

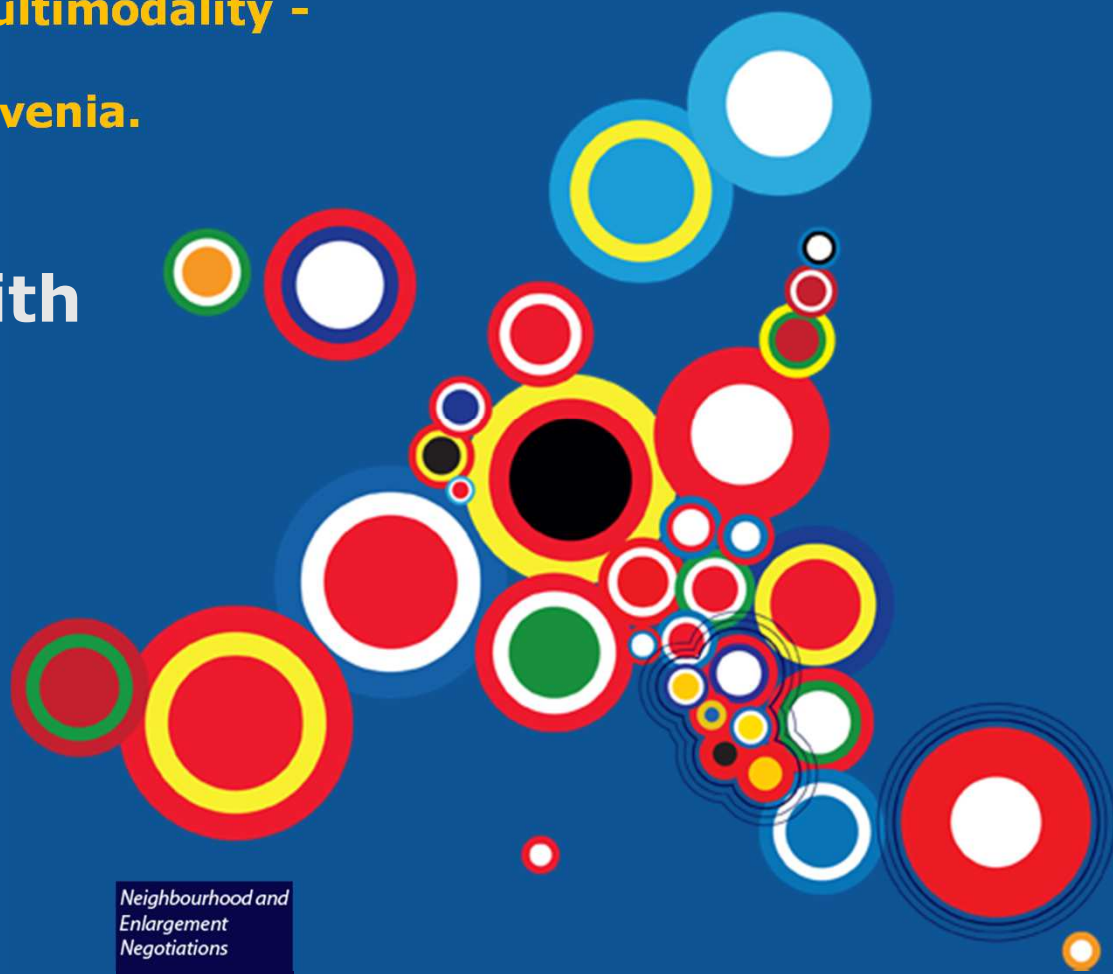


EUSDR - 14th STEERING GROUP
meeting of the EUSDR Priority Area 1b:
"To improve mobility and multimodality -
Road, Rail and Air links"
will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Activities linked with
EUSDR

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*Neighbourhood and
Enlargement
Negotiations*





Berlin Process

Western Balkans 6 process and Connectivity agenda



Implementation of Connectivity Reform Measures agreed and approved from High political level





What is Connectivity?

