



## Cross-border Svilaj Bridge in the Final Stages of Completion

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### Feature Story



### Investing in Sustainable Energy Has Never Been So Easy

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### WBIF Video



### New WBIF Video Online: Energy Sector

With this latest video we complete the first series of success stories, showing progress and impact of the regional flagship projects from all WBIF sectors.

## Investment Projects



### Construction and Supply Contract Signed for Trans-Balkan Power Corridor in Serbia

With regard to the safety measures due to Covid-19, the contract for the Connectivity project of national and regional significance was signed end March in Belgrade.



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## Technical Assistance



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### IPF8: Virtual Kick-off Meeting for Flood Risk Management Project in Republika Srpska

The WBIF TA for 'Continuation of Procurement Assistance for the Flood Risk Management Project in Republika Srpska' was launched on 31 March despite the Covid-19 crisis.



### CONNECTA: Completion of Documentation for Corridor X North Macedonia

To improve road safety, the EU allocated a €345,000 technical assistance grant for the replacement of the old safety crash barriers.

## International Financial Institutions



### EBRD Story: Keeping energy bills low during the coronavirus pandemic

Through REEP Programme, more than 3,700 households across the Western Balkans were able to make far-sighted decisions to invest in green technology.



### CEB Video: New Home for 20 Families in Foca, Bosnia and Herzegovina

By the end of 2019, 150 displaced families moved into new locations, following the closure of eight collective centres and alternative accommodations.

## Publications



### Western Balkans Investment Framework A Guide

## WBIF Vademecum/Guide Updated

Following the 21st WBIF Steering Committee decisions and respective deliberations by the WBIF 3.0 Working Group, the WBIF Vademecum and the 'Guide to WBIF' have been updated.



## WBIF C&V Guidelines Updated

Reflecting the increased requirements for more coordinated and enhanced C&V activities, the C&V Guidelines were updated.



## New WBIF Publication: Investing in Clean Energy in the Western Balkans

The fourth edition of the WBIF publication on energy efficiency and renewable energy, prepared and produced by IPF7 is now online.

## Covid - 19



## WBIF Secretariat Statement to Covid-19

The WBIF Secretariat issued a statement in appreciation of the efforts of all stakeholders and beneficiaries on the front line, fighting to contain the virus in the Western Balkans. A dedicated Covid-19 section has been added to the MIS (tab).

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