



Western Balkans Investment Framework



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WBIF at a Glance

What is the WBIF?

- The Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) is a financing facility launched in December 2009 by the European Commission, together with the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), Bilateral Donors, and Western Balkans Beneficiaries. KfW, the World Bank and Agence Française de Développement (AFD) subsequently joined the WBIF.

Objectives

- Address the extensive **infrastructure** needs of the Western Balkans;
- Support the Beneficiaries' **EU accession** process.

How?

- **Blending of grants, loans, and beneficiary contributions** for infrastructure development in the **environment, energy, transport, social and digital sectors** as well as **private sector development**.

WBIF Key Stakeholders





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A JOINT PARTNERSHIP OF:



IN COOPERATION WITH:



BILATERAL DONORS



BENEFICIARIES





WBIF Operating Structure / Governance





What Can Be Financed?

Six eligible sectors:

- Energy
- Environment
- Social
- Transport
- Digital Infrastructure
- Private Sector Development

Types of support:

- 1. TA** to prepare investment projects:
 - Pre-feasibility & feasibility studies, designs;
 - Environmental and social impact assessments;
 - Construction supervision;
 - Targeted capacity building and implementation support.
- 2. Investment grants** to co-finance mature investment projects.
- 3. Financing facilities** (REEP, EDIF), **interest rate subsidies**, any **other form of support and/or activities approved**.

How?

Calls for proposals (Rounds):

- Two rounds for TA grants per year;
- One round for INV grants per year.



Project Selection and Implementation Process

Seven phases:

- Phase I: Planning and prioritisation of projects (NIC and SPP);
- Phase II: Calls for proposals;
- Phase III: Submission of grant requests;
- Phase IV: Project screening;
- Phase V: Project assessment;
- Phase VI: Approval;
- Phase VII: Implementation (IPF contractors, or Lead IFIs).

Application process:



