

# EU-WESTERN BALKANS BOOSTING CONNECTIVITY

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Well connected **transport, energy** and **digital networks**, both within the region and with the neighbouring EU Member States, are **crucial for sustainable economic growth** in the Western Balkans and beyond. Improved connections **facilitate regional trade, drive investments** and **improve everyday life** of people in the region.

## 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  
(2015-2020)

That will leverage  
additional:



**€4 billion**  
in investments

And create:



**45,000 jobs**  
in the region

**2019  
CONNECTIVITY  
PACKAGE**

**€195 MILLION**  
TOTAL EU GRANTS



**€180 million**  
in EU grants  
for connectivity projects

**€15 million**

Technical assistance and  
investments to increase road  
safety and improve  
border-crossings

## EXPECTED RESULTS OF 2019 PROJECTS



Modernisation of a **joint railway border station**, installation of **signalling and telecommunications equipment** on more than 100 km of railway lines benefiting 2 million people living along the routes



Building or upgrading over **30 km of motorways** (including bridges, viaducts, tunnels and underpasses)



Construction of **over 100 km electricity transmission line** and reconstruction of connected substations



Construction of **68 km of interconnection gas pipeline**

## Benefits for the citizens



Reduced travel times (e.g. 1 hour less between Sarajevo and Zagreb; 1 hour less Pristina and Skopje; 1.5 hours less between Skopje and Niš for freight and 0.5 hour for passengers)



Increased transport safety



Secured and competitive energy supply, improved energy efficiency



Reduced air pollution, especially in larger and industrially developed cities



Increased trade flows within the Western Balkans and with the EU

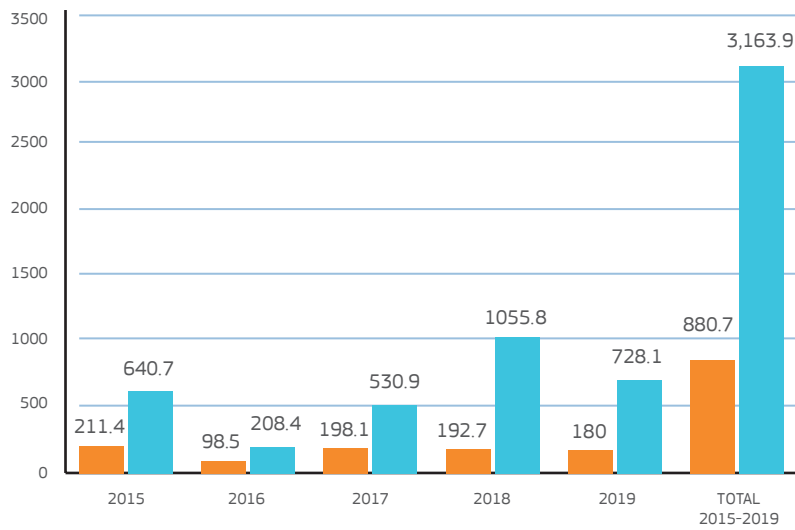


Job creation

# USING EU GRANTS THROUGH THE WESTERN BALKANS INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK TO BOOST INVESTMENTS 2015- 2019

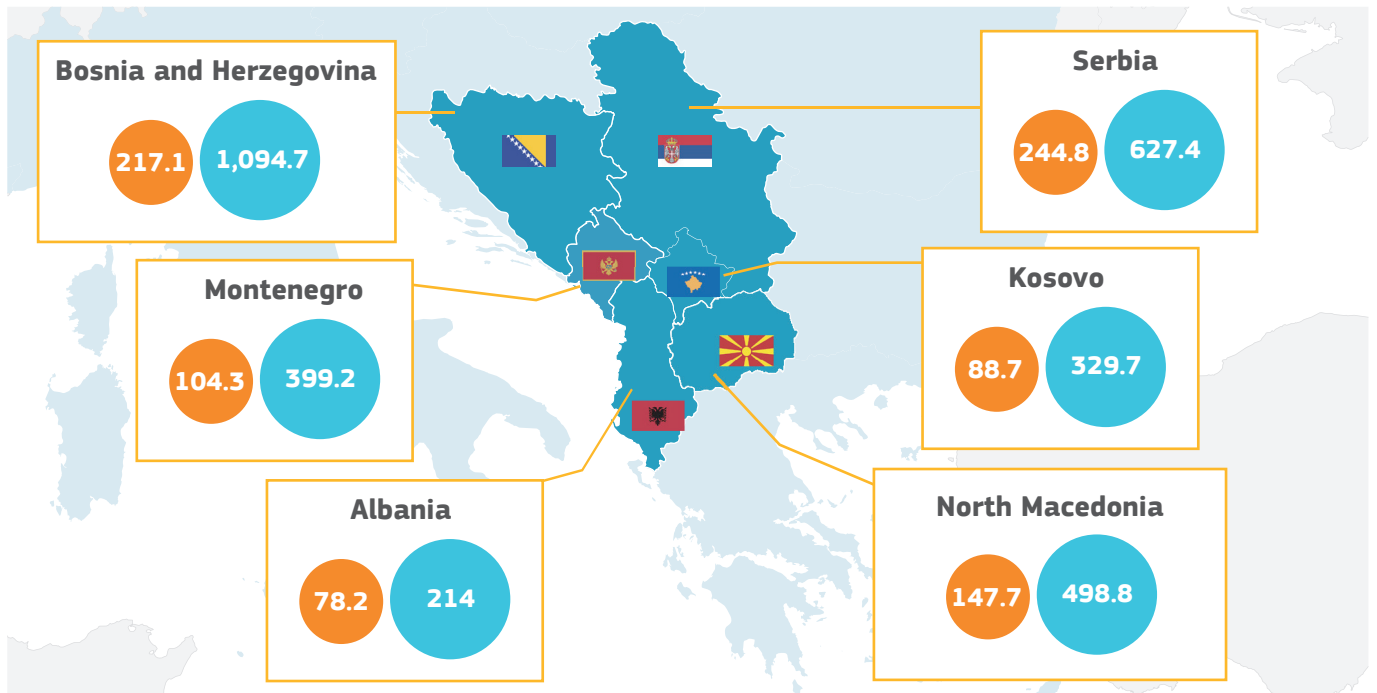
## EU Grants / Investments Leveraged €Million

● EU Grant ● Investment Value



## EU Grants / Investments Leveraged by country €Million

● EU Grant ● Investment Value



## EU Grants / Sector & Year €Million

● Transport ● Energy

