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Ministry of Finance and Treasury / Sector for Financial Planning of Development and Coordination of the International Economic Aid, in cooperation with development partners, members of the Development Partners Coordination Forum (DCF), has prepared the Development Partners Mapping Report for 2023 (DMR 2023).

The Report provides a comprehensive overview of projects and programs supported with the Official Development Assistance (ODA) funds by the members of the DCF, the information on the latest activities implemented in the priority sectors in Bosnia and Herzegovina during 2023, as well as the planned activities of development partners in the future period.

Development Partners Mapping Report 2023 was prepared on the data from the DMD database, of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury, where development partners have entered their new projects as well as updated the data on ongoing projects.

Classification of the priority sectors is based on the sector-based reporting methodology defined in the IPA II regulation in the period 2014 – 2020, in line with the aspiration of Bosnia and Herzegovina towards the EU membership, as well as the fact that most of the development partners activities are focused at supporting the realization of BiH priorities related to the EU integration process. The Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina has retained the IPA II classification in the Development Partners Mapping Report 2023.

In that regard, the Report also provides the analysed overview of the Official Development Assistance (ODA), channelled to the following priority sectors in Bosnia and Herzegovina:

**Democracy and governance**

**Rule of law and fundamental rights**

**Environment and climate action**

**Transport**

**Energy**

**Competitiveness and innovation**

**Education, employment and social policies**

**Agriculture and rural development**

**Regional and territorial cooperation**

**Cross – cutting sector**

European integration process involves comprehensive adjustment of policies, the institutional framework and the legal system with the aim to achieve the European standards in all areas. Thereby, the process of legal harmonization and adoption of the European standards implies extensive internal reforms, general consolidation of the system, stronger economic development in the areas which affect the relationship dynamics between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the European Union. The members of the Development Partners Coordination Forum, play a significant role in this process, through provision of the financial support to the reform activities and programs.

The efficient and effective use of ODA funds as well as the establishing of the mutual partnership are of crucial importance for the success of the reforms in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In line with this, in 2023, Ministry of Finance and Treasury launched the activities to further improve the efficiency of the use of the international aid in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

After adoption by the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Development Partners Mapping Report for 2023 will be available at the website of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina [www.mft.gov.ba](http://www.mft.gov.ba) and the Development Partners Coordination Forum [www.donormapping.ba](http://www.donormapping.ba).

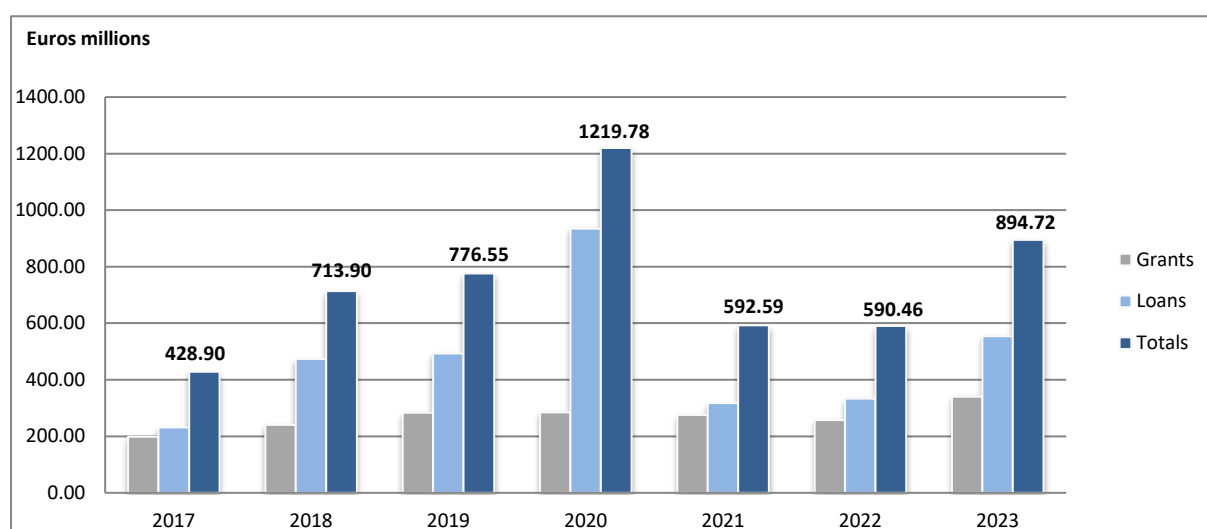
The Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH would like to thank to development partners, DCF members for their active participation in the preparation of the Development Partners Mapping Report 2023.



## I Summarized overview of ODA allocations and disbursements

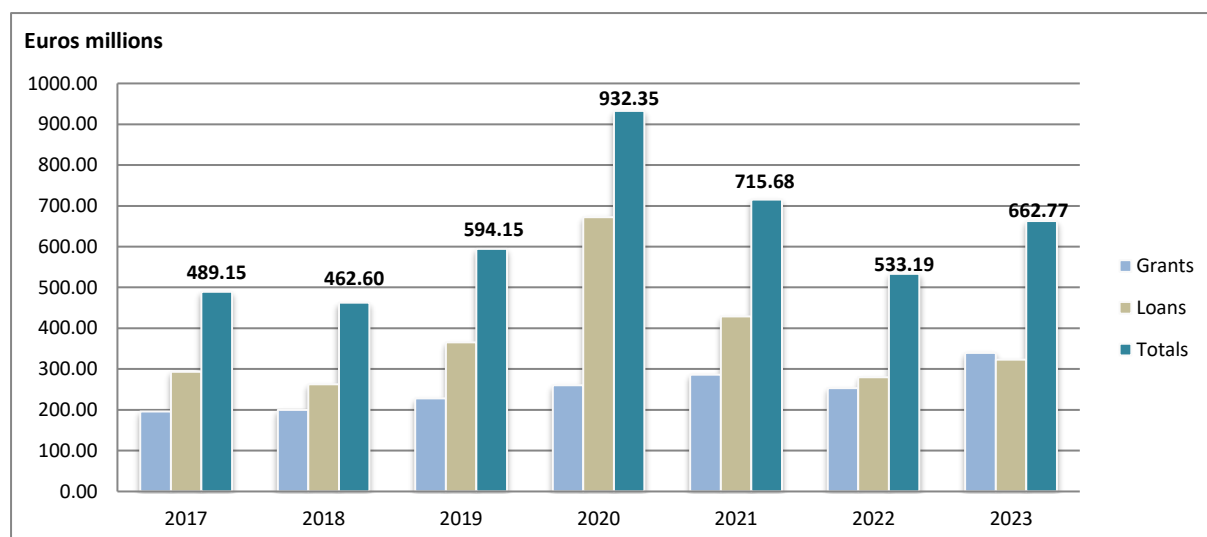
In 2023, total Official Development Assistance (ODA) allocations for Bosnia and Herzegovina amounted to € 894,72 million, out of which € 340.27 million (38%) of grant funds, while € 554.45 million (62%) are loan funds (Figure 1.). The increase trend of the total allocated ODA funds continued in 2023, compared to the previous two years. Compared to 2022, total allocated ODA funds increased for € 304,3 million (51,5%), out of which € 221,2 million (37,5%) refers to the increase of loan funds, and €83,1 million (14,1%) to the increase of grant funds.

**Figure 1. Total ODA allocations in the period 2017-2023 in BiH**



Total disbursements of ODA funds in 2023 amounted to € 662.77 million, out of which € 339.74 million or 51.3% of grant funds and € 323.02 million or 48.7% of loan funds, indicating the increase if compared to the previous year. In 2023, the increase was recorded of total disbursed ODA funds for €129.6 million (24.3%) if compared to the previous year, whereby € 86.3 million (16.2%) refers to the increase of disbursed grant funds and € 43.3 million (8.1%) to the increase of disbursed loan funds (Figure 2.).

**Figure 2. Total ODA disbursements in the period 2017-2023 in BiH**



Comparison of total allocated and disbursed ODA funds in BiH for the period 2017-2023 is presented in the Figure 3.

**Figure 3. Total allocated and disbursed ODA in the period 2017-2023 in BiH**

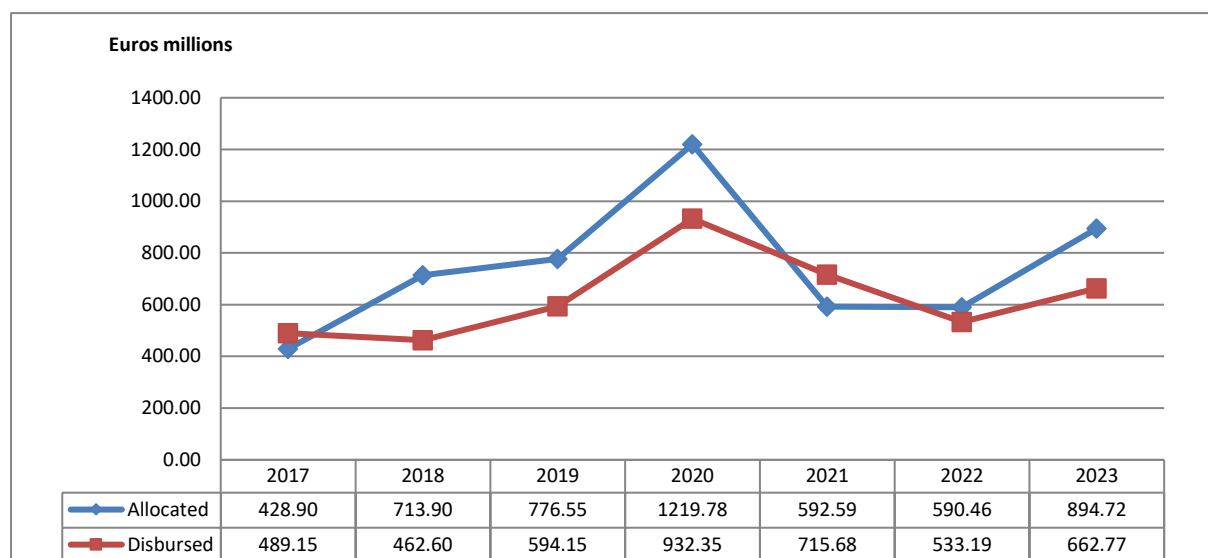


Figure 4. presents the participation ratio of bilateral and multilateral development partners in total ODA allocations, for the period 2017 – 2023. Out of total ODA allocations in 2023, in the amount of € 894,72 million, bilateral development partners allocated € 170.20 million or 19%, while multilateral development partners allocated € 724.52 million or 81%.

