

Albania – North Macedonia Power Interconnection: Grid Section in Albania

Project Financing

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| WBIF | Grant | WB6-ALB-ENE-03 | € 850,000 |
| WBIF | Grant | WB12-ALB-ENE-01 | € 600,000 |
| KFW | Loan | | € 50,000,000 |
| National Contribution | Own Contribution | | € 4,550,000 |
| WBIF | Grant | WB-IG00-ALB-ENE-01 | € 14,294,000 |
| Total | | | € 70,294,000 |
| Total Grants | | | € 15,744,000 |
| Total Loans | | | € 50,000,000 |

Project Description

Significant increases in annual power load and new generation sources added to the Albanian grid have put a strain on the existing transmission system, leading to frequent interruptions in electricity supply to domestic and industrial consumers alike.

This investment project implements the Albanian part of the Albania - North Macedonia 400 kV power interconnection. The project is part of the European Commission's initiative to establish an East-West electricity transmission corridor between Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro and Italy. This corridor is intended to allow for cross-border energy exchange, efficient use of existing/planned power capacities and better load flow balancing.

The investments include:

- Construction of Fier - Elbasan - Qafe-Thane 400 kV single circuit transmission line (approximately 130 km).
- Construction of Elbasan 3 substation and reinforcement/extension of Fier substation. The new Elbasan 3 substation will comprise a 400 kV switching substation to connect the lines to Tirana 2, Zemblak, Fier and North Macedonia. In addition, two short overhead line connections with the existing substation Elbasan 2 are to be established. A shunt reactor is foreseen to be installed. In substation Fier, the existing 220 kV switchyard will be extended, and a new 400 kV switchyard will be established, accommodating an overhead line bay to Elbasan 3 and a transformer bay for the connection of one new 400/220 kV autotransformer.

The EU has provided technical assistance for project preparation and co-funds the investments under the [Connectivity Agenda](#) through the WBIF.

- **Countries:** Albania
- **Code:** PRJ-ALB-ENE-004
- **Sector:** Energy
- **Lead IFI:** KFW
- **Status:** Implementation

- **Beneficiary:** Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy; Transmission System Operator in Albania (OST sh.a)