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Technical Assistance to Western Balkans Investment Framework
The Western Balkans Investment Framework

- Supports socio-economic development and EU accession across the Western Balkans.

- Provides finance and technical assistance for strategic investments, particularly in infrastructure, energy efficiency and private sector development.

- Is a joint initiative of the EU, International Financial Institutions, bilateral donors and the governments of the Western Balkans.
Key stakeholders

**BENEFICIARIES**

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia
- Kosovo*
- FYRMacedonia
- Montenegro
- Serbia

NIPACs
End project beneficiaries
Government authorities

**Banks (IFIs)**

- EBRD
- EIB
- CEB
- KfW
- World Bank

**EU**

- DGs Brussels
  WBIF Secretariat
  DGs
  Country Desks
- EU Delegations/offices

*“This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence”*
EC and IFIs combine

- Catalyst grants
- Investment loans
- Beneficiary ownership
- Long term sustainability
- “Leveraged blending”
Apart from the Joint Grant Facility, we can also see the Joint Loan Facility, which includes:

**Joint Loan Facility**

- EIB/EBRD/CEB
- Kfw (WB)
- Loans
- Indicative €6.4 billion

**Joint Grant Facility**

- IPF
- Technical Assistance (Municipal Window)
- European Western Balkans Joint Fund
- IFI Grants
- Indicative €270 million
Project Preparation Facilities

- Technical Assistance
- Pre-Feasibility Study
- Feasibility study
- Design & Tendering
- Assistance with Implementation & Monitoring
Sectors:

ENERGY
- Energy efficiency, renewables, electricity and gas

ENVIRONMENT
- Water and waste water, air pollution and hazardous waste, flood protection

SOCIAL
- Hospitals, schools, detention centres and housing

TRANSPORT
- Roads, railways, airports, ports and inland waterways

Indicative Projects:
WBIF Pipeline in transport

- 31 grants awarded
- 50% road and 50% rail
- Total estimated investment €5.4 billion
- Loans signed to date €1.6 billion
How can you apply for WBIF grants?

- Must be submitted by a Western Balkans NIPAC
- Must be on SEETO Comprehensive Network
- Must be supported by IFI
- Regional projects are encouraged
- [www.wbif.eu](http://www.wbif.eu) (application forms)
Governance and TA implementation

- Steering Committee (SC)
- Project Financiers Group (PFG)
- Secretariat
- Technical Assistance (IPF TAs and IFI CO)
Project Selection:
2010 Approval (4th Round)

- 55 projects submitted
- 32 after screening
- 23 after assessment
- 13 for steering committee
Thank you

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