



# Rail Corridor X

**Sustainable transport**  
Flagship 1 · Connecting East to West

The European Commission continues to support the Western Balkans in developing and modernising the rail sector.

Rail Corridor X is a flagship investment of the **Economic and Investment Plan**. Linking Belgrade, Niš and Skopje, it connects the region with the EU via Croatia, Bulgaria and Greece.

Along with upgrading the railway link from Belgrade to Podgorica and Bar in Montenegro, Corridor X is expected to become a vital interconnection from east to west for freight and passengers.

<b>€3.8bn</b> EU supported investments (est.)	<b>€3.7bn</b> Serbia
	<b>€100m</b> North Macedonia
<b>€474m</b> EU grants approved	<b>€469.8m</b> Serbia
	<b>€4.2m</b> North Macedonia
<b>1233 km</b> total length (Serbia and North Macedonia)	<b>824.5 km</b> EU supported length
	<b>609.5 km</b> Serbia
	<b>215 km</b> North Macedonia

Co-financiers:

Results and benefits

**824.5 km** of railway lines upgraded

Increased travel speed from **50 km/h** to up to **200 km/h**

Seamless, safe and sustainable mobility of passengers and goods

Modal shift to rail as a **low carbon intensive** mode of transport

Increased economic growth and competitiveness in the region

Integration with the Trans-European Transport Network

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## EU supported sections



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| <p><b>Serbia</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1 Stara Pazova – Šid (border with Croatia)</b><br/>Length: 90 km<br/>Status: under preparation</li> <li><b>2 Intermodal Terminal in Batajnica, Belgrade</b><br/>Status: completed</li> <li><b>3 Ostružnica – Batajnica, Belgrade</b><br/>Length: 22.4 km<br/>Status: under preparation</li> <li><b>4 Belgrade – Velika Plana</b><br/>Length: 85 km<br/>Status: under preparation</li> <li><b>5 Velika Plana – Paraćin</b><br/>Length: 63 km<br/>Status: under preparation</li> <li><b>6 Paraćin – Međurovo</b><br/>Length: 66 km<br/>Status: under preparation</li> <li><b>7 Stalać – Đunis</b><br/>Length: 17.7 km<br/>Status: design-build procurement</li> <li><b>8 Niš Bypass</b><br/>Length: 22.4 km<br/>Status: design-build procurement</li> <li><b>9 Niš – Dimitrovgrad (border with Bulgaria)</b><br/>Length: 86 km<br/>Status: under construction</li> <li><b>10 Niš – Brestovac</b><br/>Length: 24 km<br/>Status: under construction</li> <li><b>11 Niš – Preševo (border with North Macedonia)</b><br/>Length: 133 km<br/>Status: under preparation</li> </ol> <p><b>North Macedonia</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>12 Tabanovce Joint Border Station</b><br/>Status: under preparation</li> <li><b>13 Tabanovce – Gvangelija Signalling &amp; Telecoms</b><br/>Length: 215 km<br/>Status: under preparation</li> </ol> |
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## Fast and efficient transport links with the EU

Rail Corridor X is part of the indicative extension of the **Orient/East-Med Corridor** into the region, connecting Central Europe and the Western Balkans with the maritime interfaces of the North, Baltic, Black and Mediterranean Seas. The Corridor fosters the development of those ports as major multi-modal logistic platforms, improving the connections of key economic centres in Central Europe to the coastlines and Cyprus.

The WBIF investments in rail systems in the region support multimodal solutions to shift as much cargo as possible from roads to rail, and ensure the better use of inland waterways and maritime transport. These will boost business, make the air cleaner and roads safer.

\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.