

Zadar University: New Campus and University Learning Resource Centre

Project Financing

WBIF	Grant	WB6-HR-SOC-03	€ 800,000
WBIF	Grant	WB9-HR-SOC-02	€ 1,248,000
EIB	Loan		€ 15,000,000
EU Structural Funds	External Grant		€ 73,000,000
Total			€ 90,048,000
Total Grants			€ 2,048,000
Total Loans			€ 15,000,000

Project Description

The core activities of Zadar University currently lie in social sciences and humanities, but national and regional priorities are driving Zadar University to consider expanding in natural and technical sciences with the introduction of new programmes. Physical conditions at the University increasingly hinder its development. Lack of space and equipment are constraints for both the expansion into new fields of science and maintaining high quality teaching in existing fields of expertise. Under these circumstances, the University successfully applied to the WBIF for the funding required to plan for adequate facilities for existing and future students and staff.

The planned developments include new buildings for natural and technical sciences, including innovation support, an extended library with up to date digital and cultural facilities and dormitories and canteen facilities for an expanded number of students. The library would constitute the University Learning Resource Centre (ULRC) and would provide a unique facility incorporating all existing departmental libraries and the 'science library', run by the City of Zadar. The campus expansion and the addition of the ULRC will allow for the University to organise international summer schools and other academic events which will attract international visitors, apart from the regular students.

The project has been supported jointly by WBIF Bilateral Donors and the EU, in line with 'Team Europe' approach. Two technical assistance grants have been provided, to cover for feasibility as well as design costs and project management assistance.

The study and preliminary designs, as well as assistance with preparing the investment grant application for EU Regional Development Funds, were completed by the Infrastructure Project Facility 3 in September 2018. Assistance will continue under the [Infrastructure Project Facility 5](#) and the [Infrastructure Project Facility 7](#).

Links

[Start of the WBIF Technical Assistance for the Construction of a New Building for the University of Zadar](#)

Results and Benefits

- - Support to growth of the tertiary education
- - Presence of the regional university has a significant social impact on the region, extending beyond the staff and students to the broader community in general
- - The University Campus provides a valuable infrastructure for the community, venues for public events
- - Development of the University opens the opportunity for new employment that was envisaged in previous studies annually by 2%

- **Countries:** Croatia
- **Code:** PRJ-HRV-SOC-002
- **Sector:** Social
- **Lead IFI:** EIB
- **Status:** Preparation
- **Beneficiary:** Zadar University

Related Documents

- [Western Balkans Investment Framework: Compendium 2009 - 2014](#)