



President
VON DER LEYEN
visits the
WESTERN BALKANS

President von der Leyen Wraps up Western Balkans Visit

Ahead of the EU-Western Balkans Summit on 6 October, President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, visited last week the Western Balkans beneficiaries - Albania, North Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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Economic and Investment Plan: Flagship Projects Update

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Von der Leyen Opens Svilaj Bridge Between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen opened the Svilaj bridge on Corridor Vc, connecting the Bosnian with Croatian shore of the River Sava on Thursday 30 September.

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Construction Starts on Electricity Interconnector Between Albania and North Macedonia

Works started end of August on the construction of a new power substation in Ohrid, a key component of the first electricity interconnector between Albania and North Macedonia, which will range from Bitola in North Macedonia to Elbasan in Albania.

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Preparing Flagship Investments: Technical Assistance Update

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European Union Supports Modernisation of Freight Railway Transport in Serbia

A new EU funded technical assistance project worth €800,000 has been recently launched in Serbia to support the reconstruction of the existing and construction of the second track on the Ostružnica - Batajnica section of the Belgrade Marshalling Yard.

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Environment & Climate • Flagship 7 • Waste and Waste Water Management



Additional Support to the Improvement of Water and Sanitation Services in Republika Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mid September, The European Investment Bank (EIB) signed a €1.2 million co-operation agreement with Republika Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina to support water and sanitation services.

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Start of Project Preparation for Expansion of the Electrical Engineering and Technical Faculties Campus in Belgrade

One of the primary problems of Belgrade University is the lack of space for the needs of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering. The EU has supported the construction of new capacities through a technical assistance grant.

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European Union Allocates Additional Grant for Flood Risk Management in Serbia

A new EU funded project worth €1.3 million was launched recently to support the preparation of Flood Risk Management Plans and Strategic Environmental Assessments for the four river basins - Zapadna, Južna and Velika Morava and Kolubara.

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The EU Strengthens its Support to Flood Risk Management in Albania

The EU continues strengthening its support to the management of flood risk in Albania as a new Technical Assistance project, worth over €2m has been launched.

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WBIF Supported Initiatives



Green Energy Financing Facility (GEFF) Award Ceremony for the Western Balkans

An online presentation of the GEFF Programme results and the announcement of further investments in the green economy's housing sector was held end September, and streamed live via the Balkan Green Energy News portal.

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First Western Balkans Rail Summit “The Future is on Tracks”

Building a modern, digitalised rail network, with direct express train connections between major cities in the region will help establish better connectivity and provide safer and environmentally sustainable mode of transport for people and businesses in the Western Balkans.

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Video

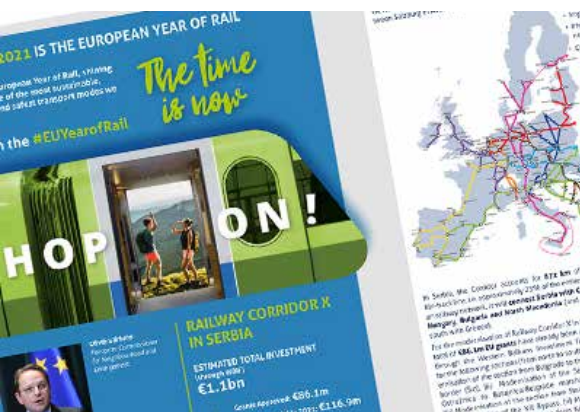


Modernisation of Rail Corridor X in Serbia

Promotional video, produced by the European Union Delegation to Serbia, on the occasion of the beginning of works on rehabilitation and modernisation of the railway Niš - Brestovac.

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WBIF Publications



Railway Corridor X in Serbia

Factsheet on the WBIF Flagship project Railway Corridor X in Serbia. [Download here >>](#)



Corridor Vc Section Svilaj - Odžak / Svilaj Bridge

Factsheet on Svilaj Bridge, Corridor Vc in Bosnia and Herzegovina (English and Bosnian language). [Download here >>](#)



Corridor Vc in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Factsheet on the WBIF Flagship project Corridor Vc in Bosnia and Herzegovina progress of works (English and Bosnian language). [Download here >>](#)



North Macedonia - Albania Power Interconnection

Project Summary for WBIF Flagship project North Macedonia - Albania Power Interconnection: Grid Section in North Macedonia (English and Macedonian language). [Download here >>](#)



WBIF Country Summaries

September 2021 updates of brochures on WBIF activities in: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia (in English and in local languages). [Download here >>](#)

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