



Construction of Physical Education Facilities and Rehabilitation of Primary and Secondary Schools

Partners:

- Ministry of Education and Science

Estimated total investment:

- €1.8 million

WBIF Bilateral Donors' contribution (mobilised in October 2013):

- €3 million

Council of Europe Development Bank loans:

- €42.5 million

Beneficiary contribution:

- €16.3 million

Project Start Date:

- May 2009

Estimated End Date:

- December 2018

This project concerns the construction of 70 physical education facilities and the rehabilitation of more than 60 primary and secondary schools throughout the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Initiated in 2009 as part of a larger programme of the Ministry of Education and Science, the project aims to improve the performance of students in school subjects, strengthen their health condition, increase enrolment rates and foster inclusive socio-economic development by offering a better learning environment, including physical education.

The project benefited from two WBIF investment grants which have been made available by WBIF Bilateral Donors' contributions to the Framework, as well as from two loans totalling €42.5 million granted by the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB). The WBIF grant support has enabled the refurbishment of ten primary and six secondary schools. The interventions vary from roof, windows, and floor replacement to the reconstruction of sanitary facilities, removal of roof asbestos, and general

repairs of the heating and electrical systems.

Results/Benefits:

At the level of the entire project:

- Construction of 70 physical education facilities in primary and secondary schools.
- Rehabilitation of more than 60 primary and secondary schools.
- Operational savings, particularly in terms of energy and water use.
- Enabling inclusive socio-economic development by providing equal access to adequate education infrastructure.

WBIF Bilateral Donor Investment Grants:

- Rehabilitation of ten primary and six secondary schools.
- New school equipment for the sixteen rehabilitated schools.
- More than 11,000 children and 700 teachers benefiting from modern education facilities.

Primary school "25 May", Skopje (after rehabilitation works).





Primary schools:

- Kole Kaninski, Bitola
- Naim Fraseri, Vrapciste
- Vanco Prke, Štip
- Zivko Cingo, Ohrid
- Bratstvo Edinstvo, Gostivar
- Koco Racin, Kratovo
- Braka Miladinovci, Kumanovo
- Marsal Tito, Murtino-Strumica
- St. Cyril and Methodius, Veles
- 25 May, Skopje.

Secondary schools:

- Koco Racin, Veles
- Ljupco Santov, Kocani
- Taki Daskalo, Bitola
- Josif Josifovski, Gevgelija
- Kiril Pejcinovic, Tetovo
- Ibrahim Temo, Struga

What is the Western Balkans Investment Framework?

The Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) is a financing facility launched in December 2009 by the European Commission, together with the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), Bilateral Donors, and Western Balkans countries with the purpose to deliver funding for strategic investment projects in beneficiary countries. KfW and the World Bank subsequently joined the Framework, while in July 2017, the KfW became a partner organisation.

By the end of 2017, **Bilateral Donor** contributions reached **€75.36 million**, including €5.2 million transferred from the EBRD Western Balkan Fund, at the inception of the Framework. The **largest individual cumulative pledges** to date have been made by **Norway, Sweden, Austria, Germany, United Kingdom**, and **Italy**. **France** joined the Framework in December 2016 and is the current WBIF Co-Chair.