



EU-WESTERN BALKANS BOOSTING CONNECTIVITY

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Well connected **transport and energy networks**, both within the region and with the neighbouring EU Member States, are **crucial for sustainable economic growth** in the Western Balkans and beyond. **Fast and secure digital connection** of high quality is also a prerequisite for a modern economy and society.

CONNECTIVITY AGENDA

In 2015 the European Union launched the Connectivity Agenda to continue reinforcing the economic development of the Western Balkans by improving key transport and energy connections.



€1 BILLION

from EU pre-accession funds
(until 2020)

That will leverage
additional:



€4 billion
in investments

And create:



45,000 jobs
in the region

**2018
CONNECTIVITY
PACKAGE**

€220 MILLION
TOTAL EU GRANTS



€190 million
in EU grants
for connectivity projects



€30 million
in Technical Assistance
for preparing digital
projects

EXPECTED RESULTS



Modernise over 300 km of railway tracks. 3 million people living along these routes will benefit from faster and safer connections.



Ensure continuous and competitive energy supply for the people and businesses in the region.



Improve trade in goods and services within the Western Balkans through the Regional Economic Area.



Increase high speed broadband coverage through large-scale investments focused on penetration rate, rural-urban divide and connecting schools, governments and health institutions.

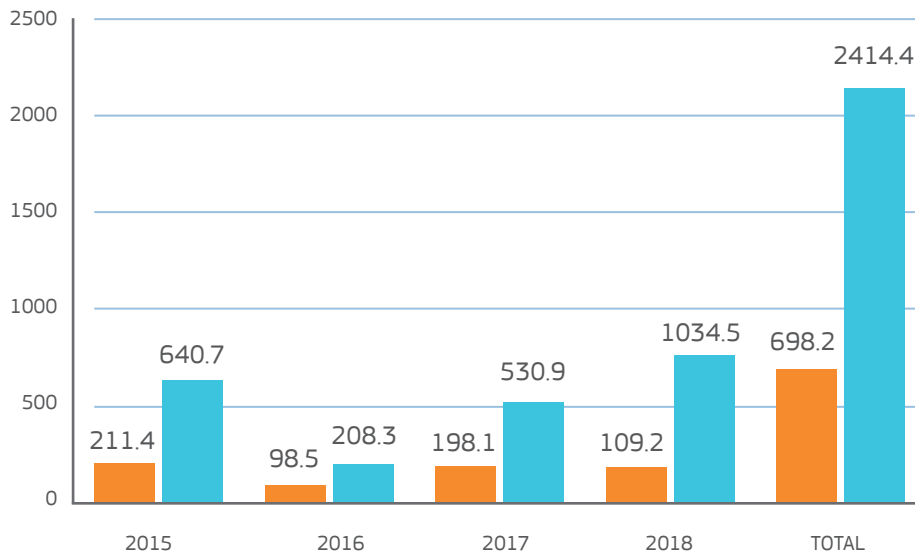
Shortened travel times

- **1 hour** less between Sarajevo and Zagreb
- **2 hours** less between Belgrade and Sofia
- **1 hour** less between Pristina and Skopje

USING EU GRANTS THROUGH THE WESTERN BALKANS INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK TO BOOST INVESTMENTS 2015- 2017

