



### **WBIF Support to Judiciary Reform in the Western Balkans**

The efforts of the Western Balkans to strengthen the rule of law have received a boost by the completion of several projects under the WBIF. These projects resulted in the construction and renovation of the judicial infrastructure facilities and the introduction of modern software and technology for their administrative management.

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### **Another EU-Grant for the Corridor Vc in BiH**

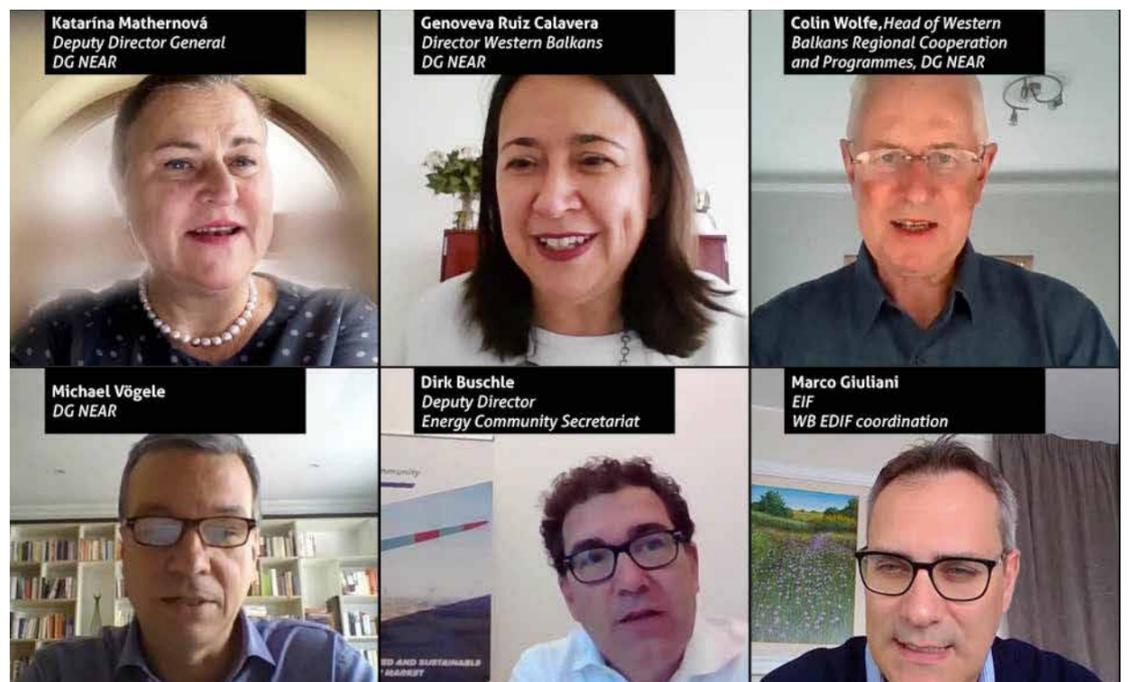
Despite the pandemics, all the construction sites on CVc are active with safety measures introduced. On 30 July, another EU-grant was signed for a 7 km-long subsection. Once constructed, it will improve connection and decrease travel time between Sarajevo and Mostar, advance routes to tourist areas and contribute to trade flows with the region.

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### **22<sup>nd</sup> WBIF Steering Committee Virtual Meeting**

The Western Balkans Investment Framework held its 22<sup>nd</sup> WBIF Steering Committee Meeting on 09 and 10 June. The meeting, attended by more than 150 participants, was held virtually due to the COVID-19 situation.

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## Investment Projects



### Works Commence on the North Macedonia – Albania Power Interconnection

On 29 July the works commenced on the first power interconnection between the two countries, to complete the 400 kV electricity ring between Albania, North Macedonia and Greece. The project will contribute to the development of the regional market and allow the inclusion of renewables to the current energy mix.

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### First High Security Prison in BiH Opened with EU Support

The first high security prison in Bosnia and Herzegovina, fully compliant with European Prison Rules was opened on 22 July in Sarajevo. Throughout the construction the EU provided financial, political and technical support. The project will significantly contribute to the implementation of the judicial reform in the country.

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### Start of Works on the Trans-Balkan Electricity Corridor: Grid Section in Serbia

In Kragujevac, the cornerstone was laid on 17 June for the 400 kV transmission line Kragujevac - Kraljevo, investment worth €13.5 m, which will enable a more stable power supply for this part of Serbia.

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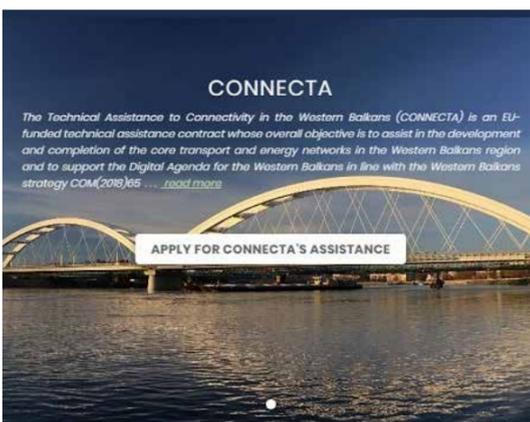
## Technical Assistance



### EU Supports Technical Assistance to Gas Transmission Network in Albania

On 23 June the technical assistance project 'Detailed Design and Tender documents for the Fier – Vlora gas pipeline' in Albania, funded through the WBIF by €1.1 m EU grant, was launched 'virtually' in Tirana.

