

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

€1 bn

WBIF contribution to investments

€4.3 bn

Total investments value

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

Private sector

Regional figures

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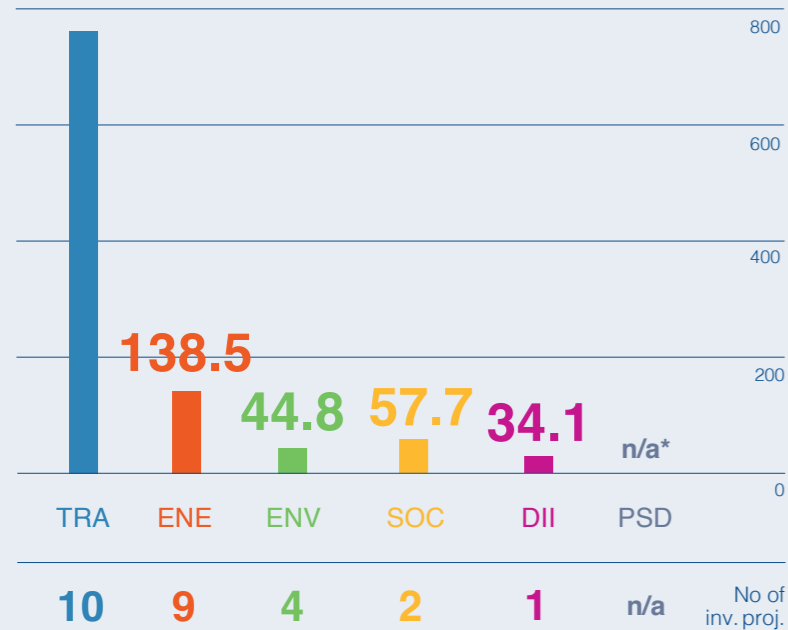
Investment programmes*

€8.4 bn

Total investments value

WBIF contribution to investment projects per sector (€m)

772.4



* 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 delivers projects that make a real difference in the everyday lives of people in Serbia and across the region. Through investments in sustainable transport, clean energy, digital transformation, education and support to businesses, we are not only driving economic growth but also improving services that citizens rely on. These investments help raise standards, foster regional stability and accelerate the Western Balkans' integration with the European Union. Together, we are building a more connected, greener and more resilient region for all its people.”

Andreas von Beckerath

Ambassador of the European Union to Serbia



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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

 Better schools and research facilities

 Digital connectivity

 Jobs created and competitiveness boosted

Featured projects



Reconstruction of Vlasina Hydropower Plants

WBIF contribution to investment €16 m
Total investment value €111.1 m
Expected completion 2030

The Vlasina hydropower plants in Serbia are undergoing a major reconstruction. The project aims to replace outdated equipment, increase the plants' efficiency, and ensure reliable operation for the next 30 years. The plants are expected to produce 309 GWh annually, equivalent to the energy demand of 93,000 households.



Sewerage System for Palilula, Belgrade

WBIF contribution to investment €36.8m
Total investment value €84.8m
Expected completion 2030

Situated in northern Belgrade on the left bank of the Danube River, the Municipality of Palilula upgrades its sewerage network and constructs a new wastewater treatment plant through this project. This essential infrastructure enhances sanitation services, improves living conditions, and helps protect public health. Additionally, it reduces pollution in both groundwater and the Danube River.



University Children's Hospital Tiršova 2 in Belgrade

WBIF contribution to investment €36.2 m
Total investment value €190.7 m
Expected completion 2030

For over 85 years, the University Children's Hospital has delivered high-quality care to more than 14,500 children annually. This project constructs a new building to expand capacity and introduce advanced diagnostic and treatment technologies, ensuring health-care services meet European standards.



Rural Broadband Rollout Phase 2

WBIF contribution to investment €34.1 m
Total investment value €135.6 m
Expected completion 2028

This project expands Serbia's optical backbone to rural areas currently without broadband access. By enhancing connectivity, the investment creates new economic opportunities and helps build digital skills in less developed regions, contributing to sustainable development and reducing regional disparities.