



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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22nd WBIF Steering Committee Virtual Meeting

The Western Balkans Investment Framework held its 22nd 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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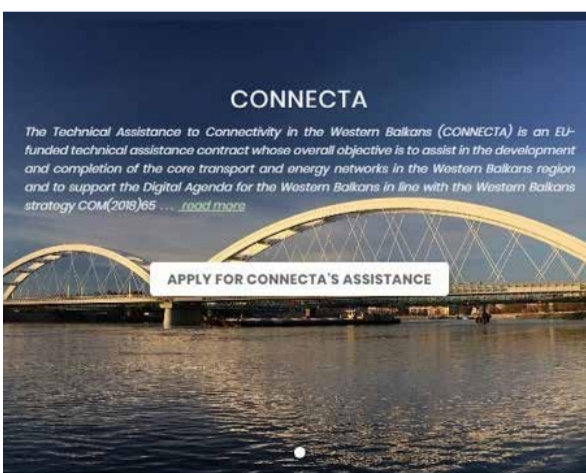
Technical Assistance



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. 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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