- **Improving** the **framework** in which **transport** and **energy** services are operating
- **Involves** working on the **legal** and **regulatory framework**
- **Upgrading** existing infrastructure **improving maintenance**, and **increasing** and improving **safety** standards
- In certain key parts of the network, **new infrastructure** (missing links) will be necessary





Connectivity Package linked with EUSDR Activities/Projects

- **Vienna Summit 2015**

- ✓ EU Grants around EUR **150m**

- **Paris Summit 2016**

- ✓ EU Grants around EUR **150m**

- **Trieste Summit 2017**

- ✓ EU Grants around EUR **100-150m**

The progress in implementing the connectivity reform measures will remain one of key conditions for Commission`s future funding decisions on infrastructure co-financing. The progress is evaluated according to the SEETO Connectivity Reform Measures Management Plan (Monitoring reports)



Recent and planned activities linked with Connectivity Agenda

- **Sherpas Meeting 16th of May WB6** Country representatives met in Brussels with EU High officials (DG NEAR and DG MOVE).
 - Meeting chaired by DG NEAR Director General, Christian Danielson.
 - Discussion based on the progress achieved and the expectation before Trieste

- **Trieste Summit July 2017 - Expectation**
 - Announcement/Endorsement of project to be financed
 - Possible TCT Signature
 - TCT Secretariat Director appointed
 - Established and fully operational Transport Community Secretariat by 1st of January 2018.





Synergies EUSDR – WB6 Connectivity Reform Measures

1. Definition of a framework for implementation of EU Freight corridors extended to the Western Balkans
2. Deployment of ITS in Core and Comprehensive network
3. Other projects involving WB6 countries part of identified projects of EUSDR

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Financial and Technical Instruments for WB6 and EaP

- [WBIF](#) – Financial support to WB6 linked to EUSDR
- [ConnectA](#) – Supporting connectivity reform measures in : Road safety Reforms, Road and Rail maintenance planning, deployment of ITS – identifying the missing gaps, offering assistance and expertise on the maturity of the projects, meet the needs of stakeholders.
- [EaP Multiannual Indicative Program](#) - (2017-2020) around EUR600 mil. Out of which 25% for : Connectivity, Energy efficiency and climate change. We are in Process of review MIP (multiannual Indicative program)for EaP Countries.
- [TAIEX](#) assistance

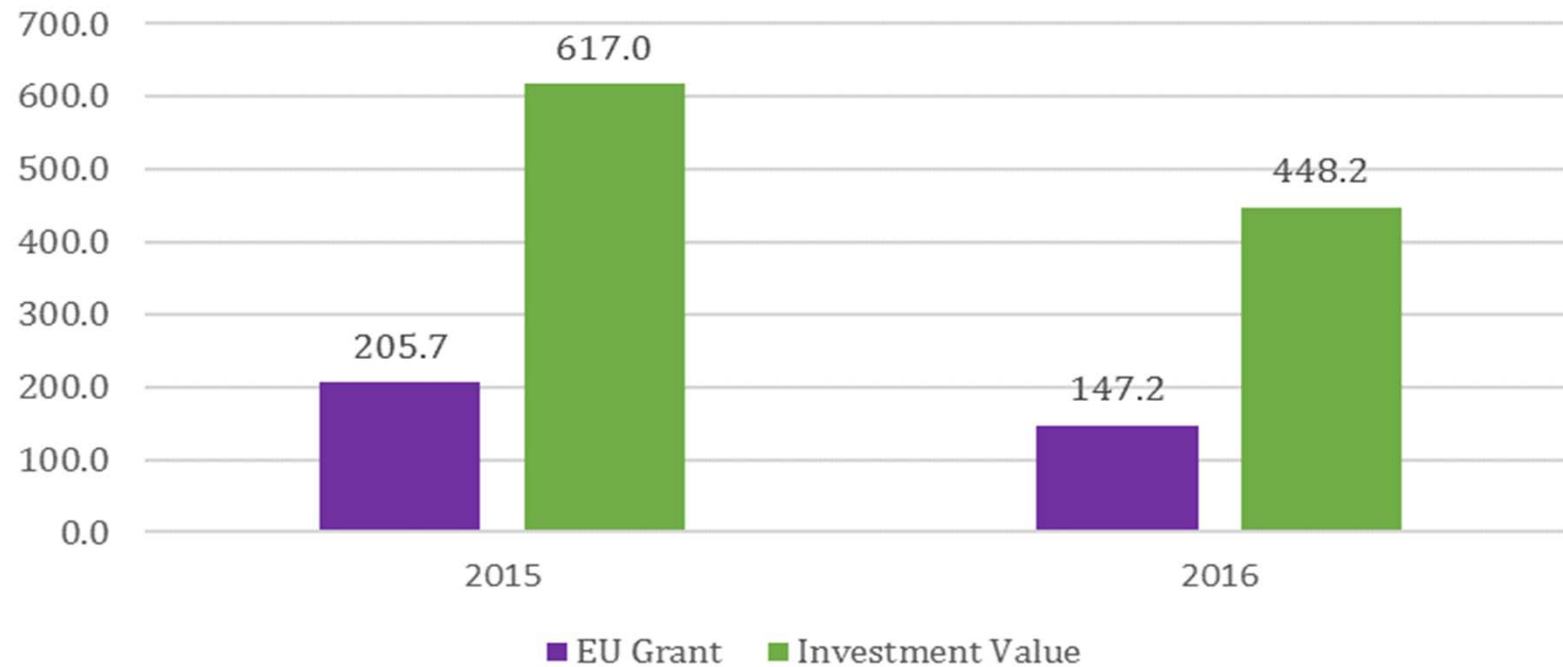
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WBIF - EU grants 2015 - 2016

