

8th WBIF Strategic and Operational Board Meetings

26-27 January 2026



27/01/2026

WBIF board endorses €171 million package for infrastructure and business support

The new support package includes investment and technical assistance for projects in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and North Macedonia, with funding from the EU's Reform and Growth Facility, Instrument for Pre-Accession and WBIF Bilateral Donors.

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“Our aim is simple but hard to achieve: complete integration of the Western Balkans into the EU transport network.”

Interview with Matej Zakonjšek, Director of the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat

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“Energy-efficient buildings are essential for the Western Balkans’ energy security.”

Interview with Heike Erhorn-Kluttig, Dipl.-Ing., Group leader at Fraunhofer Institute for Building Physics

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European Union to invest €175 million to upgrade Bar-Golubovci railway line

Reconstructing 39 km of this key section on Rail Route 4 connecting Belgrade to the Port of Bar will boost train speeds and significantly improve reliability, safety, and capacity.

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Regional waste management model in North Macedonia moves forward with new selection equipment

New waste selection equipment for 18 municipalities in Pelagonija and the Southwestern Region was inaugurated on 5 January 2026 by the North Macedonian Minister of Environment and Spatial Planning, Muamet Hodža.

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17/12/2025

39th Project Financiers’ Group (PFG) meeting, 16 December 2025

The WBIF Project Financiers’ Group (PFG) met online on 16 December 2025. Around 150 representatives from international financial institutions, EU Member States and bilateral donors, and representatives from the six Western Balkans economies were in attendance.

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18/12/2025

European Union commits €134 million to modernise Niš-Dimitrovgrad railway link

The financing will support the modernisation of the Sićevo-Dimitrovgrad railway section, the construction of a rail bypass around Niš and the electrification and signalling of the entire railway line.

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WBIF-backed broadband rollout to connect over 200,000 rural residents in Serbia by 2027

More than 212,000 residents in rural Serbia are set to gain access to high-speed internet by 2027, thanks to the Rural Broadband Rollout project, implemented with substantial support from the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF).

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02/12/2025

Better energy-efficient conditions in 46 schools and a clinical centre in Podgorica with EU, KfW and EBRD support

Montenegro is undergoing a major renovation wave with over €100 million invested in public buildings upgrades under the Regional Energy Efficiency Programme.

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Running water on tap in Jajce

As works on a new water supply system in Jajce Municipality are coming to an end, Mayor Edin Hozan presented key elements of the project to a Norwegian delegation on 13 November 2025.

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Cross-border railway tunnel to link Skopje and Sofia

On 6 November, North Macedonia and Bulgaria signed an agreement on the construction and operation of the Corridor VIII railway tunnel between Gyueshevo in Bulgaria and Deve Bair in North Macedonia.

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Empowering women entrepreneurs in green transition with SME Go Green

Around 60 participants, mainly from female-led businesses across Serbia, met in Belgrade on 18 November 2025 to find out more about opportunities for funding and support from the SME Go Green Programme.

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Contract signed for modernisation of Vlasina hydroelectric power plants

The contract for the reconstruction and modernisation of the Vlasina HPPs was signed on 6 November 2025, breathing new life into four power plants.

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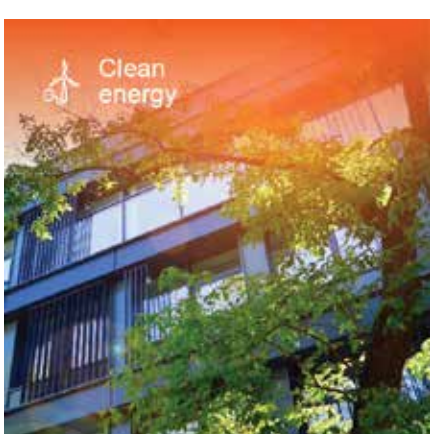


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Fresh upgrade for wastewater treatment in Palilula

A €36 million contribution provided by the EU under the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) will support the construction of a sewerage network in the Belgrade municipality of Palilula.

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From energy certificates to zero-emission buildings

Targeted policy reforms in Montenegro and Albania are helping meet climate targets while improving quality of life, thanks to the support of the Regional Energy Efficiency Programme (REEP).

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Marera industrial park Pobeda joins the Eco-Industrial Parks Initiative

Third pilot in Serbia, near Novi Sad, strengthens the region's industrial transformation while reducing environmental impact.

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EU and EBRD finance the renovation of Zenica Cantonal Hospital

The contract for replacing the boiler system was signed 23 October 2025 as part of the energy renovation of public buildings in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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