

ALBANIAN APPLICATION
FOR THE 13th ROUND OF WBIF

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General Information

Title: Feasibility Study (FS) for the rehabilitation of the railway line Durres – Pogradec-Lin-and new rail line link to border with FYROM Albania

Lead IFI: European Investment Bank

Sector /Sub-sector : Transport /Railway transport

Beneficiaries: Albania – Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure - Albanian Railways (Directorate General of Railways)

Duration : 12 months

The aim & main objective

Project's aim :

- to perform a FS and ESIA on the rehabilitation costs of the railway line Durres - Pogradec - Lin (136 km), as well as
- a FS and ESIA for the new linkage (missing line of 2.8 km) Lin – border with FYROM.

The main objective :

- to provide a rail sector investment plan based on national and regional priorities and being justified by appropriate economic and financial analysis.

Why this project?

Situation of Railway in Albania :

- Fragmented/outdate/damage/isolated
- Lack of investment/maintenance/signaling and proper telecommunication
- The whole network is single track and not-electrified
- Poor technical condition. Max speed 90kph
- 83% of SEETO network requires investment

Strategic overview - country/regional level I

The proposed project :

- Is in line with Albanian Government to better integrate the Albanian railway network;
- Is part of strategic multimodal transport project of WB Region, as defined in the MoU for the development of transport network in SEE Countries.
- The railway Durres-Elbasan-Lin is part of Corridor VIII and is linking the three capitals Tirana, Skopje and Sofia i) between them and to ii) important ports - the port of Durres in the Adriatic Sea with port of Burgas and Varna on the shores of Black Sea.

Strategic overview in the regional level II

- This is a significant regional project, and is endorsed in SEETO's Comprehensive Network Development Plan 2015: Multi-Annual Plan 2015-2017.
- The project demonstrates important regional impacts on the ground as it ensures continuity and linkage of already approved project on the FYROM side to the Albanian railway system and a broader linkage with the region.

Foreseen activates

- Preparation of the Feasibility Study (including the ESIA) of the upgrade and rehabilitation cost of the railway line Durrës – Pogradec – Lin
- Feasibility Study (including ESIA) of the new railway line Lin to border with FYROM

Financial Plan

Total Investment:

As per TA-ALB-06 reconstruction of railway line Durrës – Pogradec – Lin along with construction of Lin – Frontier, costs EUR 220.84 million and feasibility study costs EUR 720.000 +VAT.

Sources of funding:

WBIF grant request: 0,720 Mln Euro

Loan from IFIs: 220.84 Mln Euro

Beneficiary Contribution: 0,3 MlnEuro

(land expropriation)

Division of cost per activity

- **Project preparation:** 0,720 Mln Euro
- **Investment:** 220.84 Mln Euro
- **Land expropriation:** 0,3 Mln Euro

For a total grant of 221.86 Mln Euro

Thank you for your attention

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