



**WBIF informal meeting 24 June 2021**



# Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans

- Adopted in October 2020
- Spurring Western Balkan's **economic convergence** with the EU
- Facilitate **green and digital transition**
- Response to ongoing **COVID-19 crisis**
- **Grants of up to 9 billion € and mobilizing investments of up to € 20 billion**
- **10 investment flagships in 6 areas**





# EIP Flagships



## Sustainable transport

- ▶ FLAGSHIP 1 – Connecting East to West
- ▶ FLAGSHIP 2 – Connecting North to South
- ▶ FLAGSHIP 3 – Connecting the coastal regions



## Environment & climate

- ▶ FLAGSHIP 7 – Waste and waste water management



## Clean energy

- ▶ FLAGSHIP 4 – Renewable energy
- ▶ FLAGSHIP 5 – Transition from coal
- ▶ FLAGSHIP 6 – Renovation wave



## Private sector

- ▶ FLAGSHIP 9 – Investing in the competitiveness of the private sector



## Digital future

- ▶ FLAGSHIP 8 – Digital infrastructure

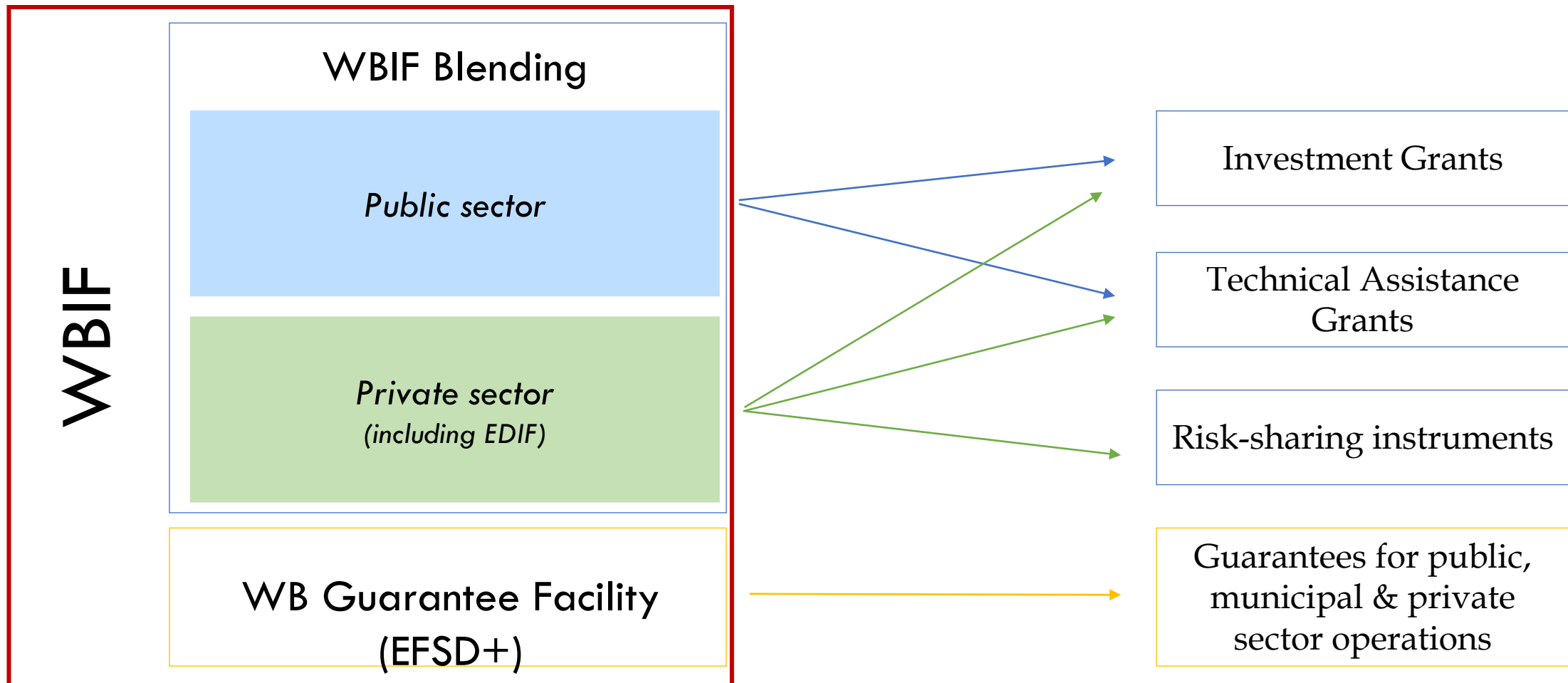


## Human capital

- ▶ FLAGSHIP 10 – Youth Guarantee



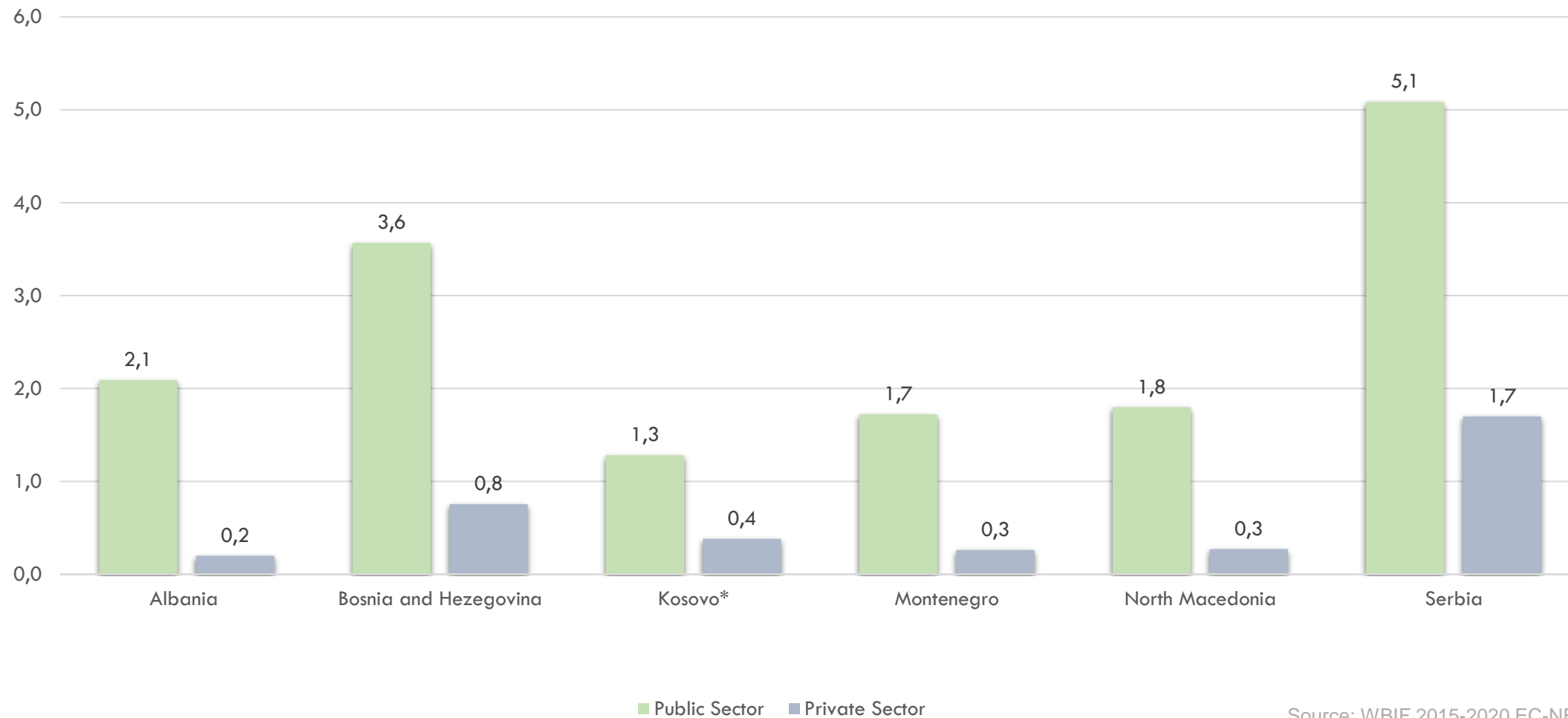
# Western Balkans Investment Framework as main vehicle for EIP implementation





