



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Partners:

- Ministry of Finance and Treasury and Ministry of Communications and Transport in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Public Company Motorways of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (JP Autoceste FBiH)

Estimated investment:

- €83.9 million

EU contribution:

- €15.9 million (works and supplies)

Estimated EIB loan:

- €45 million

Transport

2017 CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

Mediterranean Corridor: Bosnia and Herzegovina – Croatia Cvc Road Interconnection I (Ponirak – Vraca/Zenica Tunnel Segment)

The Mediterranean Corridor links the Iberian Peninsula with the Hungarian – Ukrainian border. Its extension into the Western Balkans, mostly associated with what is regionally known as Corridor Vc, connects Hungary and eastern Croatia to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Adriatic Sea.

With increasing pressure on the infrastructure through high daily average traffic volumes and a corresponding increase in freight, Bosnia and Herzegovina embarked on an ambitious motorway construction programme along Corridor Vc, in cooperation with its neighbours.

This investment project¹ concerns the construction of a 2.8 km motorway on the Zenica North – Žepče South section, between Ponirak and Vraca (exit of Zenica Tunnel), along Corridor Vc in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The new development includes the 2.4 km Zenica Tunnel, a 0.1 km viaduct, and ancillary structures.



Existing two-lane road along Corridor Vc in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Results:

- 2.8 km motorway, including twin tunnel, viaduct, and ancillary structures.
- Increase in passenger and freight travel speed from 60 km/h to 100 km/h and 120 km/h.



Newly built motorway on the Tarčin – Sarajevo – Zenica section on the Mediterranean Corridor in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

¹ Subject to a final decision by the budgetary authorities.

Estimated EBRD loan:

- €21.8 million

Beneficiary contribution:

- €1.2 million

Previous EU contribution for this section:

- €1.8 million for detailed design (IPA 2011)

Estimated start date:

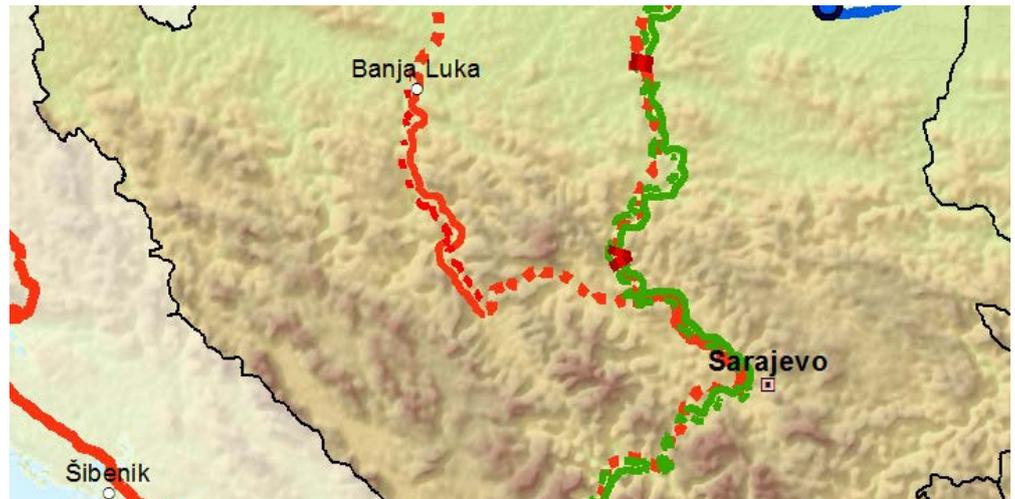
- Mid 2018

Estimated end date:

- End of 2020

Estimated loan repayment period:

- 15 years



Map of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Croatia CVc Road Interconnection, Ponirak – Vraca Segment.

The project is now at detailed design stage, with feasibility and environmental impact assessment studies completed in 2006, and subsequently updated in 2014. The environmental permit was obtained in February 2014.

Tender documents are under preparation and loans are being negotiated with the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

Detailed environmental impact mitigation measures have been planned for during and post-construction, including soil and water pollution prevention and noise monitoring programmes.

The project complements the newly built motorway on the Zenica South - Sarajevo South – Tarčin section along the Mediterranean Corridor (Vc) in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Once completed, this section will be operated and maintained by the Public Company Motorways of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina through a closed toll collection system. A modern health and safety system will also be put in place, according to best European practices, particularly within the tunnel area.

Benefits

- More than 400 jobs created during construction as well as operation and maintenance periods.
- An increase in annual traffic by more than 23%, matched by adequate safety and security conditions.
- Reduction by 7% in accident rate and 6% in vehicle operating costs.
- Better access for smaller towns and villages located along the route to larger industrial and transport hubs, such as Zenica and Sarajevo.
- Better routes into tourist areas in and around Vranduk and Žepče.
- Improved trade flows with countries in the region and thus a positive impact on the broader economy of Bosnia and Herzegovina.