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€1 billion Energy Support Package for the Western Balkans

On 6 December 2022, the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen presented the Energy Support Package for the Western Balkans, at the EU-Western Balkans Summit in Tirana. It consists of €1 billion in EU grants to help the Western Balkans address the immediate consequences of the energy crisis and build resilience in the short to medium term.

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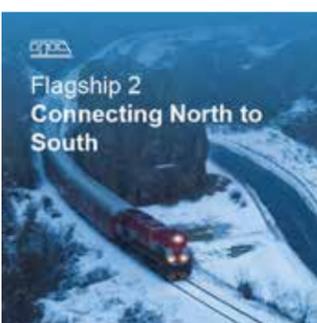


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WBIF 3rd Strategic Board and Operational Boards pertaining to Blending and Guarantees

More than 100 WBIF stakeholders attended the meetings, including EU Member States, the European Council, the European Parliament, Bilateral Donors, Western Balkan partners, Norway, International Financial Institutions, the Energy Community and the Transport Community.

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EU invests €91 million in Kosovo railways to help improve connectivity with Europe

The EU Ambassador in Kosovo, Tomas Szunyog, and Kosovo* Prime Minister, Albin Kurti, marked earlier this week the beginning of the EU-funded works on the rehabilitation and upgrade of 34 kilometres of railway running between Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje and Mitrovicë/Mitrovica in Kosovo.

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EU and IFC sign the 1st of a series of EU Economic and Investment Plan projects

On 19 December, Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director-General in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations and WBIF chair, and Alfonso Garcia Mora, International Finance Corporation (IFC) Vice President for Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, signed the Eco-Industrial Parks project, the first IFC-led project implemented through WBIF.

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EU, EBRD and WBIF Bilateral donors finance the expansion of broadband in rural Serbia

In December 2022, works started to connect a local school in a village in Central Serbia, in the presence of the Serbian Prime Minister Ana Brnabić, the Minister of Information and Telecommunications Mihajlo Jovanović, the Ambassador of the EU to Serbia Emanuele Giaufret, and Matteo Colangeli, Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) for the Western Balkans.

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Commissioner Várhelyi visits Serbia to discuss priorities under EU accession and cooperation on energy

EU Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Olivér Várhelyi visited Serbia early December to discuss priorities under the EU accession process, with a strong focus on energy cooperation. Together with the Minister of Energy Dubravka Đedović and Minister of European Integration Tanja Mišćević, he visited the public company Elektromreža Srbije (EMS).

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Energy-efficient homes protect the environment, save energy and money

A workshop on how to reduce heat loss, “Ask me anything about EU support”, was held in the EU Info Centre in Belgrade on 30 November. At the workshop beneficiaries of the EU-supported GEF programme (Green Economy Financing Facility) shared their experience with energy-efficient homes and presented useful tips on how and where to apply to get financial aid to implement such energy-efficient measures.

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Completion of works on the state-of-the-art prison in Kragujevac, Serbia

On 16 November 2022, Tomáš Boček, CEB Vice-Governor, Maja Popović, Minister of Justice of Serbia, Una Kelly, Programme Manager at the judicial department of the EU Delegation to Serbia, and Dejan Carević, Head of the State Prisons Department, attended the opening of the Kragujevac prison, newly constructed with EU support.

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The “Hope” railway between North Macedonia and Bulgaria will be completed with the EU support

The remaining part of the long-awaited railway connection between North Macedonia and Bulgaria, which has had several attempts over the past three decades, has finally started to be built with the EU support, as part of the Pan-European Corridor VIII, connecting to the Orient/East-Med Corridor on Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T).

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31-10-2022

European Commission’s President Ursula von der Leyen visit to the Western Balkans

“All political forces united can deliver, for the benefit of citizens. Now is the time”. With these words, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen started her three-day visit to the Western Balkans on 26 October 2022 and announced unrivalled EU support to the region through the implementation of the Economic and Investment Plan 2021-2027.

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Opening of motorway section in Republika Srpska highlights benefits of EU infrastructure financing

The first motorway section along Corridor Vc in the Republika Srpska (RS) to be completed, running from Johovac to Rudanka, was opened on 30 August at a ceremony attended by the Serb Member of the BiH Presidency, Milorad Dodik, the RS President Željka Cvijanović as well as representatives of the RS government, RS Autoputevi, EBRD and the EU Office in Bosna and Herzegovina.

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Gradiška Bridge completed: EU contributed with €3.2 million in grants

The marking of the completion of works on the cross-border Bridge in Gradiška, one of the most important projects on the River Sava connecting Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, took place on Friday, 29 July. The European Union co-financed the construction of the bridge with €3.2 million in grants combined with a €5.6 million favourable loan from the European Investment Bank (EIB).

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