

# Serbia

## The WBIF in Serbia



**Estimated Project Value:** €4.9 billion

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**WBIF Grants:** €191.4 million, out of which €167.4 million from the EU and €24.0 million from other donors

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**Loans Signed:** €2.3 billion

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**The WBIF has supported 34 projects with an overall estimated value of €4.9 billion across all eligible sectors. Grant support from the WBIF totals €191.4 million, whereas signed loans have reached €2.3 billion. The EU support channelled through the WBIF accounts for €167.4 million and covers both technical assistance and investment works.**

The WBIF has helped prepare and implement essential infrastructure developments across all eligible sectors. It has successfully piloted research, development and innovation as well as start-up incubator facilities alongside retrofitting of schools. Social housing and judiciary facilities as well as key infrastructure developments that would ensure proper access to municipal services (water, wastewater, and district heating) have also been planned for and are currently being built/operated. Moreover, electricity and gas transmission options have been reviewed, with WBIF technical assistance, while transport routes by road and rail have been designed for expansion and/or improvement. Urban transport assignments in Belgrade are currently ongoing with a view to increasing public transport capacities and reducing its carbon footprint.

Achieved results (selection):

- Water/wastewater systems for 780,000 people;
- Upgraded district heating systems in 21 cities and towns throughout the country;
- Five new higher education and research facilities;
- Two new judiciary facilities and one prison facility in line with European standards for 500 detainees.

Expected results (selection):

- 190 km of new high-speed roads and 220 km of railway lines rehabilitated;
- Enhanced urban mobility for more than 1.3 million people;
- 370 km of electricity transmission lines upgraded and secure power supply;
- Water/wastewater systems for 1.6 million people;

- Flood forecasting and warning system for more than 1.8 million people living in the Sava River Basin;
- Healthcare treatment facilities for 1.3 million people;
- New prison facility in line with European standards for 400 detainees.

Out of the thirty-four projects supported, two have been completed, seventeen are being implemented and sixteen are at various stages of preparation. In addition, Serbia 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 Serbia, please visit our [Projects](#) page.

## 2016 Connectivity Project



Orient/East-Med Corridor: Serbia – Bulgaria CXc Rail Interconnection, Sicevo - Dimitrovgrad Section, (c) EU. 80 km of railway track upgraded, including preparatory works for electrification and signalling and telecommunication systems.

**€84.4 million** investment value

**€43.6 million** EU grant;

**€36.7 million** EIB loan.

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

**The Country at a Glance**

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**Population:** 7.0 million

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**GDP:** €36.7 billion

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**GDP per capita Index:** 37

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**Public Debt:** 63% GDP

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**EU Candidate:** March 2012; accession negotiations commenced in January 2014.

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## **Documents**

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## **Links**

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