**Figure 4. Participation of bilateral and multilateral development partners in total ODA allocations per years**

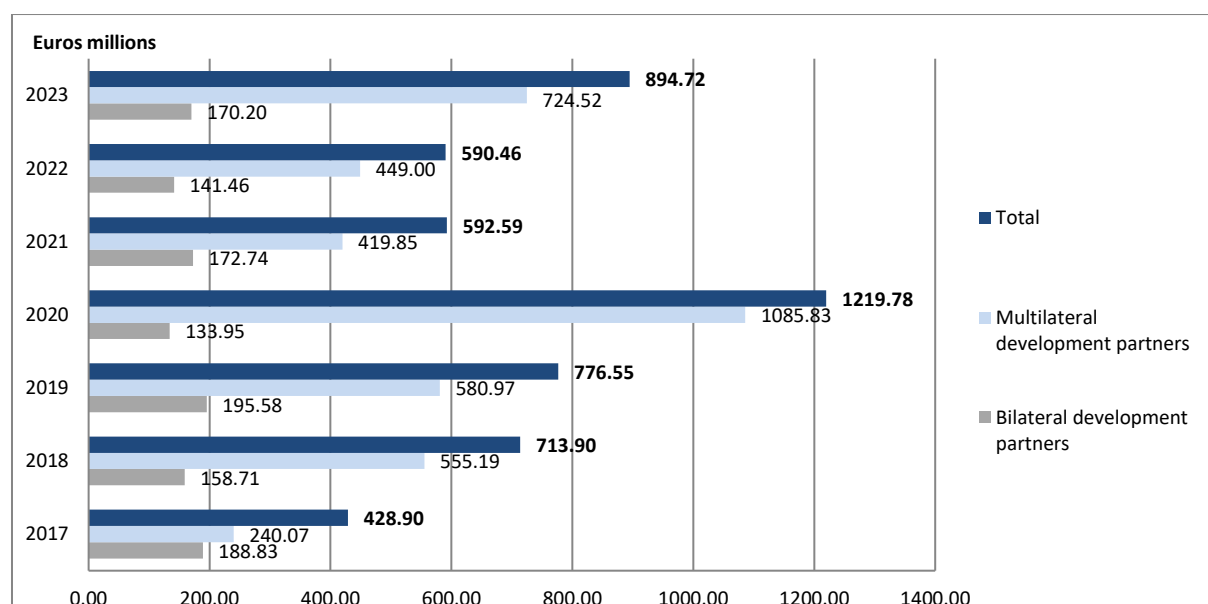
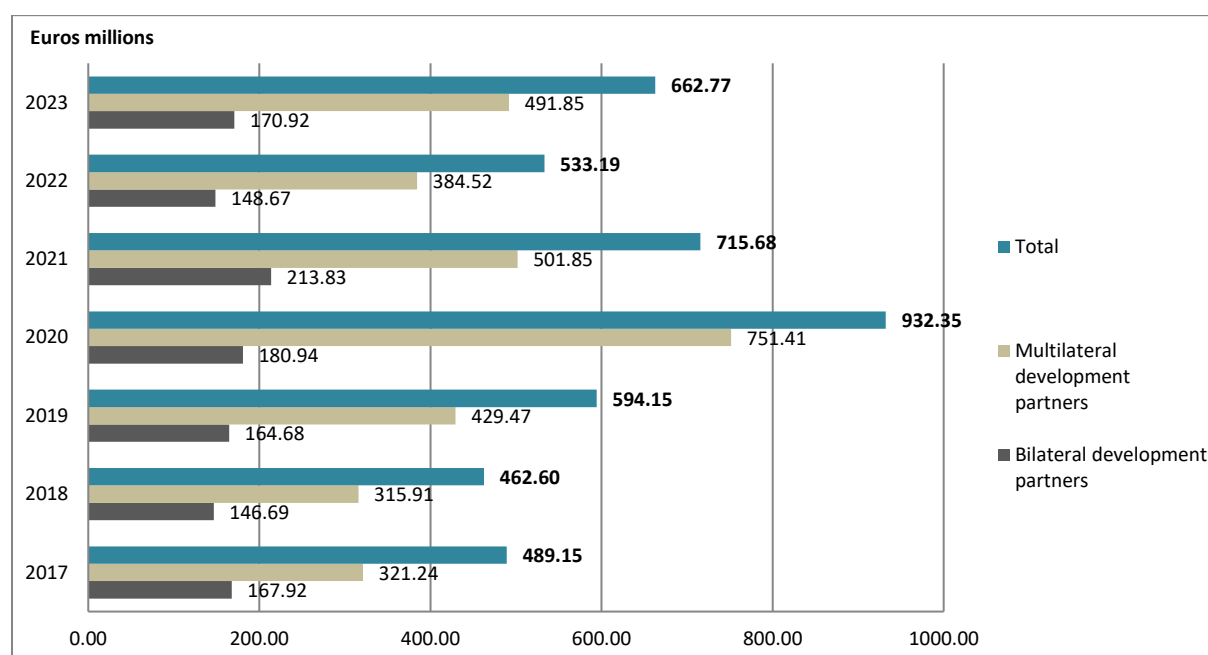


Figure 5. represents the participation ratio of bilateral and multilateral development partners in total ODA disbursements per years for the period 2017 – 2023. In 2023, out of a total €662.77 million of ODA disbursements, €170.92 million (26%) was disbursed by the bilateral development partners, while €491.85 million (74%) was disbursed by the multilateral partners.

**Figure 5. Participation of bilateral and multilateral development partners in total ODA disbursements per years**

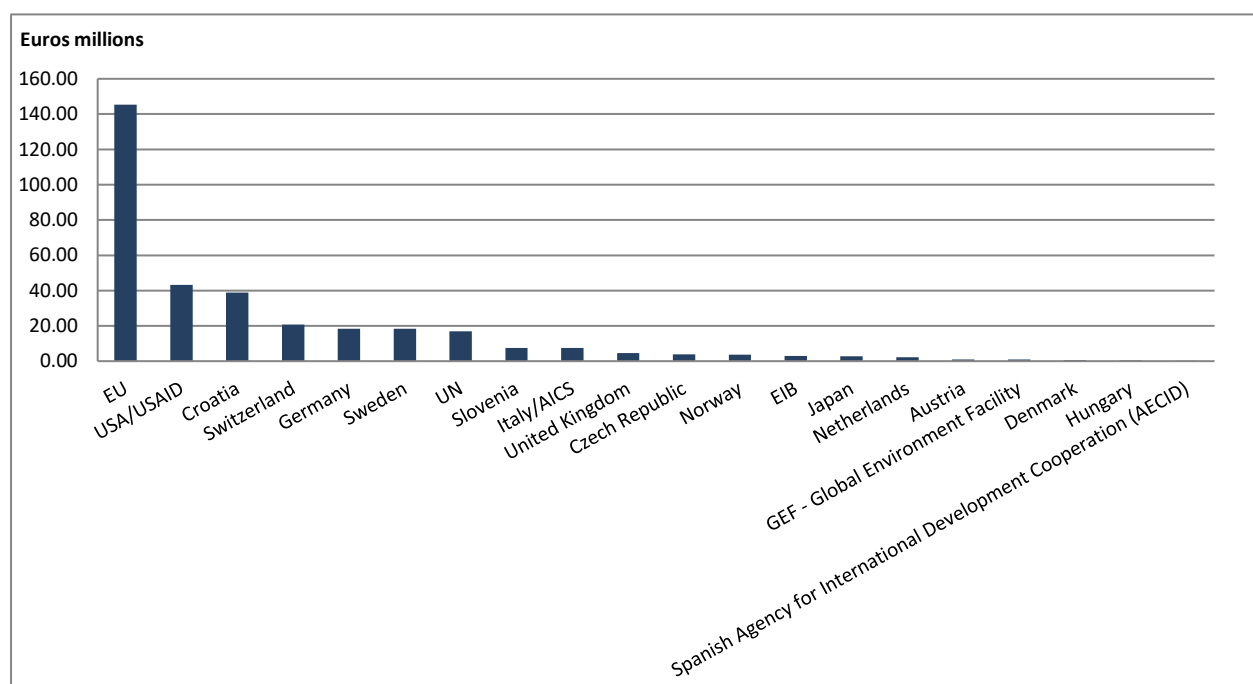




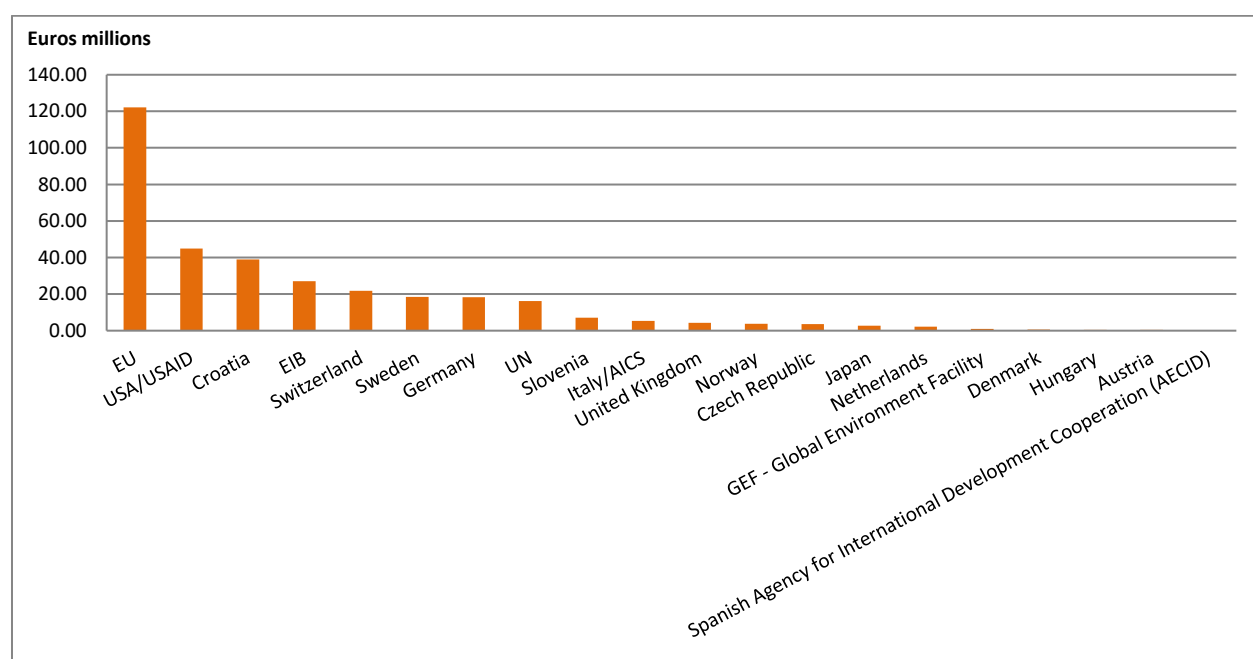
## II Overview of allocated and disbursed grants and loans per development partners

In 2023, total grant funds of € 340.27 million were allocated and € 339.74 million were disbursed. Figures 6. and 7. present allocated and disbursed grant funds by development partners, according to the amount of the invested funds. Leading development partners in 2023, who allocated i.e. disbursed largest amounts were the the EU, USA/USAID and Croatia, followed by Switzerland, Germany, Sweden and the UN.

**Figure 6. Allocated grant funds per development partners in 2023**



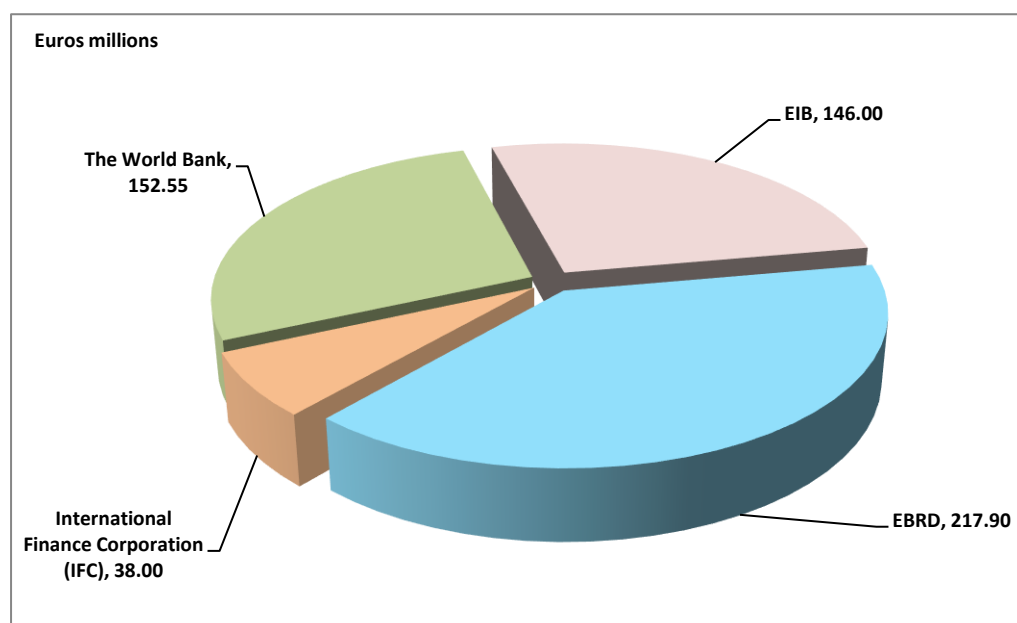
**Figure 7. Disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2023**



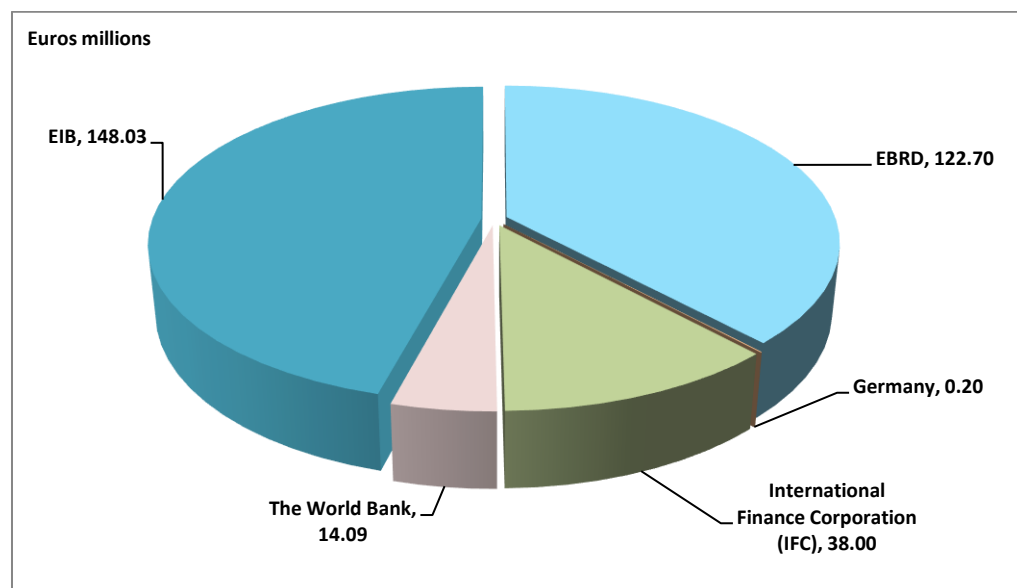
In 2023, total loan funds of € 554.45 million were allocated and € 323.02 million were disbursed.

