



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council Conclusions on the Western Balkans

*2870th EXTERNAL RELATIONS Council meeting
Brussels, 26 and 27 May 2008*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"SERBIA

The Council expressed satisfaction with the peaceful and orderly conduct of the elections, which were carried out in a free and democratic manner. It welcomed the strong support for the pro-European forces. The Council hoped that a new Government with a clear European agenda will soon be formed and will engage constructively in the Stabilisation and Association process.

Recalling the decisions as mentioned in its Conclusions of 29 April 2008 on the occasion of the signature of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, the Council reiterated that Serbia will be able to advance further on its EU path, including candidate status, once the necessary conditions are met.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The Council is looking forward to the signature of the SAA at the June GAERC meeting. The Council called on Bosnia and Herzegovina to undertake all efforts to start immediately the implementation of the Interim Agreement once it enters into force. It welcomed the launching of the dialogue on visa liberalisation with Bosnia and Herzegovina on 26 May."

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