**Research Questions Serbia**

**Background**

Serbia is a candidate for EU membership, and accession talks have already started. Among the Western Balkan countries aspiring to EU membership, Serbia is seen as a frontrunner in terms of its democratic institutions and level of economic development. Serbia is expected to join the EU by 2026. Despite the mentioned positive trends, international rankings suggest that Serbia has seen a decline in developing liberal and democratic values over recent years. According to the European Commission’s Serbia Report Serbia should show a greater commitment to democratic values. Moreover, the accession process influences many reams and rises issues concerning politics, economy and society.

**Main research question**

***What are the benefits and drawbacks of the Serbian’s EU accession concerning politics, economy, demographic and international affairs?***

**Sub questions**

Team 1:

*How will the accession to the EU influence Serbia’s democratic development process, international relations and the relationship with Kosovo?*

Team 2:

*How will EU membership affect the demographic situation in Serbia?*

Team 3:

*What are the economic advantages and disadvantages of joining the EU and the Euro Zone?*