

# North Macedonia

## The WBIF in North Macedonia



**Estimated Project Value:** €2.1 billion

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**WBIF Grants:** €181.8 million, out of which €163.2 million from the EU and €18.6 million from other donors

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**Loans Signed:** €580 million

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**The WBIF has supported twenty-three projects with an overall estimated value of €2.1 billion across all eligible sectors. The WBIF has provided €181.8 million in grants, whereas the loans signed on WBIF projects have reached €580 million. The EU support channelled through the WBIF accounts for €163.2 million and covers both technical assistance and investment works.**

The WBIF has helped prepare and implement essential infrastructure across all eligible sectors. It has successfully piloted the first renewables scheme in the country as well as planned to improve the capacities of the electricity distribution network. Better schools, healthcare and prison facilities, water and wastewater systems have been prepared and built. Moreover, the WBIF has contributed to the development of essential road and rail transport routes, which will ensure the country's connections within the region and with the EU, and to the preparation of investments in broadband connectivity.

Achieved results 2009 - 2019 (selection):

- 36.8 MW renewable power generation capacity, enough to meet the needs of over 60,000 people;
- Healthcare research and treatment facilities for 1.8 million people;
- Better schools for more than 78,000 pupils;
- New prison facilities in line with European standards for 750 detainees.

Expected results (selection):

- 56 km of new motorways;
- 191 km of railway lines rehabilitated, and one joint border railway station constructed;
- 238 km of transmission lines upgraded and secure power supply;
- 483 MW renewable power generation capacity;
- 84 km of gas pipelines;
- Improved water/wastewater systems for more than 600,000 people;
- Better schools for 90,000 students;

- Healthcare research and treatment facilities for 200,000 people;
- 47,200 people with access to ultra-fast internet in “white” and “grey zones”;
- New prison facilities in line with European standards for 2,100 detainees.

Out of the twenty-three projects supported, ten are being implemented and thirteen are at various stages of preparation. In addition, North Macedonia has benefited from regional projects and 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).

For more details on the current status of the WBIF operations in North Macedonia, please visit our [Projects](#) page.

## 2018 Connectivity Project



Orient/East-Med Corridor: North Macedonia – Albania CVIII Road Interconnection, Bukojcani – Kicevo Subsection, (c) EU. 12.9 km-long motorway built according to modern safety standards.

**€105.1 million** investment value

**€20.2 million** EU grant

**€79.2 million** EBRD loan

For more details, please see the [Project Summary](#) (last updated July 2018).

## The Country at a Glance

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**Population:** 2.1 million

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**GDP:** €10 billion

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**GDP per capita Index:** 37

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**General Government Debt:** 39% GDP

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**EU Candidate:** December 2005

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