



# Technical Updates



**WBIF 23<sup>rd</sup> WBIF Steering Committee Meeting (virtual)**  
**10 – 11 December 2020**



# Background Documents on COM's policy

- Document 5: Investment windows for the implementation of the EIP

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- Document 4: Launch of TA Round 25 and INV Round 06
- Document 6: Public blending - EU eligibility criteria aligned with the EIP
- Document 7: Co-financing rates for WBIF aligned with the EIP





# 6 Investment Windows / 10 Flagships



## Sustainable transport

- ▶ FLAGSHIP 1 – Connecting East to West
- ▶ FLAGSHIP 2 – Connecting North to South
- ▶ FLAGSHIP 3 – Connecting the coastal regions



## Environment & climate

- ▶ FLAGSHIP 6 – Renovation wave
- ▶ FLAGSHIP 7 – Waste and waste water management



## Clean energy

- ▶ FLAGSHIP 4 – Renewable energy
- ▶ FLAGSHIP 5 – Transition from coal



## Private sector

- ▶ FLAGSHIP 9 – Investing in the competitiveness of the private sector



## Digital future

- ▶ FLAGSHIP 8 – Digital infrastructure



## Human capital

- ▶ FLAGSHIP 10 – Youth Guarantee



# Timeline INV Round 6 and TA Round 25

Event	TA Round 25	INV Rd 6	
		Part 1 (ENE TRA)	Part 2 (ENV, SOC, DII)
Launch	10-11 Dec 20	10 Jun 20	10-11 Dec 20
Pre notification d/l		12 Feb 21	
Submission d/l		26 Feb 21	
Endorsement d/l		05 Mar 21	
Screening		Until 26 Mar 21	
1 <sup>st</sup> Paris Group		13 April 21	
Assessment		Until 07 May 21	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paris Group		13 May 21	
31 <sup>st</sup> PFG		Tentatively 19-20 May 21	
24 <sup>th</sup> WBIF SC		Tentatively 22-23 Jun 21	



# Eligibility Criteria for public blending

- **General requirements (TA and INV)**
  - Projects must be under a flagship, or relate closely to a flagship
  - National sector strategies in place;
  - Projects must be mature and prioritised in Single Project Pipeline;
  - Projects that are not yet included in the Single (National) Project Pipelines may exceptionally be submitted if there is no SPP for that sector.
- **Additional TA requirements**
  - Application must relate to existing project or to a flagship;
  - Support project preparation or project implementation;
  - Construction supervision (only through Joint Fund);
  - Supports overcoming of obstacles delaying projects.
- **Sector specific criteria in Document 6.**



# WBIF Co-financing rates (updated)

Investment Windows	max. co-financing rate (%)
<b>Sustainable Transport</b>	
Roads construction and re-construction	<b>40</b>
Railways (new construction, rehabilitation, track renewal, signalling, telecommunication, etc.)	50
Sustainable urban transport systems	30
Inland waterways and ports	50
Maritime ports	50
Airports	10
<b>Clean Energy / Energy Efficiency</b>	
Energy supply - renewable energy sources	20
Energy interconnections, electric power transmission, distribution, electrification of urban and rural areas	20
Energy efficiency, district heating, EE in public buildings, EE in residential and commercial buildings, urban metering systems	50
Gas infrastructure, future-proof gas pipelines	20



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<b>Environment and Climate Change</b>	
Drinking water treatment and supply, waste water collection and treatment, sewerage systems	50
Waste management (collection, source-separation, recycling, treatment and disposal technologies), landfill phase-outs, incinerators	70
Flood prevention and protection infrastructure, river basin and water management	70
Management of natural resources (deployment of reservoirs, and irrigation infrastructure; ecological green and blue infrastructures; ecosystem restoration and resilience; restoration of carbon rich habitats; water retention);	70
<b>Digital Infrastructure</b>	
Ultra-fast and secure broadband roll-out (particular focus on connecting 'white zones' / rural area, education and healthcare institutions)	30
Energy-efficient and secure data centres, high performance computers	30
Exploring synergies with other connectivity areas such as transport and energy in the context of infrastructure sharing (e.g. Balkans Digital Highway)	30
<b>Social Infrastructure</b>	
Public universities, schools	50
Hospitals and health centres	70



# Speeding up procedures / Action Plan for delays

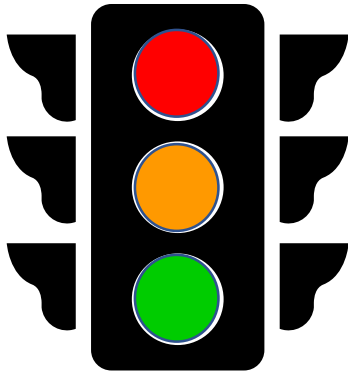
- Action plan idea presented to 30<sup>th</sup> PFG;
- Identification of Patterns for delays (updated):
  - Changes in project strategy/requirements, e.g. routing options for TRA;
  - Preparation of designs, design review and permitting;
  - Contracting implementation consultants and preparation of tender documents;
  - Changes in procurement/contracting strategies (changes from FIDIC Red to Yellow Book) and procurement procedures;
  - Land ownership questions;
  - Not all beneficiaries (e.g. concerned municipalities) on board;
  - Loan / grant agreement signatures / negotiations delayed;
  - Capacity constraints at beneficiary level;
  - New governments / new priorities.





