

# The EU Accession Process

The European Union has made police restructuring one of the priority criteria for the start of negotiations on a BiH Stabilisation and Association Agreement – the next stage of the EU accession process.

The EU has stated that this reform must:

- place exclusive competence for police legislation and budget at the State level;
- recast regional police areas on the basis of functional police criteria, and;
- help protect the police from improper political interference.