# WBIF investments since 2009

Public sector: € 17,9 billion  
Private sector: € 3,6 billion



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# Private sector: WB EDIF achievements

- EU-IPA investments: **EUR 277.3 m**
- Leverage of ca. **EUR 1 billion** for SME competitiveness
- Almost **6000** companies supported
- **134 000** jobs sustained

Source: WB EDIF 2012-2020 EC-NEAR/EIF

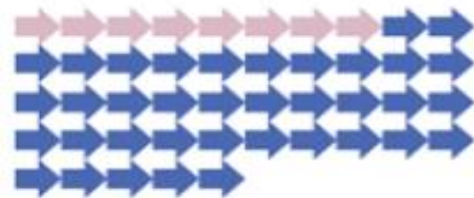


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# Public sector: Connectivity Agenda

## Key achievements 2015 - 2020



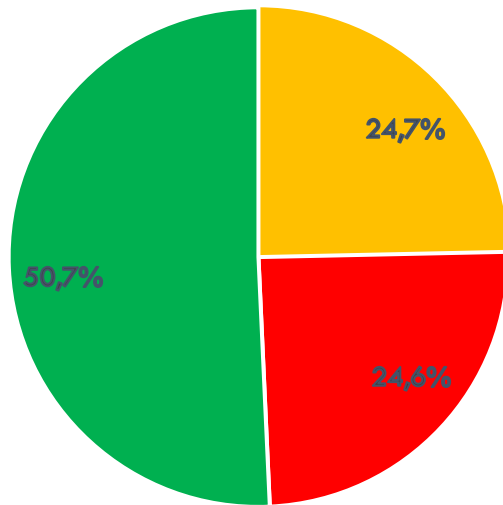
37 transport projects /  
8 energy projects

