

# Orient/East-Med Corridor (Rail CX): Modernisation of Tabanovce - Gevgelija Railway Line

## Project Financing

WBIF Grant WB15-MKD-TRA-04	€ 301,500
WBIF Grant WB15-MKD-TRA-02	€ 502,500
EBRD Loan	€ 103,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 103,804,000</b>
Total Grants	€ 804,000
Total Loans	€ 103,000,000

## Project Description

In North Macedonia, the Rail Corridor X starts at Tabanovce in the north and ends at Gevgelija in the south (215 km). Although it is operational on its entire length, the signalling and communications systems are outdated, which is seriously affecting traffic flows and safety.

In 2016, the WBIF approved two grants to finance the preparation of the pre-feasibility studies for the installation and implementation of ETCS Level 1 and GSM-R, new and modern signalling and communications systems, as well as the EU technical standards on the entire Corridor in the country.

Upgrading the signalling and communications systems is crucial for aligning the railroad to the EU operational and safety standards and thus ensure interoperability. These will allow for a safer, more effective and efficient transport of goods and passengers on the railway line.

## Results and Benefits

- an improved condition of the Pan European Railway Corridor X
  - integration with EU network and facilitated transport connection, both passenger and freight, resulting in international trade implications
  - improved safety for passengers and staff of the rail network
  - economic benefits for the country's rail sector as a result of cost savings due to improved efficiency of services, both passenger and freight
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- **Countries:** North Macedonia
  - **Code:** PRJ-MKD-TRA-005
  - **Sector:** Transport
  - **Lead IFI:** EBRD
  - **Status:** Preparation

- **Beneficiary:** PE Macedonian Railways Infrastructure Skopje