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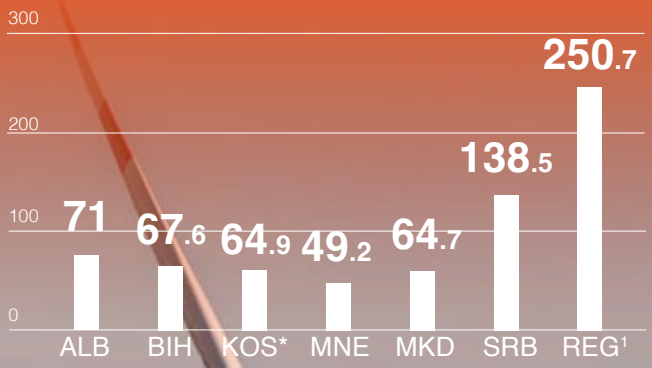
Clean energy

Through the WBIF, the EU supports the Western Balkans in developing and completing energy transmission corridors and achieving the energy transition in line with the goals of the Green Agenda and the Growth Plan. Investments advance energy market integration and decarbonisation, renewable energy, energy efficiency, a just transition, digitalised systems and smart grids, and greater energy security. These investments enable national and regional growth and strengthen the competitiveness of businesses, thereby advancing regional cooperation, EU integration and reconciliation.

€707 m
WBIF contribution to investments

€3.7 bn
Total investments value

WBIF contribution
per beneficiary (€m)



Results[2] | Ongoing projects

	Capacity installed (MW)	Electricity production (GWh/yr)	Cross-border interconnection lines (km)	Transmission lines (km)	Substations	Smart meters	Gas pipelines (km)
Works completed	76	202	284	19	22	/	/
Under construction	13.6	46	260	9	5	205,000	68
In preparation	2,013	4,921	111	102.7	175	/	/

* *This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*
[1] *This figure refers to the Regional Energy Efficiency Programme (REEP). Details are available in the dedicated factsheet in the WBIF website Library.*
[2] *Excluding the REEP.*

Photo: Bogdanci Wind Park in North Macedonia

Highlighted projects



Montenegro

Trans-Balkan Electricity Corridor: Grid Section in Montenegro

WBIF contribution	€25.5 m
Total investment value	**€129.4 m**
Expected completion	2029

This project strengthens Montenegro's electricity network by building a new 165 km high-voltage transmission line from Lastva to the Serbian border and upgrading key substations, improving reliability and regional connections.



Serbia

Reconstruction of Vlasina Hydropower Plants

WBIF contribution	€16 m
Total investment value	**€111.1 m**
Expected completion	2029

This project replaces outdated equipment at the state-owned Vlasina hydropower plants, increasing capacity to 136 MW and ensuring reliable operation for 30 years. The plants are expected to produce 309 GWh annually, matching the electricity demand of 93,000 households.



North Macedonia

Advancing Operational Control in MEPSO's Transmission System

WBIF contribution	€2.5 m
Total investment value	**€12.2 m**
Expected completion	2030

This project upgrades North Macedonia's national electricity grid, replacing outdated control systems with modern digital technology. New equipment will make the power network more reliable and better able to handle energy from renewable sources. By improving connections with neighbouring countries, the project will strengthen energy security and support the transition to cleaner energy.



Albania

Belshi Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant

WBIF contribution	€9.6 m
Total investment value	**€41.8 m**
Expected completion	2029

This project builds a 50 MW solar power plant in the Belshi area of central Albania. The plant will generate 79 GWh of electricity each year, enough to supply 16,100 households, and will cut CO_2 emissions by more than 50,000 tonnes annually, supporting cleaner and more secure energy.