Over  
**45,000**  
Jobs created

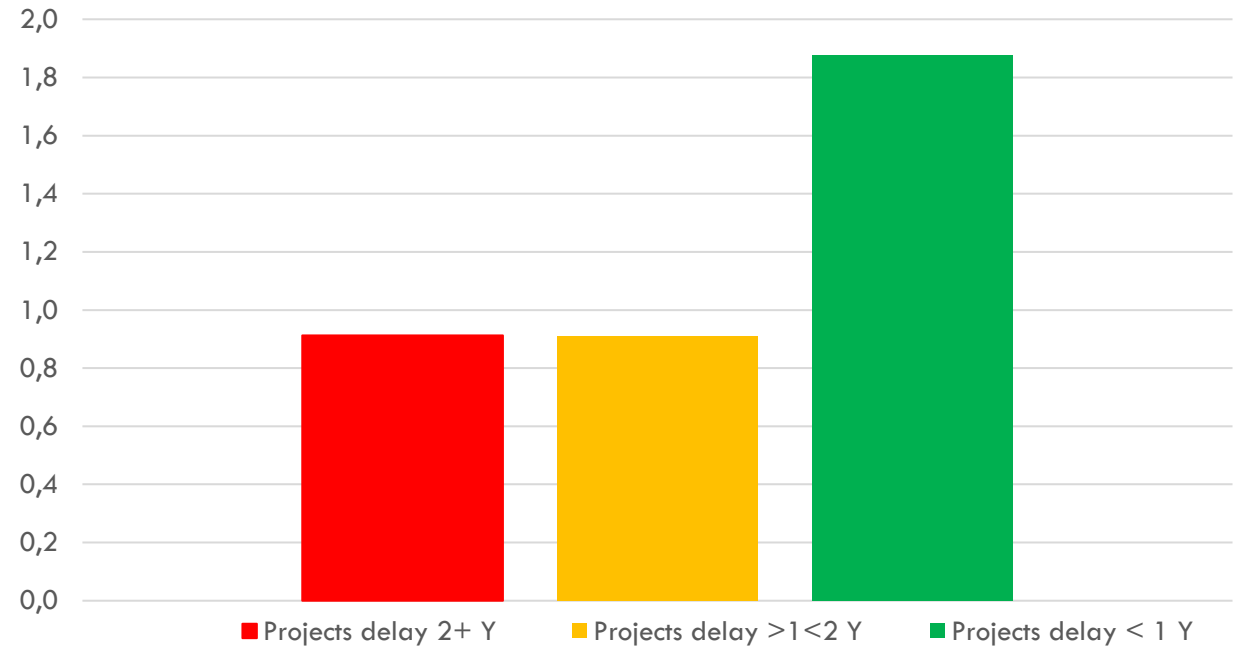


# Implementation track record of connectivity projects

Project monitoring analysis  
% on total projects value



Projects monitoring -- total value connectivity  
EUR 3.7 billion



Source: WBIF 2015-2020 EC-NEAR





# Connectivity Agenda Portfolio: “red projects”

<b>Albania</b>											
	1	Albania – North Macedonia Power Interconnection (I): Grid Section in Albania (Fier – Elbasan – border between the two states) / KfW		Dec 2015	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	-	Feb 2019	Jan 2021	Jan 2022	May 2023
	2	Mediterranean Corridor: Montenegro – Albania – Greece R2 Rail Interconnection, Tirana – Durrës Section / EBRD		Dec 2016	Dec 2016	May 2018	-	Apr 2018	Feb 2021	Sept 2021	Q3 2023
	3	Reconstruction of Durrës Port, Quays 1 and 2 / EBRD		Dec 2018	-	-	-	-	-	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
<b>Kosovo</b>											
	4	Orient/East-Med Corridor: North Macedonia – Kosovo – Serbia R10 Rail Interconnection, Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje – Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Section / EBRD		Dec 2016	Sept 2015	Dec 2018	Dec 2018	May 2019	-	Nov 2021	Dec 2023
<b>Montenegro</b>											
	5	Mediterranean Corridor: Montenegro – Croatia – Albania R1 Road Interconnection, Budva Bypass / KfW		Dec 2018	-	-	-	-	-	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
	6	Podgorica Wastewater Treatment Plant / KfW		June 2017	Sept 2017	Sept 2017	-	Feb 2021	-	May 2022	Nov 2024
	7	Boka Bay Water Supply and Wastewater Collection / KfW		Dec 2018	Dec 2015	June 2019	-	-	-	Nov 2021	Dec 2024
	8	Bijelo Polje Wastewater Treatment Plant / KfW		Dec 2018	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	-	-	-	Q1 2022	Q3 2024
<b>North Macedonia</b>											
	9	Albania – North Macedonia Power Interconnection (II): Grid Section in North Macedonia (Bitola – border between the two states) / EBRD		Dec 2015	Dec 2015	Feb 2016	Nov 2018	Oct 2016	Sept 2017	Sept 2017	June 2023
	10	Orient/East-Med Corridor: North Macedonia – Bulgaria CVIII Rail Interconnection, Beljakovce – Kriva Palanka Section / EBRD		Dec 2017	Dec 2014	Dec 2018	Jan 2018	Jan 2021	-	Oct 2021	Q4 2025
<b>Serbia</b>											
	11	Orient/East-Med Corridor: Serbia – Bulgaria CXc Rail Interconnection, Sicevo – Dimitrovgrad Section / EIB		Dec 2016	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	-	-	-	Mar 2022	June 2024
	12	Orient/East-Med Corridor: Serbia – Bulgaria CXc Rail Interconnection, Niš – Dimitrovgrad Section / EIB		Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	-	-	-	Aug 2022	Aug 2024
	13	Upgrade of Makis Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities / EBRD		Dec 2017	Feb 2016	-	-	-	-	July 2022	Dec 2024



## Keeping implementation of EIP flagships in the “green”

- Identifying reasons for past delays and learning lessons
- Monitoring and reporting of delays
- Zooming in on bottlenecks at political and operational level

**Acceleration as a joint effort of all WBIF partners !**