



Western Balkans Focus on energy

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€1 billion
in EU grants

The new **Energy Support Package** will help the Western Balkans face the current energy crisis and promote its clean energy transition.

IMMEDIATE MEASURES

to tackle the energy crisis this winter



Half of the EU's €1 billion package will provide direct funds to the region's economies through budget-support measures:

- To balance the increase of energy prices for **businesses** and the energy sector
- To keep energy prices affordable especially for **vulnerable households**
- To support policy measures to accelerate the **energy transition**



SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM MEASURES

The second part of the package, the other €500 million, will cover investments to diversify energy supplies, boost renewable energy and energy efficiency.

€500 million
Second part of the package

For the next 1-2 years



EU support for the diversification of energy supply through the Western Balkan Investment Framework (WBIF):

- To upgrade gas and electricity interconnectors
- For the construction of renewable energy projects and energy efficiency installations

For the next 3-4 years

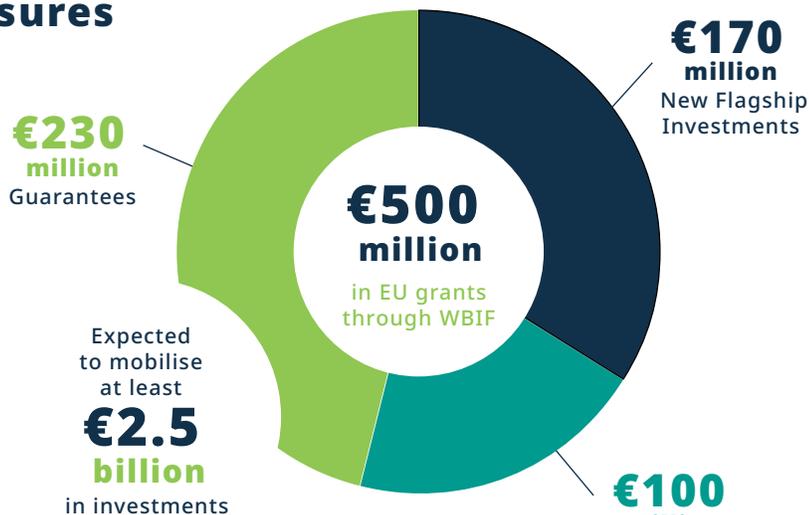


EU supports, through WBIF, the clean energy transition and energy security with:

- Large scale renewable energy generation projects, upgrade of electricity transmission systems, and district heating
- Energy efficiency support schemes for multi-apartment buildings and old blocks-of flats
- Guarantees support schemes

*The national budget support amounts take in consideration the population figures.

Short and medium term measures What do they entail?



Renewable energy

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Kosovo
Solar4Kosovo
Photovoltaic Plant



Kosovo
Solar4Kosovo II
solar district
heating in Pristina



North Macedonia
Rehabilitation of six
Hydropower Plants
Phase 3



North Macedonia
Bogdanci Wind
Park Phase 2



Serbia
Kostolac Wind
Farm



Serbia
Reconstruction of
Vlasina Hydropower
Plant

The new flagship investments in the energy sector complement energy projects already approved under the Economic and Investment Plan in Albania, North Macedonia and Serbia.

Private sector competitiveness

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SMEs Go Green Programme

It will accelerate the adoption of green technologies and sustainable practices for the SME sector.



Green Finance for Inclusion

It aims to encourage and support micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in need, in promoting innovative energy efficiency and climate resilient investments, such as: energy consumption reduction, energy efficiency of buildings, etc.



Western Balkans Climate Programme

It will finance climate change related sub-loans that will support the transition of economies in the Western Balkans.



REEP

Regional Energy Efficiency Programme

It will support the renovation of public and private buildings in the Western Balkans to:

- Meet energy performance standards
- Contribute to energy savings
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Improve living standards

€100 million



€230 million



For more information on the Energy Support Package click [here](#)

GUARANTEES

The EU will help the private sector in the Western Balkans, especially SMEs, with the clean energy transition through 6 new guarantees, the so-called **European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+)**.

These 6 guarantees, will help mitigate the risks of the private sector and increase their investment capacity.

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