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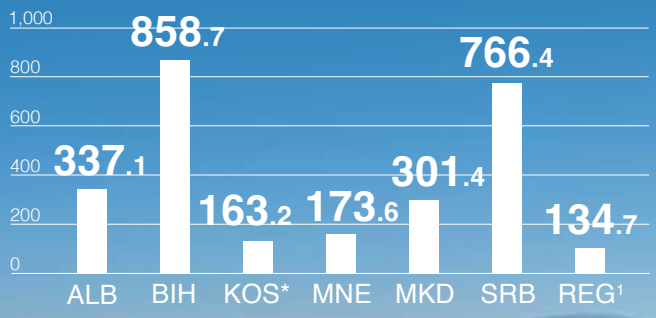
Through the WBIF, the EU supports Western Balkan economies in developing and completing the Trans-European Transport Network, which is key to connectivity within the region and with the EU.

These investments enable national and regional growth, strengthen the competitiveness of businesses and improve citizens' mobility, thereby advancing regional cooperation, EU integration and reconciliation.

€2.7 bn
WBIF contribution to investments

€9.4 bn
Total investments value

WBIF contribution
per beneficiary (€m)





Results[2] | Ongoing projects

	New / upgraded roads (km)	Cross-border bridges	New / upgraded railway (km)	Joint border crossing	Inland ports upgraded	Upgraded inland waterway (km)
Works completed	91.8	2	8.3	/	1	/
Under construction	45.9	/	279.3	/	/	5
In preparation	147.3	/	474.7	1	/	40

* *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 Safe and Sustainable Transport Programme (SSTP). Details are available in the dedicated factsheet in the WBIF website Library.*
[2] *Excluding the SSTP.*

Photo: Hercegovina Bridge on Road Corridor Vc

Highlighted projects



Montenegro

WBEM Corridor: Bar – Vrbnica Railway Line

WBIF contribution	€173.6 m
Total investment value	**€338.8 m**
Expected completion	2030

This project rehabilitates and modernises the Bar – Vrbnica railway, the main section of Montenegro's rail network, carrying a fifth of passengers and most freight. Built in 1976 and never fully overhauled, the line will receive renewed signalling, bridges and tunnels, improving safety, reliability and capacity on this European transport corridor.



Kosovo

WBEM Corridor: Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje – Border with North Macedonia Railway Section

WBIF contribution	€39.3 m
Total investment value	**€105.4 m**
Expected completion	2027

Rail Route 10 is Kosovo's primary rail connection to Serbia and North Macedonia. This project upgrades the section between Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje and the North Macedonian border, enhancing safety along the route, supporting economic growth, facilitating cross-border trade, promoting regional integration, and encouraging the shift from road to rail transport.



North Macedonia

WBEM Corridor: Kriva Palanka – Stracin Express Road Section

WBIF contribution	€14 m
Total investment value	**€36.7 m**
Completed	2025

A key section of Corridor VIII towards the Bulgarian border, the 23 km express road from Kriva Palanka to Stracin cuts travel time between Skopje and Sofia, improves safety and supports regional trade and development.



Albania

WBEM Corridor: Electrification of Durrës – Tirana Railway Line

WBIF contribution	€13.2 m
Total investment value	**€25.6 m**
Expected completion	2028

This project electrifies the railway between Durrës, Tirana and the international airport, replacing diesel trains with faster, cleaner electric ones. Journeys will be shorter, emissions will fall by 16,000 tonnes of CO_2 each year, and upgraded European-standard infrastructure will support sustainable economic growth.