EU/Kosovo Framework Agreement: participation of Kosovo in Union programmes

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PURPOSE: to conclude a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Kosovo establishing the general principles for the participation of Kosovo in Union programmes.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2017/1388 on the conclusion of the Framework Agreement between the European Union and Kosovo (laying down the general principles for the participation of Kosovo in Union programs.

CONTENT: the Council adopted a Decision on the **conclusion of the Framework Agreement between the European Union and Kosovo** establishing the general principles for the participation of Kosovo in Union programmes. The Agreement was signed on 25 November 2016, at the first meeting of the EU-Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Council.

Once implemented, this Framework Agreement shall enable Kosovo to participate in certain EU programmes, such as:

- Fiscalis 2020;
- Customs 2020;
- Hercule III;
- Justice;
- Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme;
- Europe for Citizens;
- Civil Protection Mechanism;
- Interoperability solutions for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA2);
- COSME;
- Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI);
- Erasmus+;
- Creative Europe;
- Horizon 2020;
- Health for Growth Programme;
- Consumer Programme;
- LIFE;
- Copernicus.

Kosovo shall **contribute financially** to the general budget of the European Union in proportion to the specific Union programmes in which it participates.

This Agreement shall apply for an indeterminate period.

N.B: the conclusion of this Agreement does not prejudge the position of Member States on the **status of Kosovo**, which will be decided in accordance with their national practice and international law. None of the terms, wording or definitions used in this Agreement, constitute recognition of Kosovo by the Union as an independent State, nor does it constitute recognition by individual Member States of Kosovo in that capacity where they have not taken such a step.

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