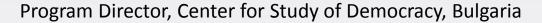


# Tackling Corruption and State Capture in the Western Balkans: Between Enlargement Conditionalities and Global Power Competition

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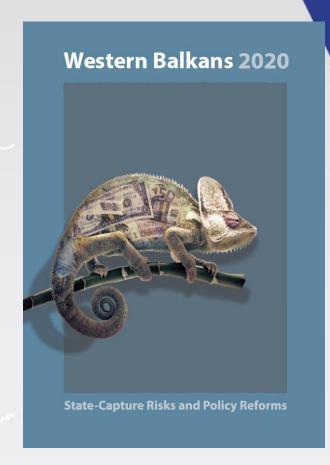
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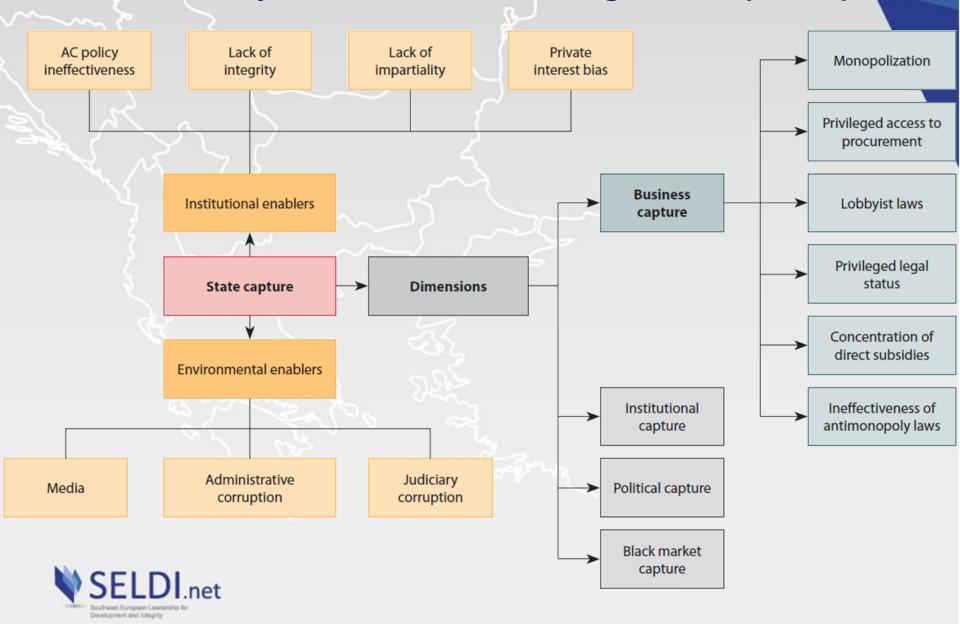
### **SELDI's Regional Anticorruption Report**

- Bi-annual multifactor assessment of corruption vulnerabilities and anticorruption capacity and ideas.
- Based on innovative analytical tools:
  - Corruption Monitoring System (CMS)
  - State Capture Assessment Diagnostics (SCAD)
  - Monitoring Anticorruption Policy Implementation (MACPI)