Figures 8. and 9. present allocated and disbursed loan funds in 2023. Creditors in 2023 were the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), The World Bank (WB), European Investment Bank (EIB), International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Germany.

**Figure 8. Allocated funds per creditors in 2023**



**Figure 9. Disbursed funds per creditors in 2023**

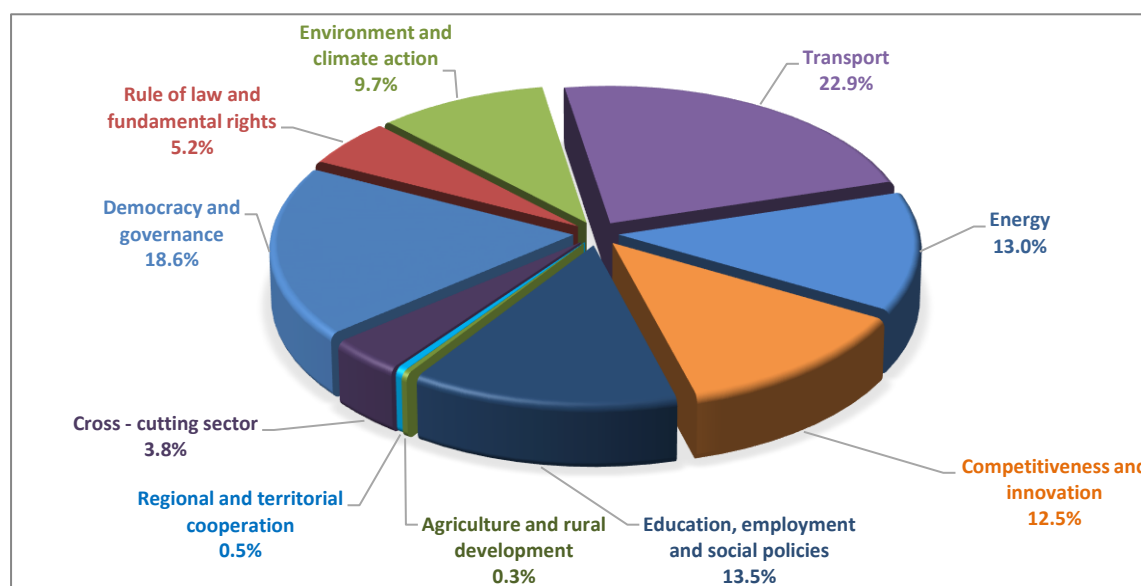


## III Overview of ODA allocations and disbursements per sectors

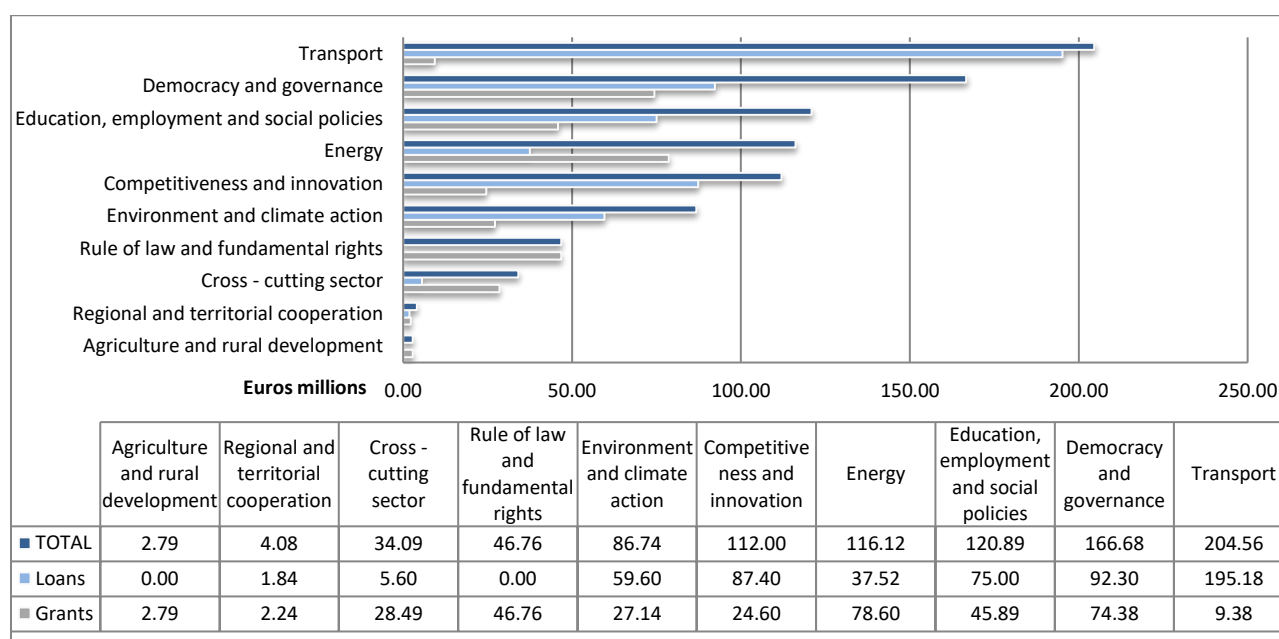
In 2023, total ODA allocations in Bosnia and Herzegovina in IPA II sectors amounted to € 894.72 million, out of which € 340.27 million in the form of grants and € 554.45 million in the form of loans. (Figures 10. and 11.)

Out of total allocated funds, 80.5% was allocated to 5 sectors: Transport 22.9%, Democracy and governance 18.6%, Education, employment and social policies 13.5%, Energy 13.0% and Competitiveness and innovation 12.5%, while 19.5% was allocated in other five sectors.

**Figure 10. Total ODA allocations per sectors in 2023**



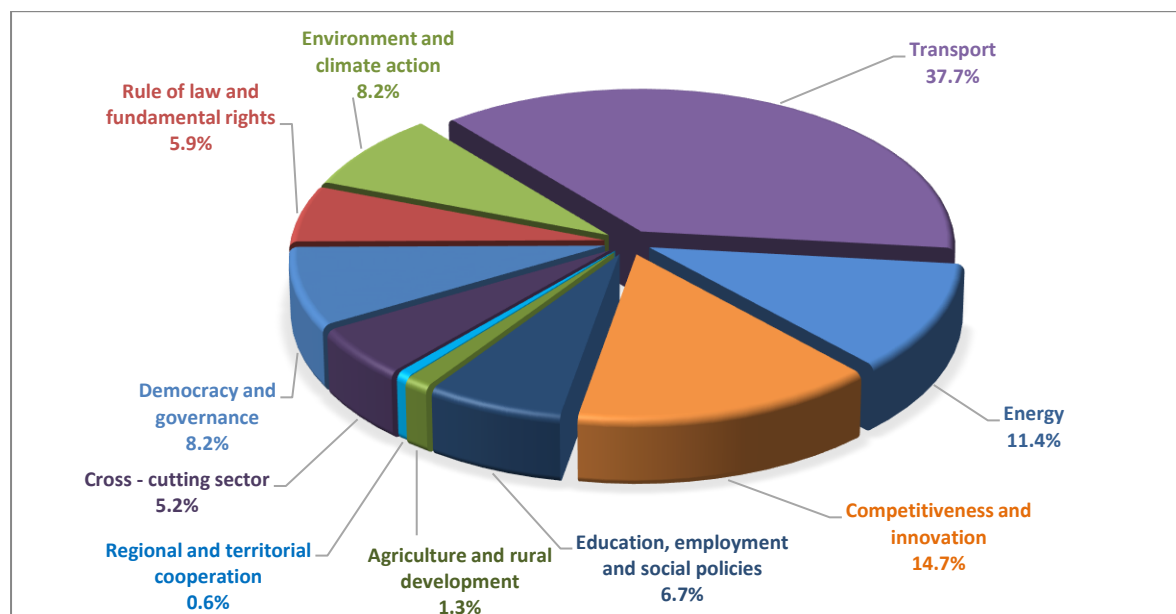
**Figure 11. Participation of grants and loans in total ODA allocations per sectors in 2023**



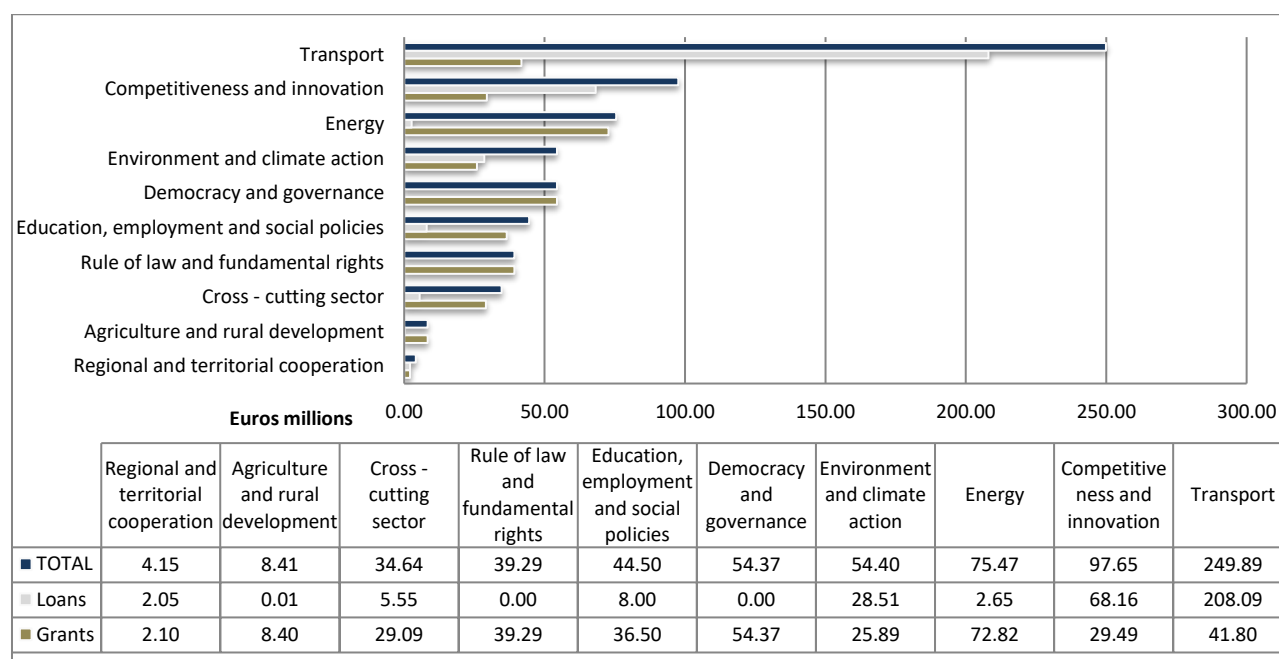
In 2023, total ODA disbursements in Bosnia and Herzegovina in IPA II sectors amounted to € 662.77 million, out of which € 339.74 million in the form of grants and € 323.02 million in the form of loans. (Figures 12. and 13.)

Out of total disbursements, 64 % was disbursed to 3 sectors: Transport 37.7%, and Competitiveness and innovation 14.7 % and Energy 11.4%, while 36% was allocated in all other sectors.

