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to the Commission**

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Subject: Regional cooperation in the Stabilisation and Association Process

One of the EU's objectives in the Stabilisation and Association Process for the countries of the Western Balkans is to promote regional cooperation.

Specifically, the Stabilisation and Association Agreements provide for the creation of a free-trade area between the signatory States.

What is the current state of progress of the creation of this free-trade area in the Western Balkans?

In the Commission's view, could the neoliberal policies which caused political, economic and social fragmentation in the region end up reuniting these countries, this time with the backing of the European institutions?