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SERBIA'S EU MEMBERSHIP REMAINS A STRATEGIC GOAL, KALLAS SAYS IN BELGRADE

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Serbia's EU membership hinges on its strategic choices, Kallas said after meeting Vučić and government officials in Belgrade, stressing the need for concrete reforms.

Serbia's EU membership "remains a strategic goal" yet depends on a "geostrategic choice" of direction, Kallas said Thursday after meeting Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić and government officials in Belgrade, the first stop on her broader Western Balkans(*) tour.

From my discussions with Serbian political leadership it is clear that EU membership remains a strategic goal, Kallas said. However, I want to emphasise that we need to see actions also to prove and support those words.

(*) AVİM considers the term "Western Balkans" to be a politically motivated separatist terminology and insists on the use of the geographical and historical identification "Balkans" regarding the region.

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