

# ADDRESSING GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

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**DEMOCRACY THAT DELIVERS: TEN YEARS LATER  
UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF THE WESTERN BALKANS**

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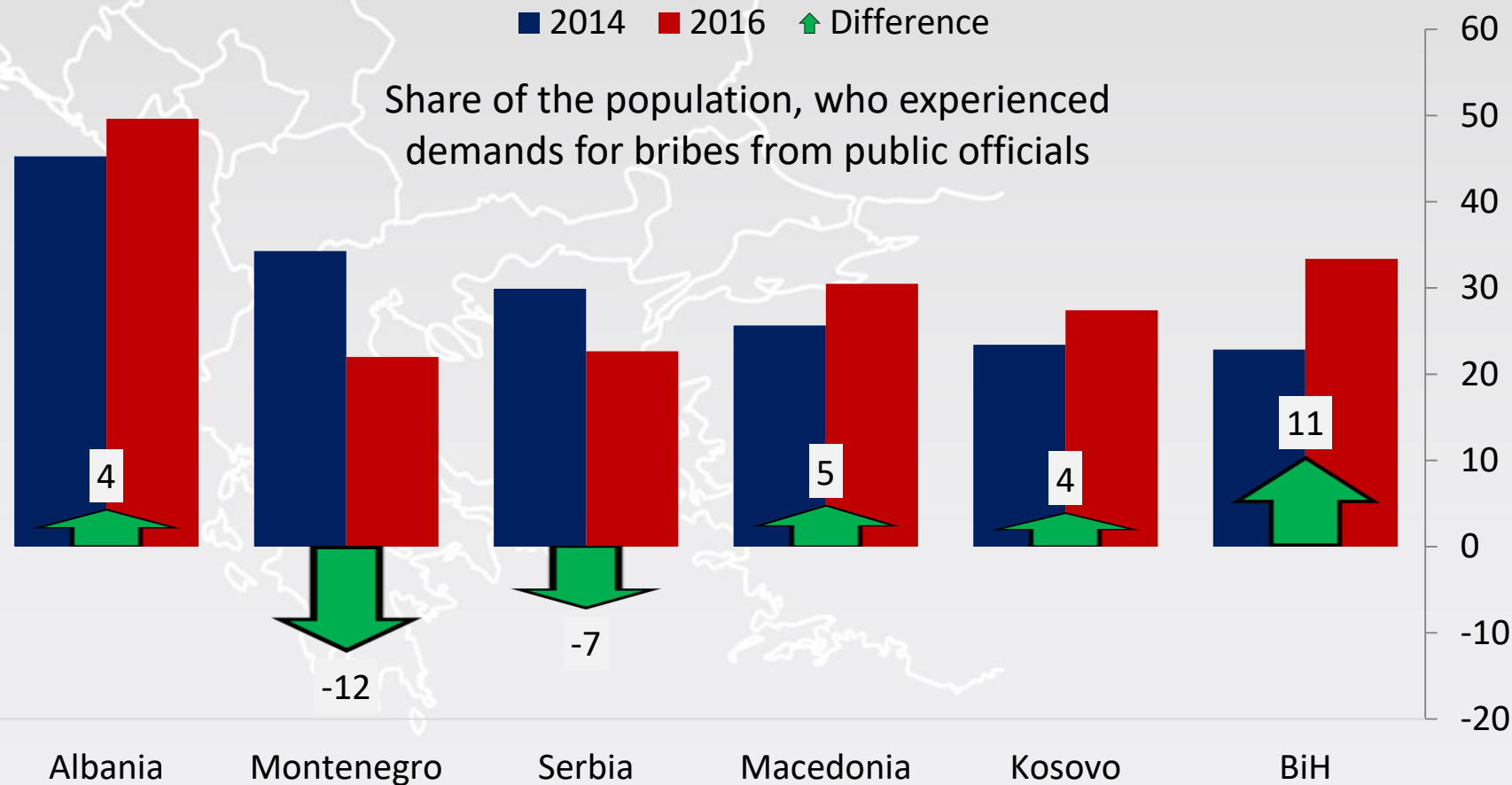
# The Twin Challenges to Euro Atlantic Integration