**Figure 12. Total ODA disbursements per sectors in 2023**



**Figure 13. Participation of grants and loans in total ODA disbursements per sectors in 2023**





- 1. Democracy and governance**
- 2. Rule of law and fundamental**
- 3. Environment and climate action**
- 4. Transport**
- 5. Energy**
- 6. Competitiveness and innovation**
- 7. Education, employment and social policies**
- 8. Agriculture and rural development**
- 9. Regional and territorial cooperation**
- 10. Cross- cutting sector**



<b>DCF members active in the sector in 2023</b>	The World Bank, EU, USA/USAID, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Croatia, UN, Czech Republic, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Italy/AICS
<b>Other key international organizations</b>	International Monetary Fund, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; Office of the High Representative; Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; Council of Europe; British Council in BiH; Norwegian Institute of International Affairs; European Training Foundation; Statistical Office of the European Union, European Statistical Office, Centre of Excellence in Finances, UN Population Fund, UN Children's Fund, Regional School of Public Administration, Regional Cooperation Council, Council of Europe, Western Balkans Investment Framework, <i>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit</i> (GIZ).
<b>Key government partners</b>	Council of Ministers of BiH; Government of the Federation of BiH; Government of Republika Srpska; Government of Brcko District BiH; Cantonal governments; Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH; Ministry of Finance of RS and Federal Ministry of Finance; Finance Directorate of the BD BiH; BiH Ministry of Foreign Affairs; BiH Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic relations; BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs; BiH Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH; Ministry of Defence of BiH; Ministry of Security of BiH; Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office, together with entity and DB BiH coordinators; Ministry of European Integration and International Cooperation of RS; Ministry of Administration and Local Self-Governance of RS; Parliamentary Assembly of BiH; Parliament of FBiH and National Assembly of RS; Agencies for Civil Service of BiH and entities; Agency for Pre-Primary, Primary and Secondary Education; Audit Office of the Institutions of BiH; Audit Office for the Institutions of FBiH; TPublic Sector Auditing; Agency for Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance; Directorate for European Integration; Directorate for Economic Planning; BiH Indirect Taxation Authority; Tax Administration of FBiH; Tax Administration of RS; Central Bank of BiH; Public Procurement Agency of BiH; Procurement Review Body of BiH; Central Harmonization Units (CHUs) in the Ministries of Finance of the State and the Entities; Ministry of Labour, War Veterans and Disabled Persons' Protection of RS; Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Policy; Agencies for Statistics of BiH and entities Agencies for Statistics; High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council; Ministry of Health and Social Protection of RS; Financial Intelligence Agency of FBiH, BIH Mine Action Centre; Agency for Civil Service of BiH and entity agencies for civil service; Agency for Gender Equality of BiH; Gender centres of FBiH and RS; Association of Municipalities and Cities of RS and FBiH.
<b>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2023 by DCF members</b>	<p>Total allocated € 166.68 mil, € 74.38 mil in a form of grants and € 92.30 mil in a form of loans.</p> <p>Total disbursed € 54.37 mil in a form of grants.</p> <p>Out of total ODA in 2023, 19% was allocated and 8% was disbursed in the sector.</p>



<p>Coordination among and with development partners</p>	<p><b>Democratic institutions:</b> Functional exchange of information between stakeholders based on informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination, together with self-organized meetings between development partners.</p> <p><b>Decentralization and sub-national government:</b> Functional exchange of information between stakeholders based on informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination, together with self-organized meetings between development partners.</p> <p><b>Public Administration Reform (PAR):</b> PAR Fund stakeholders` regular meetings organized by Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office (PARCO). Joint Management Board of PAR serves as a monthly forum for coordination. Meanwhile, informal coordination is maintained with other development partners.</p> <p><b>Public Financial Management:</b> Exchange of information between stakeholders based on informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination and project-based bilateral meetings.</p> <p><b>Taxation:</b> Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination on regular basis.</p> <p><b>Customs:</b> Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination on regular basis.</p> <p><b>Economic governance:</b> Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination.</p> <p><b>Statistics:</b> Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination on regular basis.</p> <p><b>Civil Society:</b> Local Advisory Group supported and managed by the EU-funded project TACSO.</p> <p><b>Development partners active in the sector and BiH Institutions from all levels of government regularly attended Development Partners Coordination Forum meetings (DCF meetings) hosted by BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury/Sector for Financial Planning of Development and Coordination of International Economic Aid.</b></p>
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## Overview of activities in 2023

Democracy and governance sector presented in this Report is based on the sector-based reporting methodology defined in the IPA II regulation, for the period 2014 – 2020. The Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH has retained the IPA II classification in the Development Partners Mapping Report 2023.

### Democracy and governance sector consists of eleven sub-sectors:

- Democratic Institutions,
- Decentralization and Sub-national Government,
- Public Administration Reform (PAR),
- Public financial management,
- Taxation,
- Customs,
- Economic governance,
- Statistics,
- Civil society,
- EU programs and agencies and
- Institutional building for European integration.

## Investments of DCF members in 2023

DCF members active in the Democracy and governance sector in 2023 are The World Bank, EU, USA/USAID, EU, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Croatia, UN, Czech Republic, Germany, Netherlands, Norway and Italy/AICS.

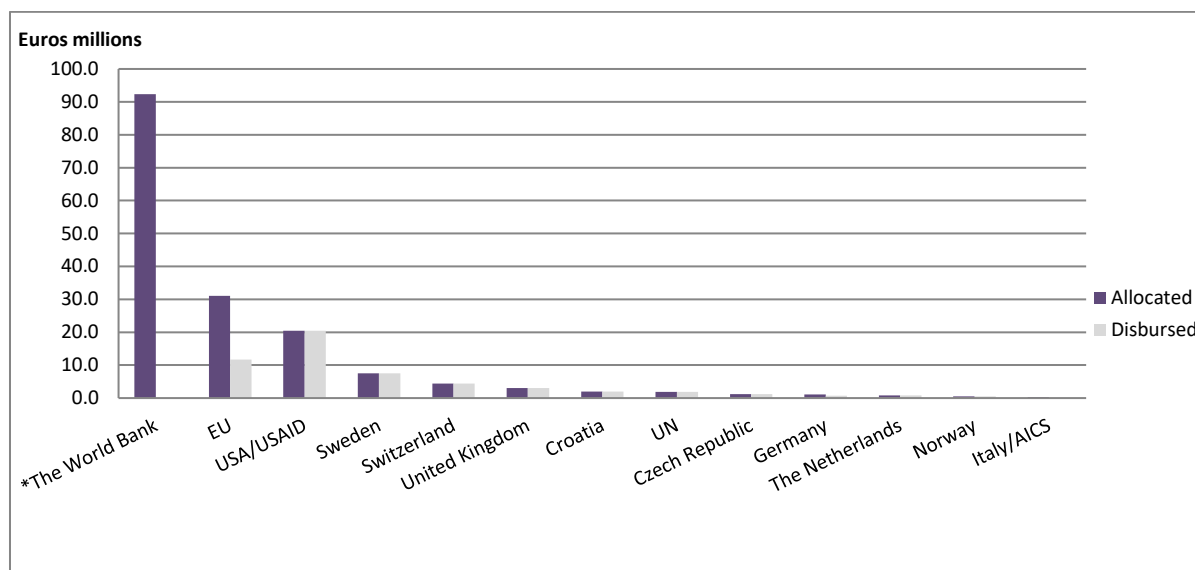
Total allocated funds of DCF members to the Democracy and governance sector in 2023 amounted to € 166.68 mil, out of which € 74.38 mil in the form of grants i and € 92.30 mil in the form of loans.

Total disbursed funds for the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 54.37 mil in the form of grants.

Figure 1.1. compares grants allocated and disbursed ODA grants, according to the amount of the invested funds of each individual development partner.

Leading development partners in the sector in 2023, who allocated i.e. disbursed largest amounts were The World Bank, EU and USA/USAID, followed by Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

**Figure 1.1. Allocated and disbursed grants per development partners in 2023**



\*Note: The World Bank loan

Figure 1.2. presents the structure of total allocated ODA funds in 2023 per sub-sectors. Democracy and governance sector consists of 11 sub-sectors.

Out of total allocated funds in 2023, 85.8% was allocated the sub-sectors: Public financial management (56.9%), Civil society (17.7%) and Democratic institutions (11.2%), while 14.2% was allocated in other subsectors. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 1.2. Total allocated ODA per sub-sectors in 2023**

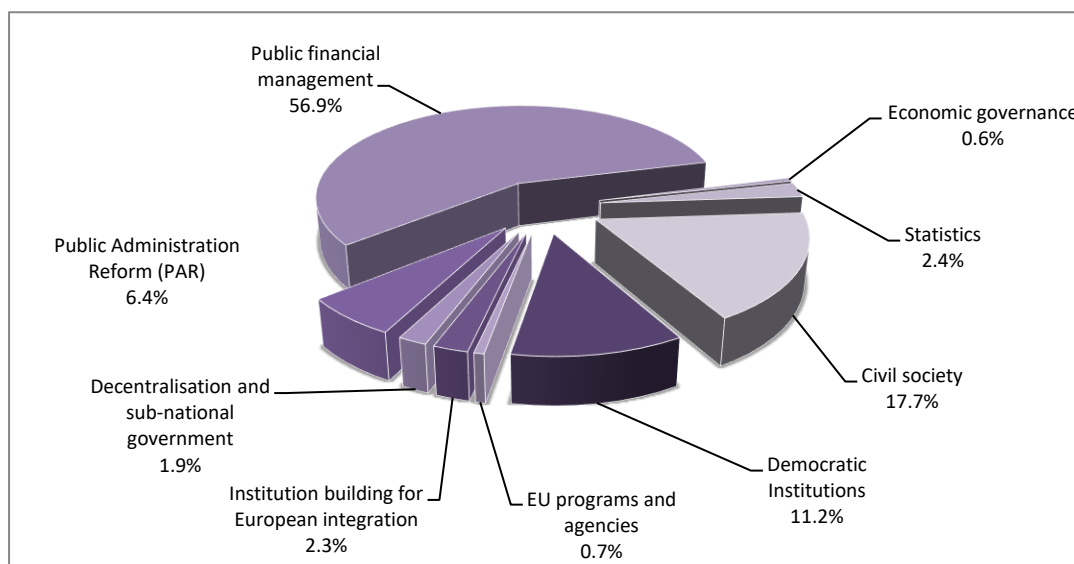
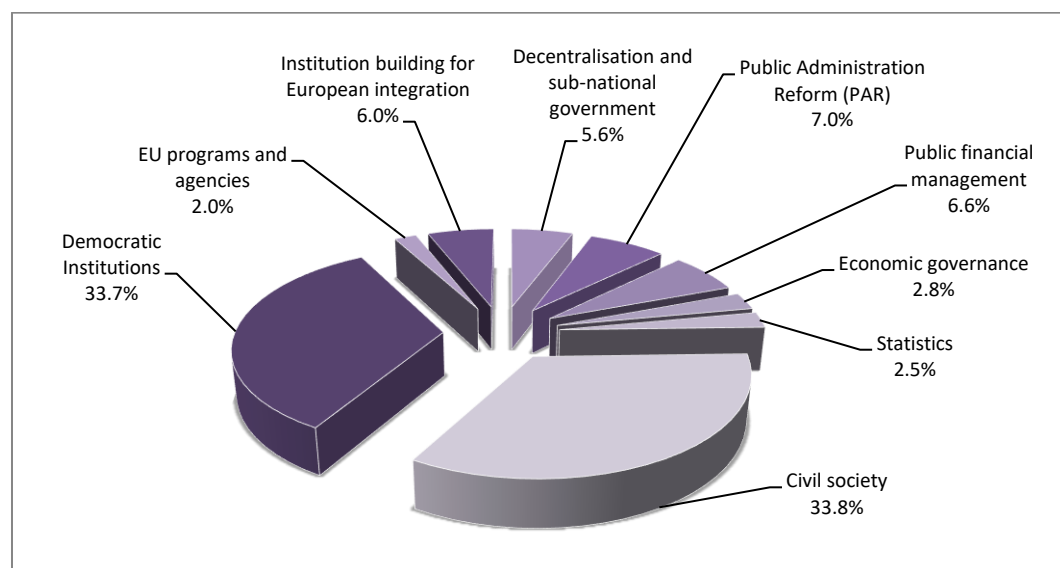


Figure 1.3. presents the structure of total allocated ODA funds in 2023 per sub-sectors.

Out of total disbursed funds in 2023, 74.5% was disbursed in the three sub-sectors: Civil society (33.8%), Democratic institutions (33.7%) and Public administration reform (7.0%), while 25.5 % was disbursed in other subsectors. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 1.3. Total disbursed ODA per sub-sectors in 2023**



## Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2023

PROJECT TITLE	Development partner	Total project value (EUR mil)
BIH Health Sector Programmatic Development Policy Loan	The World Bank	92.30
Regional Programme on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans 2 (ReLOaD2)	UN	12.89
USAID Local Governance Assistance Activity (LGAA)	USA/USAID	11.66
USAID Fiscal Reform Activity in Bosnia-Herzegovina	USA/USAID	10.60
(USAID) Supporting Political Pluralism and Good Governance Processes in BiH	USA/USAID	10.11
USAID/BiH E-governance activity	USA/USAID	10.01
(USAID) Administrative support	USA/USAID	10.00
(USAID) Media Engagement Activity in BiH	USA/USAID	9.11
USAID/BiH INSPIRE – Human Rights activity	USA/USAID	8.42
(PDS) Democracy Commission Small Grants Program	USA/USAID	8.00

All projects are available in the Development Partners Coordination Forum Database, via the following link:

<http://dmd.donormapping.ba/dmd/faces/dmdPublicStart>



<b>DCF members active in the sector in 2023</b>	EU, USA/USAID, Germany, Italy/AICS, Sweden, UN, Netherlands, Croatia, United Kingdom, Norway, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Switzerland
<b>Other key international organizations</b>	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; Council of Europe, the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces; INTERPOL; EUROPOL; European Union Forces; USA Department of Justice International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program; European Police College; Association of European Police Colleges; Catholic Relief Services; Office of the High Representative; European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders; International Committee of the Red Cross; Save the Children Norway; Regional Cooperation Council; OPEC Fund for International Development/OFID; South East and East Europe Clearinghouse for Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC); Caritas Switzerland, Care International; Hilfswerk Austria International, International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP), Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) .
<b>Key government partners</b>	Council of Ministers of BiH; Government of the Federation of BiH; Government of Republika Srpska; Government of Brcko District BiH; BiH Ministry of Justice; BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs; Federal Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Justice of RS; cantonal ministries of justice; Judicial Commission of BD BiH; Ministry of Security of BiH; Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH; BiH Prosecutor's Office; High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council; the BiH Court; Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centres in FBiH and RS; State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH; Border Police of BiH; Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH; The Institution of Human Rights Ombudsman/Ombudsmen of BiH; Notary Chamber of FBiH and RS; Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH; Directorate for the Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH; Agency for police Support of BiH; Police Academies in FBiH and RS; Federal Ministry of Interior; Ministry of Interior of RS; cantonal ministries of interior; cantonal ministries of education; The Personal Data Protection Agency of BiH; Agency for Forensic and Expert Examinations of BiH; Civil Protection Agencies at the entity and BD BiH level; Federal Ministry of Health; Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of RS; department of Health of BD BiH; Agency for gender Equality of BiH; Gender centers of FBiH and RS; Council of National Minorities in BiH.
<b>Total allocation/disbursement to the sector in 2023 by DCF members</b>	Total allocated € 46.76 mil – in a form of grants Total disbursed € 39.29 mil – in a form of grants  Out of total ODA in 2023, 5% was allocated and 6% was disbursed in the sector.
<b>Coordination among and with development partners</b>	<b>Judicial Reform:</b> Forum of Donors Annual coordination meeting organized by the BiH Ministry of Justice and BiH – EU Structural Dialogue on Justice. Development partners coordination is maintained every 6 months by the European Union Delegation (EUD) as part of a structural dialogue, as well as sub-committee meetings in the Justice sector with the participation of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council and the Ministry of Justice.  EUD regularly organizes meetings for coordination of international judiciary sector.