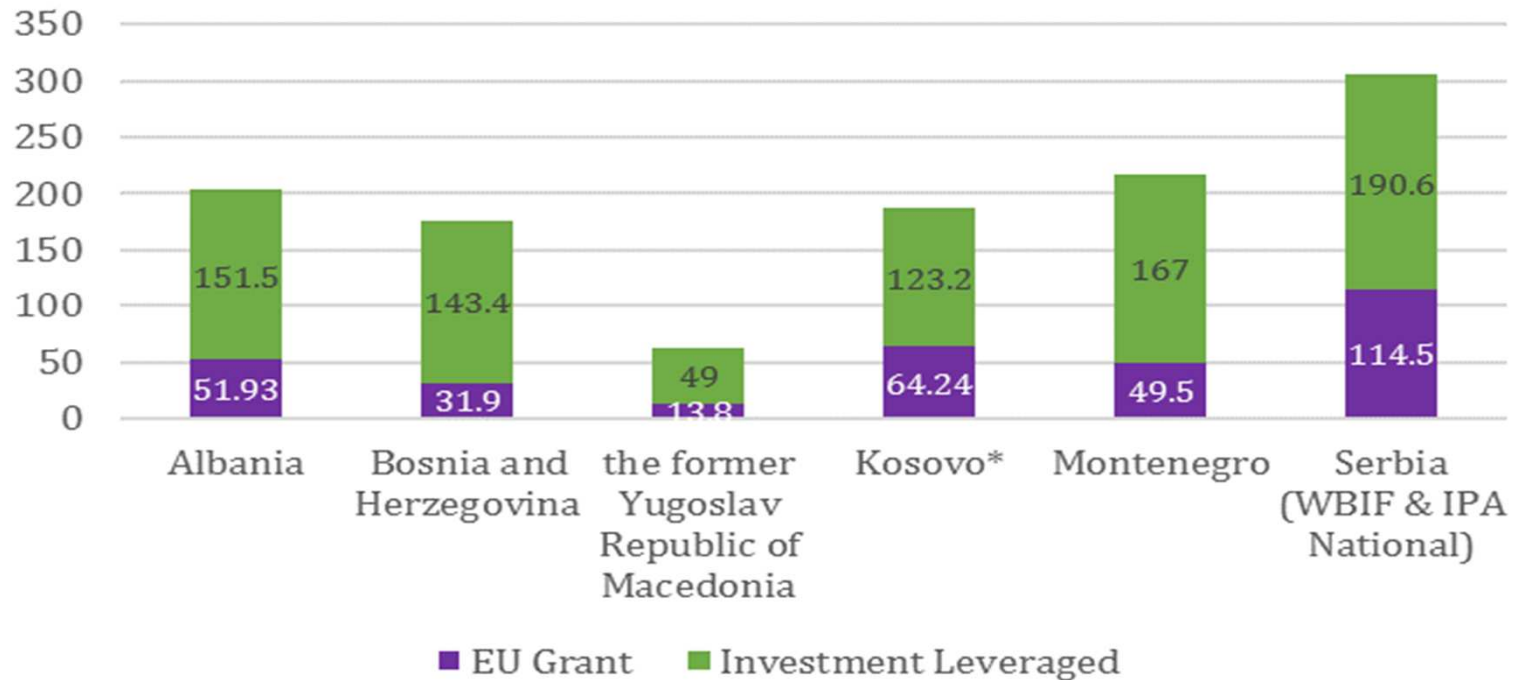
EU Grant/Investment Leveraged (€M)





