

Western Balkans - Eastern Mediterranean European Corridor: Rail Corridor X


 **Sustainable transport**
Flagship 1 · Connecting East to West


The European Commission supports the Western Balkans in bringing the region's core transport network up to EU standards.


Corridor X is now part of the Western Balkans - Eastern Mediterranean corridor, and a flagship investment of the **Economic and Investment Plan**. Linking Belgrade, Niš and Skopje, it connects the region with the EU via Croatia, Bulgaria and Greece.


Corridor X represents a vital interconnection from east to west, for freight and passengers.


Results and benefits


 **825.5 km**
of railway lines upgraded

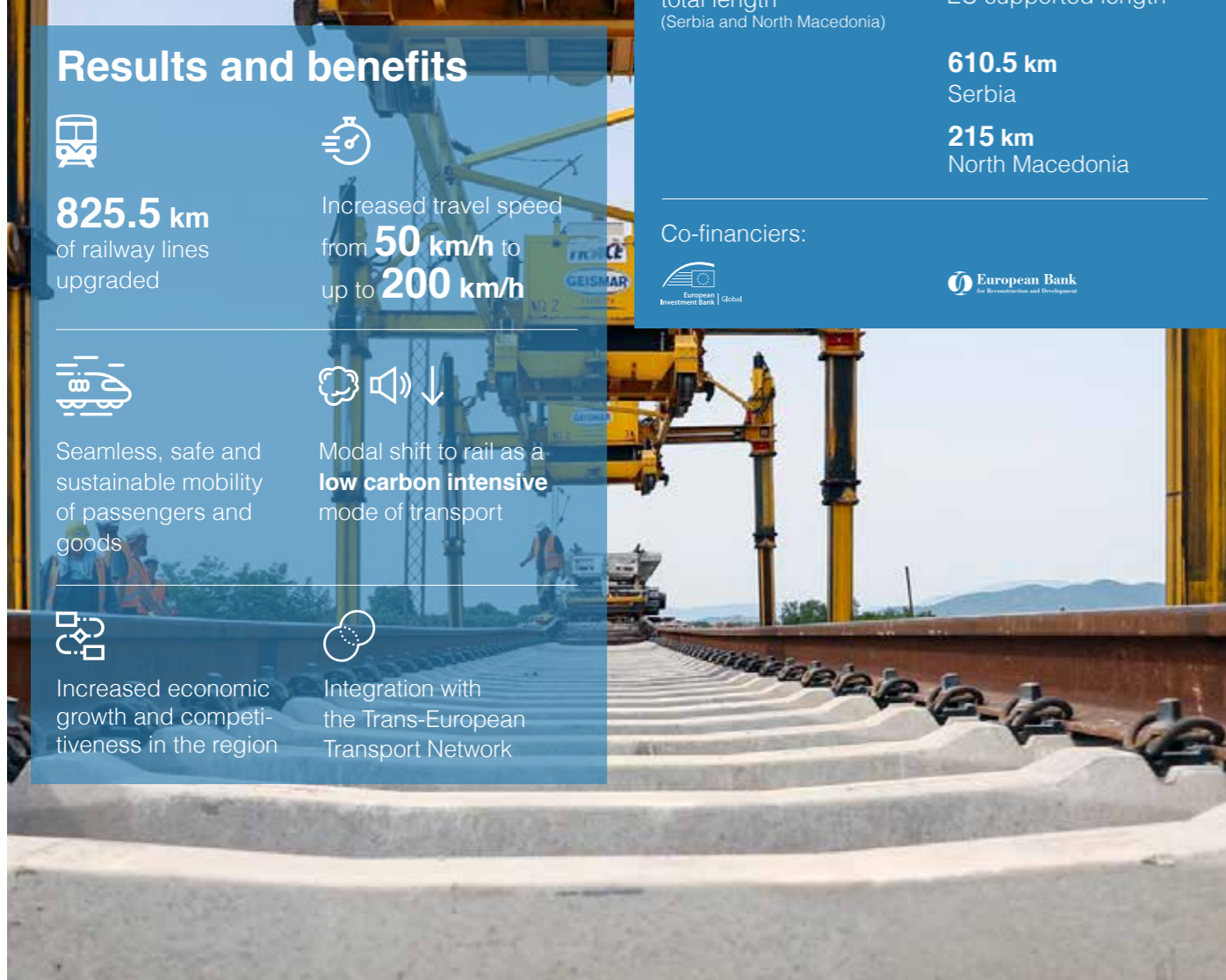
 Increased travel speed from **50 km/h** to up to **200 km/h**

