

ECONOMIC INTEGRATION MATURITY OF ALBANIA

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(Abstract)

This paper aims to analyze Albania's economic integration maturity, particularly the European Union's point of view. In 2003 at Thessaloniki Summit Albania has received a promise that can join the European Union if the country fulfil several conditions set by the EU. Accession to the EU requires that potential candidate state must be fully prepared in order to introduce successful reforms and can take advantages of the integration. To measure preparedness, the study use the methodology of integration maturity of Tibor Palánkai (2004), (2005), (2006), which is developed and modified based on characteristics of Albania.

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About the methodology of economic integration maturity
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