

Skopje Wastewater Treatment Plant

Project Financing

EBRD	Loan		€ 58,000,000
EIB ERI TA Grant	External Grant		€ 500,000
EIB	Loan		€ 68,000,000
WBIF	Grant	WB19-MKD-ENV-01	€ 487,425
WBIF	Grant	WB-IG06-MKD-ENV-01	€ 72,224,502
FASEP TA Grant	External Grant		€ 927,182
Beneficiary Contribution	Own Contribution		€ 500,000
Other Sources	Other Sources		€ 4,111,461
Total			€ 204,750,570
Total Grants			€ 72,711,927
Total Loans			€ 126,000,000

Project Description

This investment project will design and build a central wastewater treatment plant for Skopje, the capital of North Macedonia. The plant will service nine of the ten municipalities of the city, with a capacity for dealing with 625,000 people.

Currently, the wastewater generated by the city is discharged without treatment into the Vardar River, a major cross-border watercourse that flows into Greece. This investment will deliver significant environmental benefits, improve living standards, and contribute to the country's compliance with the EU acquis.

The EU has provided technical assistance for investment preparation and co-funds the project under Flagship 7 - Waste and wastewater management - of the [Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans](#) through the WBIF.

Links

[The European Union Mobilises Additional Funding for Wastewater Treatment in Skopje](#)

Results and Benefits

- • New wastewater treatment plant with an installed capacity of 650,000 population equivalent.
- • Sustainable wastewater treatment services and increased efficiency of wastewater collection for 518,000 people living in Skopje.
- • 155 new jobs created during the construction and operation of the wastewater treatment plant.
- • Improved surface and groundwater quality in the area and downstream due to adequate treatment of wastewater and sludge.
- • Compliance with EU Water and Environment Directives and international best practices in the field.

- **Countries:** North Macedonia
- **Code:** PRJ-MKD-ENV-002
- **Sector:** Environment
- **Lead IFI:** EIB
- **Status:** Implementation
- **Beneficiary:** Public Utility Company Skopje