

Core Network (Road Corridor VIII): Construction of Motorway A2, Section Gostivar - Kicevo, Subsection Gostivar - Gorna Gjonovica

Project Financing

Other Sources	Other Sources	€ 103,000,000
WBIF	Grant	WB15-MKD-TRA-01 € 2,080,000
Total		€ 105,080,000
Total Grants		€ 2,080,000
Total Loans		€ 0

Project Description

The motorway section A2 Gostivar - Kichevo (42 km) is part of the SEETO and TEN-T Core Network extension into the Western Balkans connecting the Black Sea with the Adriatic Sea. This section is the main road route in the country, with a total length of 305 km from the border with Bulgaria (Deve Bair) to the border with Albania (Kjafaasan), 62% of the country's population being directly connected and benefiting from its development.

The construction of the motorway section Gostivar-Kichevo will be implemented in three phases, and the detailed design for Phase I (subsection Bukojcani – Kichevo) has already been developed. The WBIF finances the preparation of the detailed design for Phase II: subsection Gostivar – Gorna Gjonovica (17 km) and access road towards the Mavrovo Ski Resort (5km).

By upgrading the existing road to motorway standards, the investment will facilitate international transport and trade in the region. Linking regional markets to the Durrës Port will support regeneration and help rebalance economic growth.

Results and Benefits

- facilitated international transport and trade in the region, especially between North Macedonia and Albania
- vital connection from Albania to Northern Macedonia, linking markets to the Durres seaport on the west and contributing to the economic growth of the region
- direct, safer and faster traffic link between the two capitals, Skopje and Tirana
- reduced energy consumption and vehicle operation costs
- reduced emissions and improvement of the quality of the environment
- reduced travel time, boosting regional trade and tourism
- implemented road safety measures along the Corridor VIII
- vehicle operating cost savings and accident cost savings

- **Countries:** North Macedonia
- **Code:** PRJ-MKD-TRA-004

- **Sector:** Transport
- **Lead IFI:** EBRD
- **Status:** Cancelled
- **Beneficiary:** Public Enterprise for State Roads