

# Bijeljina Wastewater Treatment Plant

## Project Financing

WBIF	Grant	MW-BIH-ENV-EBRD-02	€ 3,000,000
WBIF	Grant	TA3-BIH-ENV-03	€ 500,000
EBRD	Loan		€ 4,999,000
Beneficiary Contribution	Own Contribution		€ 7,900,000
EBRD	Loan		€ 6,996,205
SIDA	External Grant		€ 5,110,000
EU IPA	External Grant		€ 3,500,000
Western Balkans Fund	External Grant		€ 150,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>€ 32,155,205</b>
Total Grants			€ 3,500,000
Total Loans			€ 11,995,205

## Project Description

Bijeljina is a city and municipality in the northeastern part of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The city is home to more than 110,000 inhabitants and thus the second largest in Republika Srpska. The Municipality initiated a water and wastewater rehabilitation programme in order to meet current water and wastewater service demand as well as to prevent environmental pollution by the direct discharge of untreated sewage into water bodies.

The programme has been phased out in three stages. Sewerage and water supply systems were included in Phase I, and construction was completed in 2010. Phase II focused on the construction of a modern wastewater treatment plant as well as on further expanding the sewerage and water supply network. Phase III will cover the construction of the main sewage collector to the proposed wastewater treatment plant.

The WBIF provided €3.5 million in grants to cover procurement support and capacity building as well as investment works. Construction works for Phase II - water network, one of the two sewage collectors, as well as the wastewater treatment plant - are now complete and in operation.

## Results and Benefits

- prevention of pollution of surface and groundwater resources
- significant health and social welfare benefits for the residents of the town and downstream users of surface and groundwater sources
- contribution to the overall implementation of European Union environmental legislation and the attendant benefits which this brings
- reduction of water pollution, particularly, in the Drina-Dasnica channel which will enable farmers in Semberija region to irrigate their agricultural products with water of better quality
- increased employment for the local population during construction and thereafter for the operation and maintenance of new infrastructure

- a direct benefit to approx. 85,000 inhabitants connected to the water supply system of the Bijeljina Municipality
- **Countries:** Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Code:** PRJ-BIH-ENV-001
- **Sector:** Environment
- **Lead IFI:** EBRD
- **Status:** Completed
- **Beneficiary:** Municipality of Bijeljina