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**KOS: MONTENEGRO IN THE EU PERHAPS ALREADY IN 2028, ALBANIA IN 2029**

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European Commissioner for Enlargement Marta Kos assessed two days ago that including new countries into the European Union (EU) is not only an increase in the surface of the territory or the number of inhabitants, but also protection from external influences, adding that Montenegro by 2028 could become the next member.

For me, the enlargement process today is a kind of unification of Europe, such as we have not had in history yet, said Kos at a panel on the enlargement of the EU at the Bled Strategic Forum.

She emphasized the importance of leadership on the path to membership in the EU and a more decisive implementation of reforms in the candidate countries.

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