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Towards integrated transport system in the Danube Region

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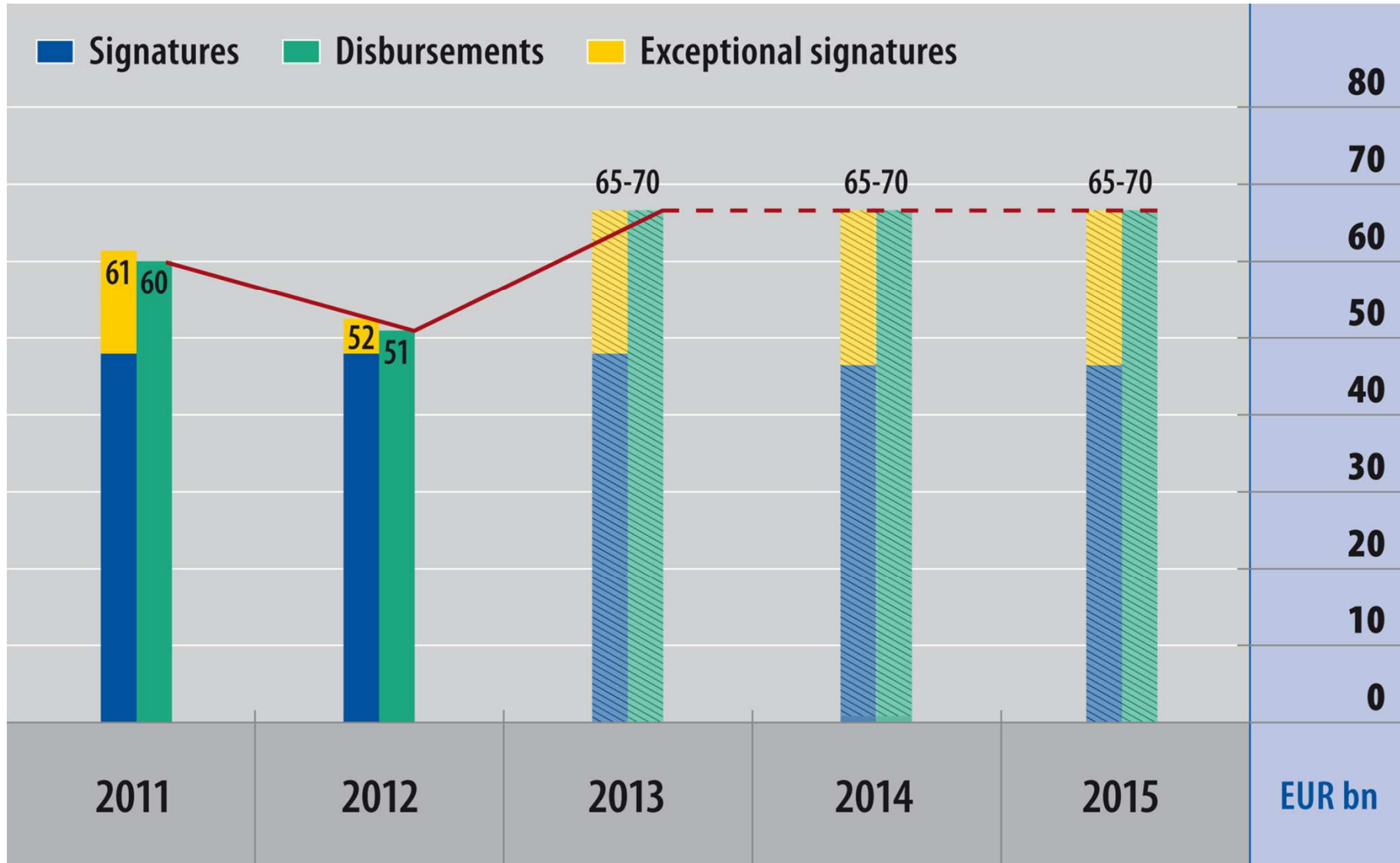
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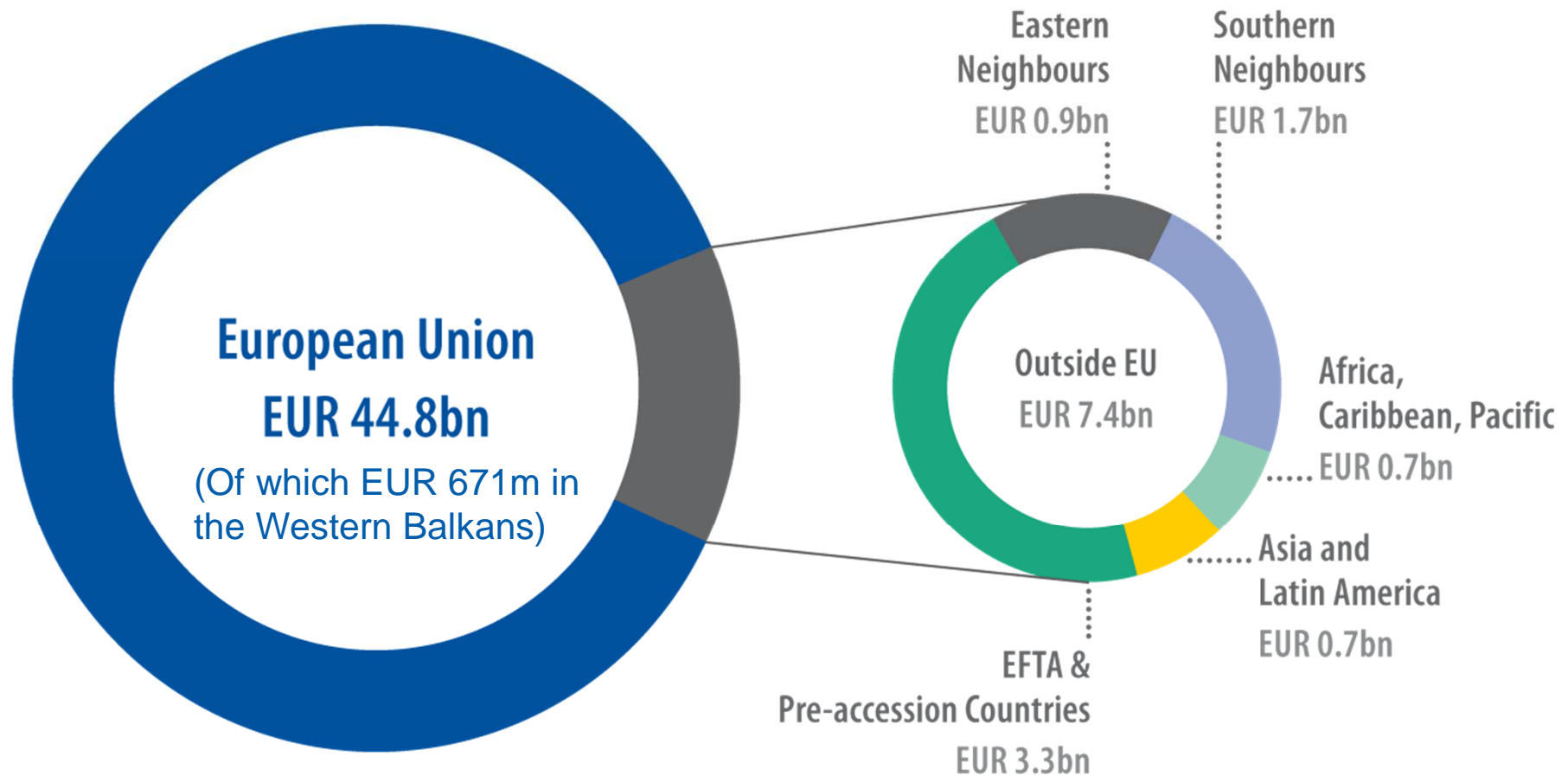
- **EIB** : European Union's financing institution
 - Created by the Treaty of Rome in 1958 as the long-term lending bank of the EU
 - Shareholders are the 27 Member States of the EU
 - Policy driven Bank: raises funds on the capital markets which it lends on favourable terms to projects furthering EU policy objectives
 - Operates on a non-profit maximising basis and lends at close to the cost of borrowing
 - AAA rating