	<p>Regular bilateral coordination meetings of international and local partners.</p> <p><b>Penitentiary Reform:</b> <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based bilateral meetings.</p> <p><b>War Crimes:</b> Regular bilateral coordination meetings with international and local partners, including EUD, Switzerland, USA, Ministry of Justice, Prosecutor's Offices. <i>Ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based.</p> <p><b>Fight against Organized Crime:</b> informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based and mostly bilateral / multilateral, self-organizing meetings between development partners.</p> <p><b>Fight against Corruption:</b> regular development partners and policy coordination meetings are co-chaired by the Agency for Prevention of Corruption and for Coordination of the Fight against Corruption and the EUD. The UN maintains regular bilateral coordination meetings with international and local partners.</p> <p><b>Police reform:</b> informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based.</p> <p><b>Migration and Asylum:</b> formal coordination of development partners is led by the Coordination body on BiH immigration issues.</p> <p><b>Border Management and Security:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based.</p> <p><b>Roma:</b> Roma Committee with the CoM of BiH represents formal coordination body.</p> <p><b>Refugees and IDPs:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based and mostly bilateral / multilateral</p> <p><b>LGBTI:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based.</p> <p><b>National Minorities:</b> informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based.</p> <p><b>Intercommunity Relations:</b> informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based.</p> <p><b>Freedom of expression and media freedom:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based.</p> <p><b>Property Rights:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based.</p> <p><b>Data Protection:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination.</p> <p><b>Development partners active in the sector and BiH Institutions from all levels of government regularly attended Development Partners Coordination Forum meetings (DCF meetings) hosted by BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury/Sector for Financial Planning of Development and Coordination of International Economic Aid.</b></p>
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### Overview of activities in 2023

Rule of law and fundamental rights sector presented in this Report is based on the sector-based reporting methodology defined in the IPA II regulation, for the period 2014 – 2020. The Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH has retained the IPA II classification in the Development Partners Mapping Report 2023.

#### **Rule of law and fundamental rights sector consists of sixteen sub-sectors:**

- Judicial reform,
- Penitentiary reform,
- War crimes,
- Fight against organized crime,
- Fight against corruption,
- Police reform,
- Migration and asylum,
- Border management and security,
- Roma,
- Refugees and IDPs,
- LGBTI,
- National minorities,
- Intercommunity relations,
- Freedom of expression and media freedom,
- Property rights and
- Data protection.

### Investments of DCF members in 2023

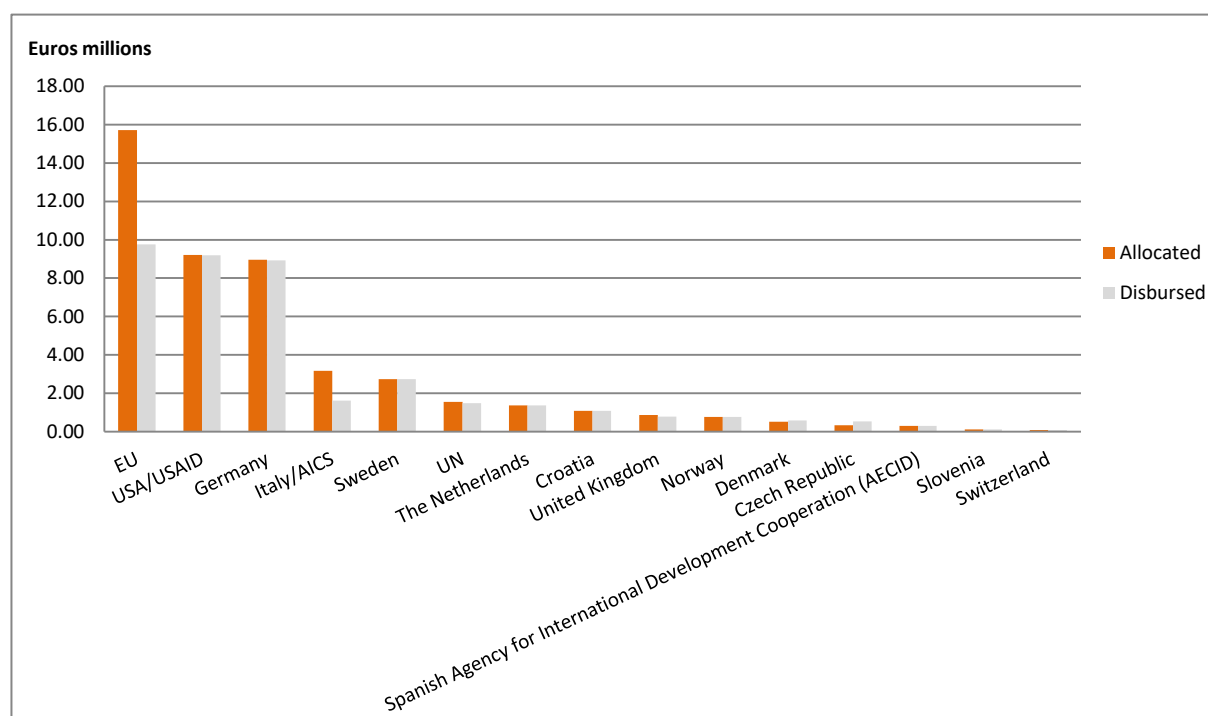
DCF members active in the Rule of law and fundamental rights sector in 2023 are the EU, USA/USAID, Germany, Italy/AICS, Sweden, UN, Netherlands, Croatia, United Kingdom, Norway, Czech Republic, Slovenia and Switzerland.

Total allocations of DCF members to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 46.76 mil, while total disbursements amounted to € 39.29 mil, all in the form of grants.

Figure 2.1. compares allocated and disbursed ODA funds, according to the amount of invested funds of each individual development partner. Leading development partners in the Sector in 2023, who allocated i.e. disbursed largest amounts, were the EU and USA/USAID, followed by Germany, Italy/AICS and Sweden.



**Figure 2.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2023**



Rule of law and fundamental rights sector consists of 16 sub-sectors. Figure 2.2. presents the structure of total allocated ODA funds per sub-sectors.

Out of total allocated funds in 2023, 80.5% was allocated in 3 sub-sectors: Judicial reform (36.8%), Intercommunity relations (33.8%) and Data protection (9.9%), while the remaining 19.5 % of funds were allocated to other subsectors. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 2.2. Total allocated ODA per sub-sectors in 2023**

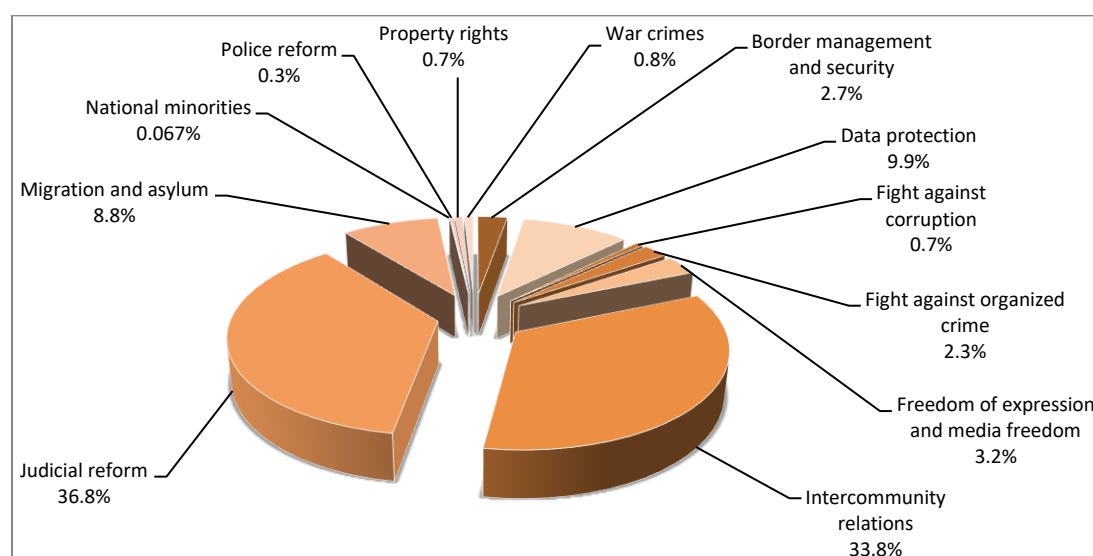
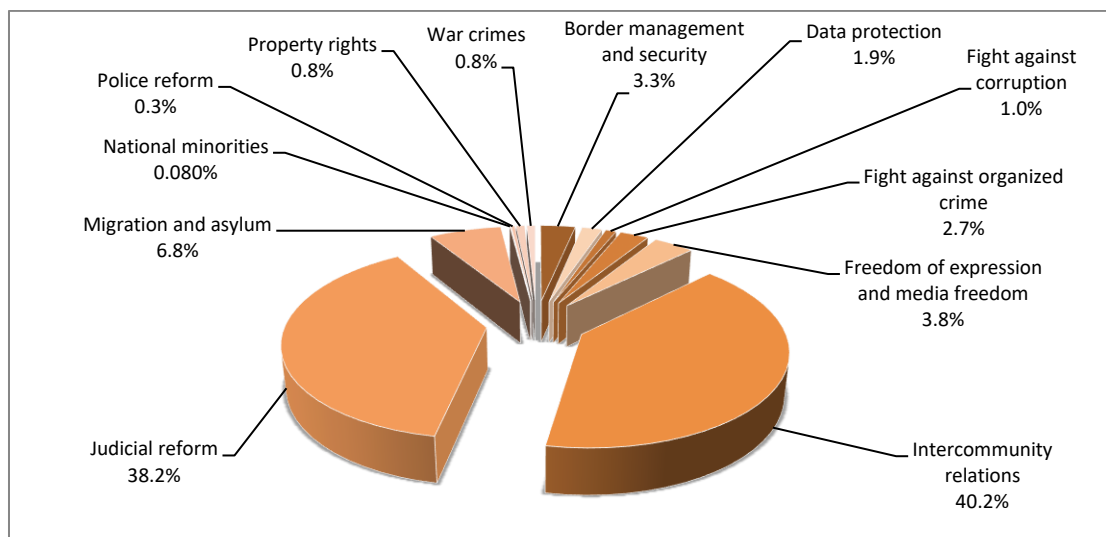


Figure 2.3. presents the structure of total disbursed ODA funds per sub-sectors in 2023. Out of total disbursed funds in 2023, 85.3% was disbursed to 3 subsectors: Intercommunity relations (40.2%), Judicial reform (38.2%) and Migration and asylum (6.8%), while the remaining 14.7 % of funds were allocated to other subsectors. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 2.3. Total disbursed ODA per sectors in 2023**



## Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2023

PROJECT TITLE	Development partner	Total project value (EUR mil)
State/INL Law Enforcement Development Program	USA/USAID	50.00
State/INL Rule of Law Development Program	USA/USAID	30.00
(NADR CWD) Department of State Demining and Small Arms Destruction Program	USA/USAID	25.00
Mine clearance	Germany	8.70
(PDS) Fund for Interethnic Reconciliation and Youth Initiatives	USA/USAID	8.50
Support to the Judiciary in BiH	Switzerland	5.30
Improving Court Efficiency and Accountability of Judges and Prosecutors in Bosnia and Herzegovina-ICEA phase III	Sweden	4.87
Addressing Mixed Migration Flows in the Western Balkans	Norway	4.86
Construction of Prison, Sarajevo	EU	4.42
Enhancing War Crime Cases Processing BiH	EU	4.00

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<b>DCF members active in the sector in 2023</b>	The World Bank, EBRD, EU, UN, EIB, Sweden, Italy/AICS, Norway, Slovenia, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Germany, Croatia
<b>Other key international organizations</b>	Global Environment Fund, Western Balkans Investment Framework, Danish Emergency Management Agency, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; Climate Change Fund; United States Agency for International Development, UN Development Programme, UN Environment Programme, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.
<b>Key government partners</b>	Council of Ministers of BiH; Government of the Federation of BiH; Government of Republika Srpska; Government of Brcko District BiH; BiH Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations; Ministry of Security of BiH; Ministry of Finance Treasury BiH; BiH State Regulatory Agency for Radiation and Nuclear Safety; BiH Mine Action Centre; Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism; Federal Ministry of Physical Planning; Federal Ministry of Agriculture Water Management and Forestry; Sava River Basin District Agency in FBiH; Agency for Adriatic Sea Water District in FBiH; Federal Civil Protection Administration; Environmental Protection Fund in FBiH; Ministry of Spatial Planning, Civil Engineering and Ecology of RS; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of RS; Ministry of Interior of RS; Republic Administration for Civil Protection of RS; Public Institution "Vode Srpske"; Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund of RS; Department for Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of BD BiH; Department for Spatial Planning and Property Rights Matters of BD BiH; Department of Public Security of BD BiH; cantonal and municipal governments, together with public companies and public utility companies.
<b>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2023 by DCF members</b>	<p>Total allocated € 86.74 mil, € 27.14 mil in a form of grants and € 59.60 mil in a form of loans.</p> <p>Total disbursed € 54.40 mil, € 25.89 mil in a form of grants and € 28.51 mil in a form of loans.</p> <p>Out of total ODA in 2023, 10% was allocated and 8% was disbursed in the sector.</p>

<p><b>Coordination with and among development partners</b></p>	<p><b>Climate Action:</b> Exchange of information between stakeholders based on informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination and project-based bilateral meetings.</p> <p><b>Water Supply and Waste Water:</b> to some extent, MoFTER is leading the coordination of development partners. Within the framework of the new Water Alliance platform, development partners - WB, EUD, Sweden, Czech Republic, Switzerland and UNDP are coordinating their activities.</p> <p><b>Water Resources Management:</b> To some extent, MoFTER is leading the coordination of development partners. <i>Ad-hoc</i> coordination among development partners.</p> <p><b>Waste Management:</b> to some extent, MoFTER is leading coordination of development partners. <i>Ad-hoc</i> coordination among development partners.</p> <p><b>Nature Protection:</b> to some extent, MoFTER is leading coordination of development partners. <i>Ad-hoc</i> coordination among development partners.</p> <p><b>Air Quality and Noise:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination.</p> <p><b>Industrial Pollution and Chemicals:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, mostly project-based.</p> <p><b>Environment Horizontal Standards:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, mostly project-based.</p> <p><b>Civil Protection:</b> <i>Ad hoc</i> coordination, participants are the EU Ministry of Security, UN and other international organizations and other major international development partners in the sub-sector.</p> <p><b>Development partners active in the sector and BiH Institutions from all levels of government regularly attended Development Partners Coordination Forum meetings (DCF meetings) hosted by BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury/Sector for Financial Planning of Development and Coordination of International Economic Aid.</b></p>
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## Overview of activities in 2023

Environment and climate action sector presented in this Report is based on the sector-based reporting methodology defined in the IPA II regulation, for period 2014 – 2020. The Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH has retained the IPA II classification in the Development Partners Mapping Report 2023.

### Environment and climate action sector consists of nine sub-sectors:

- Climate action,
- Water supply and wastewater,
- Water resources management,
- Waste management,
- Nature protection,
- Air quality and noise,
- Industrial pollution and chemicals,
- Environment horizontal standards and
- Civil protection.

## Investments of DCF members in 2023

DCF members active in the Environment and climate action sector in 2023 are The World Bank, EBRD, EU, UN, EIB, Sweden, Italy/AICS, Norway, Slovenia, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Germany and Croatia.

Total allocations of DCF members to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 86.74 mil, out of which € 27.14 mil in the form of grants and € 59.60 mil in the form of loans.

Total disbursements to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 54.40 mil, out of which € 25.89 mil in the form of grants and € 28.51 mil in the form of loans.

Figure 3.1. compares grants allocated and disbursed per development partners, according to the amount of invested funds. Leading development partners in the Sector in 2023, who allocated i.e. disbursed largest amounts were the EU, UN, EIB and Sweden.

**Figure 3.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2023**

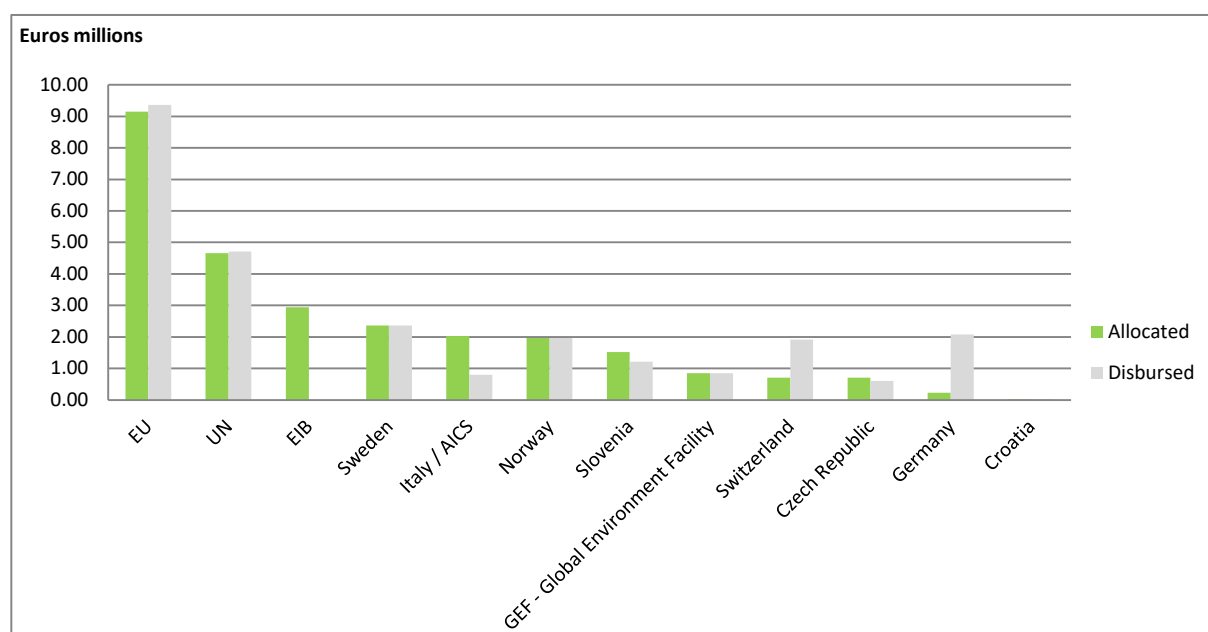


Figure 3.2. presents allocation and disbursement of loans in 2023. The World Bank allocated € 46.10 mil and did not have any disbursements, EBRD allocated € 13.50 mil and disbursed € 5.77 mil, while EIB disbursed € 22.74 mil and did not have any allocations in the sector.

**Figure 3.2. Allocated and disbursed loans per creditors in 2023**

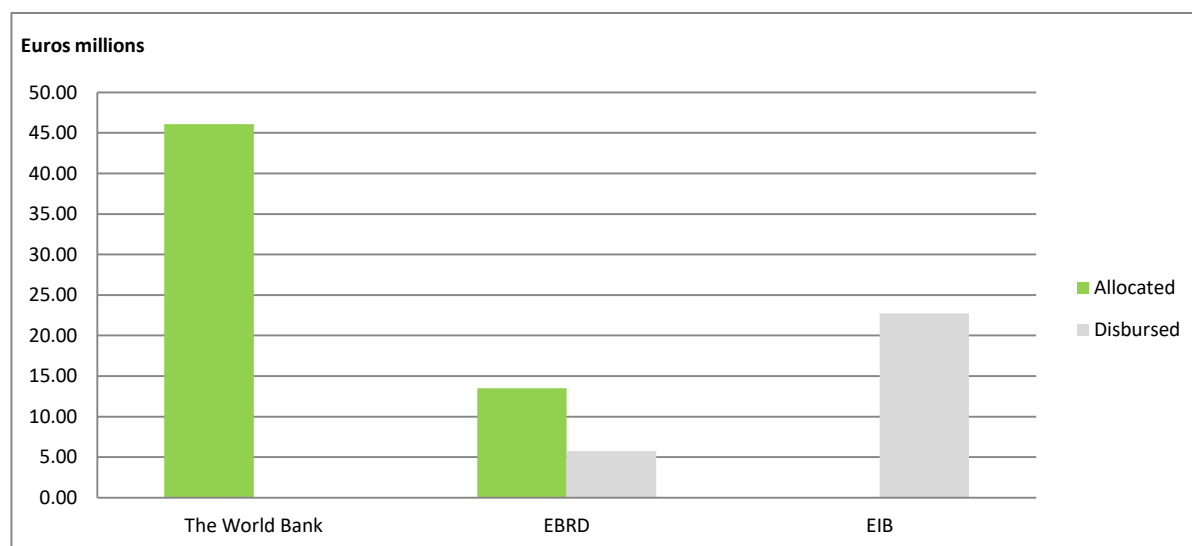


Figure 3.3. presents the structure of total allocated ODA funds per sub-sectors.

Out of total allocated funds in 2023, 81.7% was allocated in 3 sub-sectors: Air quality and noise (53.1%), Civil protection (16.0%) and Water supply and waste water (12.6 %). The remaining 18.3% of funds were allocated to other sub-sectors. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 3.3. Total allocated ODA per sub-sectors in 2023**

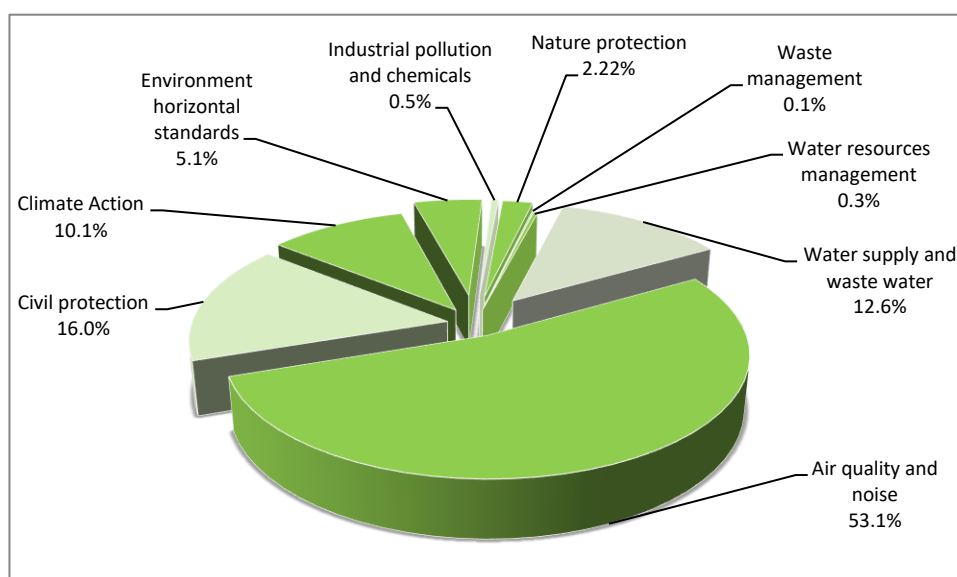
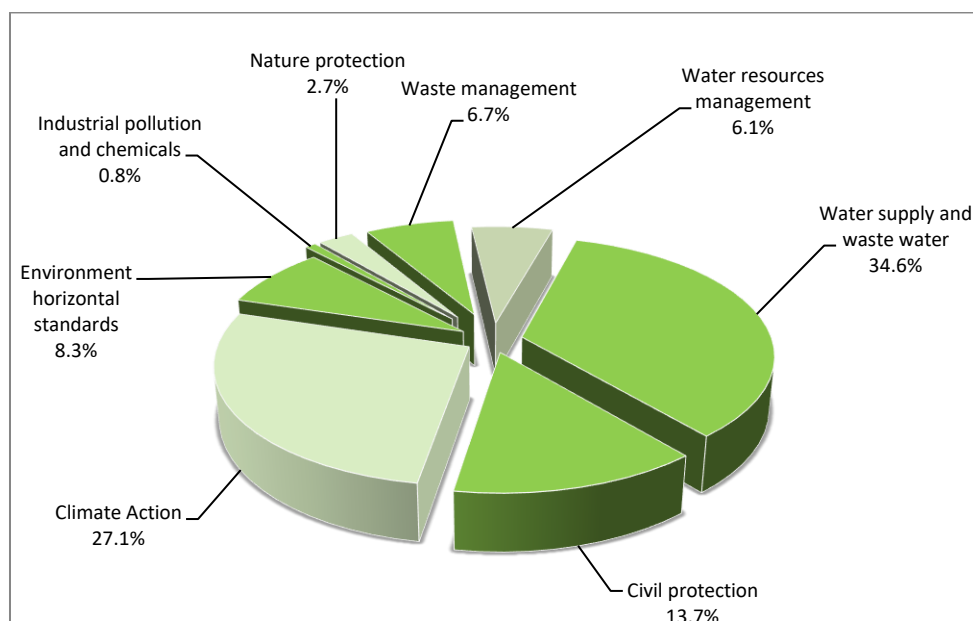


Figure 3.4. presents the structure of total disbursed ODA funds per sub-sectors in 2023.

