

## **Pre-accession strategy**

### **How to ensure readiness for accession?**

#### **1. Treaty bases: „Europe agreements“**

- Perspective of accession
- Political dialogue
- Free trade area
- Institutional arrangements

#### **2. Structural dialogue to prepare politically**

- Regular political dialogue
- Participation in CFSP measures of the Union

#### **3. Financial support**

- Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

#### **4. Accession Partnership Agreements**

National program for the adoption of the acquis (NPAA): individually negotiated, tailor made programme to prepare the candidate country for accession. Will be regularly assessed and adapted.

3 main elements:

- Priority areas for the alignment with the acquis
- Programming of EU financial support
- Conditionality between support measures and progress in the preparation for accession

#### **5. Twinning**

Bilateral programs between individual member states and the candidate country: Sending of experts from the member state concerned to provide administrative assistance

#### **6. Promotion of intra-regional cooperation**

between candidate countries from the same region