

THE FAST-TRACK TO EUROPE CHART

Responses to EU requirements

| EU REQUIREMENTS | AUTONOMY | INDEPENDENCE |
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| Stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, rule of law, human rights, respect and protection of minorities | Sustainable cooperation between existing institutions in Serbia and developing institutions in Kosovo assures continuous and progressive development | Kosovo institutions are weak and underdeveloped, burdened with ethnic issues undermining their legitimacy; Great risk of radicalization of political and social life in Serbia |
| Functioning market economy | Much bigger market, easier mobility of people, goods and services | Weak economy, high unemployment rate, divided market, high level of corruption and organized crime |
| Ability to take on the obligations of membership (adherence to the aims of political, economic and monetary union) | Possibility of continuous and uninterrupted adoption of legislation both in Pristina and Belgrade (in their spheres of competence) | Adoption of many laws in Serbia would be disabled as a consequence of Serbia's repudiation of the independence of Kosovo |
| Administrative capacities to secure the adoption and implementation of the Acquis Communautaire | Serbia already has good administrative capacities that are recognized by the European Commission as such and that could be available for exchange and assistance to Kosovo's institutions | Kosovo's administrative capacities are underdeveloped and it would take too much time to enable them to cope with the complicated tasks that association encompasses |
| Obligation to peacefully solve inner conflicts before joining the EU | ✓ | X |
| Regional cooperation and good neighborly relations | ✓ | Serbia would have tense or non-existing relations with an independent Kosovo as well as with countries that would eventually recognize its independence |
| Efficient fight against terrorism and organized crime | ✓ | "Transborder" organized crime and illegal trafficking would prosper in atmosphere of tension and crisis |
| The EU negotiates and can have contractual relations only with sovereign and recognized states | Kosovo would be part of the Stabilization and Association Process and would have distinct representation in the Committee of Regions | Due to non-recognition, the two countries would obstruct each other's process. Both of them would be hindered by other countries, depending on whether they have recognized Kosovo or not |