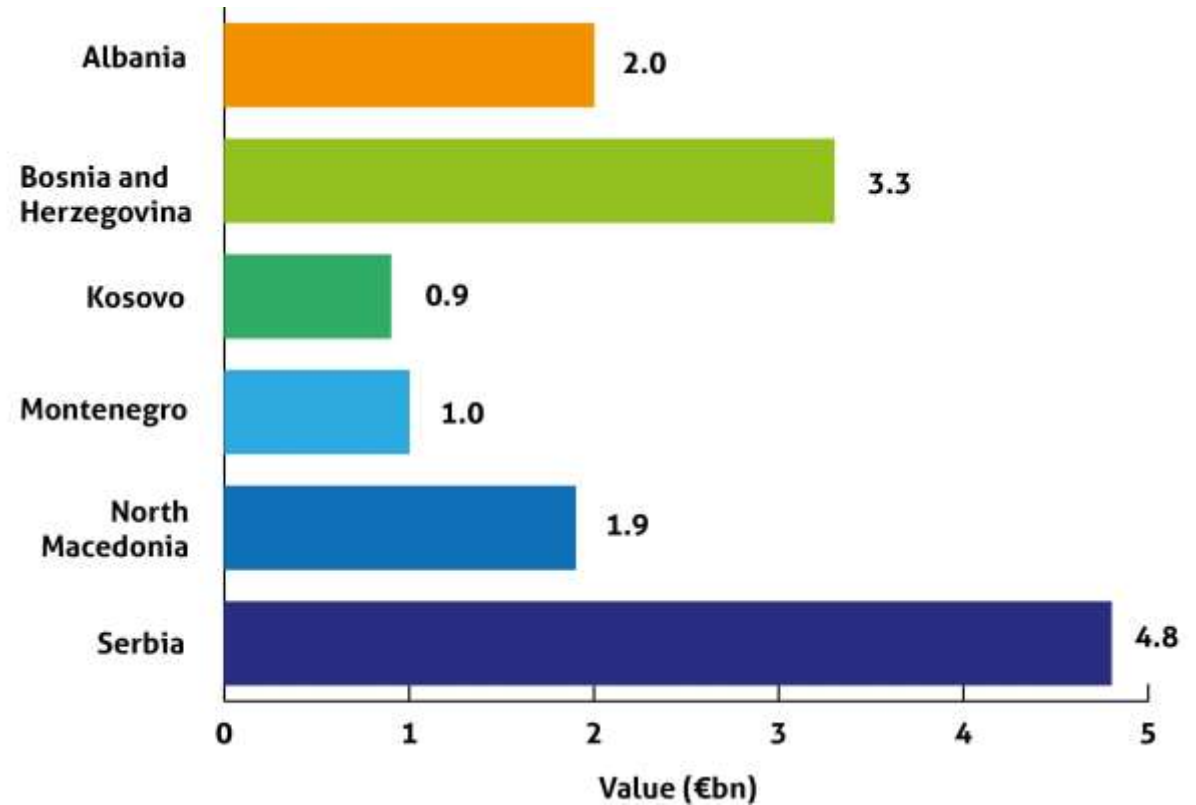
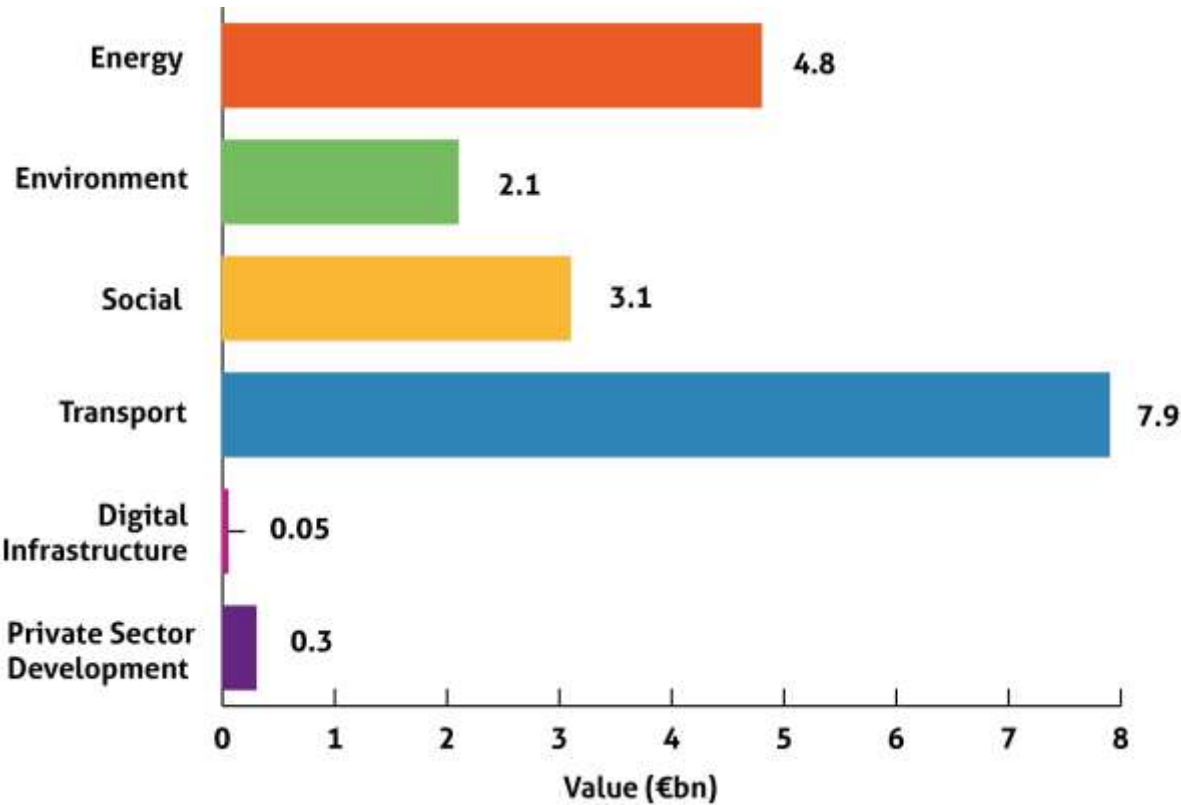


