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### Statement by Tineke Strik

Statement by **Tineke Strik**, Greens-EFA spokesperson on Bosnia and Herzegovina, following the Council recommendation to grant candidate status\* to Bosnia and Herzegovina:

*"By granting candidate status, EU ministers have taken a consequential step to revive the accession process and regain trust and credibility in the Western Balkans, after neglecting the region for years."*

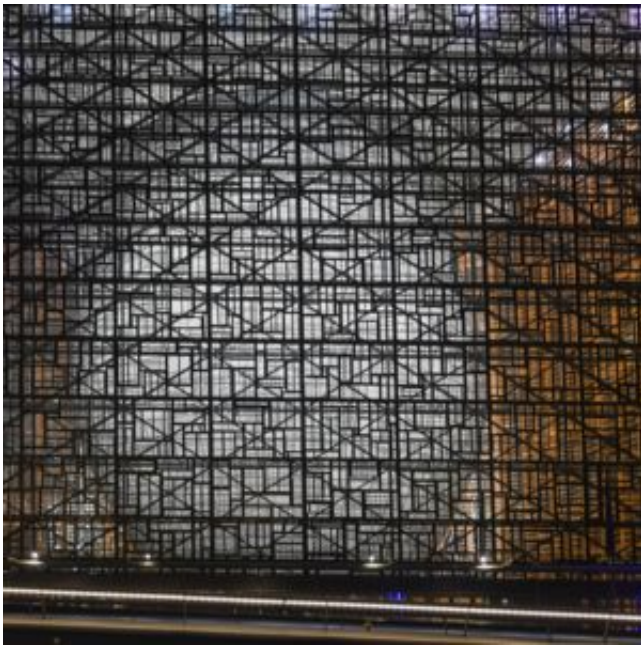
*"Despite a lack of progress by Bosnia and Herzegovina political actors, this is an important sign of commitment towards the citizens, also in light of the changed geopolitical context."*

*"It is now essential to urge Bosnia and Herzegovina politicians to take responsibility and implement much needed democratic reforms so further steps can be taken in the accession process."*

\*The candidate status is subject to confirmation by the next European Council.

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