As European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement, I intend strongly to reinforce EU support to the Western Balkans, to stimulate growth, reforms and improved living conditions for the people of this important part of Europe.
The Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) is a joint initiative of the EU, financial institutions, bilateral donor and beneficiaries, aimed at enhancing harmonisation and cooperation in investments for the socio-economic development of the region and contributing to the European perspective of the Western Balkans. Due to its collaborative nature in line with the ‘Team Europe’ approach, the WBIF is the main vehicle for implementation of the EU’s ambitious Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans.
These tangible results spur the long-term recovery of the region and contribute to the objectives and flagship investment priorities of the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans, to step up the region’s socio-economic convergence with the EU.

ACHIEVED RESULTS 2009-2020

TRANSPORT
937 km of new roads

ENERGY
123 MW electricity from renewables

ENVIRONMENT
2.1 million people benefiting from water/wastewater systems

SOCIAL
96,600 students benefiting from better schools

DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Broadband deployment, data centres, edge and cloud infrastructures

PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT
5,905 SMEs financed through WB EDIF
210 Public sector projects supported\(^1\)

**€22.4bn**  
Estimated Project Value

- **€1.4bn** Grants Awarded
- **€6.5bn** Loans Leveraged

**€162.3m**  
Grants Approved in 2020

- **€138.6m** Investment Grants
- **€23.7m** Technical Assistance

**€4.2bn**  
Support to Private Sector

- Financing available to SMEs **€841m**
- Sub-loan Investments **€328.2m**

**€181.8m**  
Project Financing

**€2.9bn**  
Technical Assistance

**€6.5bn**  
Loans Leveraged

\(^1\) Including regional projects and project implemented in Croatia before accession.
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**WBIF GRANTS AND PROJECTS**

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| Value of grants /projects | €22.4bn | €10.4bn | €1.4bn | €238m |
The Economic and Investment Plan, adopted by the European Commission in October 2020, aims to spur long-term economic recovery of the region, backed by green and digital transition. It also identifies key and investments flagships with projects expected to start having an impact on the Western Balkan economies in the near future.

**ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PLAN FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS 2021-2027**

- **Up To €9bn** in EU Grants (IPA III)
- **Up To €20bn** of investments (Western Balkans Guarantee Facility)
- Integrating the Western Balkan Regional Market into the EU Single Market
ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PLAN FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS 2021-2027

SELECTION OF FLAGSHIP PROJECTS
ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

FLAGSHIP 7: WASTE AND WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT

SERBIA

Water Supply, Wastewater Collection and Sludge Management in Subotica

Total investment: €24.6m
EU grant: €2m
EBRD loan: €11m

Connecting 60% of population to new system and mitigation of pollution into Palić lake
FLAGSHIP 2: CONNECTING NORTH TO SOUTH

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Mediterranean Corridor: Construction of Road Corridor Vc

Total investment (est.): €1.2bn
EU grants: €223.4m
EIB and EBRD loans: €920.6m

Improved connectivity for more than 1.5 million people living along the Corridor Vc
FLAGSHIP 5: TRANSITION FROM COAL

NORTH MACEDONIA
Bogdanci Windpark Pilot Project

Total investment: €76m
EU grant: €0.4m
KfW loans: €65.9m

25 wind-turbines with a total capacity of 52.5 MW (7,000 average households)
FLAGSHIP 8: DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ALBANIA
Regional Broadband Infrastructure Development

Total investment: €196.5m
EU grant: €69m
EIB loans: €24m

Broadband connection for 3,000 educational and 500 health facilities
PRIVATE SECTOR

FLAGSHIP 9:
INVESTING IN THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR

KOSOVO
LabBox

Total funding (ENIF): €49m
SMEs financed: 29
Jobs supported: 975

5,905 SMEs financed and 133,492 jobs supported

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.
NORTH MACEDONIA

Construction of Physical Education Facilities and Rehabilitation of Primary and Secondary Schools

