BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Partners:

- Ministry of Finance and Treasury in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Srpska
- Public Company Republic of Srpska Motorways (JP Autoputevi Republike Srpske)

Estimated total investment:

- €79.88 million

EU contribution:

- €14.94 million (works and technical assistance)

EBRD loan:

- €58.94 million

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2017 CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

Mediterranean Corridor: Bosnia and Herzegovina – Croatia CVc Road Interconnection, Johovac Interchange – Rudanka Interchange Section

The Mediterranean Corridor links the Iberian Peninsula with the Hungarian – Ukrainian border. Its extension into the Western Balkans, mostly associated with what is regionally known as Corridor Vc, connects Central Europe, specifically Hungary and eastern Croatia, to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Adriatic Sea.

With a total length of approximately 335 km, Bosnia and Herzegovina contains the longest section of Corridor Vc. In response to high daily average traffic volumes, Bosnia and Herzegovina has embarked on a multi-billion motorway construction programme, in cooperation with its neighbours. To date, 35% is already built or under construction.

This investment project concerns the construction of a 6-km motorway on the Svilaj to Doboj section of Corridor Vc, between Interchange Johovac, in Tovira, and Interchange Rudanka in Kostajnica. The proposed development includes the interchanges and a two-lane 1-km long access road in

Kostajnica Village in Bosnia and Herzegovina; the Rudanka Interchange will be built in its vicinity.

Kostajnica, over the River Bosna, which provides motorway access to existing local transport network

Results:

- 6 km motorway, including two interchanges and 1 km of two-lane access road to existing local road network.
- Increase in passenger and freight travel speed from 60 km/h to 100 and 120 km/h.

Newly built Mahovljani Interchange on the Banja Luka – Doboj motorway in Bosnia and Herzegovina. (c) JP Autoputevi Republike Srpske.

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Map of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Croatia CVc Road Interconnection, Johovac Interchange – Rudanka Interchange Section.

The project is now at the detailed design and construction stage, with feasibility and environmental and social impact assessment studies as well as design completed between 2006 and 2010. The environmental permit was obtained in 2015.

Detailed environmental impact mitigation measures have been planned for during and post-construction, including soil and water pollution prevention and noise monitoring programmes.

Once completed, this section will be operated and maintained by the Public Company Republic of Srpska Motorways through a closed toll collection system. It will ensure direct connection to Bana Luka – Doboj motorway and to the existing M17 main road in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The project complements three other motorway sections which are to be built by Republic of Srpska Motorways along the Mediterranean Corridor in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as follows:

- Odžak to Podnovlje, 22.3 km;
- Podnovlje to Johovac, 13.7 km; and
- Rudanka to Karuše (Doboj bypass), 7.2 km.

The total investments are estimated at around €520 million.

Benefits

- More than 500 jobs created during construction as well as operation and maintenance periods.
- Direct access to safer and faster transport routes for more than 1 million people who live along the route.
- An increase in annual average daily traffic by more than 50%, matched by adequate safety and security conditions.
- Significant reductions in accident rate and in vehicle operating costs.
- Better access for smaller towns and villages located along the route to larger industrial and transport hubs.
- Improved trade flows with countries in the region and thus a positive impact on the broader economy of Bosnia and Herzegovina.