WBIF Key Figures

- **173** Projects supported
- **€18.2 bn** Estimated investments
- **€5.4 bn** Signed loans
- **€11.5 bn** Total estimated loans
- **20** Rounds of TA Grants
- **4** Rounds of Investment Grants
- **291** Grants approved
- **€1,047m** Total Grant amount



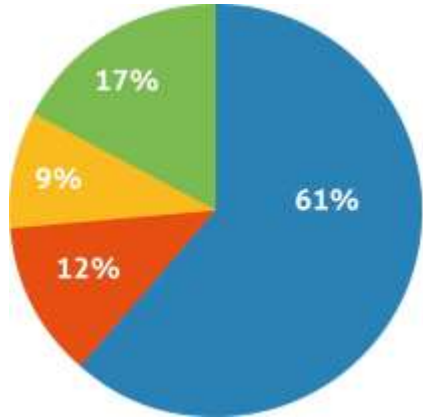
WBIF Estimated Investments by Sector & Beneficiary



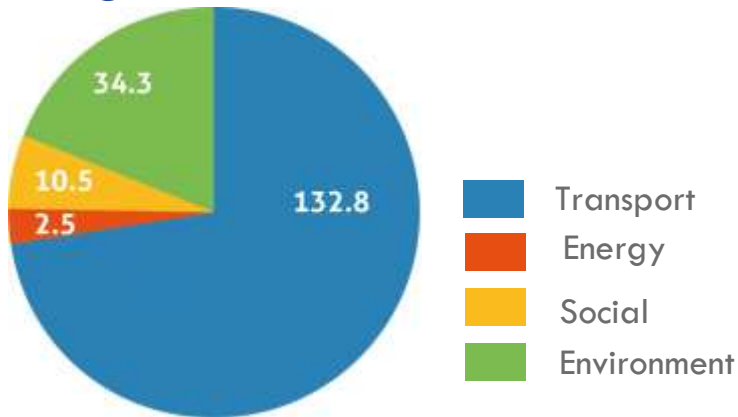


WBIF in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Total investments: €3.3bn



WBIF grants: €180.1m



Loans signed on projects: €1.3bn

Current and expected results of the WBIF support (selection):

- **150 km of roads** constructed and **57 km of railways** rehabilitated;
- **122 MW** additional capacity and **360 GWh/y** power generation from **renewables**;
- **1.5 million population** served by **modern water and wastewater systems**;
- **2.2 million people** protected from **floods**;
- **1.4 million people** to benefit from **state-of-the-art healthcare treatment and research facilities**;
- More than **7,200 vulnerable and displaced people** accommodated in **social housing units**;
- **350 inmates** housed in a **maxim-security state prison** compliant with the **European Prison Rules**.



What Can Be Financed in BiH: Energy Sector?

- **Eligibility Requirements:**

TA Grants:

- 6 Beneficiaries ✓
- Eligible sector ✓
- IFI support ✓
- Eligible beneficiary entity ✓

Investment Grants:

Single Sector Project Pipeline (SSPP) missing

- **Specific Eligibility Requirements:**

TA Grants:

- Adopted National Sector Strategy ✓
- New projects are eligible, application is no longer restricted to regional or exiting WBIF projects. ✓
- Eligible subsectors: generation (with preference for renewable technologies), cogeneration, transmission and distribution, interconnection systems, storage, gas pipelines, district heating, energy efficiency and savings, inter alia.

Investment Grants:

Projects must demonstrate a regional impact, with the exception of smart grids in transmission and distribution lines as well as smart meters.



WBIF in Bosnia and Herzegovina

- **TA Grants:**

- 21st round (deadline for submission March 2019) **no application** from the energy sector, all eligibility criteria fulfilled
- Next round for proposals to be launched on 25 – 26 June 2019, when also specific eligibility criteria will be announced.

- **Investment Grants:**

- **No SSPP for the energy sector – BiH is not eligible for such support at present**
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