 Seamless, safe and sustainable mobility of passengers and goods

 Increased economic growth and competitiveness in the region

 Modal shift to rail as a **low carbon intensive** mode of transport

 Integration with the Trans-European Transport Network



€4.1 bn EU supported investments (est.)	€3.8 bn Serbia
€767.6 m EU grants approved	€318 m North Macedonia
€762.3 m Serbia	€5.3 m North Macedonia

1234 km total length (Serbia and North Macedonia)	825.5 km EU supported length
610.5 km Serbia	215 km North Macedonia

Co-financiers:

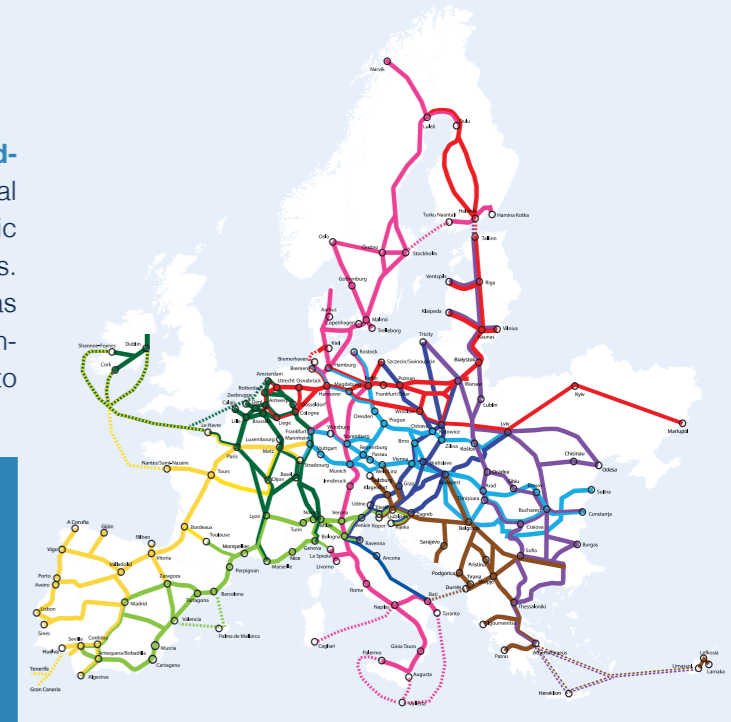



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Fast and efficient transport links with the EU

Corridor X is part of **Western Balkans - Eastern Mediterranean European Corridor**, connecting central European Member States with the ports of the Adriatic and East Mediterranean Seas via the Western Balkans. The Corridor fosters the development those ports as major multimodal logistic platforms, improving the connections of key economic centres in Central Europe to the coastlines and Cyprus.

The WBIF investments in rail systems in the region support multimodal solutions to shift as much cargo as possible from roads to rail, and ensure the better use of inland waterways and maritime transport. These will boost business, make the air cleaner and roads safer.



EU supported sections



- Serbia**
- 1 Stara Pazova – Šid (border with Croatia)**
Length: 90 km
Status: under preparation
 - 2 Intermodal Terminal in Batajnica, Belgrade**
Status: completed
 - 3 Ostružnica – Batajnica, Belgrade**
Length: 22.4 km
Status: under preparation
 - 4 Belgrade – Velika Plana**
Length: 86 km
Status: under preparation
 - 5 Velika Plana – Paraćin**
Length: 63 km
Status: under preparation
 - 6 Paraćin – Međurovo**
Length: 66 km
Status: under preparation
 - 7 Stalać – Đunis**
Length: 17.7 km
Status: under procurement
 - 8 Niš Bypass**
Length: 22.4 km
Status: under procurement
 - 9 Niš – Dimitrovgrad (border with Bulgaria)**
Length: 86 km
Status: under construction
 - 10 Niš – Brestovac**
Length: 24 km
Status: under construction
 - 11 Niš – Preševo (border with North Macedonia)**
Length: 133 km
Status: under preparation
- North Macedonia**
- 12 Tabanovce Joint Border Station**
Status: under preparation
 - 13 Tabanovce – Gevgelija Signalling & Telecoms / Track renewal & reconstruction**
Length: 215 km
Status: under preparation

* 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.