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## PFG 38<sup>th</sup> Project Financiers' Group (PFG) meeting

The WBIF Project Financiers' Group (PFG) met online on 16 December. The main topic of discussion was the assessment of the projects under the latest rounds of investments and technical assistance.

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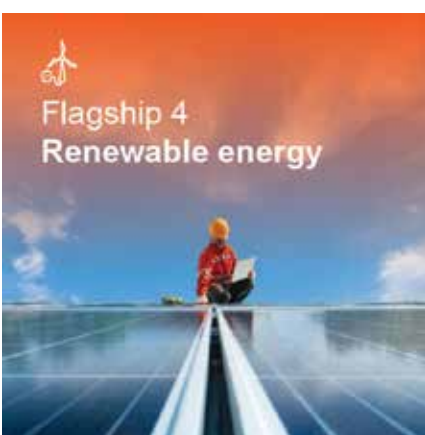
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## WBIF Key Achievements report 2023 released

On the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Western Balkans Investment Framework, the 2023 Key Achievements report showcases the contribution of the WBIF to the implementation of the Economic and Investment Plan for the region.

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## Flagship investments



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### €5 million EU grant for solar power plants in Oslomej and Bitola

A grant agreement was signed on 18 December for the development and construction of two photovoltaic plants totalling 30 MW, located on exhausted coal mines in Oslomej and Bitola, North Macedonia.

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### Green financing for housing associations in Serbia

In Serbia, the Green Economy Financing Facility (GEFF) programme helps households to invest in energy efficiency measures. The EU co-finances the programme through the Western Balkans Investment Framework.

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### Electricity for 45,000 Serbian households from Kostolac wind farm

Intensive works on the construction of Kostolac Wind farm with the installation of new wind turbines are underway, and the works should be completed by mid-2025. This will supply energy to more than 45,000 households in Serbia.

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## Energy-efficient dormitories inaugurated in Albania

The Student City in Tirana now has five renovated dormitories that meet European Union Standards. In total, 19 student dormitories of the Student City I campus in Tirana will be renovated, benefitting more than 2,600 students.

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## Technical Assistance for Nikšić Wastewater Management System completed

The Nikšić Wastewater Management System: Sewerage Network Phase II technical assistance project has been successfully completed. The project outcomes were shared with all stakeholders at a closing meeting on 30 October 2024 at the Municipality of Nikšić.

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## Eco-Industrial parks in focus at RES Serbia 2024

The WBIF pilot project on Eco-Industrial Parks was pinpointed as a way of speeding up the decarbonisation process at the RES Serbia 2024 conference on a panel about infrastructure development for the electric car market.

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## Reconstruction begins at the “Steve Naumov” student dormitory

Reconstruction has officially commenced at the “Steve Naumov” student dormitory in North Macedonia, marking a significant step in the country’s commitment to improving educational infrastructure.

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## Montenegro’s digital transition starts at school

Supported by the EU and EIB funds, Montenegro is investing in its education system to prepare students with the skills they need for the job market and the Western Balkan country’s bid to join Europe’s single market.

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### Related news and events



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## EU-Western Balkans Summit 2024

EU and Western Balkans leaders met in Brussels on 18 December 2024 to reflect on deepening the partnership, moving towards a joint future in the European Union. One of the key topics covered was enhancing EU-Western Balkans integration through the growth plan.

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## Future of Eco industrial parks in the Western Balkans

“Eco-Industrial parks in the Western Balkans could contribute to promotion of sustainable practices and achievement of sustainable development goals.” Read the interview with Nicolas Marquier, Regional Manager for the Western Balkans at the IFC (Serbian language).

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## EU4GREEN Steering Committee Meeting

EU4Green project closes 2024 with many implemented activities in the WB6. In November, the fifth Project Steering Committee Meeting was held, reviewing progress and setting priorities for advancing the Green Agenda. An overview is provided, including video links and interviews.

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## EU, EBRD, and KfW discuss scaling up investments in energy efficiency in the Western Balkans

A meeting held on 19 November in Skopje gathered key stakeholders of the Regional Energy Efficiency Programme, to discuss the programme's achievements, and the growing demand for investments and future grant funding from the EU.

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## European Commission President von der Leyen visits the Western Balkans

The President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, undertook a four-day trip to the Western Balkans 23-26 October 2024, where she met with the leaders of Albania, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo\*, and Montenegro.

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