WBIF - EU grants WB6 including Danube Region

EU Grant&Investment/Beneficiary(€M)



*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.



ConnectTA – Technical assistance

- **ConnectTA will not conduct;**

- major feasibility studies or
- major detailed designs.

- **The focus will be on:**

- border crossing procedures (supporting on drafting various border crossing protocols)
- maintenance plans, road and rail (introducing multi annual maintenance contracts)
- safety, and ITS. (RSI/RSA and preparation on deployment of ITS)

- **ConnectTA will serve** as a "rapid reaction force", to finalize smaller remaining parts of TA to quickly mature the project, so that it can apply to an investment grant from the WBIF.

ConnectTA can be quick because it is not part of the WBIF calls or governance structure, rather: i) ConnectTA-Beneficiary consultations are followed by ii) a unilateral decision of DG NEAR headquarters.



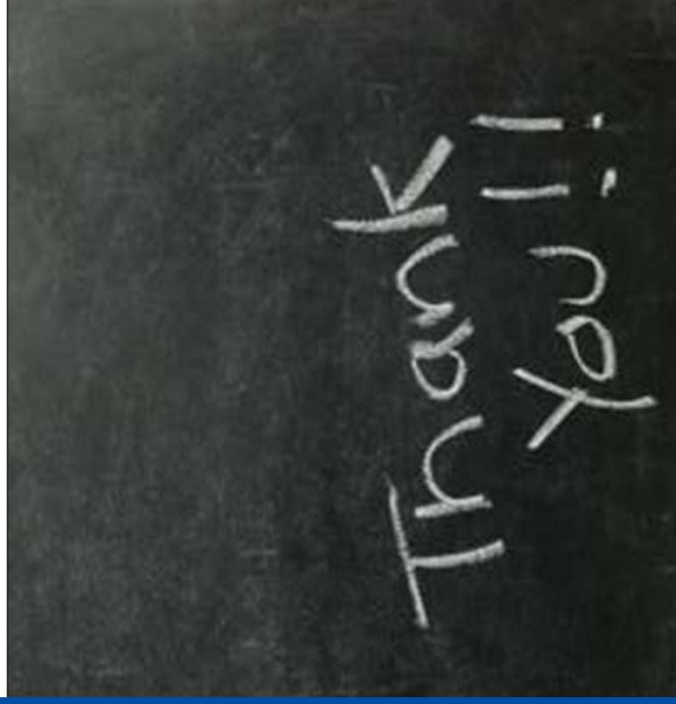
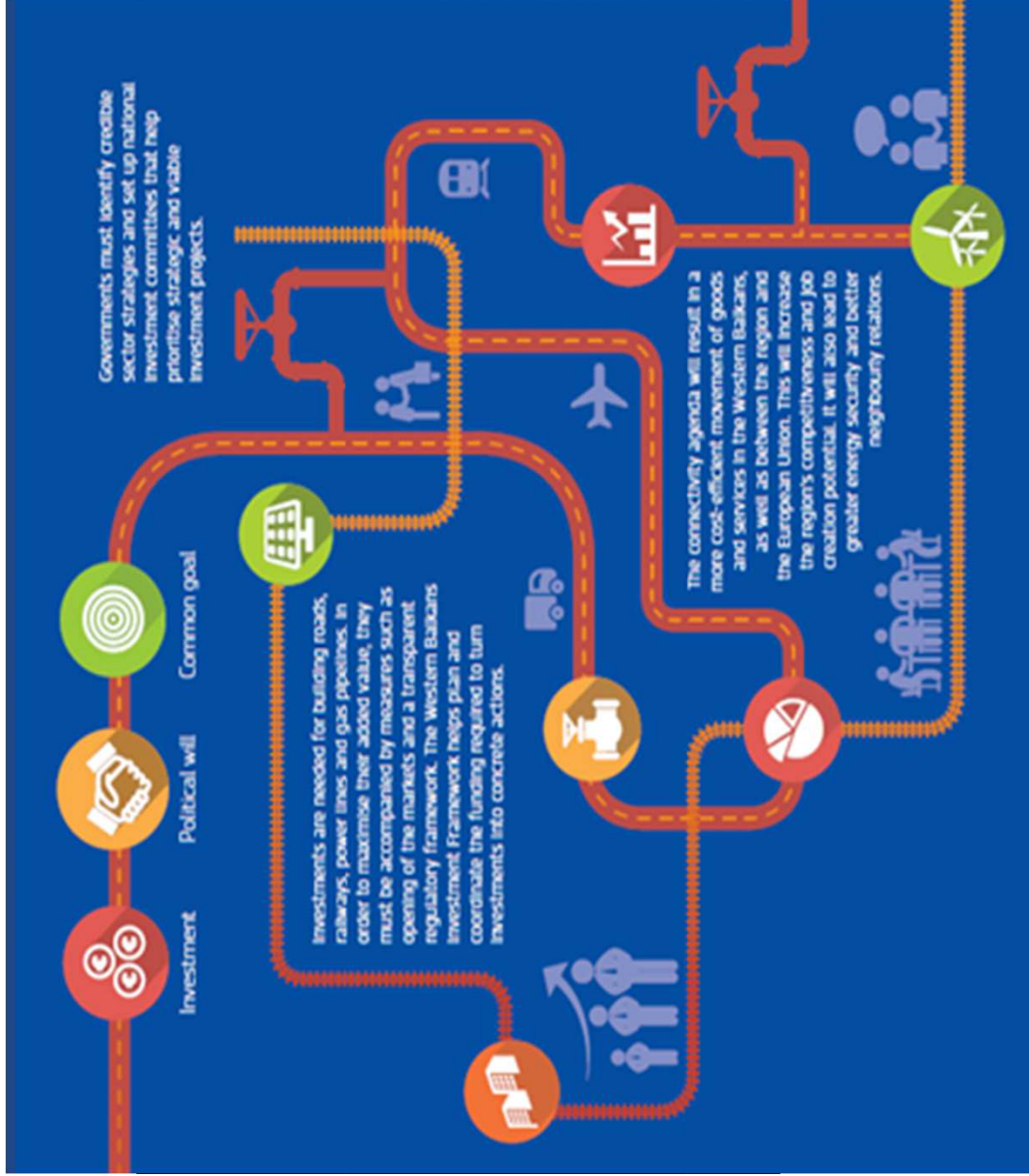
TAIEX Assistance - low usage Vs what's available

East Partnership			
Beneficiary	2016	2017	Total
Azerbaijan	2	1	3
Georgia		1	1
Moldova	1	1	2
Ukraine	3		3
Grand Total	4	1	5

WB6								
Beneficiary	2016		2016 Total	2017			2017 Total	Grand Total
	No	Yes		No	Undecided	Yes		
Albania	1	1	2					2
Bosnia and Herzegovina		1	1					1
Serbia		3	3					
Montenegro	1	4	5	2		1	3	8
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1	3	4					4
Grand Total	3	8	8	3	1	1	3	9



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