

Wastewater Treatment Plants Kosovo

Project Financing

WBIF	Grant	TA3-KOS-ENV-01	€ 1,000,000
External Loan	External Loan		€ 66,000,000
German Government	External Grant	Grant	€ 38,800,000
National Contribution	Own Contribution		€ 20,000,000
EU IPA 2022	External Grant		€ 20,000,000
WBIF	Grant	WB21-KOS-ENV-03	€ 520,000
Other Sources	Other Sources		€ 900,000
Total			€ 147,220,000
Total Grants			€ 1,520,000
Total Loans			€ 0

Project Description

Kosovo* is surrounded by mountains, which divide the plains into four watershed areas, from where rivers flow to three seas: the Adriatic, the Aegean, and the Black Sea. The water quality of streams and rivers has deteriorated over the years that are heavily polluted, including because of the direct discharge of untreated wastewater and the indiscriminate disposal of solid waste. The rivers downstream of larger municipalities and especially downstream of Pristina are so heavily polluted that the water cannot be used for water supplies and, in some places, not even for irrigation. Remedial actions are therefore urgent.

This project concerns wastewater treatment solutions for the following cities and towns:

- Pristina (more than 400,000 people) has old inadequate wastewater collectors and no wastewater treatment plants (WWTP). The wastewater is discharged into the Ibar River tributaries, which then flows into Serbia and into the Danube.
- Ferizaj (65,000 people) has almost no wastewater collection and no treatment infrastructure. The untreated wastewater is discharged into a tributary of the Ibar. Wastewater also finds its way south, into the Lepenc River, which then flows into North Republic of Macedonia and the Aegean Sea.

The WBIF grant contributed to the preparation of feasibility studies for all municipalities, including a list of priority investments. The studies were completed by Infrastructure Facility 1 in March 2015.

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- **Countries:** Kosovo*
- **Code:** PRJ-KOS-ENV-002
- **Sector:** Environment

- **Lead IFI:** KFW
- **Status:** Preparation
- **Beneficiary:** Regional Water Companies in Kosovo