



WBIF Newsletter July 2024



03-07-2024

Additional €1.2 billion WBIF investment package for infrastructure and entrepreneurship in the Western Balkans

The WBIF Operational Board endorsed on 2 July in London, UK, a €1.2 billion investment package to support eight new flagship investments under the EU's Economic and Investment Plan (EIP) for the Western Balkans.

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29-05-2024

37th Project Financiers' Group (PFG) meeting, 23-24 May 2024

The WBIF Project Financiers' Group (PFG) met in Belgrade on 23-24 May. The projects submitted under the 10th Investment round, the 30th round for Technical Assistance, and the 3rd Round for Private Sector were discussed.

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Western Balkans Investment Framework 15th Anniversary

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EIP Endorsed Flagship Investments 2020-2024

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Public infrastructure



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Study on Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for part of Adriatic – Ionian Motorway now available

The findings of the study "Preliminary Design, Feasibility Study and Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for the Murriqan-Lezhë section of Adriatic – Ionian Motorway" were presented in a closing workshop in Tirana, on 3 July 2024.

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27-06-2024

CONNECTA 2 New website is live

The Technical Assistance to Connectivity in the Western Balkans – 2 (CONNECTA 2) has launched its new website, featuring a detailed guide on how to apply for assistance.

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19-06-2024

Bosnia and Herzegovina and World Bank sign €8 million grant

On 3 June, Bosnia and Herzegovina's Ministry of Finance and Treasury signed a €8 million grant agreement with the World Bank to finance part of a project for the improvement of the Sava waterway, which includes demining the right bank.

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12-06-2024

Kotor elementary school, Montenegro, transforms into an energy-efficient educational facility

The "Njegoš" elementary school has been completely renovated thanks to the "Promotion of the energy efficiency in public buildings in Montenegro" project, with a focus on creating a conducive learning environment.

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11-06-2024

Work starts on energy efficient rehabilitation of student dormitories in North Macedonia

One of the nine state-owned dormitories that have been identified for reconstruction under the EU's Regional Energy Efficiency Programme (REEP) for refurbishing public buildings, contributing significantly to efforts to reduce CO2 emissions.

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03-06-2024

Financial agreement signed for Bar-Vrbnica railway reconstruction in Montenegro

On 29 May, a €75.5 million package for the reconstruction of the railway section between Bar, Podgorica and Vrbnica was signed. The package covers support for project preparation, supervision, and implementation.

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20-05-2024

Commissioner Várhelyi visits Serbia and Montenegro

Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement, Olivér Várhelyi, visited Serbia and Montenegro on 14-16 May 2024, to advance discussions on EU related reforms and the Reform Agendas under the newly adopted €6 billion Growth Plan for the Western Balkans.

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22-04-2024

Green Renovation Wave for Public Buildings in Serbia

Works started on 5 April to renovate the Institute for the Improvement of Education in Belgrade as part of a major project to improve the energy efficiency of public buildings in Serbia.

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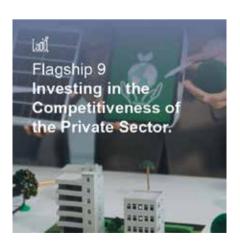
10-04-2024

The European Union and Germany support green transport in Tirana with €81.2 million investment

The "Green Transport Tirana" project is marking an important step towards the modernisation of public transport in the Albanian capital by developing the first electric bus rapid transport system in Tirana.

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Private sector

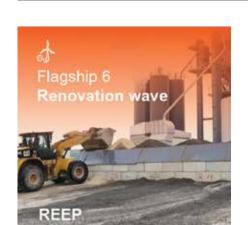


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IFC holds Eco Industrial Parks Workshop

On 14 June, International Finance Corporation (IFC) held a workshop on the Eco-Industrial Parks concept, as part of the project to promote sustainable and ecological industrial zones that prioritise circular economy practices and emission reduction.

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Investing in Sustainable Business: A Profitable Venture

The Ecoloans programme has proven to be a game-changer for the CEMPROM concrete production company, leading to significant savings and the creation of new jobs.

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The first private wind park in North Macedonia has started operating

The Green for Growth Fund (GGF), an influential investment vehicle that has been active in the Balkans for 15 years, has completed its first equity investment in the country's first private wind farm.

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04-06-2024

Western Balkans households invest over €100 million in energy-saving measures

More than 18,000 households in the Western Balkans have invested over €100 million in energysaving measures such as insulation, heat pumps, new windows and solar panels, in the seven years since the launch of the Western Balkans Green Economy Financing Facility (GEFF) programme in 2017.

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EU guarantees to unlock €750 million for small businesses in the Western **Balkans**

The European Investment Fund (EIF), part of the EIB Group, has signed guarantee agreements with 11 banks and financial intermediaries in the Western Balkans.

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