



10/06/2026

At the helm of WBIF: Croatia and Austria on priorities, impact and the road ahead

As Croatia passes the WBIF co-chair baton to Austria, we spoke with two key voices from the Bilateral Donor community. Read our interview where they reflect on the platform's achievements, challenges, and the road ahead for the Western Balkans.

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European Commission reviews progress of key EU-supported investments in the region.

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25/05/2026

Montenegro showcases green transition progress

The Ministry of Energy and Mining of Montenegro organised a two-day study tour for media representatives, bringing together a visit to the construction site of the Grabovac Home for the Elderly in Risan and a dedicated energy efficiency workshop in Perast.

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19/05/2026

EU launches two major initiatives to boost digital connectivity across Serbia

Fast and reliable internet is now a basic necessity, not a privilege — this was the shared message from participants at the event “Connecting Serbia: Digital Access for Every Community”, held 14 May 2026 at Europe House in Belgrade.

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15/05/2026

EU and EIB back rail upgrade in Montenegro through WBIF

A Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) co-financed upgrade of the Bar–Golubovci rail section is at the centre of a new EIB package of more than €250 million announced during EIB Group President Nadia Calviño’s visit to Montenegro on 11 May 2026.

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08/05/2026

Young Energy Champions: Students in Bar take the lead in Montenegro’s green transition

Thirty students in Bar, Montenegro, recently took part in an interactive energy efficiency workshop, learning how their daily habits affect energy consumption, air quality and the environment. Their school was renovated under the “Promotion of Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings” project.

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17/04/2026

EU supports preparation of new 400 kv Rrashbull–Fier transmission line

A Technical Assistance project has officially been launched to support the preparation of a Feasibility Study and Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) scoping for a new 400 kV electricity transmission line between Rrashbull and Fier in Albania.

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14/04/2026

Construction of the 400 kV interconnection line between North Macedonia and Albania has begun

The cross border transmission line, one of the region’s most significant energy infrastructure projects in a decade, will strengthen energy security, boost regional integration, and open new possibilities for electricity exchange between the two countries.

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Energy efficiency upgrades completed in 32 public buildings across Sarajevo Canton

The second phase of the project “Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings of the Sarajevo Canton” has been completed, delivering substantial improvements in 32 public buildings, including schools, kindergartens, student dormitories, and healthcare institutions.

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New financing for Energy Efficiency Programme for Student Dormitories

The agreements include a €40 million loan from KfW for the reconstruction of state-owned student dormitories and resource centres for students with special needs and a €1.25 million contribution under the EU supported Regional Energy Efficiency Programme for the Western Balkans (REEP+) for preparatory activities.

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Rail Corridor VIII Ministerial: WBIF at the heart of regional economic integration and security

The Foreign Ministers of Albania, Bulgaria, Italy, North Macedonia, and Romania reaffirmed their strong commitment to the corridor as a strategic priority for regional economic integration, security, and European cohesion.

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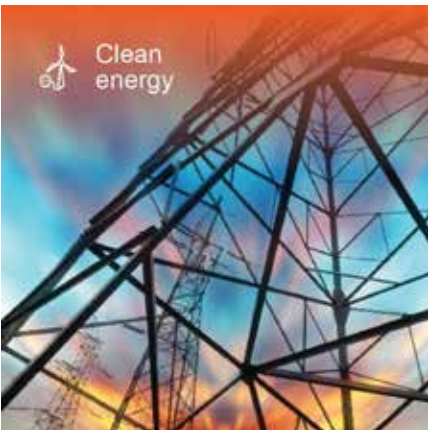


23/02/2026

EU-backed skills initiative supports implementation of Regional Solid Waste Project in North Macedonia

North Macedonia is strengthening the human capital needed to implement its new EU-compliant waste management system, as partners met in Skopje to advance a skills and workforce development programme linked to major infrastructure investments in the sector.

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19/02/2026

EU-supported technical assistance launched for Virpazar–Briska Gora–Ulcinj power line project in Montenegro

The project, provided through the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), is helping Montenegro advance plans for a new power line that will strengthen the grid and support renewable energy growth.

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13/02/2026

CONNECTA 2 completes the gap analysis for the power transmission infrastructure in the Western Balkans

To help the regional partners in modernising their transmission networks to support renewable integration and to fully benefit from the larger regional electricity market, CONNECTA 2 carried out a comprehensive assignment, identifying gaps in transmission systems and proposing necessary upgrades.

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Private sector



08/06/2026

EBRD and EU scale up SME Go Green support in the Western Balkans

New top-up will expand financing, investment incentives and technical assistance for green SME investments in the Western Balkans. The EBRD and the EU are responding to continued market demand for green finance and helping SMEs play a bigger role in the green transition.

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27/05/2026

Durana Tech Park Joins the Eco-Industrial Parks initiative in Albania

Located near Tirana and designed as a hub for technology, innovation, and advanced industries, the park receives additional support to attract international investors, foster future-oriented industries, and strengthen Albania's competitiveness in European markets.

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“Go Digital” workshop for women entrepreneurs in Bosnia and Herzegovina

A workshop under the “Go Digital in the Western Balkans” programme brought together women-led SMEs in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, to discuss practical ways to accelerate digitalisation and automation, strengthen competitiveness, and improve access to finance.

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EU Opportunities Week 2026 concludes with strong message for MSMEs

The third EU Opportunities Week 2026, held across Belgrade, Kragujevac, and Novi Pazar, brought together citizens, entrepreneurs, and civil society to explore concrete opportunities across four days of thematic sessions. It showed that the European Union's support for Serbia and the Western Balkans is not just financial—it is transformative.

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11/03//2026

Montenegro joins regional Eco-Industrial Parks initiative

Montenegro has officially joined the regional Eco Industrial Parks (EIP) initiative, marking an important step toward strengthening industrial development, aligning its industrial zones with EU environmental and competitiveness standards, and attracting responsible private sector investment.

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20/02/2026

New programme helps small businesses access alternative finance

The EU and Germany's development bank KfW have launched a guarantee programme worth up to €50 million to help small businesses in the Western Balkans get funding from alternative finance providers such as crowdfunding and microfinance.

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