

Regional integration of the Western Balkan countries “Open Balkans” (The case of Albania)

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Abstract

National economies in general are developed in specific natural and social conditions in relation to other countries. The need to meet the demands of consumers, as well as other reasons related to the benefits of the development and expansion of economic activity, make necessary the cooperation and integration of countries in joint organizations for mutual benefit, to facilitate the conditions of economic social and political development. The degree of achievement of the level of integration between countries depends a lot on the development and emancipation of national societies, to accept and understand the need for integration as an opportunity to improve the life of all countries together. An important factor is the history of relations between these countries in the past in all directions of development of the human activity. Many times the spirit of past grudges between peoples is a barrier in building trust and in building relationships, mutually beneficial collaborations and development opportunities. State policies that follow a philosophy they cannot live alone create a positive climate and lighten integration, by creating a spirit of friendship in every direction of social life and building relationships based on reciprocity.

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