- **EIF** : EIB Group's specialist vehicle for VC and SME guarantees
 - Established in 1994
 - Shareholders are the EIB, European Union and commercial banks
 - Acts as a "fund of funds" by acquiring holdings in venture capital funds (VCF) which take equity participations in SMEs
 - Extends guarantees to the banking community to foster the provision of medium and long-term loans to SMEs
 - AAA rating

Signatures and disbursements



Lending (signatures) in 2012: EUR 52.2bn



Pre-accession Countries include:

Candidate Countries: Croatia, Iceland, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.

Potential Candidate Countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo.

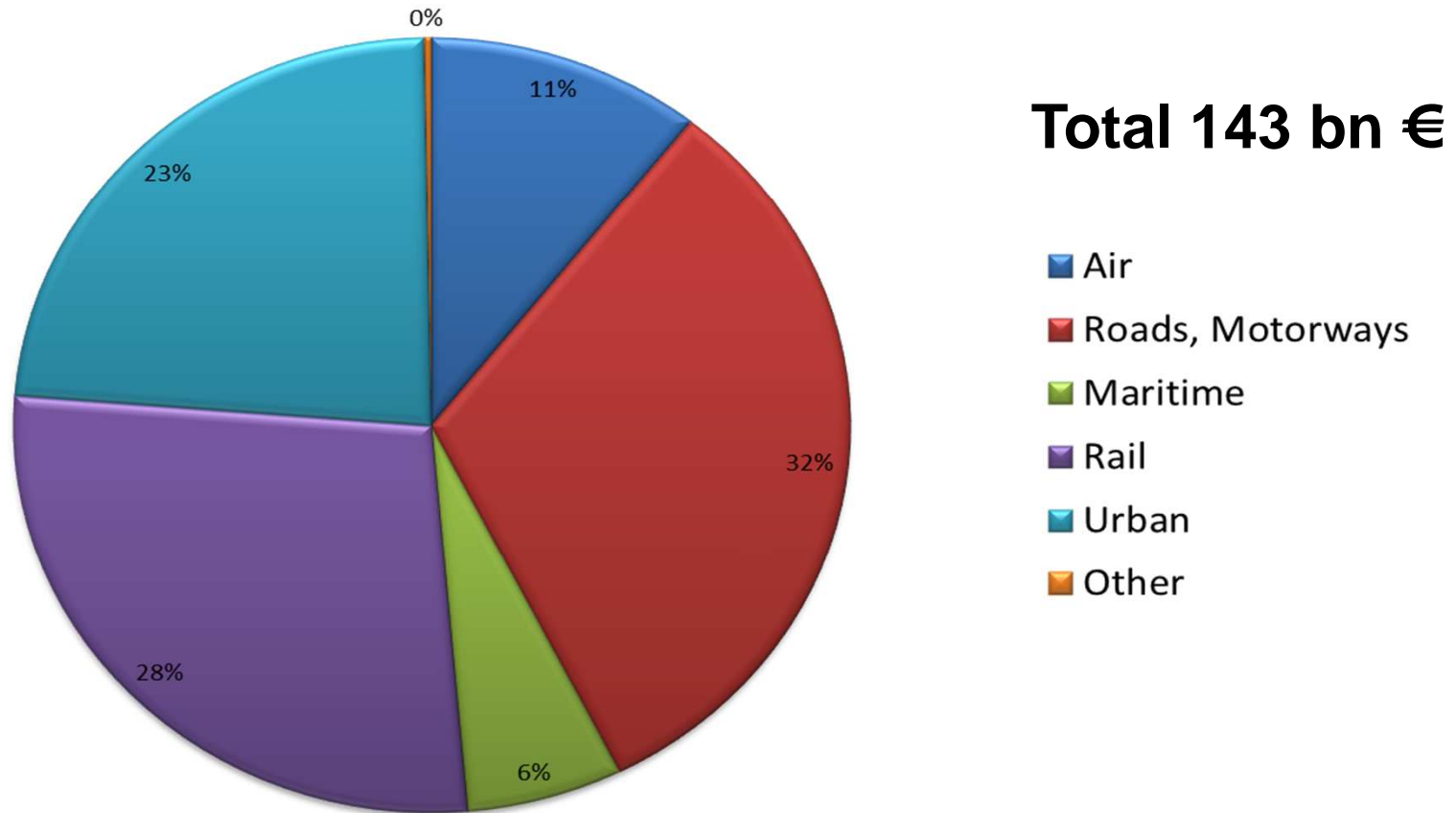


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EIB Role in the “Danube Strategy”

short for: “EU Strategy for the Danube Area”

