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Accelerating digital transformation is a key regional priority, driving progress in the digital transition. Investments are focused on expanding ultra-fast, secure broadband to remote areas and lower-income communities, ensuring universal access to digital services. The WBIF also supports the development of secure, energy-efficient data centres, cloud infrastructure, and high-performance computing, while fostering synergies with other connectivity sectors to promote inclusive and sustainable growth.

€585.5 m

Total investment (est.)

€53.5 m

WBIF contribution

Expected results



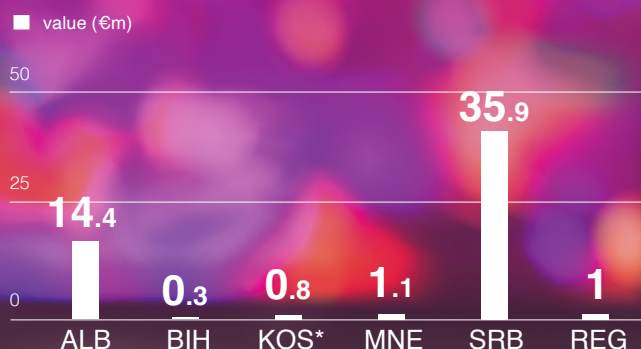
600 schools equipped with smart labs
for more than 198,000 students/year



368,000 people with access to Internet
in rural areas

WBIF contribution

per beneficiary



* 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.



Project Selection 2009-2025



October 2025



Bosnia and Herzegovina Core Broadband Infrastructure Development

Total investment (est.)	€21.8 m
WBIF contribution	€0.3 m
Approval year	2024
Expected completion	2028

The WBIF funds a pre-feasibility study for broadband infrastructure in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a focus on developing the network and rolling out ultrafast broadband. The study identifies potential investment models and lays the groundwork for future projects that will expand connectivity and help reduce the digital divide nationwide.



Montenegro Broadband Infrastructure Development

Total investment (est.)	€63.9 m
WBIF contribution	€1.1 m
Approval year ¹	2019
Expected completion	2031

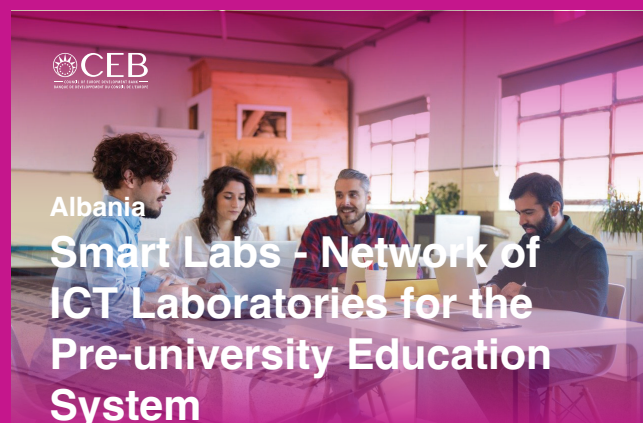
This project deploys fixed broadband in underserved areas of Montenegro, bringing very high-capacity access to rural and suburban communities currently unconnected or inadequately served. Addressing the digital divide, it ensures equitable access to modern digital services, fostering inclusive growth and new opportunities nationwide.



Serbia Rural Broadband Rollout Phase 2

Total investment (est.)	€135.6 m
WBIF contribution	€34.1 m
Approval year	2022
Expected completion	2027

This project expands Serbia's fibre backbone to rural areas currently without broadband access. By enhancing connectivity and offering training, the investment creates new economic opportunities and helps build digital skills in less developed regions, contributing to sustainable development and reducing regional disparities.



Albania Smart Labs - Network of ICT Laboratories for the Pre-university Education System

Total investment (est.)	€41.2 m
WBIF contribution	€10.5 m
Approval year	2023
Expected completion	2027

This project establishes smart ICT labs in 600 schools across the country, significantly increasing access to computer facilities for pre-university students and strengthening their programming skills. More than 198,000 students will benefit annually from these modern learning environments, enhancing digital literacy and future career prospects.

¹ It is the year the first WBIF contribution to the project was approved; further funding was provided subsequently.