

 Early Warning System

WB-P507659

Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation 2.0



Quick Facts

Countries	Kosovo
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-01-16
Borrower	Government of Kosovo - Ministry of Finance, Labour and Transfers
Sectors	Infrastructure, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Grant, Loan
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 37.70 million
Grant Amount (USD)	\$ 12.70 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 50.40 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the objective of this project is to increase trade and transport efficiency, and strengthen quality infrastructure in the Western Balkans.

The Trade and Transport Facilitation Project 2.0, which builds on the momentum created by TTFP 1 in reducing trade costs and increasing transport efficiency in the Western Balkans, will finance critical infrastructure and IT systems to expedite the movement of goods and facilitate trade between Kosovo and its neighboring countries.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The Project's environmental and Social risks are anticipated to be Moderate. Although the long-term impacts of the Project are likely to be positive, its activities carry several risks that are mainly generated by the activities under Components 1 and 2. The potential environmental and social risks are mainly associated with civil works for the improvement of the existing Border Crossing Points (BCP) and minor works related to improvement of the key railway crossings, safely improvement along a road in Kosovo, upgrading the border crossing capacity include construction and/or equipment of the Rail Common Border Crossing between WB6 countries and neighboring countries. The moderate risk rating is justified mainly because the likely impacts will be site specific, limited to the immediate surroundings and can be managed through the implementation of cost-effective mitigation measures. At this moment, not all locations of the Civil Works were fixed, but based on the project description of the planned activities, key environmental issues will be related to (i) waste management of construction spoils, (ii) health and safety of workers and beneficiaries of services at the facilities during the construction phase, (iii) air and noise pollution during construction (iv) erosion from earth works and run-off and labor working conditions. However, no large scale and/or irreversible adverse impact, direct or indirect, is expected to occur from activities under the proposed project. Adverse downstream impacts such as involuntary land acquisition, impacts on biodiversity and habitats are expected for TA activities. However, small infrastructure at border crossings, railway crossings, accident spots along roads and new laboratories etc.. are may involve minor adverse impacts due to involuntary resettlement, or restrictions to access.



Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

IDA Credit: US\$ 37.70 million

Grant Amount (Trust Funds): US\$ 12.70 million



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Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation 2.0](#)
- [Appraisal Project Information Document \(PID\) \(English\)](#)
- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation 2.0](#)
- [Concept Project Information Document \(PID\) \(English\)](#)
- [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) - Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation 2.0](#)
- [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation 2.0](#)
- [Kosovo - Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation 2.0 Project \(English\)](#)
- [Stakeholder Engagement Plan \(SEP\) - Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation 2.0 - P507659 \(English\)](#)

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