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Western Balkans
Investment Framework **WBIF** 

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Financing mechanisms – WBIF

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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*

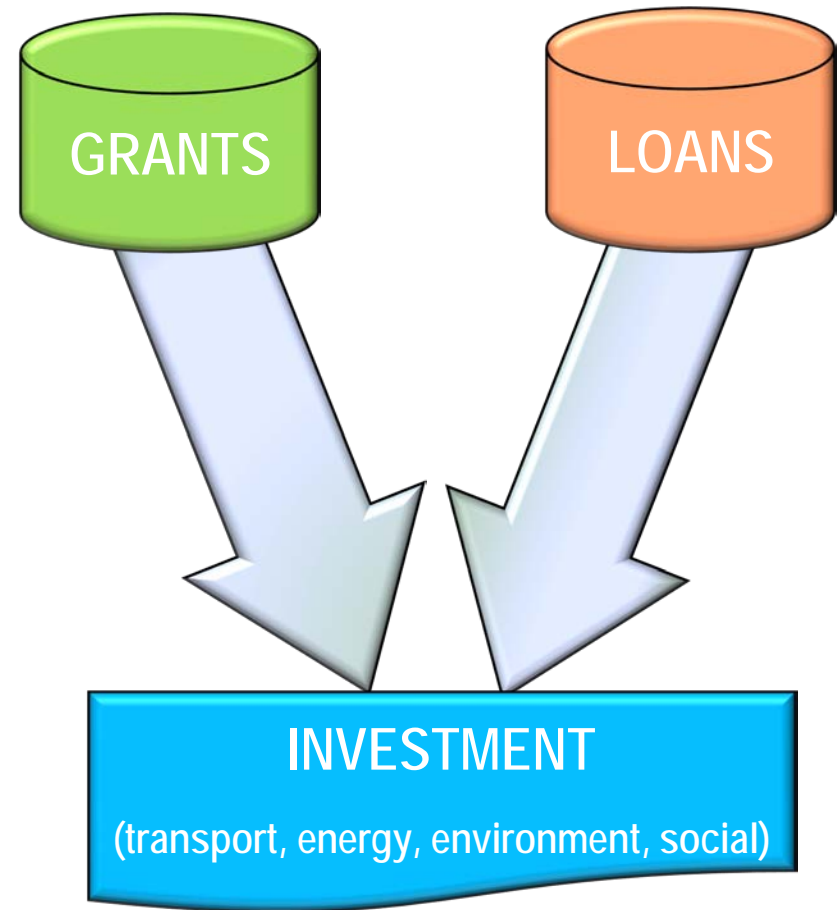
EU

- 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”



Joint Grant Facility

IPF
Technical Assistance
(Municipal Window)

