



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Partners:

- Federal Ministry of Transport and Communications, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- PC Motorways of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (JP Autoceste FBiH d.o.o.)

EU contribution:

- €25.09 million (investment cost and project implementation technical assistance)
- €2.5 million (project preparation support, prior to 2015)

Estimated total investment:

- €109.5 million

Estimated EIB loan:

- €45 million

Estimated EBRD loan:

- €21.96 million

Beneficiary contribution and other grants:

- €18 million

2015 CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

Mediterranean Corridor: Bosnia and Herzegovina – Croatia CVC Road Interconnection

The Mediterranean Corridor links the Iberian Peninsula with the Hungarian – Ukrainian border. Its extension into the Western Balkans connects Central Europe, specifically Hungary and eastern Croatia, to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Adriatic Sea.

With increasing pressure on the infrastructure through high daily average traffic volumes and a corresponding increase in freight volumes, Bosnia and Herzegovina embarked on an ambitious motorway construction programme, including along Corridor Vc on the Mediterranean Core Network Corridor, in cooperation with its neighbours.

This investment project concerns the construction of 10.7 km of state-of-the-art motorway, a cross-border bridge over the River Sava into Croatia, and a cross-border facility on the Svilaj – Odžak section of Corridor Vc/the Mediterranean Core Network Corridor.

Once in operation, the motorway will safely allow for travel speeds of 120kph, thus significantly reducing travel time through Bosnia and Herzegovina into Croatia.



Aerial View of works on Corridor Vc (2015)

Results:

- Modern and efficient border crossing facilities on the Svilaj – Odžak section of the Mediterranean Corridor (CVC).
- 600m cross-border bridge over the River Sava.
- 10.7 km of state-of-the-art motorway between Svilaj – Odžak, including the cross-border areas.



Design drawing of the future bridge over the River Sava in Svilaj, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Start Date:

- September 2016

End Date:

- Est. end of 2018

Estimated Loan Repayment Period:

- 25 years



Google Earth map of the missing link that will be addressed by this investment project. © Google

The project is now at construction stage, with works commencing in September 2016 for the bridge, and in March 2017 for the motorway. The construction of the border crossing point will be contingent on the progress with the works on the motorway and the bridge.

The investment complements three other projects undertaken by Bosnia and Herzegovina with the purpose of building a motorway along the entire Mediterranean Corridor within its borders: Dobož South – Sarajevo South; Sarajevo South (Tarčin) – Mostar North; and Mostar North – Bijača, on the southern border with Croatia. Works have been completed and / or are ongoing on individual road sections, with more than 100 km of motorway having become operational by 2016 already, according to JP Autoceste FBiH's latest progress report.

The European Union and its partners – the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the European Investment Bank - have actively supported the development of this Corridor, particularly through the Western Balkans Investment Framework, with technical assistance grants for feasibility and design studies, prior to the selection of this project for financing under the Connectivity Agenda, in 2015.

The funding granted to Bosnia and Herzegovina has been complemented and coordinated with the EU financing allocated to Croatia for this project, under Structural and Cohesion Funds.

Benefits

- 600 temporary construction jobs, and 70 permanent jobs for operation and maintenance of the infrastructure and the border control station
- Secure and efficient transport by road for an annual average daily traffic increase from 5,300 in 2016 to 8,011 in 2019 alone.
- Reduction in accident rates by at least 7%.
- Decrease in vehicle operation and maintenance costs by 6%.
- The investment will facilitate trade, regional integration and sustainable growth and thus have a positive impact on the broader economy of Bosnia and Herzegovina.