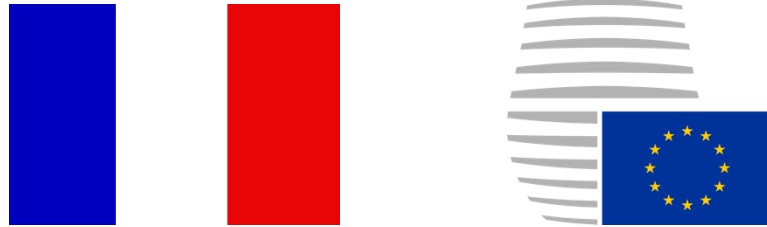


# West Coast Model European Union 2022

## Communication from the Presidency



### Heads of Government - Making Europe Stronger in the World

#### Western Balkans Accession

**Proposed:** Taking the powerful statements of commitment and cooperation from the Commission's 2021 Communication on EU enlargement to its logical progression, we propose a Western Balkans accession process goal of 2025. Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia would be invited to become full members for 2025, dependent on finalizing negotiations of all open chapters by December 2023.

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#### Ukraine Engagement Process

**Proposed:** Given the success of the EU's EUR 4.4b in outstanding Macro-Financial Assistance program loans to Ukraine, with the latest disbursement of EUR 600m in October 2021, we are proposing a closer cooperation and linkage with Ukraine going forward. As part of our Neighbourhood and Partnering program, and recognizing Ukraine's ambitious reform program implementing the Association Agreement and Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA), we propose opening initial negotiations in 2023 that might lead to an eventual Stabilisation and Association agreement and a potential future Ukrainian EU membership candidacy.

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/economic-and-fiscal-policy-coordination/international-economic-relations/enlargement-and-neighbouring-countries/neighbouring-countries-eu/neighbourhood-countries/ukraine\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/economic-and-fiscal-policy-coordination/international-economic-relations/enlargement-and-neighbouring-countries/neighbouring-countries-eu/neighbourhood-countries/ukraine_en)

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## Environment Ministers - Implementing the European Green Deal

### Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience

**Proposed:** Based on the thematic priority objectives of the 8<sup>th</sup> Environmental Action Programme, and expanding upon existing goals of the EU Adaptation Strategy, we are proposing a EUR 3b four-year program starting in 2022 to support infrastructure resilience and projects to replace the well-understood bias towards 'grey infrastructure' with a bias towards green infrastructure. This scheme will be focused on member states joining the EU in 2004 and later.

[https://www.epc.eu/content/PDF/2020/Climate\\_resilience\\_11\\_03\\_20.pdf](https://www.epc.eu/content/PDF/2020/Climate_resilience_11_03_20.pdf)

### Delivering an Economy that Works for People - Digital economy

**Proposed:** Offering a EUR 1b program over three years, 2023-26, of competitive grants to the 10 member states determined by the Commission to be farthest from an effective implementation of a growing digital economy. Grant applications may be focused on programs to support technology education with a particular emphasis on at-risk communities, transition support from legacy industries, or subsidies for community technology access.

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/europe-fit-digital-age/shaping-europe-digital-future\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/europe-fit-digital-age/shaping-europe-digital-future_en)