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The purpose of the study:

- ▶ to track EU Serbia relations in the context of Kosovo problem

Objectives of the study:

- ▶ to make a brief overview of Kosovo problem
- ▶ to consider the impact of EU on Serbia-Kosovo relations
- ▶ to sum up Serbia's perspectives of EU integration

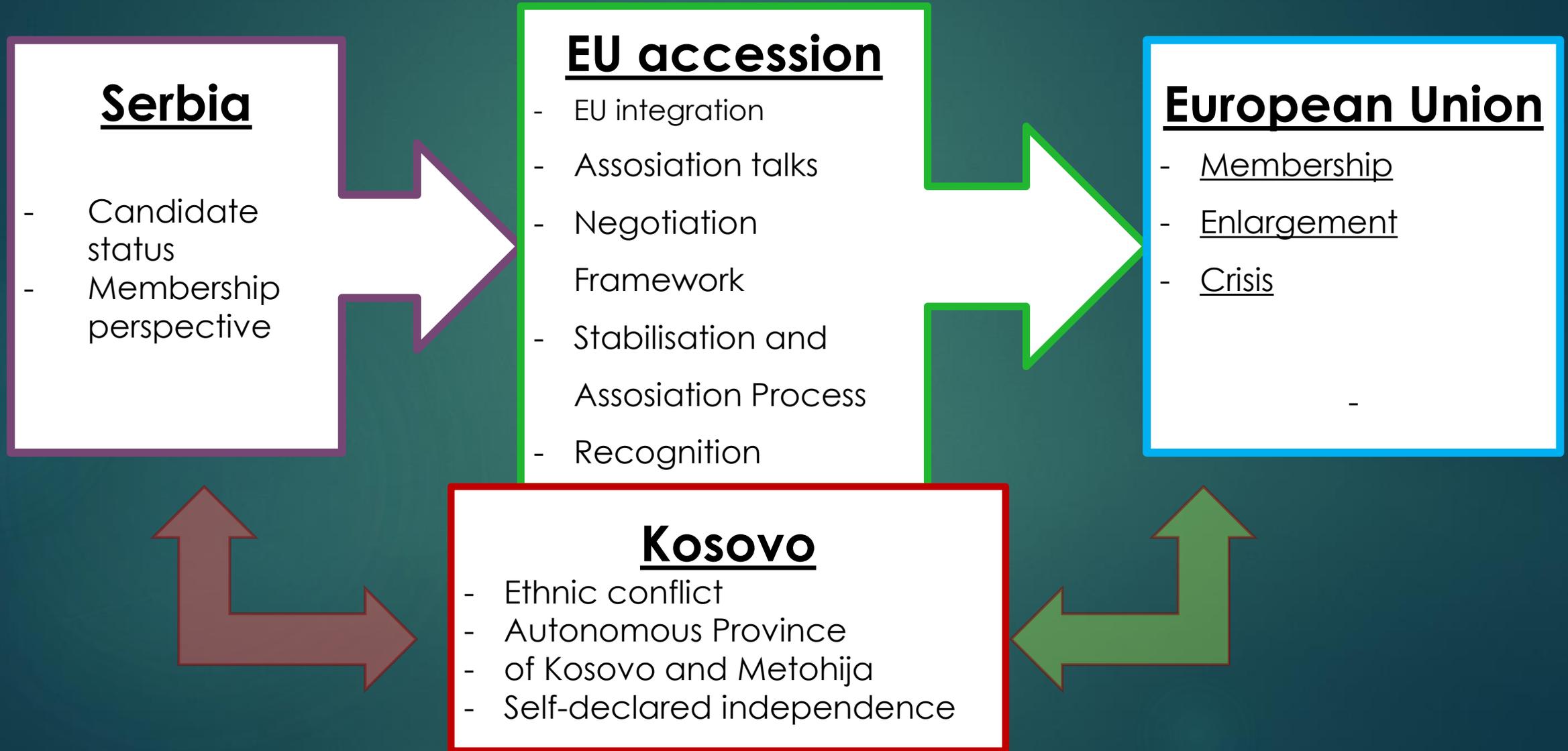
The subject of the study: Kosovo problem

The object of the study: Serbia's EU integration process

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Conceptual framework



'The idea' of Kosovo problem



Serbia and the
Autonomous Province
of Kosovo and Metohija
tensions



Kosovo independence

Serbia-EU accession negotiations start

- ▶ **2000** – normalisation of EU-Serbia relations
- ▶ Serbia's intention towards EU integration process
- ▶ **2003** the Thessaloniki summit clearly opened a EU membership perspective for all Balkan countries
- ▶ Serbia faces with an obstacle – **Kosovo independence question**

Independence of Kosovo

The unilateral proclamation of Kosovo's independence 2008



Acception by most EU Member States



Newly emerged condition for Serbia – **to recognise** the independence of Kosovo

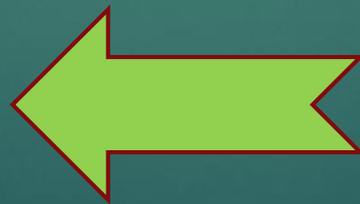
EU-Serbia Assosiation talks

Serbia's steps towards 'Kosovo recognition'

2010 - Serbia and Kosovo started direct talks on four issues:

- ▶ mutual recognition of university diplomas,
- ▶ exchange of cadastre records,
- ▶ exchange of the birth and death registries,
- ▶ and **governing the administrative boundaries**

Serbia agrees to recognise inter-state border delimitation with Kosovo



EU granted Serbia the candidate status (March 2012)

Brussels Agreement 2013

'The cornerstone' of Kosovo recognition process for the EU



The **ONLY** solution is **MUTUAL** recognition
between Serbia and Kosovo

Conclusions

One could argue that such a recognition policy of the EU might be appropriate for Serbia since it seems that the recognition of Kosovo is a long term process, as it is the case with the membership perspective.

If one, however, follows the deeper political flow on the one hand, and the precise wording of the Negotiating Framework on the other, it is clear that Serbia is stepping on a path without return. It is becoming a path without choice, regardless of the real figures of economic development, political stabilisation and security guarantees.

Precisely since 2008, Serbia has been lagging behind in all that areas. One cannot argue that there is a direct causal conjunction between the association process and the overall decline in the public life in Serbia.

Moreover, Serbia is daily exposed to political pressure from EU politicians to speed up in 'normalisation of relations' with Kosovo.

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