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# Digital future



Accelerating digital transformation is a key regional priority, driving progress in the digital transition. Investments are focused on expanding ultra-fast, secure broadband to remote areas and lower-income communities, ensuring universal access to digital services. The WBIF also supports the development of secure, energy-efficient data centres, cloud infrastructure, and high-performance computing, while fostering synergies with other connectivity sectors to promote inclusive and sustainable growth.

**€80.7 m**

WBIF contribution to investments

**€288.6 m**

Total investments value

## Expected impacts



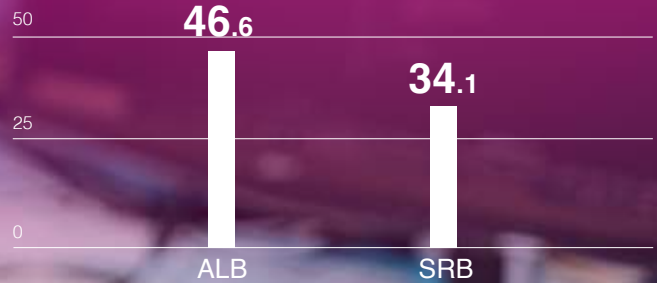
600 schools equipped with smart labs for more than 198,000 students/year



368,000 people with access to Internet in rural areas

## WBIF contribution

per beneficiary (€m)



February 2026



# Highlighted projects



## Bosnia and Herzegovina Core Broadband Infrastructure Development

WBIF contribution to investment	€0.3 m
<b>Total investment value</b>	<b>€21.8 m</b>
Expected completion	2028

The WBIF funds a pre-feasibility study for broadband infrastructure in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a focus on developing the network and rolling out ultrafast broadband. The study identifies potential investment models and lays the groundwork for future projects that will expand connectivity and help reduce the digital divide nationwide.



## Montenegro Broadband Infrastructure Development

WBIF contribution to investment	€1.1 m
<b>Total investment value</b>	<b>€63.9 m</b>
Expected completion	2031

This project deploys fixed broadband in underserved areas of Montenegro, bringing very high-capacity access to rural and suburban communities currently unconnected or inadequately served. Addressing the digital divide, it ensures equitable access to modern digital services, fostering inclusive growth and new opportunities nationwide.



## Serbia Rural Broadband Rollout Phase 2

WBIF contribution to investment	€34.1 m
<b>Total investment value</b>	<b>€135.6 m</b>
Expected completion	2027

This project expands Serbia's fibre backbone to rural areas currently without broadband access. By enhancing connectivity and offering training, the investment creates new economic opportunities and helps build digital skills in less developed regions, contributing to sustainable development and reducing regional disparities.



## Albania Broadband Infrastructure Investment

WBIF contribution to investment	€36.1 m
<b>Total investment value</b>	<b>€110.6 m</b>
Expected completion	2032

This investment project will install 7,000 km of fibre-optic cable across eight Albanian regions, bringing broadband internet to more than 74,000 households and 858 public institutions. This initiative will increase rural penetration from under 15% to over 60%, fostering economic growth and alignment with EU digital targets.