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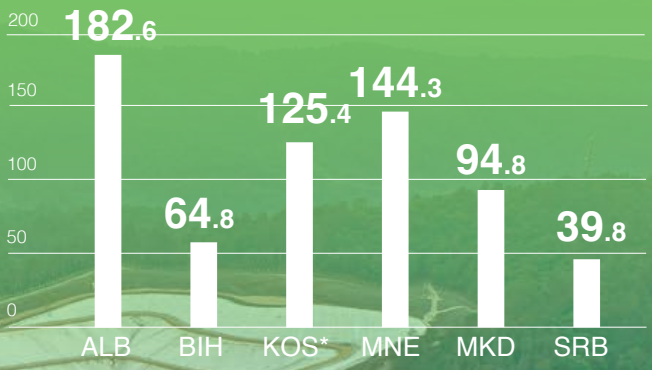
Environment and climate

Through the WBIF, the EU supports the Western Balkans' green transition in line with the Green Agenda for the region. Investments improve water and sanitation, waste management and sustainable urban development, while strengthening pollution prevention, climate-smart technologies, disaster preparedness, resilience to extreme events and nature-based solutions.

€652 m
WBIF contribution to investments

€1.4 bn
Total investments value

WBIF contribution
per beneficiary (€m)



Results | Ongoing projects

	Water supply pipes (km)	People with improved water services	Sewer pipes (km)	People with improved waste services
Works completed	243.3	47,390	40	/
Under construction	384	949,300	80.4	/
In preparation	253.5	2,503,136	518.1	750,000

* *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.*

Photo: Regional Sanitary Landfill Živinice, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Highlighted projects



North Macedonia

Skopje Wastewater Treatment Plant

WBIF contribution	€72.2 m
Total investment value	**€194.3 m**
Expected completion	2029

This project builds a central wastewater treatment plant for Skopje, serving nine of the city's ten municipalities. At present, the city's wastewater is discharged untreated into the Vardar River, a major transboundary watercourse flowing on into Greece. Once operational, the plant will protect water quality, public health and downstream ecosystems.



Bosnia and Herzegovina

Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment

WBIF contribution	€16.2 m
Total investment value	**€31.8 m**
Expected completion	2030

This project modernises water supply and sewerage in Lukavica and Velika Kladuša, building a new treatment plant, constructing water pipelines and new sewers, and regulating the Kladušnica River. It will cut water losses, protect residents from flooding, and bring drinking water and flood management up to European standards.



Serbia

Sewerage System for Palilula, Belgrade

WBIF contribution	€36.8 m
Total investment value	**€99.2 m**
Expected completion	2030

This project upgrades the sewerage network and builds a new wastewater treatment plant in Palilula, a municipality in northern Belgrade on the left bank of the Danube. The new infrastructure will improve sanitation and living conditions for residents, protect public health, and reduce pollution of groundwater and the Danube River.



Kosovo

Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewerage Network for Gjilan

WBIF contribution	€2.6 m
Total investment value	**€29.8 m**
Expected completion	2029

This project builds a new wastewater treatment plant and upgrades and expands the sewerage network in Gjilan. The investments will improve sanitation for the local population, reduce untreated wastewater discharged into the Morava and Mirusha rivers, and lower the risk of groundwater contamination.