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### New CONNECTA Website Online

In June, the Technical Assistance to Connectivity in the Western Balkans (CONNECTA) launched its website at [www.connecta-info.eu](http://www.connecta-info.eu). Besides information on the developments, events and results of assignments, the website features a detailed guide on how to apply for CONNECTA's assistance.

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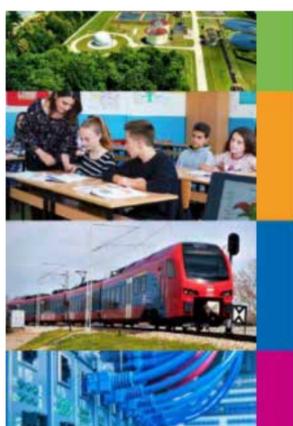


### TA Project for the Improvement of the Broadband Infrastructure in Montenegro

On 9 July, an EU-funded project in line with the European Commission's strategy 'Connectivity for a Competitive Digital Single Market - Towards a European Gigabit Society' was launched in Podgorica.

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## WBIF Publications



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### WBIF Annual Report 2019

The Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of 2019 developments - governance and policy, landmark projects, sector and beneficiary portfolios - and comes with a detailed project and grant directory, showcasing all past and current WBIF operations.

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### WB EDIF Annual Report 2019

A new edition of the Western Balkans Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility (WB EDIF) Annual Report is now available. To ensure even a greater socio-economic impact of the WB EDIF, in 2019 the Facility was successfully brought under the umbrella of the WBIF.

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**TRANSPORT**

**UKRATKO O SEKTORU**

Transportna mreža na Zapadnom Balkanu još uvijek zahtijeva značajna ulaganja, budući da je značajnom dijelu cestovne i željezničke mreže potrebna rekonstrukcija i poboljšanje. Neophodno je, također, riješiti i nematerijalne prepreke koje utiču na trgovinu i sadržaju u regionu, međusobna kompatibilnost bezpodne, sporazuma i sadržajem za sve vrste prometa.

**POSTIGNUTI REZULTATI**

U okviru projekata WBIF-a u 2019. godini uspjeli su biti provedeni projekti u okviru regionalne Opcione transportne mreže i indikatora podrške EU Opcione mreže i kandidata u cilju unapređenja povezanosti u okviru regiona i dalje provedeni su među EU Regionalni prioriteti i transportna mreža u 2019. godini podrška planovima transportnih investicija i unapređenje procedure. Novi lokalni i regionalni projekti odabirani su zbog njihove visoke uloge u infrastrukturi i održivosti u regionu.

**OPŠTI REZULTATI**

55 projekata podrška investicijama u infrastrukturu  
69,4 mlrd. 25/63,3 mlrd. 49/34,7 mlrd. 43/2,8 mlrd.

**OPŠTI REZULTATI**

346 km novih i obnovljenih linija  
1000 km obnovljenih i obnovljenih linija  
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**PRIORITETI I AKTIVNOSTI WBIF-A**

Transport je najaktivniji sektor WBIF-a i čine 40% ukupnog portfolija WBIF-a. Osim toga, transportna mreža u okviru projekata koji su dio Opcione mreže i indikatora podrške u cilju unapređenja povezanosti u okviru regiona i dalje provedeni su među EU Regionalni prioriteti i transportna mreža u 2019. godini podrška planovima transportnih investicija i unapređenje procedure. Novi lokalni i regionalni projekti odabirani su zbog njihove visoke uloge u infrastrukturi i održivosti u regionu.

### WBIF Factsheets in Local Languages

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**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:**  
**WORKS ON CORRIDOR Vc PROGRESS DESPITE COVID-19 DISRUPTIONS**

Corridor Vc is the most ambitious investment programme in Bosnia and Herzegovina, requiring significant financial and human resources. So far, the European Union has allocated more than €200 million in grants under the Connectivity Agenda for the construction of 11 motorway subsections on Corridor Vc. In the country, the grants are channelled through the Western Balkans Investment Framework and, together with loans from the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, help finance investments of more than €1.1 billion.

Despite the disruptions brought by the COVID-19 outbreak, all the construction sites are active, safety measures have been introduced and the works are ongoing. The most advanced connectivity projects are Buna - Počitelj subsection, which is planned to be finished in June, and Solak - Dobal, where the motorway section has already been completed and the cross-border bridge is at final stage. The construction sites for Rudenka - Šuhov, Podrež - Žirovski, Plovača - Vrhovca Tunnel and Zrnica Tunnel - Džonić Gata are expected in 2019, while the digging of Ivan Tunnel commenced in March.

### Corridor Vc Factsheet

The WBIF Factsheet on the progress of the Construction works on the Corridor Vc in BiH during the pandemic can be downloaded from the Library.

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