

Orient/East-Med Corridor: North Macedonia – Serbia Rail Interconnection, Tabanovce Joint Border Station

Project Financing

EBRD	Loan		€ 5,000,000
Beneficiary Contribution	Own Contribution		€ 300,000
WBIF	Grant	WB-IG04-MKD-TRA-01	€ 2,765,228
WBIF	Grant	WB13-MKD-TRA-01	€ 380,000
CONNECTA	External Grant		€ 275,000
Total			€ 8,720,228
Total Grants			€ 3,145,228
Total Loans			€ 5,000,000

Project Description

Corridor X runs from Salzburg, Austria to Thessaloniki, Greece, through most of the Western Balkans. The rail route in North Macedonia is 215 km long and operational, with several sections already renovated. In February 2015, the Transport Minister and his Serbian counterpart agreed to locate a joint border station in Tabanovce on Macedonian soil and facilitate border crossing procedures.

The WBIF grant finances the feasibility study, detailed design and tender documentation for an office building housing both countries' officials working at the border station (customs, police, and inspection).

Benefits of the project include faster border crossing and reduced travel time for passenger and freight traffic along a major European Corridor, as well as improved working conditions for official border staff.

Results and Benefits

- reduce delays at borders involving all actors
 - remove discriminatory practice with regard to foreign or new-entrant railway undertakings
 - streamline and shorten the border-crossing procedures
 - increase in competitiveness of the rail sector, with EU compliance
 - open principles of the procedures of control for the border authorities, in particular, border police and customs
 - a favour free movement of the employees of the border authorities and a free border dispatching in the ZONE
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- **Countries:** North Macedonia
 - **Code:** PRJ-MKD-TRA-003

- **Sector:** Transport
- **Lead IFI:** EBRD
- **Status:** Tender Preparation
- **Beneficiary:** Ministry of Transport and Communications of the...

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