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Aligned with the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, substantial investments are being channelled into environmental and climate-related projects to support the region's green transition. Priority areas include upgrading water and sanitation systems, improving solid waste management, advancing sustainable urban development, implementing pollution prevention measures, promoting climate-smart technologies, enhancing disaster preparedness and resilience to extreme climate events, and fostering nature-based solutions.

€4.5 bn
Total investment (est.)

€448.1 m
WBIF contribution

Expected results



Improved water supply and sanitation
for 2.9 million people



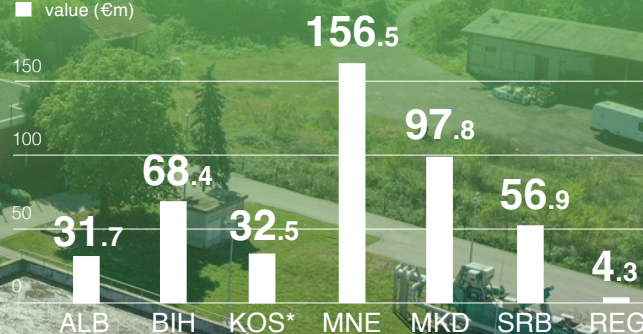
Efficient urban waste collection and disposal
services for 750,000 people



Additional 672,300 m³/day wastewater
treatment capacity

WBIF contribution per beneficiary

■ value (€m)



* 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



North Macedonia Skopje Wastewater Treatment Plant

Total investment (est.)	€204.8m
WBIF contribution	€72.7m
Approval year ¹	2018
Expected completion	2029

This investment project aims to design and construct a central wastewater treatment plant in Skopje. Once completed, the facility will serve nine out of the city's ten municipalities. At present, Skopje's wastewater is discharged untreated into the Vardar River, a major transboundary watercourse that continues its flow into Greece.



North Macedonia Regional Waste Management System for Polog, Pelagonija, Vardar, Southwest and Southeast Regions

Total investment (est.)	€60.6m
WBIF contribution	€22.6m
Approval year	2023
Expected completion	2028

In North Macedonia, waste management is still largely limited to collection and disposal, predominantly in non-engineered dumpsites. Municipal solid waste treatment, along with the source separation of recyclables and biowaste, is virtually absent. This investment project is the first nationwide initiative in the sector and marks a significant step toward establishing integrated solid waste management services.



Serbia Sewerage System for Palilula, Belgrade

Total investment (est.)	€84.8m
WBIF contribution	€36.8m
Approval year	2023
Expected completion	2030

Situated in northern Belgrade on the left bank of the Danube River, the Municipality of Palilula upgrades its sewerage network and constructs a new wastewater treatment plant through this project. This essential infrastructure enhances sanitation services, improves living conditions, and helps protect public health. Additionally, it reduces pollution in both groundwater and the Danube River.



Kosovo* Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewerage Network for Gjilan

Total investment (est.)	€24m
WBIF contribution	€3.5m
Approval year ¹	2009
Expected completion	2026

This project in Gjilan delivers a new wastewater treatment plant benefiting 76,300 residents. It also upgrades and expands the sewerage network. These investments provide better sanitation services for the local population, reduce untreated wastewater discharged into the Morava and Mirusha rivers, and lower the risk of groundwater contamination.

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



Progress of Investment Projects

2017-2025



Montenegro

- 9 Podgorica Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 10 Wastewater Treatment and Water Supply for Kolašin, Rožaje and Mojkovac
- 11 Boka Bay Water Supply and Wastewater Collection
- 12 Nikšić and Pljevlja Wastewater Collection Systems
- 13 Ulcinj Wastewater Treatment Plant and Related Infrastructure
- 14 Tivat Water Supply and Sanitation
- 15 Cetinje Water Supply Improvement
- 16 Bijelo Polje Wastewater Treatment Plant

North Macedonia

- 17 Skopje Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 18 Regional Waste Management System for Polog, Pelagonija, Vardar, Southwest and Southeast Regions

Serbia

- 19 Sewerage System for Palilula, Belgrade
- 20 Upgrade of Makis Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Belgrade

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- 1 Sarajevo Water Project: Water Supply Network Reconstruction
- 2 Water and Sanitation Republika Srpska II
- 3 Gradacac Water Supply Project
- 4 WATSAN FBiH: Water Supply and Water Loss Reduction in Jajce Municipality
- 5 WATSAN Republika Srpska: Lokanj-Pilica Water Supply Phase 1 and Wastewater Treatment Plant for Tabanci in Zvornik Municipality
- 6 Visoko Water Supply Project: Mostre Subsystem and Water Network Phase 3

Kosovo

- 7 Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewerage Network Extension and Rehabilitation in Gjilan
- 8 Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewerage Network for Mitrovica

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