

Orient/East-Med Corridor: Kosovo - Serbia R7 Road Interconnection, Pristina - Merdare Section

Project Financing

National Contribution	Other Sources		€ 7,549,900
WBIF	Grant	WB19-KOS-TRA-01	€ 4,368,000
WBIF	Grant	WB11-KOS-TRA-02	€ 993,060
EIB	Loan		€ 57,956,352
EBRD	Loan		€ 57,956,352
WBIF	Grant	WB-IG05-KOS-TRA-03	€ 39,551,020
WBIF	Grant	WB-IG06-KOS-TRA-01	€ 39,317,884
Total			€ 207,692,568
Total Grants			€ 84,229,964
Total Loans			€ 115,912,704

Project Description

The indicative extension of the TEN-T Core Network to the Western Balkans includes the road Niš – Merdare – Priština, also referred to as the Peace Highway. This investment project will rehabilitate and upgrade to motorway standards the 27 km-long section of the highway in Kosovo*, from Pristina to the administrative border with Serbia at Merdare.

Strategically linked to Corridor X, this road connection is essential for cargo and passenger transport in the Western Balkans. It is the region's shortest route from the Port of Durrës (Albania) on the Adriatic to South-Eastern and Central Europe, as well as to the Black Sea.

The EU has provided technical assistance for project preparation and implementation and co-funds the investments under Flagship 1 - Connecting East to West - of the [Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans](#) through the WBIF.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

- **Countries:** Kosovo*
- **Code:** PRJ-KOS-TRA-002
- **Sector:** Transport
- **Lead IFI:** EBRD
- **Status:** Preparation
- **Beneficiary:**