European Western
Balkans Joint Fund

IFI Grants

Indicative €270 million

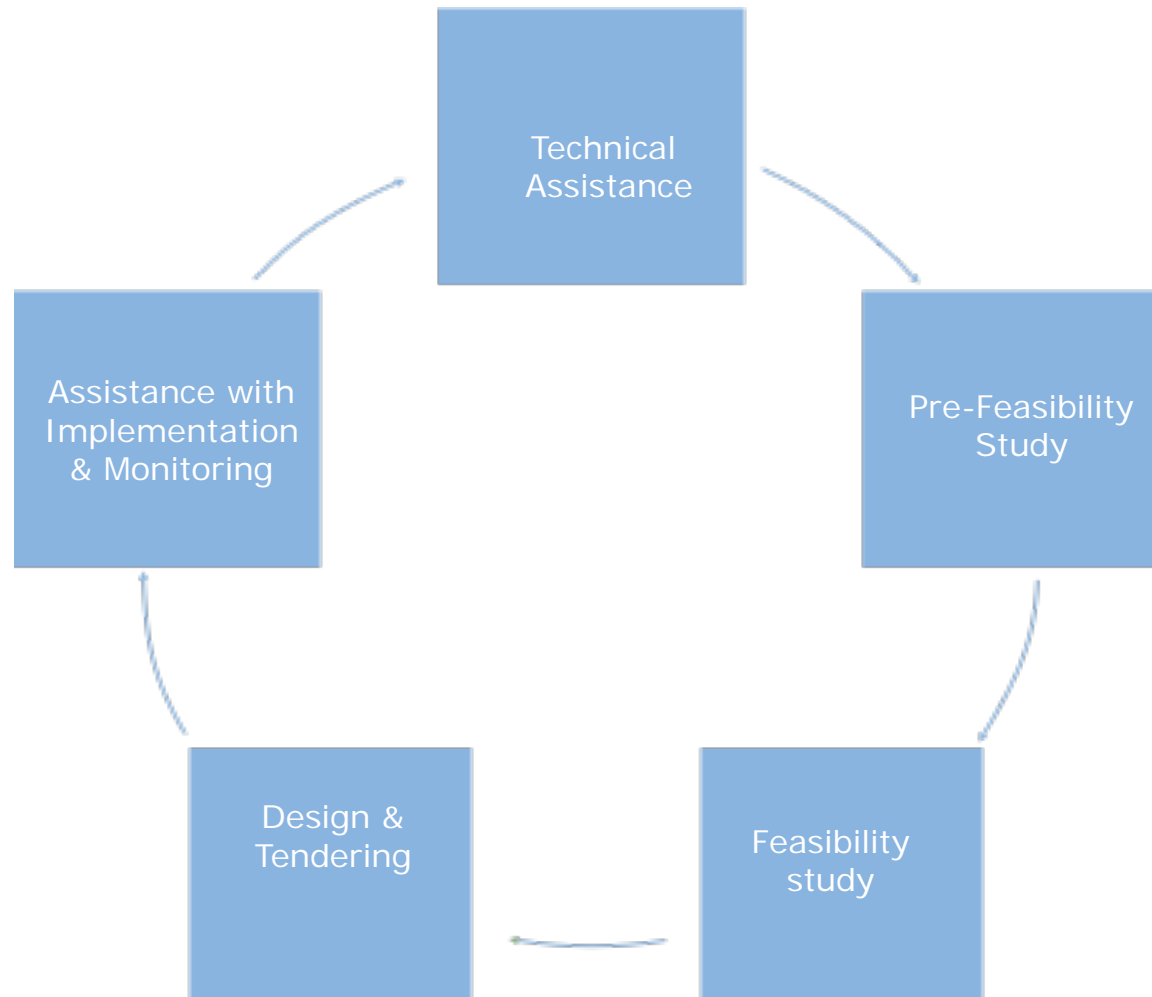
Joint Loan Facility

EIB/EBRD/CEB
Kfw (WB)

Loans

Indicative €6.4 billion

Project Preparation Facilities



Sectors:

**Indicative
Projects:**

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

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

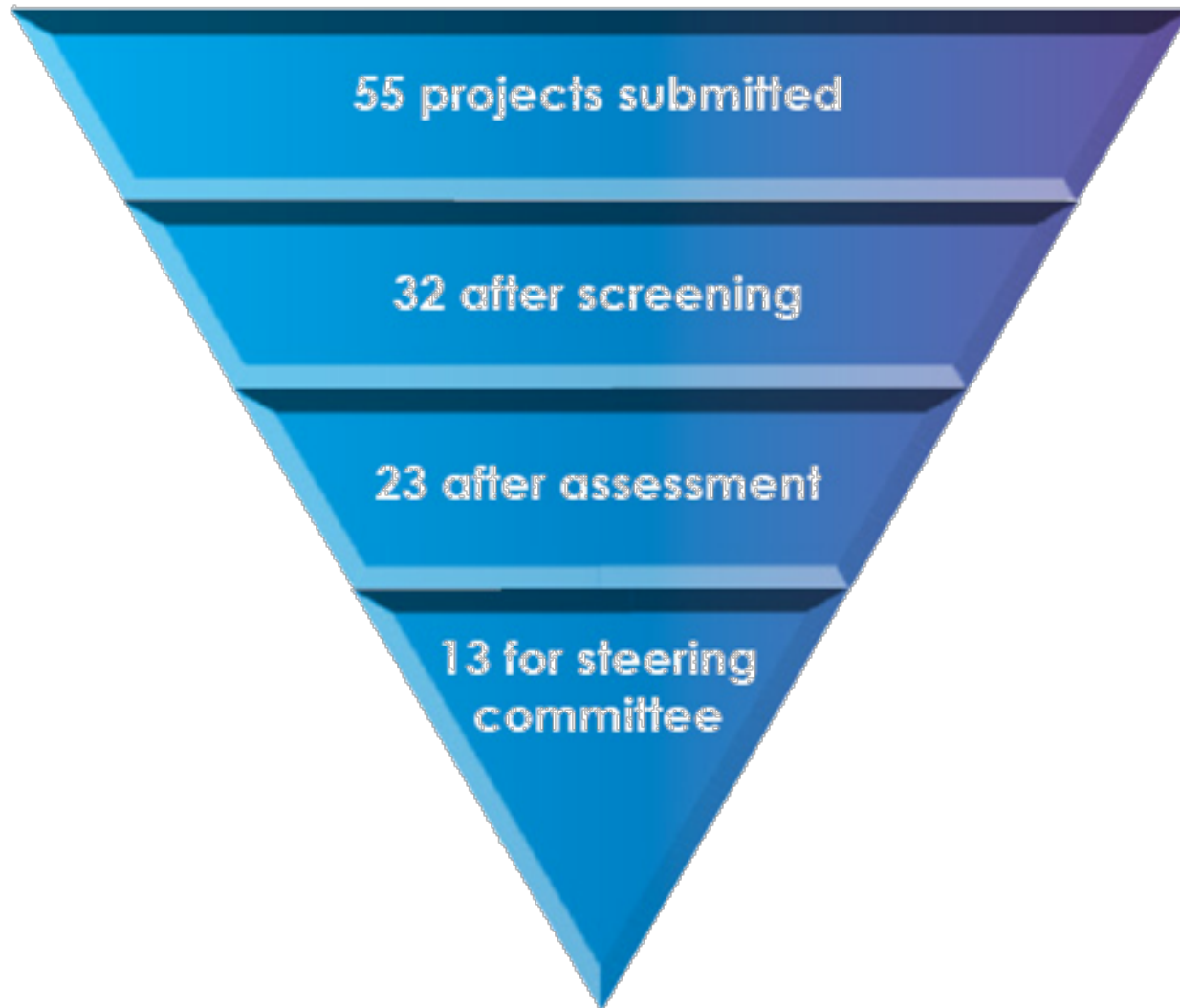
How can you apply for WBIF grants?

- 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 (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)





Thank you

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