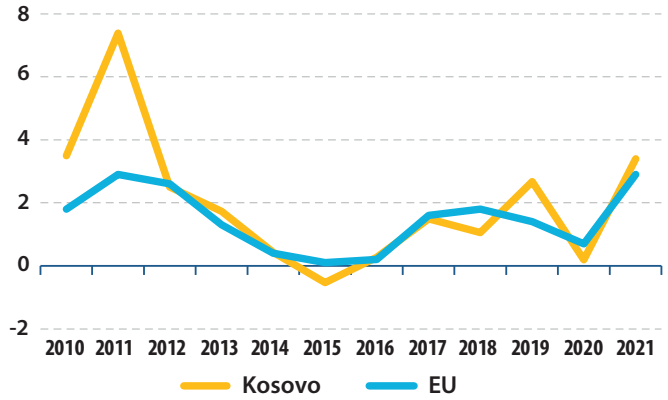

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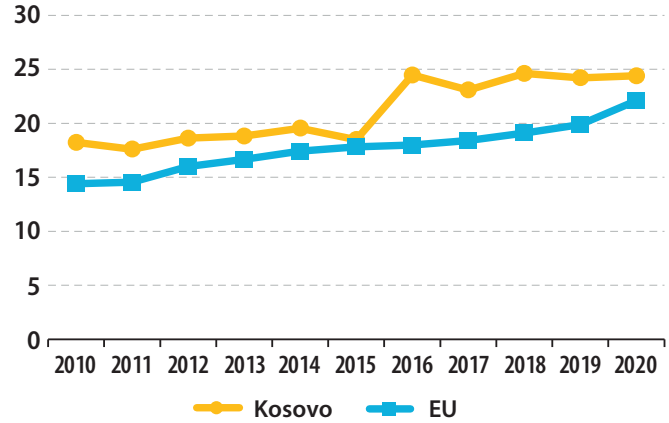

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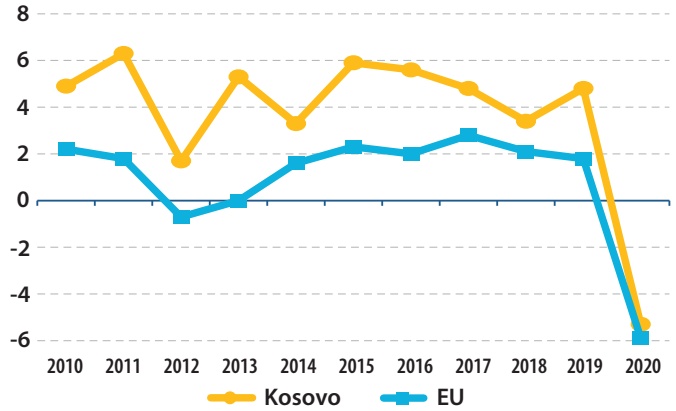
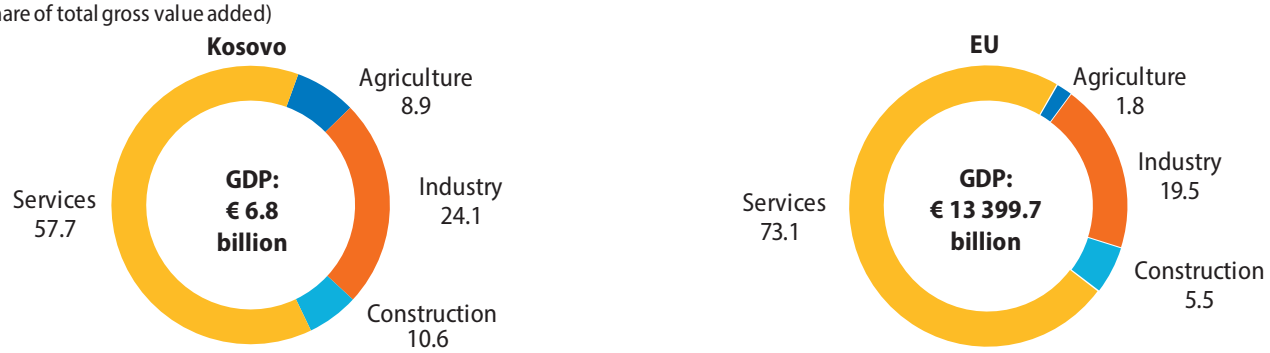
(% change compared with previous year)



Distribution of the economy by sector, Kosovo and EU, 2020

(% share of total gross value added)



Statistical cooperation with the Western Balkans and Turkey

Among the EU Member States, statistics are coordinated by Eurostat, the statistical office of the EU, through the European statistical system (ESS). The ESS is based on the harmonisation of statistical concepts, methodologies, definitions and methods, which enable the collection of reliable, robust and comparable statistics among EU Member States, EFTA and the Western Balkans and Turkey.