Out of total disbursed funds in 2023, 75.4% was disbursed in 3 sub-sectors: Water supply and waste water (34.6%), Climate action (27.1%) and Civil protection (13.7%). The remaining 24.6% of funds were allocated to other sub-sectors. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 3.4. Total disbursed ODA per sub-sectors in 2023**





## Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2023

PROJECT TITLE	Development partner	Total project value (EUR mil)
Water and Sanitation RS	EIB	125.00
Water and Sanitation Federation BiH	EIB	120.00
Water Supply and Sanitation Modernization Project	The World Bank	51.50
Air Quality Improvement Project	The World Bank	46.10
Flood Protection Measures RS	EIB	41.01
Water Supply and Waste Water Programme in BiH II	Switzerland	24.37
GrCF - Sarajevo Water	EBRD	20.00
Waste Water Collection and Treatment Zenica	Germany, Switzerland	18.29
Waste Water Collection and Treatment in Gradiska	Germany	14.07
Scaling-up Investment in Low-Carbon Public Buildings	UN	13.26

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<b>DCF members active in the sector in 2023</b>	EBRD, EIB, Croatia, The World Bank, Japan, Italy/AICS, EU
<b>Other key international organizations</b>	Western Balkans Investment Framework; South East Europe Transport Observatory; Regional Cooperation Council; International Civil Aviation Organization; International Union of Railways; Japan International Cooperation System (JICS), EU Agency for Railways (ERA)
<b>Key government partners</b>	Council of Ministers of BiH; Government of the Federation of BiH; Government of Republika Srpska; Government of Brcko District BiH; Ministry of Communications and Transport of BiH; Directorate for Civil Aviation of BiH; Air Navigation Services Agency of BiH; Railways Public Corporation in BiH; Federal Ministry of Transport and Communications; Public Enterprise Road Directorate of FBiH; Public Enterprise Motorways of FBiH; Ministry of Transport and Communications of RS; Public Enterprise Motorways of RS; Government of BD BiH; Public Enterprise Railroads of FBiH; Public Enterprise Railroads of RS.
<b>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2023 by DCF members</b>	<p>Total allocated €204.56 mil – out of which € 9.38 mil in a form of grants and € 195.18 mil in a form of loans.</p> <p>Total disbursed € 249.89 mil – out of which € 41.80 mil in a form of grants and € 208.09 mil in a form of loans.</p> <p>Out of total ODA in 2023, 23% was allocated and 38% was disbursed in the sector.</p>
<b>Coordination with and among development partners</b>	<p><b>The EU Delegation coordinates all development partners active in this sector.</b> Currently there is no mechanism for coordination of development partners in the Transport sector led by relevant BiH institutions. In the context of the Connectivity Agenda, <b>National Investment Committee (NIC) was established in 2015, which also envisages the participation of relevant international financial institutions and bilateral development partners.</b></p> <p><b>Development partners active in the sector and BiH Institutions from all levels of government regularly attend Development Partners Coordination Forum meetings (DCF meetings) hosted by BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury/Sector for Planning of Financial Development and Coordination of International Economic Aid.</b></p>

## Overview of activities in 2023

Transport sector presented in this Report is based on the sector-based reporting methodology defined in the IPA II regulation, for the period 2014 – 2020. The Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH has retained the IPA II classification in the Development Partners Mapping Report 2023.

### Transport sector consists of nine sub-sectors:

- Transport connectivity,
- Transport efficiency,
- Air transport,
- Inland waterways transport,
- Maritime transport,
- Rail transport,
- Road transport,
- Multimodal transport and
- Urban mobility.

## Investments of DCF members in 2023

DCF members active in the Transport sector in 2023 are EBRD, EIB, Croatia, The World Bank, Japan, Italy/AICS and EU.

Total allocations of DCF members to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 204.56 mil, out of which € 9.38 mil in the form of grants and € 195.18 mil in the form of loans.

Total disbursements of DCF members to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 249.89 mil, out of which € 41.80 mil in the form of grants and € 208.09 mil in the form of loans.

Figure 4.1. compares allocated and disbursed grants by development partners in line with the amount of investment. Out of total allocated and disbursed grant funds in the Transport sector, 64.9% of funds was disbursed by (€ 27.1 mil), while 17.9% of funds was disbursed by Croatia (€ 7.49 mil) and 12.4% by the EU (€5.17 mil).

**Figure 4.1. Total allocated and disbursed grants per development partners in 2023**

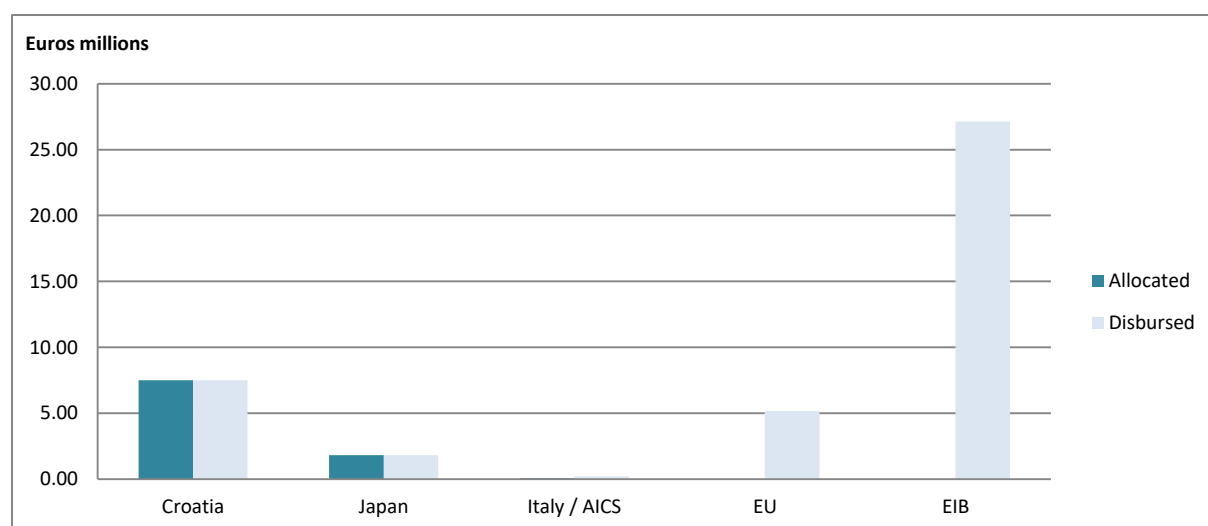
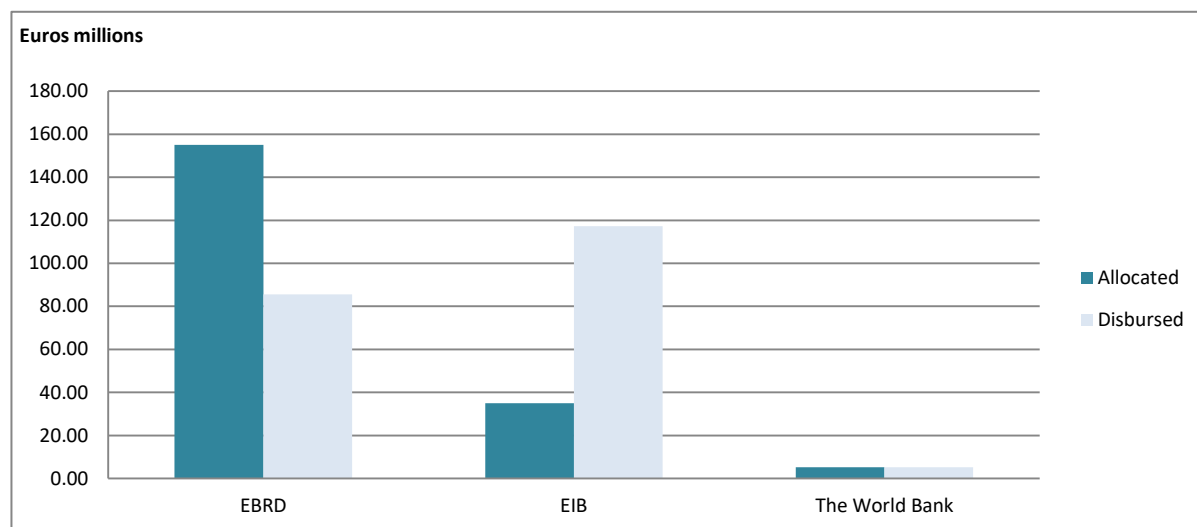


Figure 4.2. presents the structure of allocated and disbursed loans by development partners in line with the amount of investment.

**Figure 4.2. Allocated and disbursed loans per development partners in 2023**



Transport sector consists of 9 sub-sectors. Figure 4.3. presents the structure of total allocated funds per sub-sectors.

Out of total allocated funds in 2023, 66.0% was allocated to the subsector Transport connectivity, 18.0% to Urban mobility and 9.9% in Transport efficiency. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 4.3. Total allocated funds per sub-sectors in 2023**

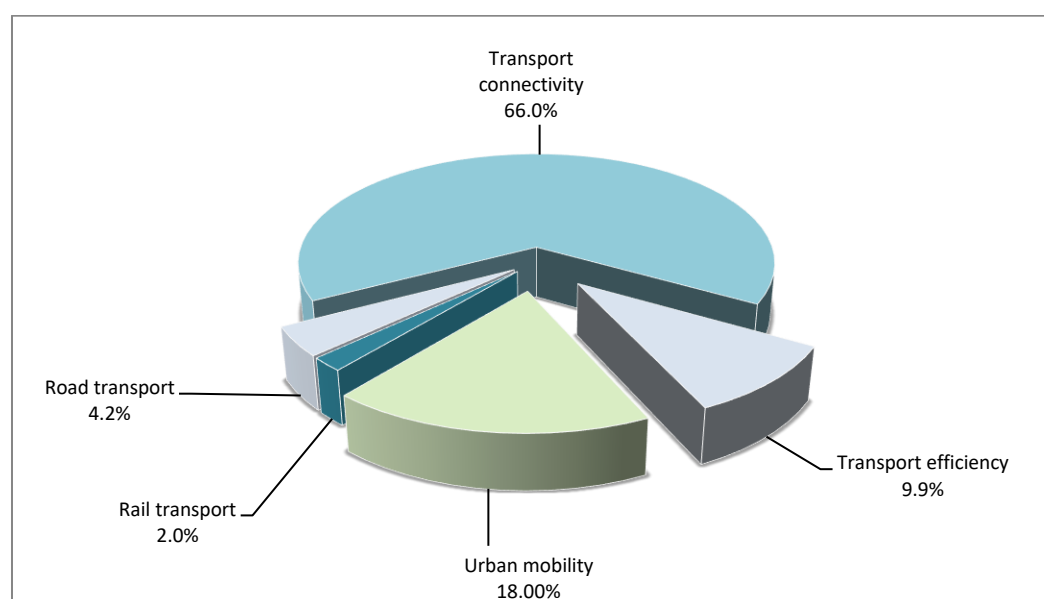
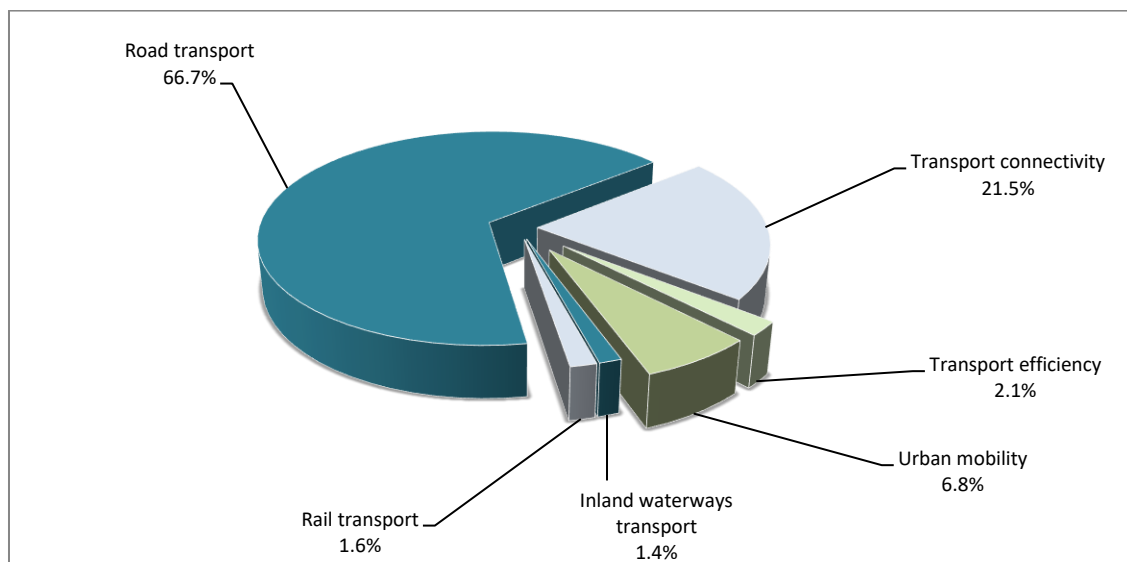


Figure 4.4. presents the structure of total disbursed funds in 2023 per sub-sectors.

