EIB healthcare investments in the Western Balkans

Overview

THE EIB IN THE WESTERN BALKANS - KEY FIGURES

over €8bn INVESTED BETWEEN 2008 AND 2019

- €365m invested in healthcare
- Improved healthcare for over 5 million citizens
- 20 hospitals, 5 clinical centres refurbished and equipped
- over 1 000 new hospital beds
- €1.7bn EIB support package for the Western Balkans for social and economic recovery from COVID-19, part of a €3.3bn support package for the region delivered by the European Commission
MODERN, RESILIENT AND EFFICIENT HEALTHCARE

The European Investment Bank supports the Western Balkans in developing sustainable and high-quality healthcare services. It has invested €365 million in regional healthcare projects since 2008.

The EIB supports the region with affordable, long-term loans, often blended with other EU financial instruments and grants to maximise their impact. The Bank also offers technical advisory assistance, helping clients across the region develop and implement bankable projects in the healthcare sector.

The EIB remains committed to the Western Balkans in COVID-19 times. Modernising and improving the public healthcare sector in the Western Balkans; transforming it into an integrated and resilient system, with improved infrastructure and quality of care, and an optimal financing model; and financing healthcare projects promoting equity of access - these are all important priorities for the EIB.

HEALTHCARE PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Serbia: €200 million invested in modernising, redeveloping and extending Serbia’s tertiary hospital services provided by the Clinical Centres of Belgrade, Nis, Novi Sad and Kragujevac. The Clinical Centre Nis, reconstructed under this loan, expanded its capacity to approximately 45 000 m² and added a further 600 hospital beds. More than 2.5 million citizens in Serbia have access to modern healthcare services within this facility, which became a major medical centre in the region and an essential institution for Serbia in the efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic.
Despite the immense challenges created by the COVID-19 crisis within the EU itself, the European Union has shown its unwavering support for its partner countries and its commitment to international cooperation and coordination. The huge needs in the region can only be addressed by a team effort. The EIB looks forward to contributing to the Western Balkans Investment Framework and the forthcoming Economic and Investment Plan for Recovery.”

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