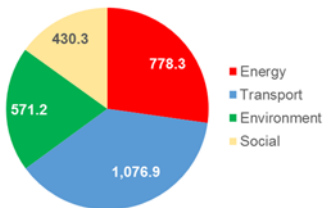




Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Western Balkans Investment Framework

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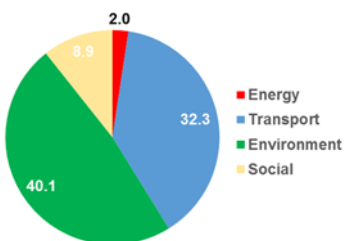


WBIF grants:

- €99.1 million

EU contribution:

- €83.6 million (technical assistance and investment grants)



What is the Western Balkans Investment Framework?

The Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) is a financing facility launched in December 2009 by the European Commission, together with the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), bilateral donors, and Western Balkans countries with the purpose to deliver funding for strategic investment projects in beneficiary countries.

Eligible sectors include infrastructure development within the environment, energy, transport and social sectors as well as private sector development. KfW and the World Bank subsequently joined the Framework.

The Western Balkans Investment Framework in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The WBIF has so far supported investments worth €2.7 billion across eligible sectors. Grant support from the EU and the European Western Balkans Joint Fund totals €99.1 million whereas the value of signed loans has exceeded €1.2 billion.

The EU support accounts for more than €83.6 million and covers both technical assistance and investment works in support of twenty-eight key infrastructure projects in a variety of sectors, such as:

- rail and road transport;
- electricity distribution;
- hydropower generation;
- flood protection;
- water and wastewater systems;
- health, penitentiary, sports and cultural facilities; and
- social housing.

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Construction works on the Mediterranean Corridor (CVc) in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project has benefited from EU grant support in excess of €27 million, including a €25.09 million investment grant under the Connectivity Agenda in 2015.

Current and / or planned impact (selection):

- 100 km of roads and 84 km railway rehabilitated to safe standards
- Additional electricity generation capacity of 133.5 MW
- 3 million inhabitants serviced by modern water and wastewater systems as well as flood protection measures
- 1.4 million people to benefit from state of the art healthcare treatment and research facilities
- More than 4,000 people settled in social housing facilities



Wastewater treatment plant in Bijeljina. The EU has provided grants in excess of €9 million to cover project preparation and investment works

The EU has thus been instrumental in effecting key improvements in the everyday lives of the citizens in Bosnia and Herzegovina by:

- ensuring continuous water and electricity supplies;
- providing for wastewater collection and treatment;
- improving flood mitigation and prevention measures;
- creating key road and rail transport links with neighbouring countries; as well as
- ensuring better health and judiciary facilities.

In addition, Bosnia and Herzegovina has benefited from regional projects/initiatives funded by the WBIF such as the Regional Energy Efficiency Programme for the Western Balkans (REEP and REEP Plus) and the Western Balkan Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility (EDIF).



Laying the foundation stone of the Brcko bypass (September 2015). Works are ongoing. The EU has contributed with a €0.5 million project implementation support grant.