- ❖ The EIB has a long standing experience of cooperation with most of the Member and non-Member Countries in the Danube region across a range of different sectors.
- ❖ The EIB’s experience from the Baltic Sea Strategy is a valuable input to the Danube Strategy.
- ❖ The EIB is well positioned to support developments in all sectors specified in the Danube Strategy, with the particular emphasis on the following three areas:
 - ❖ EIB support to improving mobility and intermodality (IWW, Rail, Road, Air);
 - ❖ EIB support of Sustainable Energy
 - ❖ EIB support to Danube River Basin Depollution;
 - ❖



EIB contribution to the Danube Strategy



- Dissemination of best practices from the Baltic Sea Strategy
- Funding
- Co-financing with EU Structural Funds, IPA Fund
- Financial Engineering
 - JESSICA (Joint European Support for Sustainable Investment in City Areas)
 - JEREMIE (Joint European Resources for Micro to Medium Enterprises)
 - RSFF (Risk Sharing Finance Facility in research, development & innovation)
 - LGTT (Loan Guarantee Instrument for Trans-European Transport Network Projects)
- TAC (Technical Advisory + Cooperation)
 - JASPERS
 - Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF)
 - EIB own Technical Assistance funding



Key issues, possibly complementary:

- Contribute to the Development of TEN's
- Support the best solutions that satisfy the demand requirements
- Pursue the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Promote RDI and energy efficiency



