



# Mediterranean Corridor: Vorë - Hani i Hotit Route 2 Railway Line

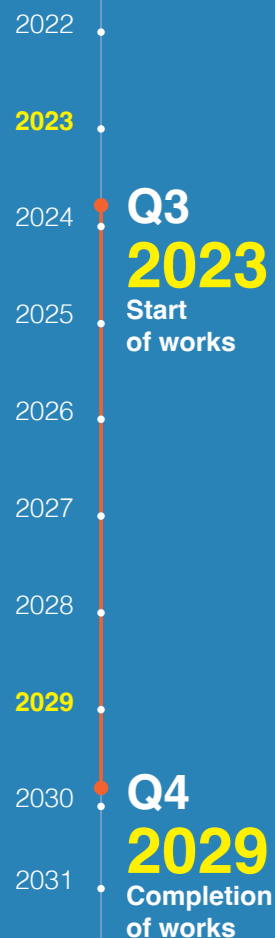
€267 m  
Total project cost

€62.9m  
EBRD loan

€62.9m  
EIB loan

€137.9m  
WBIF EU grants

€3.3m  
National contribution



## Project description

Flagship 3  
Connecting the Coastal Regions



The Vorë - Hani i Hotit Route 2 Railway project is a core network linking Tirana and Podgorica. The railway line is part of the Economic and Investment Plan for Western Balkans flagship 'Connecting the Coastal Regions' and an extension of the Mediterranean TEN-T Core Network Corridor to the Western Balkans.

The project contributes to improve the Albania's railway network inefficiencies, whereas, currently, travel speed is under 60 km/h with an obsolete electric telecommunication and signalling system, causing frequent interruptions in traffic.

The railway line will connect two capital cities and improve the efficiency, sustainability and security of passenger services and freight transport. Albania's domestic railways will be better connected with the regional and European railway networks with an expected impact on international traffic for freight and links between ports, terminals, capitals and airports.

The project is implemented by EBRD as part of the Western Balkan Investment Framework (WBIF).

## Expected impact

- Rehabilitation of 120 km of railway line
- Reconstruction of 12 railway stations
- Traffic speed of up to 120 km/h
- New telecommunication and signalling system and safety improvements
- Significant increase in freight traffic entering into/going out of Albania
- International railway connection – Tirana-Podgorica, Belgrade-Zagreb, Ljubljana-Budapest



## The Mediterranean Corridor

The Mediterranean Corridor is one of the TEN-T Core network corridors, extended to the Western Balkans. It runs between the south-western Mediterranean region of Spain and the Ukrainian border with Hungary, following the coastlines of Spain and France and crossing the Alps towards the east through Italy, Slovenia and Croatia and continuing through Hungary up to its eastern border with Ukraine.

Other railway projects, currently in implementation phase, part of the Mediterranean Corridor in Albania, are:

- Mediterranean Corridor (Rail CVIII): Rehabilitation of Tirana - Durrës Railway Line and Construction of New Line to Rinas Branch [↗](#)
- Mediterranean Corridor: Montenegro – Albania R2 Rail Interconnection, Podgorica – Border Between the Two States Section [↗](#)

## WBIF flagship investments 2022

The Vorë - Hani i Hotit Railway is one of twenty-one flagship projects, endorsed for financing by the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) in 2022. The European Union and bilateral donor grants amount to €1.1 billion for key railway, road and waterway interconnections, renewable energy and transition from coal, waste water management, new healthcare facilities, as well as the roll-out of broadband infrastructure.

WBIF is the main vehicle for the implementation of the Economic and Investment Plan for Western Balkans, the region recovery plan launched by the European Union in October 2020.