

Selected projects



Montenegro Action to improve the transport system

Official title of the project

Support to the Transport Sector

Country

Montenegro

Region/ City

Montenegro

Sector

Transport

Budget/EC contribution

1,124,000 euro

Implementation period

18 months

Expected results

Improved capacity of beneficiary to implement legislative, institutional and budgetary reform, and to manage implementation of IFI investments; Transport Development Strategy implemented.

Coordinator

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Beneficiary

Ministry of Transport

Partners:

N/A

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Montenegro recognises that the development of a flourishing market and tourism economy is dependent on effective and efficient transport and communication structures. In order to achieve this target, considerable efforts have been made to rationalise the institutions within the transport sector.

EU assistance in institutional and legislative reforms has provided the necessary platform for launching major investment in transport infrastructure. Extensive support has been provided during the process of identifying and preparing infrastructure projects to address the priority needs. Project Implementation Units (PIUs) have been established within the Roads Directorate and the Railway Company, with EU support, to manage the implementation of road and rail construction contracts funded by the EU and other bilateral donors and, more recently, by the major international financing institutions, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

The current EU assistance project, worth €1.25 million, provides support to improve the legal and regulatory framework in the transport sector, and supports the Ministry of Transport in preparing an over-arching Transport Development Strategy. It also provides assistance in further institutional and legislative reforms in the railways sector, including the preparation of a strategy to privatise the railway company, thus contributing to the preparedness of the sector for market liberalisation.

Montenegro is committed to the gradual approximation of its legislation and policies in the transport sector with those of the EU “acquis”, in line with the Stabilisation and Association Agreement. There have already been some preparatory activities in the area of transport to comply with EU legislation and policies but, in general, the sector still remains at a relatively early stage of harmonisation.

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