



MEDITERRANEAN CORRIDOR (CVc)

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA - CROATIA ROAD INTERCONNECTION

SECTION SVILAJ - ODŽAK / SVILAJ BRIDGE

Road Corridor Vc - which is part of the indicative extension of the TEN-T Mediterranean Corridor to the Western Balkans - is the most ambitious investment programme in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It stretches from the border with Croatia in the north to the Adriatic Sea in the south. So far, the European Union has allocated more than €220m in grants through the Western Balkans Investment Framework, together with loans from the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to help finance estimated investments of €1.2bn for the construction of 12 motorway sections (73.6 km in total).

THE INVESTMENTS CONTRIBUTE TO:

- Improved accessibility for more than 1.5 million people living along Corridor Vc.
Increased travel speeds from 60 km/h to 130 km/h on the motorway.
Lower road accident rates and vehicle operating costs.
Improved trade flows within the wider region.



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The project covers the northernmost 10.7 km motorway section from Odžak to Svilaj (incl. 2 interchanges, rest area, toll station), state of the art border crossing facilities and a 660 m long cross-border bridge between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia. The motorway section was completed in early 2018, the bridge in 2020 and the border crossing facilities in August 2021. A temporary opening of the bridge and border crossing facilities for passengers is on 30 September 2021. The border crossing is expected to be fully functional for passenger and cargo traffic in the coming period.

Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans 2021-2027

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FLAGSHIP 2: Connecting North to South

75% of the main north-south road corridor linking central Europe capitals through Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina to the port of Ploče on the Adriatic coast (Corridor Vc) will be completed to motorway standards. The rail connection along the same corridor will also be upgraded.

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Namik Kupusović
Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina
"The Svilaj bridge will facilitate transport of goods and passengers between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia."



Juro Kopavčević
Gas station owner, Bosnia and Herzegovina
"This border crossing will make a significant difference to all of us, living in this area and generally improve the communication between the countries."



Tajana Lilić
Shopkeeper from Svilaj, Croatia
"This bridge will shorten both transport and passengers' travel times."



TOTAL INVESTMENT (est.) €109.9m

WBIF Grant: €24.5m
Loans: €67m
Beneficiary Contribution: €18m
Timeline: 2014 - 2021

- CORRIDOR Vc SECTIONS
1 Svilaj - Odžak / Svilaj Bridge
2 Johovac - Rudanka Interchange
3 Rudanka - Putnikovo Brdo
4 Putnikovo Brdo - Medakovo
5 Poprikuše - Nemila
6 Ponirak - Tunnel Zenica
7 Tunnel Zenica - Donja Gračanica
8 Tarčin - Ivan Subsection I
9 Tarčin - Ivan Subsection II / Tunnel Ivan
10 Tunel Kvanj - Buna
11 Buna - Počitelj
12 Počitelj - Zvirovići
13 Gradiška cross-border bridge (R2a)