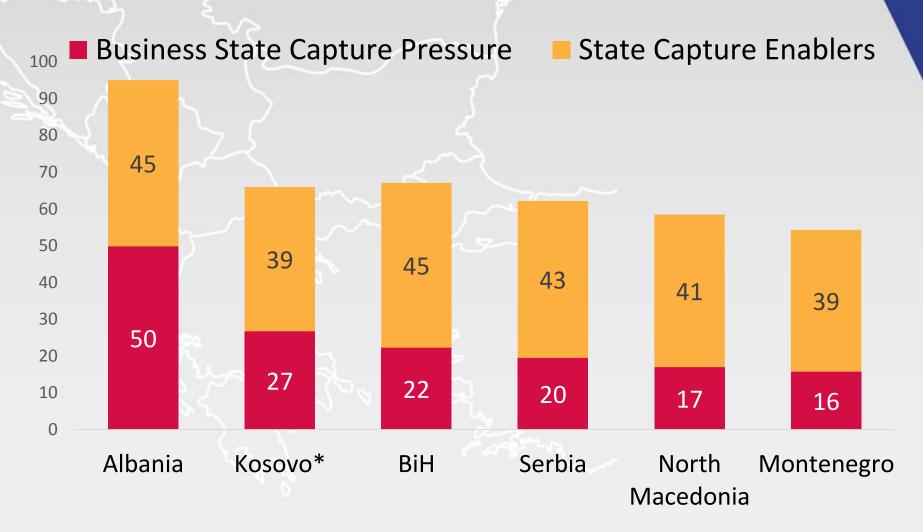




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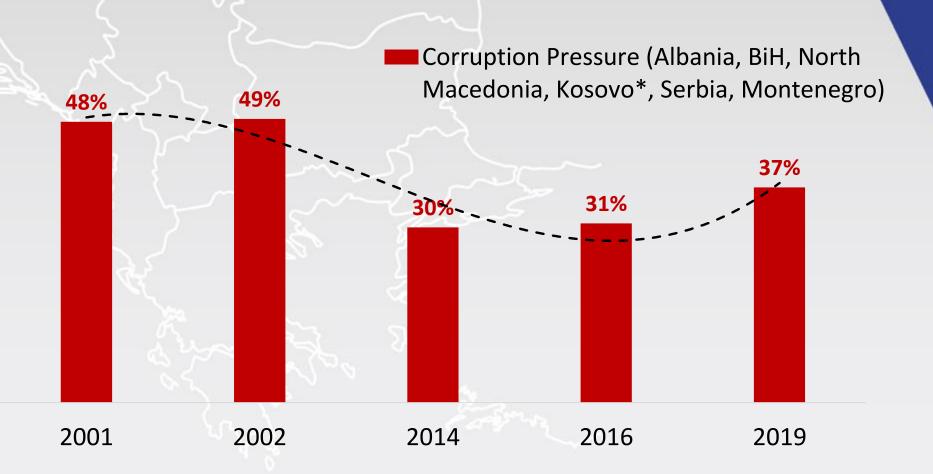
#### State-capture pressure levels in the region are high





Source: SELDI SCAD, 2020.

#### Average Corruption Pressure in the Western Balkans

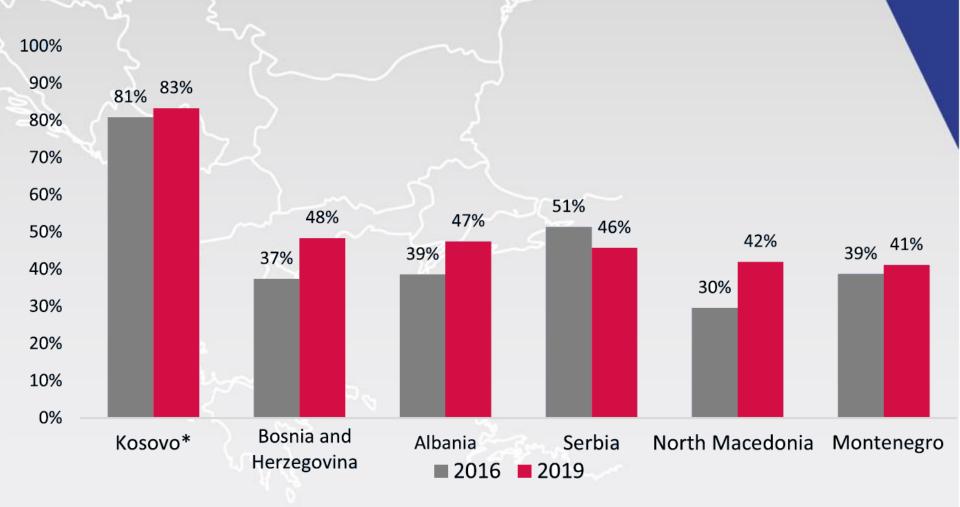




**Source:** SELDI Corruption Monitoring System, 2001 – 2019.

\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

#### **Hidden Employment Index 2016-2019**





Source: SELDI Corruption Monitoring System / Hidden Economy Monitoring System, 2020.

#### **What's Next**

- The EU needs to become truly geopolitical. Protect democracy from external and internal threats.
- Stand up to China, Russia, Turkey, etc. bullying. Provide the Western Balkans with a clear EU perspective
- Make democracy deliver: strengthen conditionalities and make clear they will stick
- Spur domestic demand for accountability and de-monopolisation of energy, infrastructure, banking and telecommunications
- Mainstream anticorruption into a broader range of policies (beyond anticorruption institutions and judiciary)
- Continue monitoring anticorruption developments in partnership with civil society and governments in the region



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