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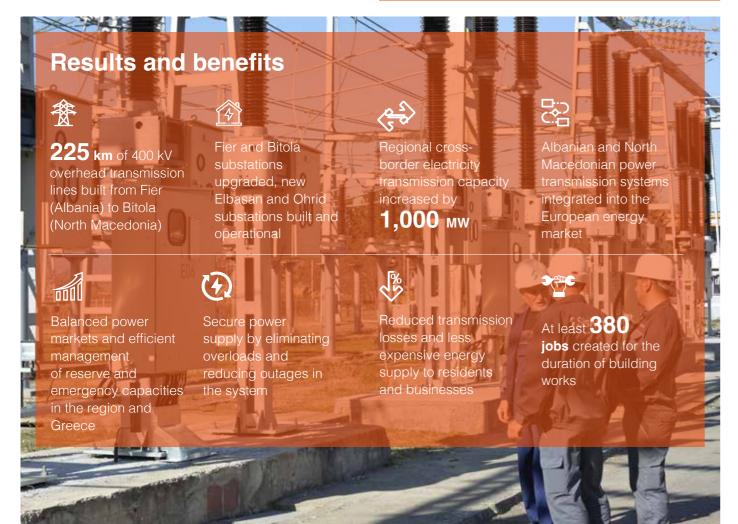
Albania - North Macedonia Power Interconnection

Clean energy Flagship 5 · Transition from coal

The European Commission supports the Western Balkans partners to decrease their dependence on fossil fuels, accelerate decarbonisation and market integration, and improve the energy security of the region.

Performant electricity transmission lines are a key enabler for the energy transition. With EU financial assistance, Albania and North Macedonia are building the missing link of the East-West electricity transmission corridor. The new high-voltage system will complete the connection with the wider region and improve the capacity and reliability of the power supply system in both countries.

€135.3m estimated total investment	€83.4m Albania €51.9m North Macedonia	October 2024
€33.3m EU grants approved	€19.4m Albania €13.9m North Macedonia	
Co-financiers: KFW	European Bank	





EU supported investments



* 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

This power interconnection is part of the European Commission's initiative to establish an East-West electricity transmission corridor between Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro and Italy, and it is a Project of Energy Community Interest (PECI). The corridor is essential for cross-border energy exchange, more efficient use of existing and planned power capacities, and better load flow balancing in the region.

The EU co-funds the investments under the Connectivity Agenda for the Western Balkans. In 2015-2020, the EU allocated €1 billion in grants from the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) to harness investment for improving transport and energy infrastructure in the region. The success of the Connectivity Agenda was the first step towards the flagship investments of the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans.



Albania

- 1 Fier Elbasan Qafe-Thane (border with North Macedonia) 400 kV overhead transmission line Length: 130 km Status: under construction
- Pier substation upgrade to 400/220 kV Status: under construction
- 3 Elbasan 3 new 400/220 kV substation Status: under construction

North Macedonia

- 4 Bitola border with Albania 400 kV overhead transmission line Length: 95 km Status: under construction
- **6** Ohrid new 400/110 kV substation Status: under construction
- 6 Bitola 2 substation upgrade to 400/110 kV Status: under construction