



Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) Investments for Infrastructure and Business Development

Following a proposal by the European Commission, on 27 January the WBIF Operational Board approved a **€171 million support package** for the Western Balkans. This includes support for seven infrastructure projects in the digital, energy, environment, human capital and transport sectors across Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and North Macedonia, as well as funding for private sector development in the region and the technical assistance of €2,9 million for public sector and €2,7 million for private sector.

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Public sector

WBIF RGF	€36.1 m
Estimated investment	€110.6 m
Expected completion	2032



Albania Broadband Infrastructure Investment

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.

WBIF RGF	€13.2 m
Estimated investment	€25.1 m
Expected completion	2026



Albania Electrification of the Durrës-Tirana Railway Line

Albania will electrify the 42.1 km Durrës-Tirana-Airport rail link, transitioning to a zero-emission, 120 km/h electric system to modernise transport, reduce pollution, and meet EU interoperability standards.

WBIF RGF	€2.5 m
Estimated investment	€12.1 m
Expected completion	2029



North Macedonia
Advancing Operational Control in MEPSO's Transmission System

This investment will upgrade North Macedonia's power grid, enhancing security and renewable integration, and supporting interconnection with neighbouring markets.

WBIF RGF	€10.5 m
Estimated investment	€36.3 m
Expected completion	2029



North Macedonia
Rehabilitation of Student Dormitories

This project will modernise six student dormitories in North Macedonia through deep energy efficiency and structural renovations, transforming unsafe buildings into healthy, sustainable, and inclusive living spaces.

WBIF RGF	€5.9 m
Estimated investment	€18.2 m
Expected completion	2028



Montenegro
Pre-school Infrastructure

This project will build four modern, inclusive, and energy-efficient kindergartens in Montenegro with 1,114 new pre-school places to reduce overcrowding and support the national goal of 95% preschool enrolment by 2035.

WBIF Bilateral donors	€7.3 m
Estimated investment	€29.5 m
Expected completion	2027



Montenegro
Construction of New Schools in Podgorica and Tuzi

Montenegro will construct two primary schools and modernise 426 educational facilities with ICT equipment to alleviate urban overcrowding and enhance vocational training in line with its 2035 strategy.

WBIF IPA	€16.2 m
Estimated investment	€31.3 m
Expected completion	2029



Bosnia and Herzegovina
Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment

This investment will modernise water treatment and sewage networks in Lukavac and Velika Kladuša, reducing water loss, replacing asbestos pipes, and providing vital flood protection for 8,000 residents.

WBIF	€10.5 m
Estimated investment	€63 m
Expected completion	2038



Regional
Western Balkans Forward Programme

This programme will help SMEs in manufacturing, agribusiness, health, life sciences, and sustainable tourism export more advanced products and services to the region and the EU.

WBIF	€33.4 m
Estimated investment	€113.4 m
Expected completion	2033



Regional, pilot in Serbia
W BOND: Western Balkans Opportunities by Non-traditional Debt

This programme will improve access to finance for SMEs by diversifying funding sources beyond traditional bank loans, via mini bond issuance, supporting the development of a more inclusive and dynamic local capital markets.

WBIF	€29.7m
Estimated investment	€184.7m
Expected completion	2033



Regional
SME Go Green Programme

This programme will replenish the already established and operating scheme - the SME Go Green Programme, which focuses on enhancing the green and circular economy, agribusiness and competitiveness investments for SMEs in the Western Balkans.