Total investment: €62.8m
WBIF bilateral donors’ grant: €3m
CEB loans: €42.5m

70 school sports courts constructed
and 60 schools rehabilitated in North Macedonia
FLAGSHIP 6: RENOVATION WAVE

REGIONAL

Direct Finance for Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings

EU and Bilateral Donor grants: €20.7m
EBRD and KfW loans: €145m
Technical assistance: €4.6m

Significant contribution to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and improvement of the living standards and health of citizens

REEP/REEP Plus
The Connectivity Agenda 2015-2020

The Connectivity Agenda is part of an ambitious plan to connect the region with Europe from East to West, and North to South - extending the core energy and transport corridors (Trans-European Transport Network) to the region and supporting the rollout of broadband infrastructure.

- €3.7bn of total investment leveraged
- €1bn in EU Grants
- €124m in technical assistance for project preparation
- 45 projects supported
- Over 45,000 jobs created

€3.7bn

€1bn

€124m

45

Over 45,000
Achieved Results 2015 – 2020

- 560 km of 400kV transmission lines
- 500 MW installed capacity and 1,380 GWh/y from hydropower
- 176 km of gas pipeline
- 208 km of motorways
- 2 cross-border bridges and 1 joint border railway station
- Improved navigability on 40 km of waterway
- 327 km of railway lines
- One maritime port and one inland port renovated

THE CONNECTIVITY AGENDA 2015-2020
The Green Agenda follows the priorities established by the five pillars covered by the European Green Deal. The objectives of these pillars should be pursued through concrete actions and supported by mechanisms and financial instruments set out in the following sections:

- Cleaning energy sources, protecting the climate
- Moving to a circular economy
- Depolluting air, water and soil
- Building sustainable agriculture and food systems
- Protecting biodiversity and ecosystems
# THE BILATERAL DONOR COMMUNITY

## WBIF Bilateral Donors

### Bilateral Donors’ Contributions 2009-2020

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### Pledges in 2020 (€m)

- Austria 2.0
- Germany 1.4
- Norway 2.3
- Sweden 2.9

**Total:** €8.6m
ALBANIA

37 projects

53 grants
€188.3 million

Achieved Results (2009 – 2020)

Signed loans
€470 million

2020: 8 grants
€44.9 million

800 km of new roads

Improved water/wastewater systems for 300,000 people

Better schools for 18,500 students

Estimated value of €2.5 billion
**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

**ACHIEVED RESULTS (2009 – 2020)**

- **29 projects**
- **67 grants**
- **2020: 6 grants**
- **44 km of motorways**
- **Improved water/wastewater systems for 650,000 people**
- **Flood forecasting and warning system for 3.3 million people**

- **Estimated value of €3.9 billion**
- **Signed loans €1.8 billion**
- **€312.4 million**
- **€31.8 million**
- **€1.8 billion**
KOSOVO
30 projects

Improved water supply systems for 550,000 people

ACHIEVED RESULTS (2009 – 2020)

46 grants
€194.3 million

District heating system rehabilitated for 13,500 customers in Priština

2020: 5 grants
€45.3 million

57 public buildings renovated and over 480,000 MWh/year in energy savings

Signed loans €265 million

Improved water supply systems for 550,000 people

Estimated value of €1.4 billion

Signed loans €265 million

Estimated value of €1.4 billion

Signed loans €265 million
ACHIEVED RESULTS (2009 – 2020)

- **20 projects**
- **49 grants**
  - Estimated value of **€1.8 billion**
- **Signed loans**
  - **€250 million**
- **2020: 4 grants**
  - **€22 million**

- **Improved water/wastewater systems** for 70,000 people
- **Efficient solid waste services** for over 185,000 people
- **Flood forecasting and warning system** for 192,000 people in the Sava River Basin

- **Estimated value** of **€194.9 million**
- **Signed loans**
  - **€250 million**
- **2020: 4 grants**
  - **€22 million**