Core Network = Core Tasks



CEF (Connecting Europe Facility) priorities

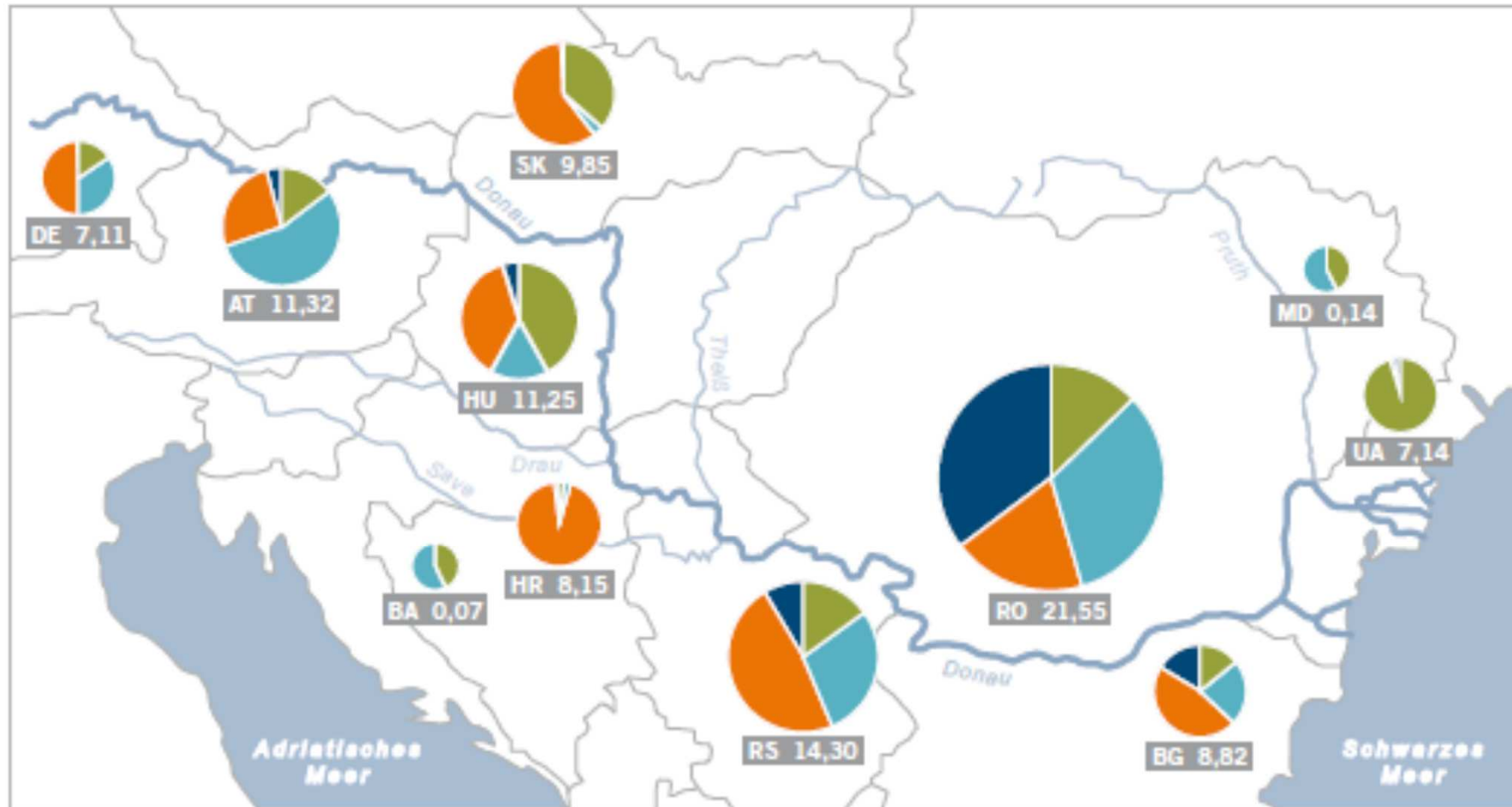
- ❖ Rhine – Danube: mostly Rail and IWW between Strasbourg via Vienna, Budapest to Constanta with branches in the Czech Rep, Slovakia and others
- ❖ Orient/ East-Med: multimodal from Dresden/Germany via Prague, Bratislava, Budapest, Sofia, Thessaloniki to Athens
- ❖ Mediterranean: mostly Rail connecting Sea-ports from France via Italy Trieste/Koper via Ljubljana, Zagreb to Budapest
- ❖ Pan-European Corridor X, i.e. the backbone of the SEETO area which is not yet defined in TEN T

Example: Rhine Danube Corridor



•Source: CEF Brochure (EC, 2012)

Example Danube Waterway





Support to Improve Navigation on the Danube

Challenges:

- Sub-optimal use of Danube/Sava waterways for transport
- remaining bottlenecks, notably in the upper Danube
- shipping fleet needs modernisation
- traffic increase needs modern + more efficient ports + transshipment sites
- Insufficient cross-border cooperation + planning
- Danube as a sensitive river ecosystem

Recent project examples:

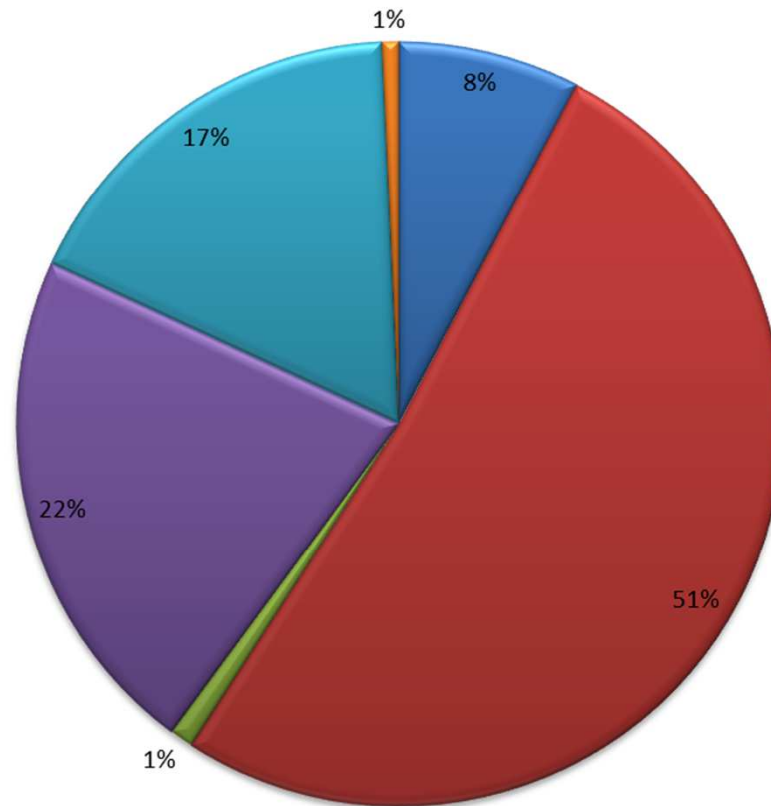
- Romania: Improvement of navigation conditions on the Danube Delta – Sulina canal bank protection
- Bulgaria: Reconstruction and modernisation of port infrastructure and equipment – Danube Port of Lom
- Bulgaria: Construction of a new combined (road and railway) bridge on the Pan-European Corridor IV between Vidin (Bulgaria) and Calafat (Romania)
- Slovakia: Construction of a new road bridge across the Danube, together with connecting urban roads - Košická Bridge Bratislava



EIB Transport Lending in Danube Area



Danube region EIB financing 2001-2012 in Transport



Total 22 bn €

-  Air
-  Roads, Motorways
-  Maritime
-  Rail
-  Urban
-  Other



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EIB Group strategy in the Western Balkans



- Long term loans (public/private borrowers + SMEs)
- WBIF (Technical assistance and grant support)
- EDIF – Enterprise Development & Innovation Facility (Equity funds, Guarantee Facility and Technical Assistance)

EIB Products relevant for the Western Balkans

- In the Western Balkans, the EIB operates primarily through:
 - **Direct loans** to projects generally with a cost above EUR 25 million
 - **Intermediated loans** channeled through intermediary banks (credit lines to banks), whereby intermediaries are obliged to transfer the financial benefits from EIB resources to SMEs and municipalities
 - Currently, existing credit lines for SMEs and municipalities in the region amount to EUR 2 billion
 - **Framework loans** to central and local public authorities for projects of up to EUR 50 million
 - The EIB contributes to the **European Fund for Southeast Europe (EFSE - www.efse.lu)** that provides sustainable financing to micro and small enterprises and to the **Green for Growth Fund South East Europe** (for RE and EE - www.ggf.lu)



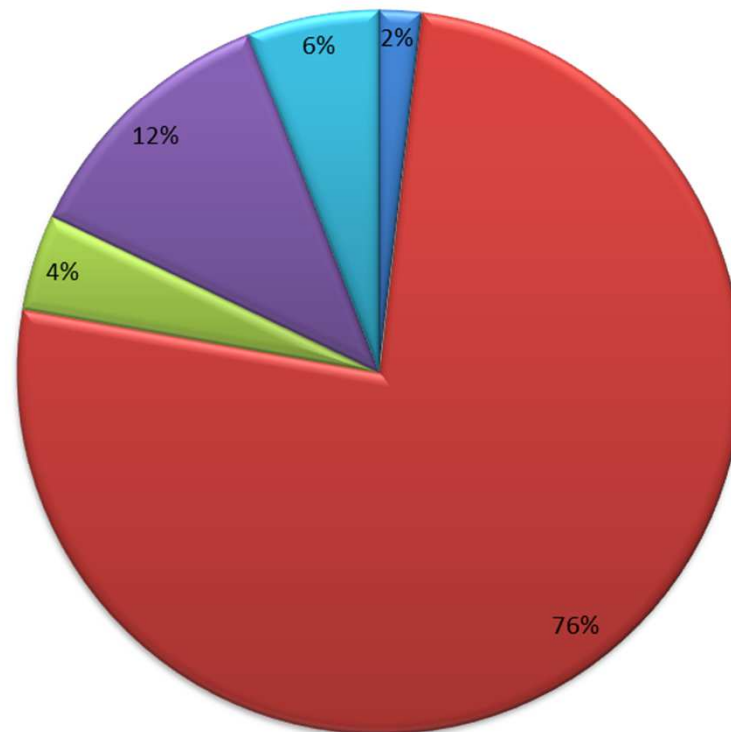
EIB's Transport lending in the Western Balkans

