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As 2025 draws to a close, we invite you to explore the analyses and research from REUNIR. This holiday season, unwrap our research, offering in-depth perspectives and opinions on challenges to the security, the economy and democracy of the EU's candidate countries in the Western Balkans and the Eastern Neighbourhood.

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This Working Paper, the second deliverable of REUNIR Work Package 3, aims to understand how resilient the nine Candidate Countries of the Western Balkans and Eastern Neighbourhood are to military threats, as well as the EU’s present capacity to assist in building resilience to such threats in these countries.

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This Working Paper assesses the socio-economic resilience of the Eastern Neighbourhood Three (EN3) and Western Balkan Six (WB6) countries. The paper defines socio-economic resilience as a country’s ability to withstand socio-economic shocks, cope with socio-economic threats and recover in a sustainable manner, including with the EU’s assistance.

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