# Speeding up procedures / Action Plan for delays

- Need for efficiencies:
  - Two annual rounds for INV and TA;
  - Substantial increase in funding for Western Balkan partners;
- No additional reporting / utilisation of existing reporting streams
- Aim: traffic light system monitoring and reporting to PFG



Project seriously delayed / 2+ years delay

Project on critical path / 1-2 years delay

Project on track / less than 1 year delay



# Speeding up procedures / Action Plan for delays

- Series of 7 initial virtual meetings;
- All relevant stakeholders on same virtual table;
- Agree on projects' statuses;
- For delayed projects:
  - Actions to address delay / bottleneck;
  - Timetable;
- Monitoring of progress and reporting to PFG;
- First meeting in Serbia: calendar week 51.



# Snapshot INV Round 00 (2015)

Project code	Lead IFI	Project title	Detailed planning available	Completion Application	Current estimated completion	Delay [years]
WB-IG00-ALB-ENE-01	KfW	Albania – North Macedonia Power Interconnection (I): Grid Section in Albania	No	2022	2024	2.0
WB-IG00-BIH-TRA-01	EIB	Mediterranean Corridor: Bosnia and Herzegovina - Croatia CVC Road Interconnection, Svilaj - Odžak Section	No	2018	2021	3.0
WB-IG00-MKD-ENE-01	EBRD	Albania – North Macedonia Power Interconnection (II): Grid Section in North Macedonia	No	2019	2022	3.0
WB-IG00-MNE-ENE-01	KfW	Trans-Balkan Electricity Corridor (I): Grid Section in Montenegro	No	2022	2022	0.0
WB-IG00-SRB-ENE-01	KfW	Trans-Balkan Electricity Corridor (II): Grid Section in Serbia (Kragujevac - Kraljevo)	Yes	2020	2022	1.4



# Snapshot INV Round 01 (2016)

Project code	Lead IFI	Project title	Detailed planning available	Completion Application	Current estimated completion	Delay [years]
WB-IG01-ALB-TRA-01	EBRD	Mediterranean Corridor: Montenegro - Albania - Greece Rail Interconnection (Rehabilitation of Section Durres - Tirana, New Railway to Rinas Branch)	No	2019	2023	4.0
WB-IG01-BIH-TRA-01b	EBRD	Mediterranean Corridor: Bosnia and Herzegovina - Croatia CVc Road Interconnection II, Zenica Tunnel - Donja Gračanica Segment	Yes	2021	2021	-0.4
WB-IG01-BIH-TRA-04	EBRD	Reconstruction and Modernisation of the River Port of Brčko Phase 1	No	2022	2023	0.6
WB-IG01-KOS-TRA-01	EBRD	Orient/East-Med Corridor: North Macedonia - Kosovo - Serbia R10 Rail Interconnection	Incomplete	2019	2023	4.0
WB-IG01-SRB-TRA-01	EIB	Serbia - Bulgaria CXc Rail Interconnection, Sicevo - Stanicenje - Dimitrovgrad Section	Yes	2020	2024	3.3



# Snapshot INV Round 02 (2017)

Project code	Lead IFI	Project title	Detailed planning available	Completion Application	Current estimated completion	Delay [years]
WB-IG02-BIH-TRA-06	EIB	Mediterranean Corridor: Bosnia and Herzegovina – Croatia CVc Road Interconnection, Tarčin – Ivan Subsection I	Yes	2021	2022	0.3
WB-IG02-BIH-TRA-07	EBRD	Mediterranean Corridor: Bosnia and Herzegovina – Croatia CVc Road Interconnection, Tarčin – Ivan Subsection II	Yes	2021	2022	0.3
WB-IG02-MKD-TRA-01	EBRD	Orient/East-Med Corridor: North Macedonia - Bulgaria CVIII Rail Interconnection, Beljakovce - Kriva Palanka Section	No	2020	2023	3.4
WB-IG02-SRB-ENV-01	EBRD	Upgrade of Makis Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities	No	2019	2023	3.8
WB-IG02-SRB-TRA-01	EIB	Serbia - Bulgaria CXc Rail Interconnection, Nis - Dimitrovgrad - Border with Bulgaria Section	Yes	2020	2024	3.8





# Snapshot INV Round 03 (2018)

Project code	Lead IFI	Project title	Detailed planning available	Completion Application	Current estimated completion	Delay [years]
WB-IG03-ALB-TRA-01	EBRD	Reconstruction of Durrës Port, Quays 1 & 2	No	2020	2023	3.0
WB-IG03-MKD-TRA-03	EBRD	Orient/East-Med Corridor: North Macedonia – Albania CVIII Road Interconnection, Bukojčani – Kičevo Subsection	No	2023	2023	0.0
WB-IG03-MNE-ENV-02	EIB	Montenegro, Bijelo Polje Wastewater Treatment Plant	No	2023	2024	1.3
WB-IG03-MNE-TRA-01	KFW	Mediterranean Corridor: Montenegro – Croatia – Albania R1 Road Interconnection, Budva Bypass	No	2023	2024	1.0
WB-IG03-MNE-TRA-02	KFW	Orient/East-Med Corridor: Montenegro – Serbia R4 Rail Interconnection, Bar – Vrbnica Section	No	2023	2024	1.0



# Written Procedures

Nr.	Title	Budget €
<b>WBIFWP: 041_25/05/20</b>	Re-allocation between budget lines (INV grant to TA) WB06-SER-ENV-03 – Subotica Water Upgrade project	61,303.77
<b>WBIFWP: 042_23/06/20</b>	Financing of WB09-HR-SOC-02: “New Campus and University Learning Resource Centre” from EEBJF funds, contributed by the Bilateral Donors.	1,248,000
		<b>Total</b>
		<b>1,309,303.77</b>