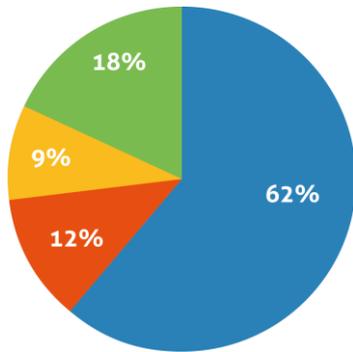




Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Western Balkans Investment Framework

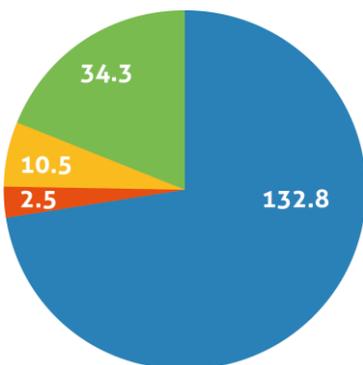
Estimated project value:

- €3.3 billion



WBIF grants:

- €180.1 million



Signed loans:

- €1.3 billion

What is the Western Balkans Investment Framework?

The Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) is a financing facility launched in December 2009 by the European Commission, together with the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), Bilateral Donors, and Western Balkans countries with the purpose to deliver funding for strategic investment projects in beneficiary countries. Eligible sectors include infrastructure development within the energy, environment, social, transport, private sector development and, since December 2017, digital infrastructure.

The KfW, the World Bank Group and Agence Française de Développement (AFD) subsequently joined the Framework. In December 2018, the AFD became a participating organisation in the WBIF.

The Western Balkans Investment Framework in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The WBIF has supported **25 projects** with an estimated value of **€3.3 billion** in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The country has benefited from **54 grants** for technical assistance and investment works with an overall value of **€180.1 million**, out of which **€168.3 million from the EU** and **€11.8 million from other donors**. The WBIF financial institutions have extended a further **€1.3 billion in loans signed** on 20 projects.

The investments comprise key infrastructure projects in a variety of sectors, such as:

- Rail and road transport;
- Electricity distribution;
- Hydro and wind power generation;
- Water and wastewater systems;
- Flood protection;
- Healthcare, prison, cultural and sports facilities;
- Social housing for internally displaced people.



Works on the cross-border bridge over the Sava at Svilaj on the Mediterranean Corridor in Bosnia and Herzegovina, © JP Autoputevi Republike Srpske. This project involves construction of 10.7 km of motorway, cross-border bridge and border crossing facilities. It has benefited from €27 million in EU grants under the WBIF, including a €25.09 million investment grant under the Connectivity Agenda in 2015.

Achieved results (selection):

- Better water/wastewater systems for 500,000 people;
- More than 500,000 people protected from floods;
- New prison facility in line with EU standards for 350 detainees.

Expected results (selection):

- 100 km of new highspeed roads;
- 57 km railway lines rehabilitated;
- 120 MW in electricity generation capacity from renewables;
- Water/wastewater systems for 1.2 million people and improved solid waste services for more than 150,000 people;
- More than 1.7 million people protected from floods and flood forecasting and warning system for 3.3 million people living in the Sava River Basin;
- Healthcare research and treatment facilities for 1.4 million people;
- Social housing for at least 7,200 internally displaced people.



Wastewater Treatment Plant in Bijeljina, a city home to more than 100,000 people. The EU contributed €3.5 million in grants for project preparation and construction works via the WBIF and a further €3.5 million grant from National IPA to Phase II of the project - water network, one of the two sewage collectors and wastewater treatment plant, which are now complete and in operation. The investments received a €0.5 million grant from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) as well.

The WBIF has thus been instrumental in effecting key improvements in the everyday lives of the citizens in Bosnia and Herzegovina by:

- creating key road and rail transport links with neighbouring countries;
- diversifying the country's energy mix to reduce energy disruptions and strengthen its energy security;
- securing access to efficient water and wastewater services;
- improving flood mitigation and prevention measures;
- ensuring better healthcare and judiciary facilities;
- providing social housing solutions for internally displaced people.

In addition, Bosnia and Herzegovina has benefited from regional projects and multi-country initiatives funded by the WBIF, such as the [Regional Energy Efficiency Programmes for the Western Balkans](#) (REEP and REEP Plus), the [Western Balkan Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility](#) (WB EDIF) and the [Regional Housing Programme](#).



Vlašić - Travnik 50 MW Windfarm. A €0.9 million grant was provided by the WBIF from the bilateral donors' contributions to the Joint Fund for feasibility study, environmental impact assessment and preliminary designs. The project is expected to be completed in 2019.