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Human capital



Investments in human capital are essential for long-term growth and social cohesion. They strengthen education, health, and skills, enabling people to reach their full potential. Robust social policies reduce inequalities and foster inclusion across communities. The WBIF supports these objectives by financing education, health, and research and innovation facilities. Ultimately, investing in people through the WBIF drives sustainable and inclusive development.

€102 m

WBIF contribution to investments

€584.4 m

Total investments value

Expected impacts



Better schools for 62,300 students/year



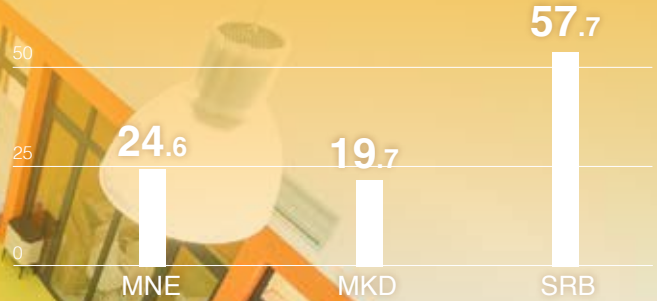
Higher education and research facilities for 15,000 students/year



Healthcare and treatment facilities for 18,590 patients/year

WBIF contribution

per beneficiary (€m)



57.7

MNE

MKD

SRB



Highlighted projects



KFW

North Macedonia
Rehabilitation of Student Dormitories

WBIF contribution to investment	€10.5 m
Total investment value	€36.3 m
Expected completion	2029

This project will modernise six student dormitories with more than 26,000 beds in North Macedonia through deep energy efficiency and structural renovations. It will transform unsafe buildings into healthy, sustainable, and inclusive living spaces and aims to save 1,100 tonnes of CO₂ emissions per year.



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BILATERAL DONOR SUPPORT

Montenegro
Education Infrastructure Improvement

WBIF contribution to investment	€11.4 m
Total investment value	€64.3 m
Expected completion	2028

This project supports the enhancement of Montenegro's pre-university education system through the construction, renovation, and equipping of schools and kindergartens across the country. It will add 2,100 new places and create approximately 530 full-time jobs, primarily for teachers. Around 9,500 students will benefit from modern learning environments, helping to improve educational outcomes and strengthen youth employability.



CEB

Serbia
Energy Efficiency and Integrated Management at the Campus of Technical Faculties in Belgrade

WBIF contribution to investment	€22.1 m
Total investment value	€169.6 m
Expected completion	2029

The University of Belgrade is developing an energy-efficient campus for its electrical engineering and technical faculties to address constraints in space, safety concerns, and outdated infrastructure. The project entails constructing a new university centre and renovating existing facilities, creating a modern, safe, and sustainable learning environment for students and staff.



CEB

Serbia
University Children's Hospital Tiršova 2 in Belgrade

WBIF contribution to investment	€36.2m
Total investment value	€190.7 m
Expected completion	2027

For over 85 years, the University Children's Hospital has delivered high-quality care to more than 14,500 children annually. This project constructs a new building to expand capacity and introduce advanced diagnostic and treatment technologies, ensuring healthcare services meet European standards.