



# KOSOVO\*

## Partners:

- Kosovo Railways Infrastructure JSC (Infrakos)
- Ministry of Infrastructure
- Ministry of Finance

## Estimated total investment:

- €94.15 million

## EU contribution:

- €38.54 million

## EBRD loan:

- €19.20 million

## EIB loan:

- €19.25 million

## Beneficiary contribution:

- €13.07 million

## 2015 CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

### Orient/East-Med Corridor: Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje – Border with North Macedonia Railway Section

The Orient/East-Med Corridor crosses Kosovo from the north to the south on Route 10, from the border with North Macedonia to the one with Serbia, and constitutes Kosovo's connection to the wider region by rail. The entire track is in poor condition, with serious structural constraints that limit traffic to 60km/h. Route 10 is part of the extension of the Core Network Corridors of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) into the Western Balkans. It has a total length of 256 km long, out of which 149 km are in Kosovo.

The route in Kosovo will be rehabilitated in three phases:

- Phase 1: Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje – border with North Macedonia;
- Phase 2: Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje – Mitrovicë/Mitrovica;
- Phase 3: Mitrovicë/Mitrovica – border with Serbia.

This investment project covers the rehabilitation and upgrade of the



Hani i Elezit Railway Station at the border with North Macedonia. (c) Infrakos

Fushë Kosovë /Kosovo Polje – border with North Macedonia rail section and associated railway stations to modern, TEN-T standards.

## Results:

- 67 km of railway track and 13 railway stations and stops upgraded to modern, TEN-T standards.
- Increase in passenger and freight travel speed to 100 km/h and up to 120 km/h as well as freight axle load to 22.5 tonnes.



Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje Railway Station. (c) Infrakos

\* 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.

### Previous WBIF support:

- €3.24 million (project preparation and implementation support)

### EBRD grant:

- €0.95 million (project implementation support and capacity building)

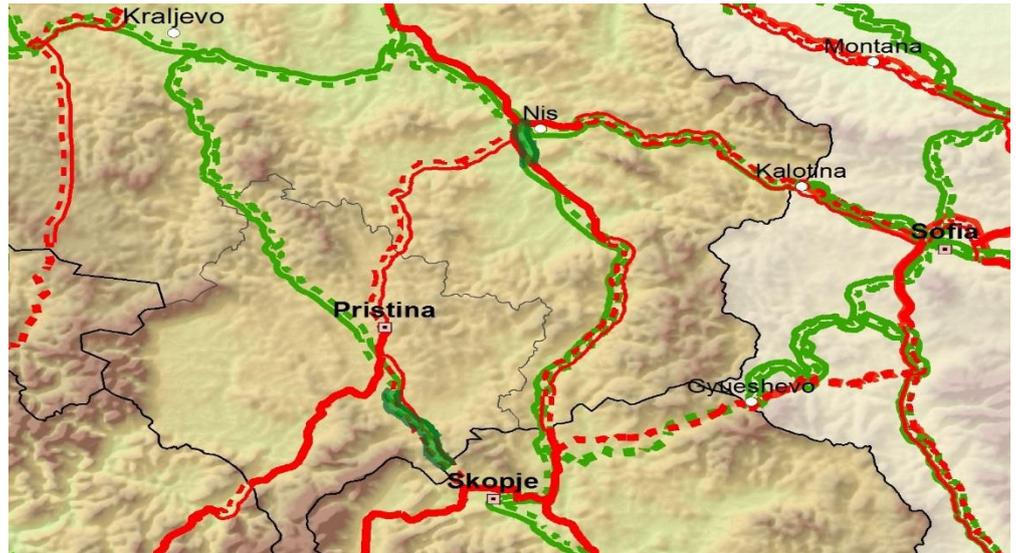
### Start date:

- June 2019

### Estimated end date:

- Mid of 2021

## Transport



Map of the Orient/East-Med Corridor (Route10), with Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje – border with North Macedonia railway section.

Phase 1 investments will enable outdated switches, tracks and trackbed, culverts, bridges and tunnels along the Fushë Kosovë / Kosovo Polje – border with North Macedonia route to be replaced or renovated.

The project is at the implementation stage, with the construction works contracted in January 2019. The detailed design and tender dossier have been completed with assistance from the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF). Additional financial support for the supervision of works was granted by the WBIF in 2014, as well, and the technical assistance activities will be implemented in parallel with the construction works.

The new development will not have significant social or environmental impacts as the new facilities will be built on the route of the existing railway track.

With connections to the Orient/East-Med Corridor, passenger and freight numbers are expected to increase significantly.

It will give rise to an interoperable railway route in Kosovo providing safe transport services to people and businesses in the region and wider Europe.

### Benefits:

- Safe and efficient rail transport for approximately 50% of the population of Kosovo.
- An investment of €94.15 million that is expected to bring at least double that amount into the local economy in the medium to long term.
- Passenger and cargo rail capacity and travel time significantly improved.
- Reduced track and rolling stock maintenance costs and fuel consumption.
- Railway transport systems in Kosovo interconnected to those in North Macedonia.
- Railway network in Kosovo integrated into the Orient/East-Med Corridor, connecting the Western Balkans to Austria, Greece and Bulgaria.