

Comprehensive Network (Road R9a): Construction of Brčko Bypass

Project Financing

WBIF	Grant	WB6-BIH-TRA-15	€ 550,000
EBRD	Loan		€ 28,500,000
Beneficiary Contribution Own Contribution			€ 9,525,000
Total			€ 38,575,000
Total Grants			€ 550,000
Total Loans			€ 28,500,000

Project Description

More than 40,000 people live in Brčko City, while another 50,000 inhabit the rest of the District. There are two main routes which cross Brčko, creating serious traffic congestion issues in the city: (a) the east-west Lončari – Brčko – Bijeljina road, which is primarily used by traffic between Banja Luka to Bijeljina and beyond, into Serbia; and (b) the north-south Tuzla - Lončari – Orašje road, which links one of the main industrial towns in Bosnia and Herzegovina to Croatia.

In order to deviate traffic away from the city, Brčko secured a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) to construct a two-lane 18.7 km carriageway bypassing the city. The new carriageway will integrate with the east-west route running from Lončari, Brčko, Bijeljina to the Serbian border. The WBIF (EU) grant has provided project management support to the Beneficiary/Partner, including assistance with tendering, as well as independent monitoring of project progress.

The project is currently under construction, with Spring 2019 tentatively set for commissioning.

Results and Benefits

- Economic, social and environmental benefits are expected due to congestion reduction and the creation of better links between east and west, as well as better access to/from Brčko port.
- **Countries:** Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Code:** PRJ-BIH-TRA-005
- **Sector:** Transport
- **Lead IFI:** EBRD
- **Status:** Completed
- **Beneficiary:** Brčko District