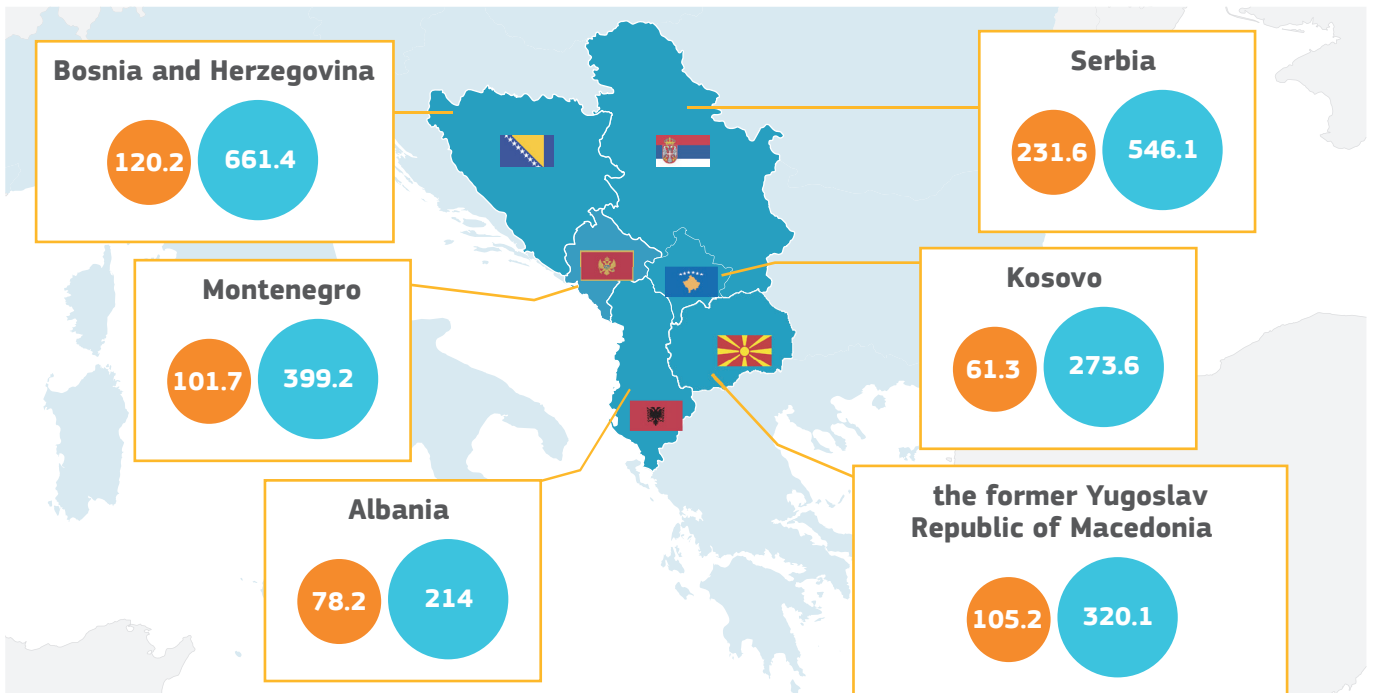
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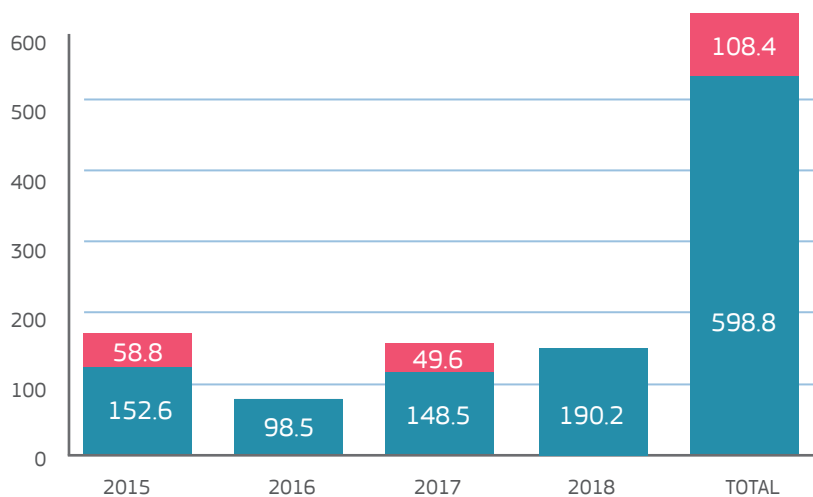
EU Grants / Investments Leveraged by country €Million

● EU Grant ● Investment Value



EU Grants / Sector & Year €Million

● Transport ● Energy



ORIENT/EAST-MED CORRIDOR: MONTENEGRO - SERBIA R4 RAIL INTERCONNECTION, BAR-VRBINICA SECTION

The investment project will rehabilitate four steel bridges as well as 20 km of railway track on the Bar-Vrbnica railway route which connects Montenegro with Serbia.

Estimated total investment: **€40 million**
EU contribution: **€13.7 million**



MEDITERRANEAN CORRIDOR: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – CROATIA CVS ROAD INTERCONNECTION, BUNA- POČITELJ SUBSECTION

This investment project will build approximately 7.2 km of new motorway on a subsection of the Mediterranean Core Network (Corridor Vc) in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Estimated total investment: **€44.6 million**
EU contribution: **€9 million**

ORIENT/EAST-MED CORRIDOR: THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA - BULGARIA CVIII ROAD INTERCONNECTION, KRIVA PALANKA-DEVE BAIR SECTION

The investment project will rehabilitate and reconstruct a 13.2 km-long motorway on a section of the Orient/East-Med Core Network (Corridor VIII) in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Estimated total investment: **€13.6 million**
EU contribution: **€2.7 million**



EXTENSION OF TEN-T CORE NETWORK: RECONSTRUCTION OF DURRES PORT, QUAYS 1 AND 2

This investment project will reconstruct Quays 1 and 2 on the Western Terminal of the Port of Durres – one of the four existing terminals of the largest seaport in Albania.

Estimated total investment: **€62.5 million**
EU contribution: **€27.7 million**

