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## 1 Introduction



Source: World Economic Outlook database, October 2017. Note: IMF staff estimates for Kosovo (the entire period), Albania (2012-16) and Montenegro (2016)

Figure 2: Real GDP growth, annual percent change, 2000-16

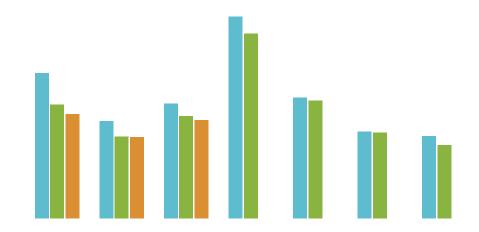
Source: World Economic Outlook database, October 2017.

### 3.2 Social challenges

Table 2: Unemployment rates for people with basic, intermediate and advanced
education (% of total labour force in respective education group)

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Figure 6: Birth rate, crude (per 1,000 people)





### 3.4 Fiscal accounts



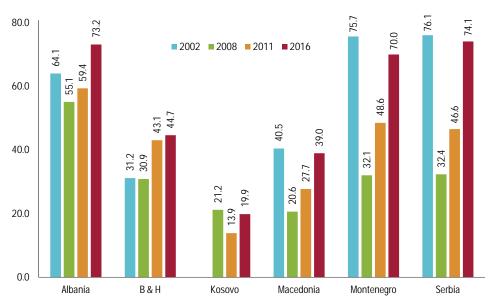
Table 4: General government net lending/borrowing, percent of GDP, 2000-17



Source: IMF World Economic Outlook database, October 2017.



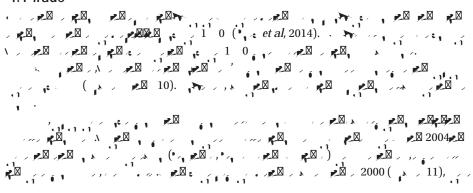
Figure 8: General government gross debt, % of GDP, 2000-16



Source: IMF World Economic Outlook database. October 2017.

# 4 External economic relations and the role of the EU

### 4.1 Trade



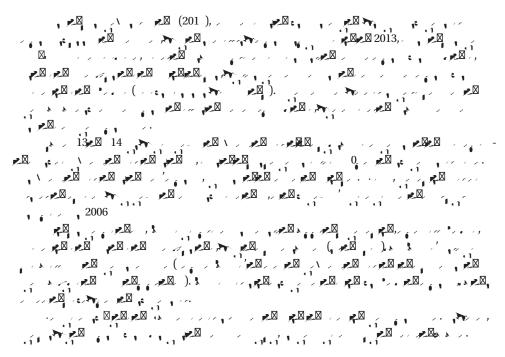
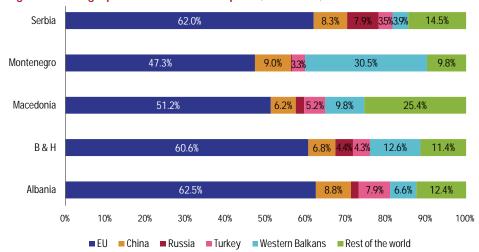
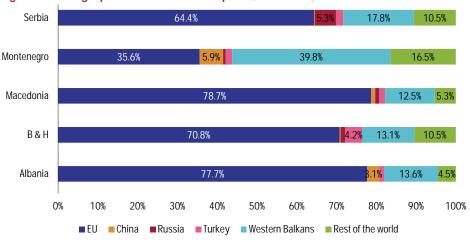


Figure 13: Geographical structure of imports, % of total, 2016



Source: International Trade Center (Trade Map). Note: Kosovo is omitted because of missing data.

Figure 14: Geographical structure of exports, % of total, 2016



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# 5 Institutional challenges



Figure 18: Average EBRD transition scores: Western Balkans and central and eastern European countries\*

Source: Bruegel based on EBRD. Notes: EBRD transition score is calculated as the simple average of six EBRD indicators: price liberalisation, trade and foreign exchange system, small-scale privatisation, large scale privatisation, governance and enterprise restructuring, and competition policy, each rated on a scale from 1 (no reform) to 4.33 (maximum reform). Data for Kosovo is missing. \* Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

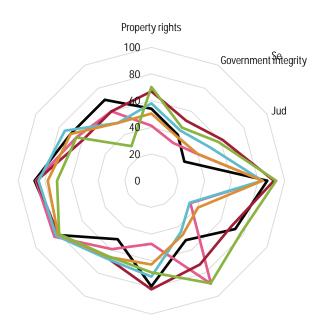


Table 8: Ease of Doing Business, rankings out of 190, 2018

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Source: World Bank Doing Business 2017 survey, http://www.doingbusiness.org/Rankings.

Figure 19: Heritage Foundation Index of Economic Freedom by components, 2017



Source: Heritage Foundation, <a href="https://www.heritage.org/index/explore.">https://www.heritage.org/index/explore.</a> Note: The score range is 1-100. The higher the score, the better is the country performance.

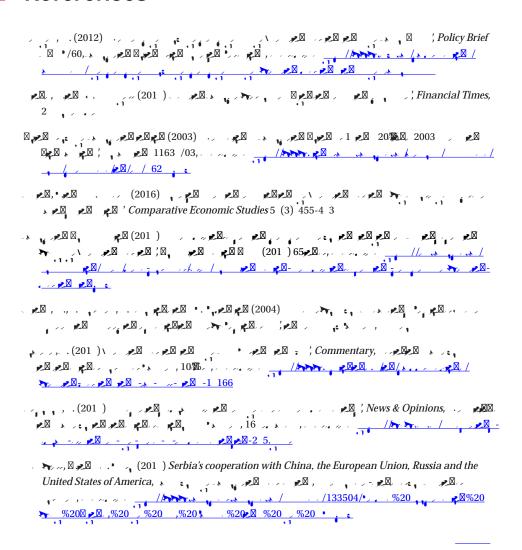
# 7 Summary and conclusions

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