- **Achieved results** in Montenegro
New prison facilities in line with European standards for 1,870 detainees

ACHIEVED RESULTS (2009 – 2020)

- 23 projects
- Estimated value of €2.1 billion
- Signed loans €591 million
- 38 grants €185.2 million
- 2020: 1 grants €3.1 million

- 36.8 MW electricity from renewables for over 16,000 households
- Better schools for more than 78,000 students
- New prison facilities in line with European standards for 1,870 detainees
SERBIA

ACHIEVED RESULTS (2009 – 2020)

- 42 projects
- Estimated value of €6.3 billion
- Signed loans €2.6 billion
- 65 grants €225.6 million
- 2020: 5 grants €15.2 million
- 90 km of motorways
- Improved water/wastewater systems for over 500,000 people
- Judiciary facilities and new prison for 500 detainees

Estimated value of €6.3 billion
Signed loans €2.6 billion
ENERGY

Transition to sustainable and clean energy

- **Projects**: 52
- **Estimated project value**: €5bn
- **Projects with loans signed**: 18 / €861.1m signed loans
- **WBIF grants**: €246.9m
- **WBIF grants in 2020**: €9.1m
- **RESULTS (2009 - 2020)**
- **123 MW electricity from renewables**
- **62 public buildings renovated**
- **Over 590,000 CO₂ t/year avoided**
- **District heating systems upgraded in 22 cities and towns**
- **Over 590,000 CO₂ t/year avoided**
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Investing in the environment and climate

**Projects**
- Improved water/wastewater systems for 2.1 million people
- 640,000 people protected from floods
- Efficient solid waste services for 186,000 people
- Flood forecasting and warning system for 5.4 million people

**Estimated project value**
- €2.8bn

**WBIF grants**
- €149.7m
- €9.7m

**Projects with loans signed**
- 36 / €990.1m signed loans

**RESULTS (2009 - 2020)**
- 2.1 million people
- 640,000 people
- 186,000 people
- 5.4 million people

**WBIF grants in 2020**
- €9.7m
Reforming social policies and infrastructure

- Better schools for 96,600 students/year
- 5 higher education and research facilities
- Healthcare and treatment facilities for 1.8 m people
- 7 new or refurbished judiciary facilities

- Projects: 28
- Estimated project value: €3.4bn
- Projects with loans signed: 19 / €1.2bn signed loans
- WBIF grants: €52m
- WBIF grants in 2020: €9.3m

RESULTS (2009 - 2020)
Fast and efficient transport links with the EU

- **Projects**: 57
- **Estimated project value**: €10.4bn
- **Projects with loans signed**: 24 / €3.4bn
- **WBIF grants**: €962.9m
- **WBIF grants in 2020**: €131.6m
- **Results (2009 - 2020)**
- **800 km of local and regional roads**
- **137 km of motorways**
- **Enhanced urban mobility for over 1.3 million people in Belgrade**
Universal access to fast and secure broadband

- **Projects**: 11
- **Estimated project value**: €506m
- **Projects with loans signed**: 2 / €22.3m signed loans
- **WBIF grants**: €8.5m
- **WBIF grants in 2020**: €2.5m

**RESULTS (2021 - 2027)**

- **70% of households connected to broadband networks in rural areas in Albania**
- **136,500 students and teachers in 500 schools with high-speed broadband in Kosovo**
- **48,700 people with access to next-generation networks in 'white zones' in Montenegro**
- **Ultrafast internet for 174,600 people in 'white' & 'grey zones' in North Macedonia**
PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Boosting the private sector competitiveness

Projects: 3
Estimated project value: €297m
WBIF grants: €8.5m

€841m in financing available to SMEs
€531m deployed via financing instruments to SMEs
5,905 SMEs financed and receiving support services
133,492 jobs supported

RESULTS (2009 - 2020)
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