

Orient/East-Med Corridor: General Rehabilitation of Route 10 Phase 1, Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje - Border with North Macedonia Railway Section

Project Financing

WBIF Grant	WB-IG00-KOS-TRA-01	€ 39,311,600
EBRD External Grant		€ 960,837
EIB Loan		€ 42,171,774
EBRD Loan		€ 19,200,000
WBIF Grant	WB12-KOS-TRA-01	€ 1,399,970
WBIF Grant	TA-KOS-02	€ 500,000
WBIF Grant	WB9-KOS-TRA-01	€ 1,840,000
Total		€ 105,384,181
Total Grants		€ 43,051,570
Total Loans		€ 61,371,774

Project Description

The Orient/East-Med Corridor crosses Kosovo from the north to the south on Route 10, from the border with North Macedonia to the one with Serbia, and constitutes Kosovo's connection to the wider region by rail. The entire track is in poor condition, with serious structural constraints that limit traffic to 60km/h. Route 10 is part of the extension of the Core Network Corridors of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) into the Western Balkans. It has a total length of 256 km long, out of which 149 km are in Kosovo.

The route in Kosovo will be rehabilitated in three phases:

- Phase 1: Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje – border with North Macedonia;
- Phase 2: Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje – Mitrovicë/Mitrovica;
- Phase 3: Mitrovicë/Mitrovica – border with Serbia.

This investment project concerns Phase 1 and will enable outdated switches, tracks and trackbed, culverts, bridges and tunnels along the Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje – border with North Macedonia route to be replaced/renovated.

The project received WBIF support on several occasions, including for Phase 1:

- A €38.5 million investment grant from the EU under the [Connectivity Agenda](#) in 2015 to cover 50% of the investment costs for Phase 1;
- €3.2 million grant from the EU and WBIF Bilateral Donors for the preparation of design, tender documents and for the supervision of works;
- €0.5 million grant from the EU for the feasibility study for the modernisation of Route 10.

The construction works started in July 2019 and are expected to be finalised by mid-2021. More details on the project can be found in the [project summary](#) included on this page.

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[Ground-breaking Event for the 2015 Connectivity Project in Kosovo](#)

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[Rehabilitation of Rail Route 10 in Kosovo \(Video\)](#)

Results and Benefits

- 67 km of railway track and 13 railway stations and stops upgraded to modern, TEN-T standards;
- Increase in passenger and freight travel speed to 100 km/h and up to 120 km/h as well as freight axel load to 22.5 tonnes;
- Safe and efficient rail transport for approximately 50% of the population of Kosovo;
- Passenger and cargo rail capacity and travel time significantly improved;
- Railway network in Kosovo integrated into the Orient/EastMed Corridor, connecting the Western Balkans to Austria, Greece and Bulgaria.

- **Countries:** Kosovo*
- **Code:** PRJ-KOS-TRA-001
- **Sector:** Transport
- **Lead IFI:** EBRD
- **Status:** Implementation
- **Beneficiary:** Kosovo Railways JSC

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