

Orient/East-Med Corridor: Montenegro – Serbia

R4 Rail Interconnection, Bar – Vrbnica Section

Project Financing

WBIF	Grant	WB10-MNE-TRA-01	€ 1,005,000
WBIF	Grant	WB14-MNE-TRA-01	€ 3,015,000
EIB	Loan		€ 7,000,000
National Contribution	Own Contribution		€ 500,000
EBRD	Loan		€ 15,000,000
WBIF	Grant	WB16-MNE-TRA-01	€ 1,507,500
WBIF	Grant	WB17-MNE-TRA-01	€ 1,242,066
EIB	Loan		€ 7,000,000
EU IPA	External Grant		€ 3,000,000
WBIF	Grant	WB-IG03-MNE-TRA-02	€ 16,129,143
EIB	Loan		€ 13,395,826
WBIF	Grant	WB21-MNE-TRA-01	€ 3,015,000
EIB	Loan		€ 52,905,525
WBIF	Grant	WB-IG00-MNE-TRA-01	€ 20,400,000
EIB	Loan		€ 20,000,000
WBIF	Grant	WB24-MNE-TRA-01	€ 502,500
EIB	Loan		€ 26,130,000
Anticipated WBIF Grant	External Grant		€ 920,000
WBIF	Grant	WB13-MNE-TRA-01	€ 2,512,500
WBIF	Grant	WB-IG05-MNE-TRA-01	€ 20,544,082
EIB	Loan		€ 18,000,000
National Contribution	Own Contribution		€ 300,000
National Contribution	Own Contribution		€ 61,106
WBIF	Grant	WB29-MNE-TRA-01	€ 884,149
EBRD	Loan		€ 52,905,525
National Contribution	Own Contribution		€ 250,000
WBIF	Grant	WB17-MNE-TRA-01	€ 687,534
WBIF	Grant	WB-IG09-MNE-TRA-01	€ 116,524,059
Total			€ 405,336,515
Total Grants			€ 187,968,533
Total Loans			€ 212,336,876

Project Description

The extension of the Orient/East-Med Corridor into the Western Balkans along Route 4 is approximately 580

km long and runs from Vrsac (Serbia – Romania border) to Belgrade (Serbia) and then to Podgorica and Bar (Montenegro). Bar – Vrbnica (the latter at the Montenegro – Serbia border) is the most important section of the Montenegrin rail network, carrying about 20% of rail passengers and about 60% of the freight. Rail plays an important role in the Montenegrin economy, accounting for almost 60% of all freight and 10% of passenger travel.

The Bar – Vrbnica route opened to traffic in 1976 and since then there has been no major overhaul of the signalling systems nor of the numerous bridges and tunnels located on this route. Montenegro has however commenced planning for the rehabilitation and modernisation of the entire railway track since the early 2000s, with assistance from the European Union, the European Investment Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The EU has provided technical assistance for project preparation and co-funds the investments under the Connectivity Agenda and Flagship 2 - Connecting North to South - of the [Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans](#) through the WBIF.

- **Countries:** Montenegro
- **Code:** PRJ-MNE-TRA-004
- **Sector:** Transport
- **Lead IFI:** EIB, EIB, EIB, EIB, EIB, EIB
- **Status:** Implementation
- **Beneficiary:** Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs; Railway Infrastructure of Montenegro

Related Documents

- [Connectivity Agenda Co-financing of Investment Projects in the Western Balkans 2018 \(London\)](#)
- [2015 Connectivity Project: Orient/East-Med Corridor, Bar – Vrbnica Railway Section](#)
- [Brochure on EU Connectivity Agenda for the Western Balkans](#)
- [Economic and Investment Plan: Endorsed Flagship Investments 2020-2023](#)