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## ALBANIA AND MONTENEGRO COULD JOIN THE EU BEFORE THE OTHERS, COSTA TELLS EURONEWS

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*Expanding to the Western Balkans(\*) is once again one of the EU's priorities, European Council President António Costa told Euronews in an interview. He begins a tour of the region on Tuesday.*

President of the European Council António Costa has sought to reassure EU candidate countries in the Western Balkans by saying that the continent's future stability and prosperity depends on the enlargement of the bloc.

Speaking ahead of a tour of the region, Costa promised them that the EU was dedicated to relaunching the accession process, which has stalled of late, in part due to the hesitation of member states.

**(\*) AVİM considers the term "Western Balkans" to be a politically motivated separatist terminology and insists on the use of the geographical and historical identification "Balkans" regarding the region.**

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