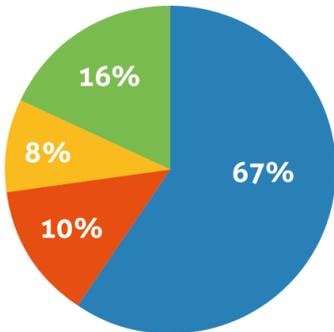




# Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Western Balkans Investment Framework

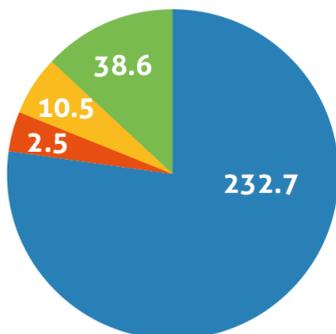
## Estimated project value:

- €3.7 billion



## WBIF grants:

- €284.3 million (€226.2m investment grants, €49.8 TA, €8.3m interest rate subsidies)



## Signed loans:

- €1.6 billion

## What is the Western Balkans Investment Framework?

The Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) is a financing facility launched in December 2009 by the European Commission, together with 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 with the purpose to deliver funding for strategic investment projects. The KfW and the World Bank Group subsequently joined the Framework. 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 development in the energy, environment, social, transport and digital sectors as well as for private sector development.

## The Western Balkans Investment Framework in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The WBIF has supported **25 projects** with an estimated value of **€3.7 billion** in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The country has benefited from **61 grants** for technical assistance (TA) and investment works with an overall value of **€284.3 million**, out of which **€268.3 million from the EU** and **€16.0 million from other donors**. The WBIF financial institutions have extended a further **€1.6 billion** in **loans signed** on 21 projects.

The investments comprise key infrastructure projects in a variety of sectors, such as:

- Rail and road transport;
- Electricity and gas transmission;
- Hydro and wind power generation, energy efficiency;
- Water and wastewater systems;
- Flood protection;
- Healthcare, judiciary, cultural and sports facilities;
- Social housing for internally displaced people.



Svilaj – Odžak motorway section on Corridor Vc in Bosnia and Herzegovina completed in 2019. The project includes also construction of a new cross-border bridge and border crossing facilities at Svilaj. It has benefited from €25.5 million in EU grants under the WBIF, including a €25.1 million investment grant under the Connectivity Agenda in 2015.

### Achieved results (selection):

- 44 km of new motorways;
- Improved water / wastewater systems for 600,000 people;
- Flood forecasting and warning system for 3.3 million people living in the Sava River Basin;
- New prison in line with European standards for 350 detainees.

### Expected results (selection):

- 91 km of new motorways and 2 cross-border bridges;
- 57 km of railway lines rehabilitated;
- 19 km of electricity lines upgraded;
- 122 MW renewable power generation capacity;
- 162 km of gas pipelines;
- Improved water / wastewater systems for 1 million people and solid waste services for 150,000 people;
- More than 1.7 million people protected from floods;
- Healthcare research and treatment facilities for 1.4 million people;
- Social housing solutions for at least 7,200 internally displaced people.



Wastewater Treatment Plant in Bijeljna, a city home to more than 100,000 people. The WBIF contributed €3.5 million in EU grants for project preparation and construction works. A further €3.5 million EU grant was allocated from IPA National for water supply network, sewage collector and wastewater treatment plant, which was complemented by a €0.5 million from Sida. The facilities are in operation.

The WBIF has thus been instrumental in effecting key improvements in the everyday lives of the citizens in Bosnia and Herzegovina by:

- creating key road and rail transport links with neighbouring countries;
- diversifying the country's energy mix to reduce energy disruptions and strengthen its energy security;
- securing access to efficient water and wastewater services;
- improving flood mitigation and prevention measures;
- ensuring better healthcare and judiciary facilities;
- providing social housing solutions for internally displaced people.

In addition, Bosnia and Herzegovina has benefited from regional projects and multi-country initiatives funded by the WBIF, such as the [Regional Energy Efficiency Programmes for the Western Balkans](#) (REEP and REEP Plus), the [Western Balkan Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility](#) (WB EDIF) and the [Regional Housing Programme](#).



Reconstructed banks on the Vrbanja River. The WBIF has allocated €10 million in EU grants for mapping, project preparation and implementation support for €104 million investments in flood projection in the country. To date, more than 600,000 people benefit from the measures put in place.