

Western Balkans Investment Framework

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WBIF Bilateral Donors

WBIF Bilateral Donors provide financial support to the European Western Balkans Joint Fund, enabling small-scale yet high-impact projects that drive a sustainable and green transition in the Western Balkans. They are actively involved in the WBIF governance and operations to ensure concerted and coordinated efforts. Reinforcing joint decision-making, one Bilateral Donor country co-chairs the WBIF's Strategic and Operational Boards on a rotating basis.

23 projects co-financed by WBIF Bilateral Donors

13 Environment & climate projects

6 Clean energy projects

4 Human capital projects

€580 m
Total investment value



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“Bilateral Donors remain committed to the Western Balkans' European path. Our priority is to turn renewed enlargement momentum into reforms and quality investments that deliver visible benefits. Through the WBIF, we will keep mobilising resources, improving project delivery and supporting sustainable development across the region, with a practical focus on results and strong partnership.”

Bilateral Donor contributions to European Western Balkans Joint Fund 2009-2026

(as of 31 December 2025)

Active Bilateral Donors

| | | |
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| | Austria | €24 m |
| | Croatia | €3 m |
| | France | €6.6 m |
| | Germany | €24.1 m |
| | Hungary | €0.7 m |
| | Italy | €10.3 m |
| | Luxembourg | €2 m |
| | Netherlands | €0.5 m |
| | Norway | €35.5 m |
| | Poland | €2 m |
| | Slovenia | €1 m |
| | Spain | €0.5 m |
| | Sweden | €23.3 m |

Former Bilateral Donors

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| | Czech Republic | €2 m |
| | Finland | €0.5 m |
| | Greece | €0.5 m |
| | United Kingdom | €5.3 m |
| | Transfer from EBRD Fund | €5.2 m |

Total Bilateral Donor contributions

€147 m

Featured projects 2009-2026

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Jajce water supply €1.2 m
Bilateral Donor grant

Gjilan wastewater treatment plant and sewerage network €2.6 m
Bilateral Donor grant

Construction of two new schools in Podgorica and Tuzi €7.3 m
Bilateral Donor grant

Energy efficiency investments in healthcare buildings €2.2 m
Bilateral Donor grant

Makis water and wastewater treatment facilities upgrade €3 m
Bilateral Donor grant

Key benefits

- Modern schools and innovative learning environments
- Decarbonisation through renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Reliable water supply and upgraded sanitation
- Reduced environmental footprint