

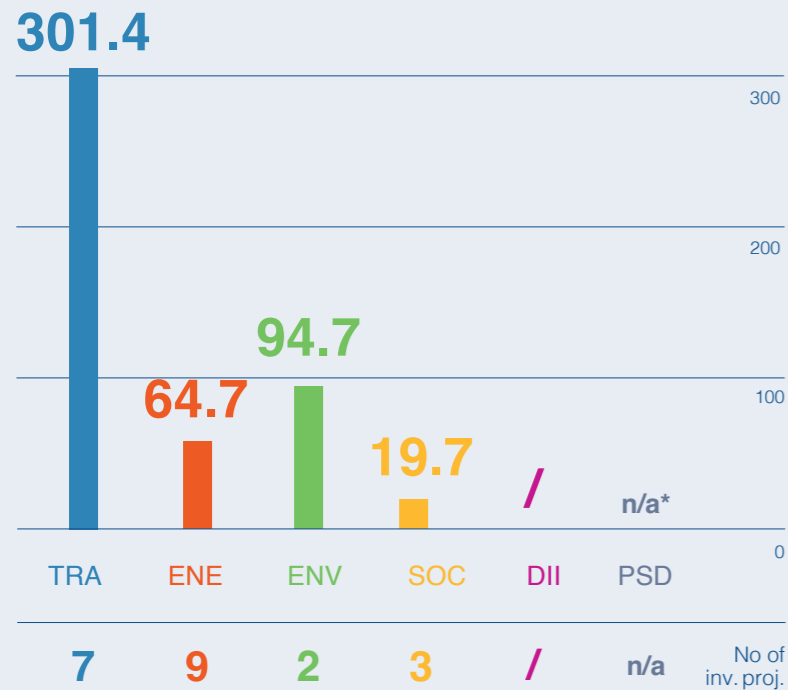
The Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) is a financial platform that coordinates investments for socio-economic development in the region in key sectors of sustainable transport, clean energy, digital future, environment and climate and human capital development. Since its official launch in 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	Private sector
<p>€480.5 m</p> <p>WBIF contribution to investments</p>	<p>Regional figures</p> <p>23</p> <p>Investment programmes*</p>
<p>€1.9 bn</p> <p>Total investments value</p>	<p>€8.4 bn</p> <p>Total investments value</p>

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

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.

“The Western Balkans Investment Framework is built on a shared goal: bringing the Western Balkans closer to the EU. Since 2008, the EU has invested almost 2 billion Euros in North Macedonia to support connectivity and development through the WBIF. With the Reform and Growth Facility, this support continues, boosting growth, skills, digitalisation, and speeding up EU integration.”

Michalis Rokas
Ambassador of the European Union to North Macedonia



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Featured projects



Kriva Palanka - Stracin Express Road Section

WBIF contribution to investment	€14 m
Total investment value	€36.7 m
Completed	2025

A key route for North Macedonia's connectivity with the region and the EU, the 23 km express road from Kriva Palanka to Stracin is the final link to the Bulgarian border. The road cuts travel time between Skopje and Sofia, improves safety, and supports regional trade and development.



Advancing Operational Control in MEPSO's Transmission System

WBIF contribution to investment	€2.5 m
Total investment value	€12.2 m
Expected completion	2029


This investment upgrades North Macedonia's national power grid, replacing its obsolete SCADA/EMS system. This upgrade enhances operational resilience and facilitates renewable energy integration. By strengthening cross-border interconnections and digitalising 17 local subsystems the project improves regional energy security and supports the country's transition to a low-carbon economy.

Key benefits

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

 **Innovative, resilient and integrated energy systems**

 **Improved water supply and sanitation**

 **Better schools and research facilities**

 **Jobs created and competitiveness boosted**



Skopje Wastewater Treatment Plant

WBIF contribution to investment	€72.7 m
Total investment value	€204.8 m
Expected completion	2028

This investment project aims to design and construct a central wastewater treatment plant in Skopje. Once completed, the facility will serve nine out of the city's ten municipalities. At present, Skopje's wastewater is discharged untreated into the Vardar River, a major transboundary watercourse that continues its flow into Greece.



Physical Education Facilities in Primary and Secondary Schools

WBIF contribution to investment	€5.1 m
Total investment value	€50.1 m
Expected completion	2030

This project upgrades physical education facilities in 30 schools and provides new equipment to 50 additional schools nationwide, benefiting 52,800 students. These investments will enhance learning environments, support better student health and performance, increase school enrolment, and promote inclusive socio-economic development across communities.