



Western Balkans Investment Framework at a Glance

The Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) is a unique and successful blending platform uniting beneficiaries, donors and lenders with the aim to enhance harmonisation and cooperation in investments for the socio-economic development of the Western Balkans.

Achieved results 2009 - 2019



937 km
of new roads



2 m people
benefiting
from water /
wastewater
systems



5,390 SMEs
supported
through WB EDIF



90 MW
electricity
generation from
renewables



96,000 pupils
benefiting from
better schools



Broadband Internet
deployment
through technical
assistance

WBIF blending facility

- Grants from the EU Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), bilateral donors and participating financial institutions;
- Loans from participating financial institutions; and
- Beneficiary contributions to prepare and implement infrastructure projects.

Objectives

- Address the extensive infrastructure needs of the Western Balkans;
- Support the beneficiaries' EU accession process.

Achievements

- Beneficiary ownership of projects;
- Strategic prioritisation of investments;
- Improving competitiveness and fostering growth;
- Reinforcing regional cooperation and connectivity.

WBIF portfolio

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| Projects supported | 194 |
| Estimated project value | €20.8 bn |
| WBIF grants awarded | €1.3 bn |
| Loans leveraged | €6.1 bn |
| Donors | 25 |
| Beneficiaries | 6 |

Data as of May 2020.

Building the European future together

The WBIF is a joint initiative of the European Commission, the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), bilateral donors and Western Balkans beneficiaries launched in December 2009 with the purpose to deliver finance and technical assistance for strategic investments. The KfW and the World Bank subsequently joined the platform. In December 2018, the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) became a participating organisation in the WBIF.

The WBIF blends grants, loans and beneficiary contributions for infrastructure investments in the energy, environment, social, transport and digital sectors as well as for private sector development. Together with the Western Balkans beneficiaries, the WBIF forms a unique partnership, which defines priorities and support packages for strategic investments and institutional reform in the region. It contributes to the European perspective of the Western Balkans by supporting investments that improve competitiveness and growth and are complemented by policy measures that foster regional cooperation and connectivity.

Since 2008, the WBIF has allocated €1.3 bn in grants for €20.8 bn estimated investments in well connected transport, energy and digital networks, renewable energy and energy efficiency, water supply and wastewater systems, flood protection, education, research and cultural establishments, healthcare and judicial facilities, which are crucial for sustainable development in the region.

A joint partnership of:



In cooperation with:



Bilateral donors:



Beneficiaries:

