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WBIF endorsed flagship in 2023

Sustainable transport

Safe and Sustainable Transport Programme (SSTP)

The Safe and Sustainable Transport Programme (SSTP) is one of the 14 flagship investments endorsed for financing by WBIF in June 2023 as part of the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans.

The programme provides financial assistance to transport projects that contribute to enhancing safety and sustainability, mostly in the road and railway sectors, in line with the objectives of the **Green Agenda for the Western Balkans**. Funded by the EU and the World Bank, SSTP supports initiatives like road safety improvements, alternative fuel infrastructure, and intelligent transport systems.

Proposed projects should be linked to the different action plans and policy reform measures that have been developed by the **Transport Community Permanent Secretariat**. The Programme facilitates the region's long-term recovery, the greening of transport, economic integration, and improved quality of life for Western Balkans residents. With the SSTP, the Western Balkans can benefit from technical assistance and knowledge, moving forward with the green and digital transition in transport. The Programme contributes to the **2015 Berlin process commitment** to connect the region with a view to advance on the economic convergence of the region, including through trade facilitation the green and digital transition in transport.

Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans 2020-2023

Since the adoption of the Economic and Investment Plan in October 2020, the WBIF has endorsed 19 flagship projects worth €4.7 billion in key railway, road and waterway interconnections. The European Union and bilateral donors contribute **€1.6 billion in WBIF EU grants** to these projects. Investments in sustainable transport modes are considered crucial to ensure interconnectivity with the EU Trans-European transport network (TEN-T) to stimulate regional trade, reduce pollution and deliver sustainable economic growth.

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Main benefits



Reduce travel times



Increase trade



Enhance safety



Job creation



Lower pollution



Socio-economic convergence with the EU

€80m
WBIF EU grant

€413m
WBG loan

€1.8m
WBG grant

€494.8m
estimated investment

2028
expected completion

Financier:



Partner financial organisations



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