Reliable and comparable statistics are a precondition for a successful accession process. The EU acquis in the field of statistics requires the existence of a statistical infrastructure based on principles such as professional independence, objectivity, impartiality, commitment to quality, reliability, transparency, confidentiality of individual data and equal access of official statistical data for all users. The EU acquis also covers methodology, classifications and procedures for data collection. Little transposition into national legislation is needed, as the majority of the EU acquis takes the form of regulations which are directly applicable in EU Member States.

Official statistics play a triple role in the enlargement process:

- the EU acquis (Chapter 18) defines the harmonisation of statistics with EU standards and rules which have to be achieved in the pre-accession period;
- they serve other EU policy areas by providing data for monitoring changes and assessing the impact of policies chosen;
- they provide statistical indicators for monitoring the implementation of the Instruments of pre-Accession (IPA) programmes.

Eurostat monitors the compliance of national statistical systems with the EU acquis in the field of statistics. Eurostat also provides technical assistance and support to national statistical authorities and other producers of official statistics. Some instruments — statistical training courses, traineeships, study visits, management training, and participation in meetings within the ESS — aim to reinforce human skills in the Western Balkans and Turkey. In addition, Eurostat conducts peer reviews and adapted global assessments of the statistical systems in the Western Balkans and Turkey.

While basic principles and institutional frameworks for producing statistics are already in place, the Western Balkans and Turkey are expected to increase the volume and quality of their data progressively and to transmit these data to Eurostat in the context of the EU's enlargement process. The final objective of the EU in relation to official statistics is to obtain harmonised, high-quality data that conform to both European and international standards. Eurostat collects data on an annual basis and this exercise also provides an opportunity to offer methodological recommendations to the Western Balkans and Turkey. Eurostat plays a key role in improving transparency for the Western Balkans and Turkey by publishing data, both in publications such as this one and through its free dissemination database (Eurobase).

For more information, see:

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Enlargement_policy_and_statistical_cooperation

National statistical authorities of the Western Balkans and Turkey

MONTENEGRO

Statistical Office of Montenegro

http://www.monstat.org/eng/

NORTH MACEDONIA

State Statistical Office

http://www.stat.gov.mk/Default_en.aspx

ALBANIA

Institute of Statistics

http://www.instat.gov.al/en/home.aspx

SERBIA

Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

http://www.stat.gov.rs/en-US/

TURKEY

Turkish Statistical Institute

http://www.turkstat.gov.tr/

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina

http://www.bhas.ba/?lang=en

KOSOVO

Kosovo Agency of Statistics

http://ask.rks-gov.net/en/

Sources

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https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/data/database

Unless otherwise stated, data for the candidate countries and potential candidates have been collected and validated by Eurostat according to the standards used for EU Member States.

Data were extracted from the following specific Eurostat datasets:

DEMOGRAPHY AND HEALTH

- **Population** (demo_gind)
- **Population density** (demo_r_d3dens);
  national data for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo
- **Population by age groups** (demo_pjangroup);
  Bosnia and Herzegovina not available
- **Life expectancy at birth** (demo_mlexpec);
  Bosnia and Herzegovina not available
- **Fertility rate** (demo_find);
  Bosnia and Herzegovina not available
- **Infant mortality rate** (demo_minfind)

LABOUR MARKET AND EDUCATION

- **Employment rate** (lfsi_emp_a);
  national data for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo
- **Unemployment rate** (une_rt_a);
  national data for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo
- **Youth unemployment rate** (une_rt_a);
  national data for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo
- **Attained tertiary education (30-34 years old)** (edat_lfs_9914);
  national data for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo

ECONOMY, TRADE AND FINANCE

- **Gross domestic product (GDP)** (nama_10_gdp)
- **GDP per capita** (nama_10_pc);
  national data for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo
- **Real change in GDP** (nama_10_gdp);
  Albania not available
- **Consumer price inflation** (prc_hicp_aind);
  national data for Montenegro, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo
- **Exports of goods** (ext_lt_intercc)
- **Imports of goods** (ext_lt_intercc)

INDUSTRY, ENERGY AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Distribution of economy by sector** (nama_10_a10)
- **Share of renewables in energy production** (nrg_ind_ren);
  Eurostat SHARES data for Turkey
- **Households with internet access** (isoc_ci_in_h)

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2022 EDITION

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With data up to and including the year 2021, this publication presents indicators from various domains such as demography, education, labour market, inflation, trade, GDP, energy, etc.

For more information

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/

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