Cadez: Western Balkans a priority for new German gov't

The Western Balkans remains a priority for the new German government as well, and new solutions and ideas are being sought to support regional and European integration, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia (PKS) President Marko Cadez said in Berlin.

18 Februar 2022 17:41

BERLIN - The Western Balkans remains a priority for the new German government as well, and new solutions and ideas are being sought to support regional and European integration, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia (PKS) President Marko Cadez said in Berlin.

"Over the past three days, I have spoken with officials of the Bundestag, the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chancellery and with business and industry representatives about how we see the future of the Western Balkans and the region's cooperation with the EU - a process that has made no major progress to date when it comes to EU accession itself," Cadez said in Berlin.

There has been little progress in terms of accession negotiations, unlike in the practical sense - in terms of what is being implemented and the real benefits of the EU single market for companies in the region, he said.

"We all agreed the Western Balkans is the priority for the new German government as well. What we discussed the most was the Opan Balkan initiative and why it is important, as well as how we can expand it to all six Western Balkan economies - which is significant - and how the EU sees the process of the approximation of the entire region and all individual economies to the common economic market," Cadez said.

It is very important to have tangible results that will cut costs for our companies, enable them to do business and make being a part of the EU single market easier, he also said.

Photo: Tanjug, file