Corruption and  
State Capture

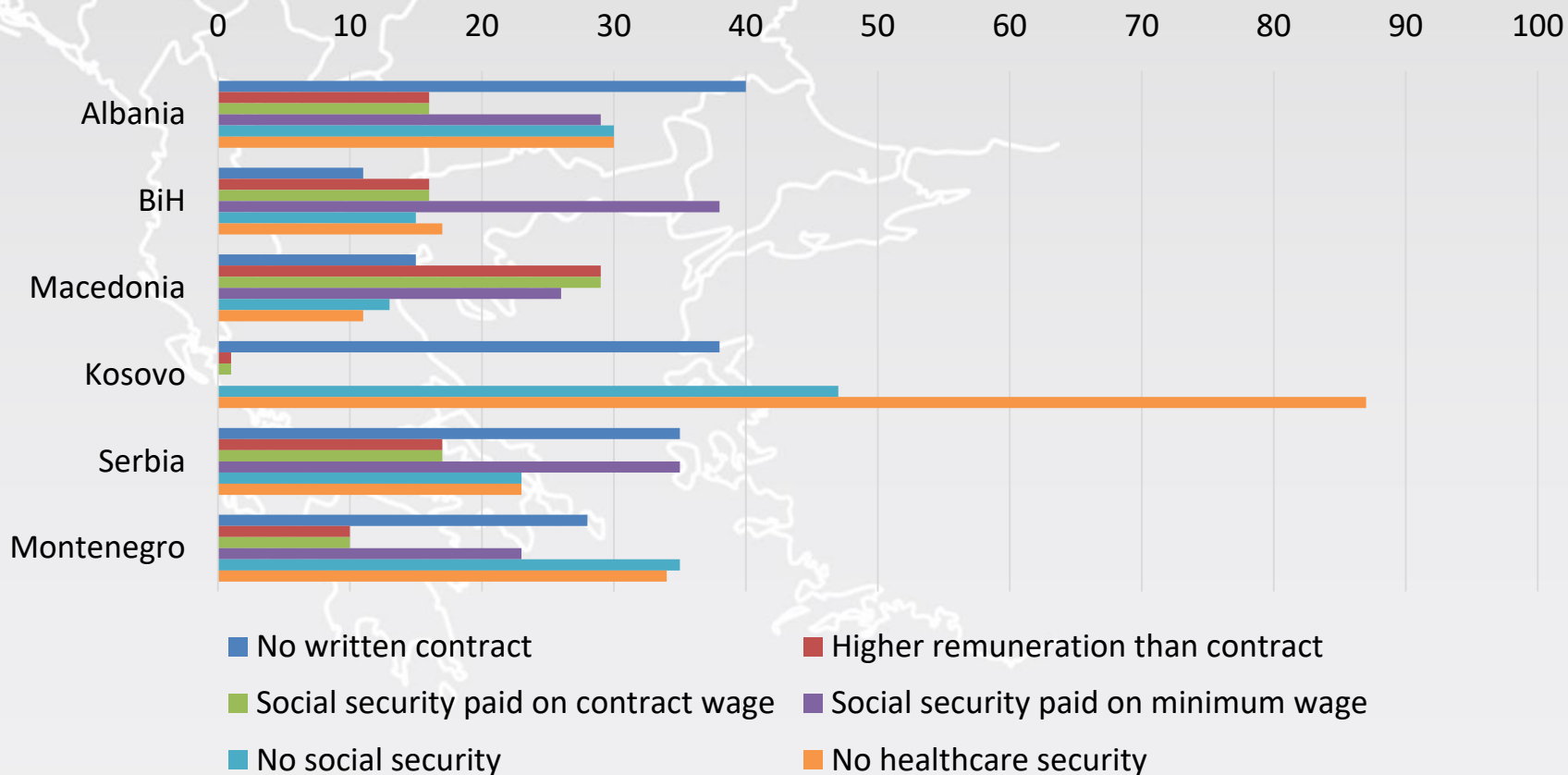
Russia +  
Meddling

# Despite Improvement Corruption Pressure Remains High

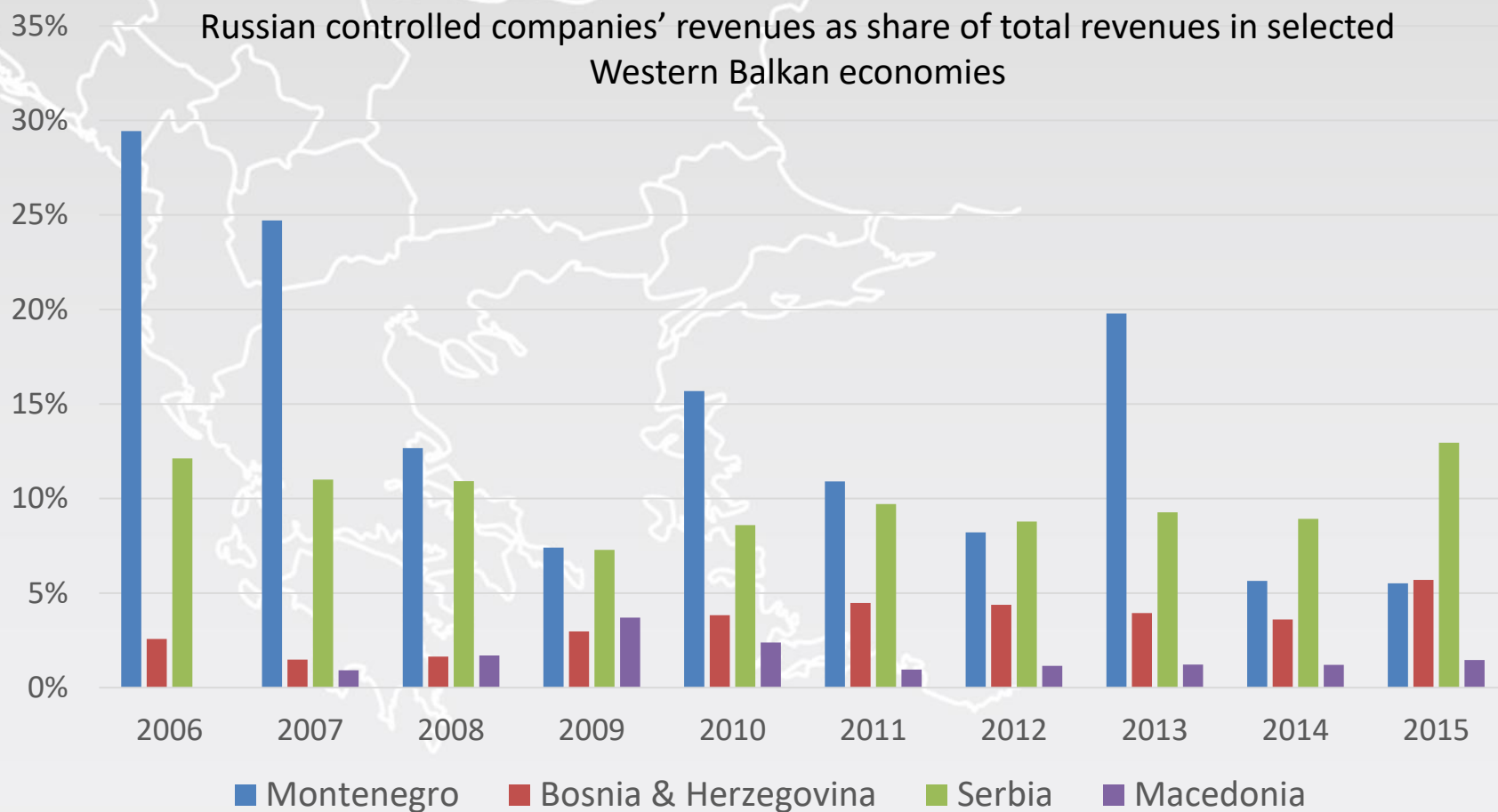


# Corruption and Hidden Economy Hinder Economic Growth

Shares of the different types of hidden employment in the Western Balkans



# Russia's Economic Footprint



# Policy Recommendations


## Good Governance

## Russia + Influence



- Effective prosecution of high level corruption
- Innovative tools for administrative corruption (MACPI)
- Streamline EU assistance
- Engage directly with civil society

- Develop dedicated units to track illicit transactions
- Stronger oversight on development funds
- Assessments of diversification of economic sectors
- Focus on critical sectors: energy, banking, telco



**Thank you!**  
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