



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE



Investing in the environment and climate



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The Western Balkans faces a common set of environmental challenges, as the land use is changing. People move to cities and coastal regions resulting in the loss of coastal habitats and increasing urban sprawl. Pollution, especially air pollution, in urban and industrial areas, in addition to the discharge of wastewater, are taking a toll on human health and the environment. Municipal authorities in towns and cities are struggling to manage the situation. At the same time, the region has unique habitats, home to remarkable biodiversity, which need to be protected and conserved. To improve the situation, sustainable and reliable ways of managing water supply, wastewater and waste disposal are crucial and have a strong impact on environmental protection, citizens' health and welfare, and tourism in the region.

The WBIF environment & climate projects are financed under the **Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans: FLAGSHIP 7 - Waste and wastewater management**

2009-2021

Projects **60**

Estimated project value **€3.3bn**

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

WBIF grants **€154.5m**

ACHIEVED RESULTS (2009 - 2021)



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 m people in the Sava River Basin

EXPECTED RESULTS (2022 - 2028)



Improved water/wastewater systems for 6.8 million people



Over 4.8 million people protected from floods

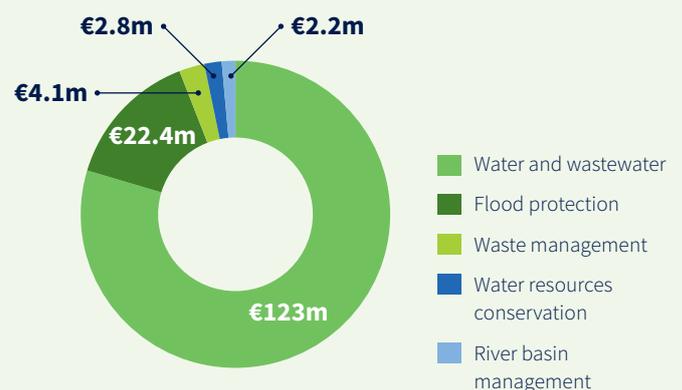


Efficient solid waste services for 1.2 million people

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WBIF GRANTS BY SUBSECTOR



FLAGSHIP PROJECT EXAMPLES

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FLAGSHIP 7 - Waste and wastewater management

Gjakova water supply and water resources protection in Kosovo*

This investment project will renovate the water supply system for over 180,000 people in Gjakova, Rahovec and villages serviced by the Gjakova regional water company. The WBIF provides the technical assistance for the preparatory phase of the investments, from feasibility study and impact assessment to design and tender documents.



Estimated total project cost	€37.4m
WBIF grant	€0.9m
EIB loan (est.)	€33.4m
Expected completion	2025

Bijeljina wastewater treatment plant in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bijeljina is a city in the northeast of Bosnia and Herzegovina and home to over 100,000 people. The WBIF supported the construction of the wastewater treatment plant, water supply and wastewater collection networks for the city. The investments enabled compliance with the EU standards on urban wastewater and prevented further pollution of the groundwater used as the source of drinking water for the city's population.



Total investment	€32.2m
WBIF grants	€3.5m
EBRD loans	€12m
Completion	2016

*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.