

North Macedonia

The WBIF in North Macedonia



Estimated Project Value: €1.9 billion

WBIF Grants: €135.3 million, out of which €117.3 million from the EU and €18.0 million from other donors

Loans Signed: €459 million

The WBIF has supported 18 projects with an overall estimated value of €1.9 billion across all eligible sectors. Grant support from the WBIF totals €135.3 million, whereas signed loans have reached €459 million. The EU support channelled through the WBIF accounts for €117.3 million and covers both technical assistance and investment works.

The WBIF has helped prepare and implement essential infrastructure developments across eligible sectors. It has successfully piloted the first renewables scheme in the country as well as planned to improve the capacities of the electricity distribution network. Better schools, healthcare and prison facilities, water and wastewater systems have been prepared and built. Moreover, the WBIF has contributed to the development of essential road and rail transport routes, which will ensure the country's connections within the region and with the EU.

Achieved results (selection):

- More than 36 MW in electricity generation capacity from renewables;
- Healthcare research and treatment facilities for 1.8 million people;
- Better schools for more than 78,000 pupils;
- New prison facilities in line with European standards for 750 detainees.

Expected results (selection):

- 56 km of new high-speed roads and 80 km of railway lines rehabilitated;
- 165 km of transmission lines upgraded and secure power supply;
- More than 24 MW in electricity generation capacity from renewables;
- Water/wastewater systems for more than 600,000 people;
- Better schools for 90,000 pupils;
- New prison facilities in line with European standards for 2,100 detainees.

Out of eighteen projects supported, ten are being implemented and eight are at various stages of preparation. In addition, North Macedonia has benefited from regional projects and initiatives funded by the WBIF, such as the [Regional Energy Efficiency Programme for the Western Balkans](#)

(REEP and REEP Plus) and the [Western Balkan Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility \(EDIF\)](#).

For more details on the current status of the WBIF operations in North Macedonia, please visit our [Projects](#) page.

2018 Connectivity Project



Orient/East-Med Corridor: North Macedonia – Albania CVIII Road Interconnection, Bukojcani – Kicevo Subsection, (c) EU. 12.9 km-long motorway built according to modern safety standards.

€105.1 million investment value

€20.2 million EU grant

€79.2 million EBRD loan

For more details, please see the [Project Summary](#) (last updated July 2018).

The Country at a Glance

Population: 2.1 million

GDP: €10 billion

GDP per capita Index: 37

General Government Debt: 39% GDP

EU Candidate: March 2004

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