



THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Partners:

- Public Enterprise for State Roads
- Ministry of Transport and Communications

Estimated total investment:

- €70 million

EU technical assistance:

- €1 million¹

Duration of Technical Assistance:

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Lead IFI:

- EBRD

Other EU / WBIF assistance:

- €1 million (technical assistance)

Technical Assistance provided by:

- Infrastructure Project Facility 3 (Mott MacDonald – WYG – Atkins IPF Consortium)

Transport

Orient/East-Med Corridor (Road Route 6a): Construction of Motorway A4 Skopje - Blace, Section Interchange Stenkovec - Blace: Feasibility Study, Preliminary Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, and Preliminary Design

The project concerns the upgrade to motorway standards of the existing road between Skopje and Blace (12.4 km), from Stenkovec Interchange (Skopje bypass) to Blace, the border crossing point with Kosovo*. This road is part of the indicative extension of the TEN-T Core Network (Orient/East-Med Corridor) in the Western Balkans, Route 6a, which runs between Ribarevina (Montenegro), Ribarice (Serbia), Pristina and on to Skopje, connecting Routes 4 and 7 with Corridor VIII.

This grant helped prepare the feasibility study, including the preliminary design and the environmental and social impact assessment, for this section.

This investment has a vital role in the economic and social development of the north-east region of the country, and facilitates international transport and trade in the region, as it links domestic markets to the Port of Thessaloniki.

The project benefits from a subsequent WBIF/EU grant which will cover for the detailed design, tender documents, and the full environmental and social impact assessment study, including public consultations.

Results / Benefits:

- Feasibility study, including environmental and social impact assessment and preliminary design.
- Reduction in travel times and vehicle operating costs on the route from Skopje to Pristina.



Existing motorway systems in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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*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.

