




First investments under the **Growth Plan** through the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF)

The European Commission proposed to the WBIF Operational Board a support package of **€87.7 million for clean-energy investments in the Western Balkans** worth a total of €487.3 million. These investments, focused on electricity, hydropower and solar heating, will be the first to be financed by the Reform and Growth Facility under the EU's Growth Plan for the Western Balkans, and will be rolled out through the WBIF in cooperation with Western Balkan partners and international financial institutions.

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Projects

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| WBIF RGF | €13.6m |
| Estimated investment | €64.2m |
| Expected completion | 2030 |



Albania

Digitalisation of Energy Transmission System

This investment project digitalises 40 high voltage substations throughout Albania, increasing the networks' transmission capacity and reducing energy losses.

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| WBIF RGF | €10.5m |
| Estimated investment | €95.3m |
| Expected completion | 2030 |



Albania

Fierza Hydropower Plant

This investment project upgrades the Fierza hydropower plant equipment and systems, helping it run for at least 30 more years, with efficiency increased by 4% and output increased by 10%. The RGF contribution supports the second phase of the project with an expanded scope, following the previous WBIF grant from IPA of €8.7 million.

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| WBIF RGF | €8m |
| Estimated investment | €61.1m |
| Expected completion | 2025 |



Albania

Rrashbull Overhead Transmission Line and Tirana Ring

This investment project builds a new 400/220 kV overhead line between Tirana and Rrashbull, expanding the local grid to meet growing demand, boosting capacity, and improving electricity reliability.

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| WBIF RGF | €3.1m |
| WBIF Bilateral donors | €0.1m |
| Estimated investment | €18.3m |
| Expected | 2028 |



Montenegro

Herceg Novi – Vilusi Overhead Transmission Line

This investment project builds a 38 km 110kV overhead transmission line between Vilusi and Herceg Novi, increasing the networks' transmission capacity and reducing energy losses.

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| WBIF RGF | €5m |
| WBIF Bilateral donors | €0.2m |
| Estimated investment | €26.5m |
| Expected | 2027 |



Montenegro

SCADA Introduction in the Montenegrin Distribution System

This investment project updates Montenegro's grid with smart metres and an advanced management system to improve efficiency, cutting losses by 30 GWh per year and supporting renewable energy.

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| WBIF RGF | €6.3m |
| WBIF Bilateral donors | €0.2m |
| Estimated investment | €35.6m |
| Expected | 2028 |



Montenegro

Trans-Balkan Electricity Corridor: Brezna Substation

This investment project upgrades the Brezna substation to 400/110/35 kV to strengthen the grid, support renewable energy investments and reduce energy losses by 13 GWh per year.

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| WBIF RGF | €15.8m |
| Estimated investment | €72.1m |
| Expected completion | 2030 |



Serbia

Potpeć Hydropower Plant

This investment project builds a new generation unit and upgrades existing ones at Potpeć hydropower plant, increasing annual production to 236 GWh while reducing CO2 emissions.

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| WBIF RGF | €25m |
| Estimated investment | €114.3m |
| Expected completion | 2028 |



Serbia

Novi Sad Solar Thermal Plant

This investment project builds a 31 MW solar-thermal plant and 17 MW heat pump in Novi Sad, bringing renewable energy sources to the district heating system and avoiding 17 kilotonnes of CO2 emissions per year.