- Transport projects have been the main recipients of EIB financing in the region with EUR 4.3 bn during 2001 and 2012.
- All priority transport sectors, which play a key role in the regional integration have been supported.
- The improvement of the Road and Motorway network benefited from the largest lending volumes



Western Balkans EIB financing 2001-2012 in Transport

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How to go forward?

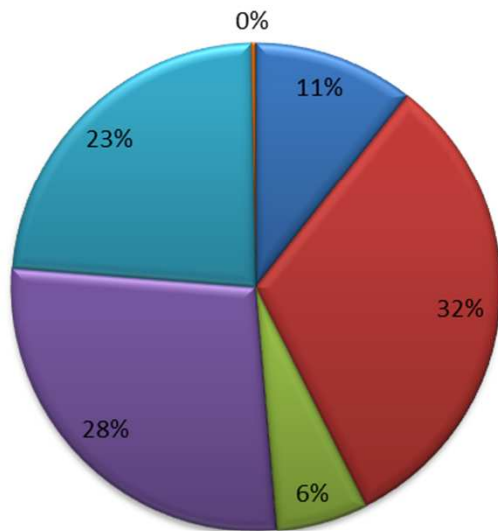


- Clearly – not up to EIB to decide. But Bank disposes of a large pool of experts which may be used to:
- Support in drawing lessons from organisational experience in the Danube area at large, its sub-regions, including the Western Balkans (e.g. SEETO) and in other regions (e.g. Baltic Sea Strategy)
- Support in establishing information base about cross border traffic and transport infrastructure developments
- Support in establishing the preselection of a pipeline of relevant projects
- Support in selecting and evaluating the most promising projects
- Advising the Beneficiaries and the Commission in preparing fundable projects
- Lending to economically beneficial projects

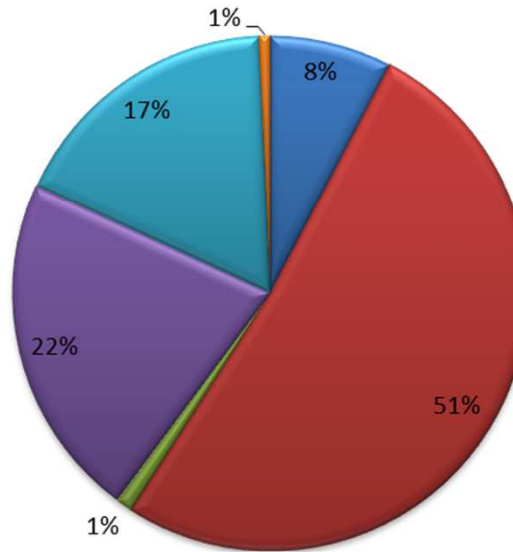
Transport Lending Comparison 2001-2012



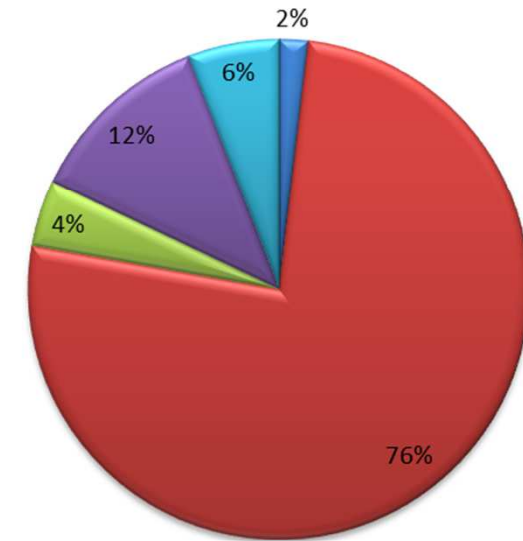
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Danube region



Western Balkans



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