

The Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) is a financial platform that coordinates investments for socio-economic development in the region in key sectors of sustainable transport, clean energy, digital future, environment and climate and human capital development. Since its official launch in 2009, the WBIF has been addressing the region's investment needs and supporting the Western Balkan partners in their EU accession process. Due to its collaborative nature and approach, the WBIF is the main financial vehicle for implementing the EU's ambitious policy priorities and investments in the region. The WBIF finances public sector infrastructure investments and employs a mix of financial instruments to increase the availability of affordable and diversified financing for small businesses.

WBIF investments 2009-2026

Public sector

€620.6 m
WBIF contribution to investments

€1.7 bn
Total investments value

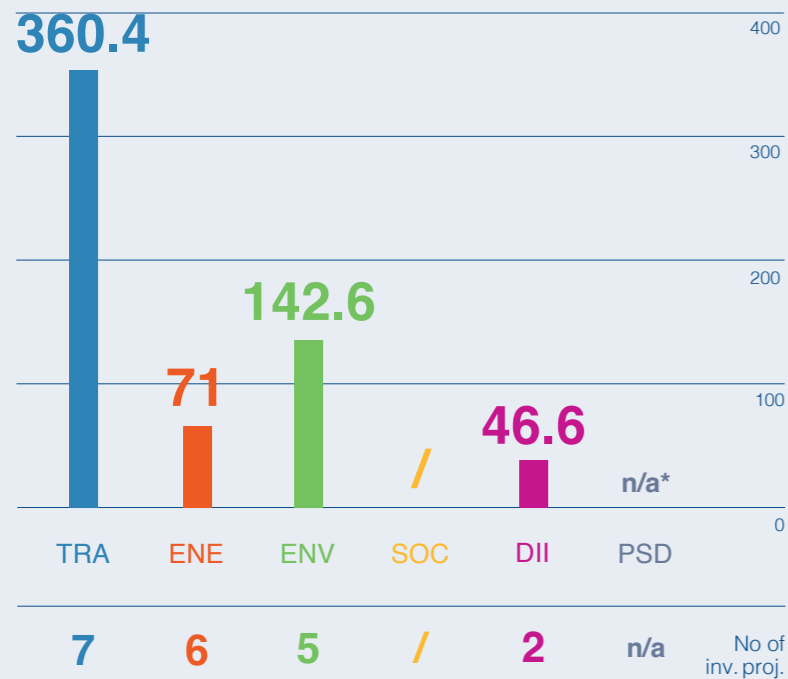
*given the regional nature of endorsed programmes, it refers to all beneficiaries

Private sector Regional figures

23
Investment programmes*

€8.4 bn
Total investments value

WBIF contribution to investment projects per sector (€m)



* The WBIF contribution to the Private Sector Development is not included given its regional character and no pre-determined country allocations.

"WBIF is the key tool to implement EU's Growth Plan for the Western Balkans, supporting the ambitious plan of doubling economic growth over the next decade. WBIF brings new, additional funds for investments to modernise infrastructure in Albania, accelerate transformative reforms and speed up EU accession. By developing the social and economic infrastructure and supporting a dynamic private sector, we create new market and job opportunities that benefit citizens and businesses in Albania and the region."

Silvio Gonzato

Ambassador of the European Union to Albania



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Key benefits

 **Safe and sustainable mobility of passengers and goods**

 **Innovative, resilient and integrated energy systems**

 **Improved water supply and sanitation**

 **Digital connectivity**

 **Jobs created and competitiveness boosted**

Featured projects



Durrës - Rogozhinë Railway Section

WBIF contribution to investment	€65.5 m
Total investment value	€125.6 m
Expected completion	2029

The Durrës - Rogozhinë railway project rehabilitates, modernises, and electrifies a 33.5 km section in Albania, linking the port of Durrës with Rogozhinë. It is part of the Western Balkans - Eastern Mediterranean Corridor, connecting the country to Bulgaria's Black Sea ports.



Fierza Hydropower Plant

WBIF contribution to investment	€19.2 m
Total investment value	€95.3 m
Expected completion	2031

The investment in the upgrade of the Fierza hydropower plant will extend its lifespan by 30 years and increase its output by 10%. With a capacity of 500 MW and average annual production of 1,328 GWh, these enhancements create jobs, stimulate local businesses, and provide residents with stable, reliable electricity.



Pogradec Water Supply and Wastewater Collection Systems

WBIF contribution to investment	€3.5 m
Total investment value	€13.5 m
Completed	2018

This project supported the extension of the sewerage system to allow the treatment of the wastewater. It ensures environmentally and hygienically sound wastewater collection and treatment as well as drinking water for surrounding villages. These measures contribute to the protection of Lake Ohrid and reduce health risks.



Broadband Infrastructure Investment

WBIF contribution to investment	€37.5 m
Total investment value	€111.8 m
Expected completion	2032

This investment project installs 7,000 km of fibre-optic cable across eight Albanian regions, bringing broadband internet to more than 74,000 households and 858 public institutions. This initiative will increase rural penetration from under 15% to over 60%, fostering economic growth and alignment with EU digital targets.