

Mati River Flood Protection Infrastructure

Project Financing

National Contribution	Own Contribution	€ 1,332,000
EIB	Loan	€ 2,939,000
WBIF	Grant	WB19-ALB-ENV-01 € 452,250
WBIF	Grant	TA3-ALB-ENV-03 € 400,000
Anticipated WBIF INV Grant	Other Sources	€ 2,939,000
Anticipated WBIF TA Grant	Other Sources	€ 300,000
Total		€ 8,362,250
Total Grants		€ 852,250
Total Loans		€ 2,939,000

Project Description

Mati River is one of the largest rivers in Albania, with a catchment area of 2441 km² that covers the municipalities of Lezha, Mirdita and Kurbin. The river basin is relatively mountainous, with downstream alluvial plains, where most of the population and economic activities are located, exposed to floods under high flows due to heavy rains and snow melting.

This investment project concerns the rehabilitation of flood protection infrastructure in the lower Mati River Basin through rehabilitation of 12.5 km dikes on both sides of the river from the Mati River Bridge to the Adriatic Sea, and reconstruction of 1.8 km coastal dike on the right bank of the river.

The Feasibility Study and the Preliminary Design for the most urgent flood protection measures in the lower Mati River Basin, Lezha District, were prepared by the Infrastructure Project Facility 2 (TA3-ALB-ENV-03) in 2012. The interventions were identified as “no-regret” measures under the regional study “Gap Analysis and Needs Assessment in the Context of Implementing EU Floods Directive in the Western Balkans”, which was implemented by Infrastructure Project Facility 4 (WBEC-REG-ENV-02) in January – September 2015. The WBIF renewed its support in June 2018 with a grant for detail design, environmental impact assessment and tender documents to enable the implementation of the project.

Links

[Completion of the EU-funded Technical Assistance to Flood Protection Infrastructure in Albania](#)

[Start of the EU-funded Technical Assistance Project ‘Mati River Flood Protection Infrastructure’ in Albania](#)

Results and Benefits

- **13 km** river dikes for flood prevention and control
- **10,000 ha** of agricultural land and residential areas protected from floods

- **2,000 houses** protected from floods
- **45,000 people** benefiting from flood protection measures
- Increased flood protection on **13 km** along the lower course of the river
- Reduced flood risk and sustainable operation of agriculture, tourism, transport services and other economic activities
- Improved compliance with EU Floods Directive and international best practices in the field

- **Countries:** Albania
- **Code:** PRJ-ALB-ENV-007
- **Sector:** Environment
- **Lead IFI:** EIB
- **Status:** Tender Preparation
- **Beneficiary:**