Out of total disbursed funds in 2023, 88.2% was disbursed to 2 sub-sectors: Road transport (66.7%) and Transport connectivity (21.5%), while 11% was disbursed to other subsectors. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 4.4. Total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2023**



#### Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2023

PROJECT TITLE	Development partner	Total project value (EUR mil)
Corridor VC centre	EIB	588.00
Sarajevo urban transport project	EIB	370.00
Corridor VC Medakovo-Poprikuse	EIB	340.00
Corridor Vc - Doboj Bypass	EBRD	210.00
Mostar North to Mostar South Motorway	EBRD	110.00
Road modernisation Federation of BIH	EIB	103.29
Corridor VC Pocitelj - Bijaca	EIB	100.00
National roads - Banja Luka - Gradiska	EIB	71.80
Sarajevo Urban Roads	EBRD	67.00
Floods - FBH Roads Repair and Upgrade	EBRD	65.00

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<b>DCF members active in the sector in 2023</b>	EU, EIB, UN, USA/USAID, Germany, The World Bank, Sweden, Croatia, EBRD
<b>Other key international organizations</b>	Energy Community; South East Europe Energy Community; World Energy Council; International Atomic Energy Agency; Western Balkans Investment Framework; Regional Cooperation Council.
<b>Key government partners</b>	Council of Ministers of BiH; Government of the Federation of BiH; Government of Republika Srpska; Government of Brcko District BiH; National Assembly of Republika Srpska; Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH; Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH; Regulatory Agency for Radiation and Nuclear Safety of BiH; State Electricity Regulatory Commission; Federal Ministry of Energy, Mining and Industry; Federal Ministry of Physical Planning; Federal Ministry of Finance; Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism; Regulatory Commission for Energy in FBiH; Operator for Renewable Energy Sources and Efficient Cogeneration FBiH; Environmental Protection Fund of FBiH; Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining of RS; Ministry of Physical Planning, Civil Engineering, and Ecology of RS; Ministry of Finance of RS; Ministry of European Integration and International Cooperation of RS; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of RS; Regulatory Commission for Energy of RS; Fund for Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency of RS; Foreign Trade Chamber of BiH; Chamber of Economy of FBiH; Chamber of Commerce of RS; Commission for Concessions of BiH; Commission for Concessions of FBiH; Commission for Concessions of RS; Association of cities and municipalities in RS and FBiH.
<b>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2023 by DCF members</b>	Total allocated € 116.12 mil - € 78.60 mil in a form of grants and € 37.52 mil in a form of loans. Total disbursed € 75.47 mil- € 75.82 mil in a form of grants and € 2.65 mil in a form of loans. Out of total ODA in 2023, 13% was allocated and 11% was disbursed in the sector.
<b>Coordination with and among development partners</b>	<b>Energy connectivity:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based and mostly bilateral/multilateral, self-organizing meetings between development partners with MoFTER attendance. <b>Energy efficiency:</b> Coordination meetings between development partners with MoFTER are held biannually. <b>Renewable energy:</b> There is a sub-sector DCF development partners group and MoFTER, however, the meeting has not been convened for one year. Informal <i>ad hoc</i> project-based coordination. Joint Bioenergy program was initiated, following the UN bilateral meetings with GIZ and USAID. <b>Oil:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> project-based coordination <b>Gas:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> project-based coordination <b>Electricity:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination <b>Nuclear safety and radiation protection:</b> Informal <i>ad hoc</i> project-based coordination. <b>Development partners active in the sector and BiH Institutions from all levels of government regularly attended Development Partners Coordination Forum meetings (DCF meetings) hosted by BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury/Sector for Financial Planning of Development and Coordination of International Economic Aid.</b>

### Overview of activities in 2023

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#### Energy sector consists of seven sub-sectors:

- Energy connectivity,
- Energy efficiency,
- Renewable energy,
- Oil,
- Gas,
- Electricity and
- Nuclear safety and radiation protection.

### Investments of DCF members in 2023

DCF members active in the Energy sector in 2023 are EU, EIB, UN, USA/USAID, Germany, The World Bank, Sweden, Croatia and EBRD.

Total allocations of DCF members to the Sector in 2023, amounted to € 116.12 mil, out of which, € 78.60 mil in the form of grants and € 37.52 mil in the form of loans.

Total disbursements of DCF members to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 75.47 mil, out of which € 72.82 mil in the form of grants and € 2.65 mil in the form of loans.

Figure 5.1. compares grants allocated and disbursed per development partners, according to the amount of invested funds. In the Energy sector, the EU allocated 90.40% of grant funds (€71.06 mil) and disbursed 88.38% (€64.36 mil) of the total disbursed grant funds.

**Figure 5.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2023**

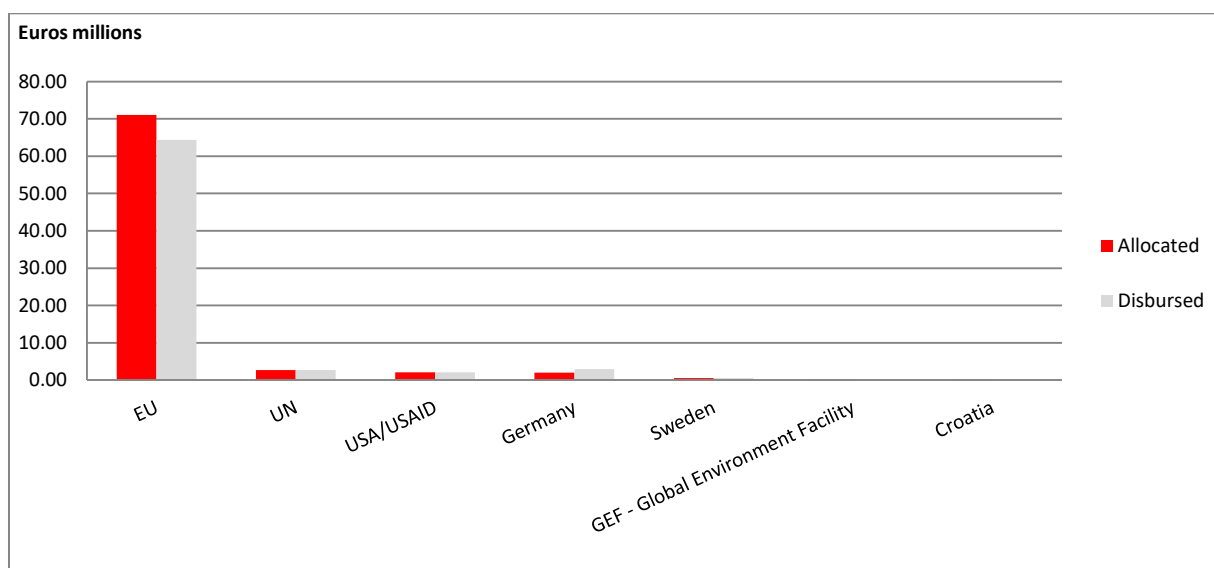
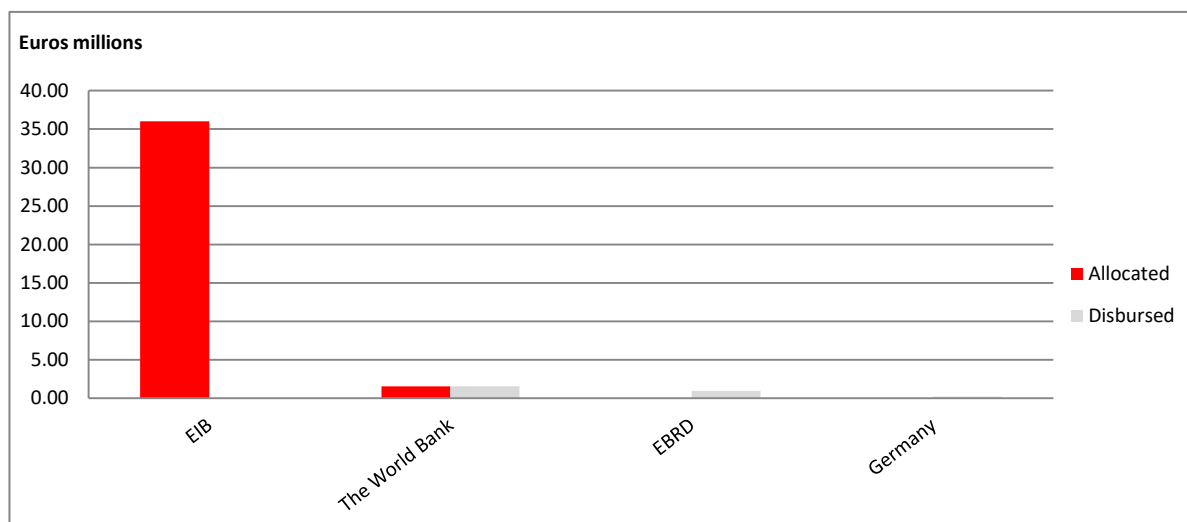


Figure 5.2. presents allocated and disbursed loans in 2023.

In 2023, the EIB allocated 95.9% of loan funds, in total amount of €36.00 mil.

**Figure 5.2. Allocated and disbursed loans per creditors in 2023**



Energy sector consists of 7 sub-sectors. Figure 5.3. presents the structure of total allocated funds per sub-sectors.

Out of total allocated funds in 2023, 99.8 % of funds were allocated entirely to the sub-sectors Energy efficiency (68.2%) and Renewable energy (31.6%). Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 5.3. Total allocated funds per sub-sectors in 2023**

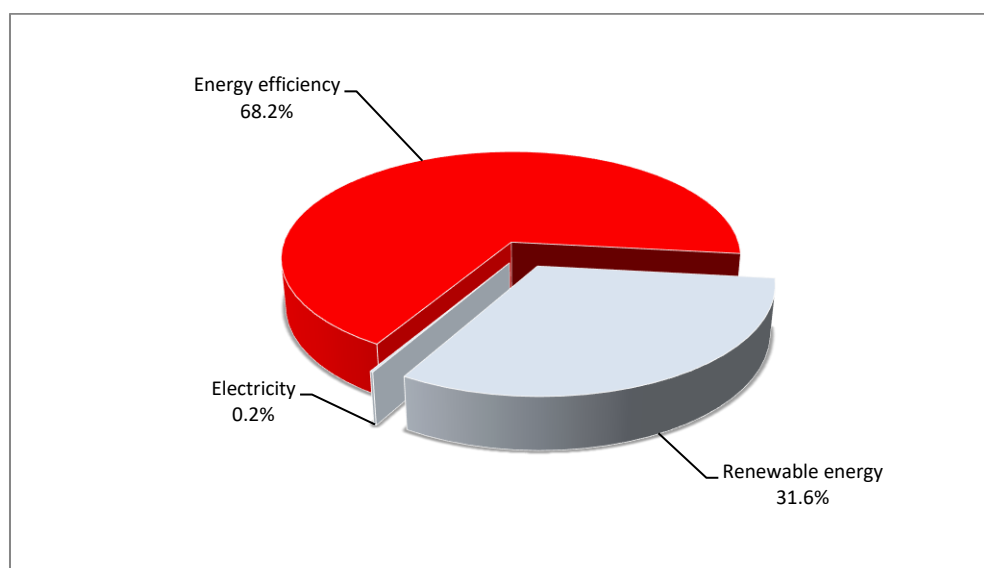
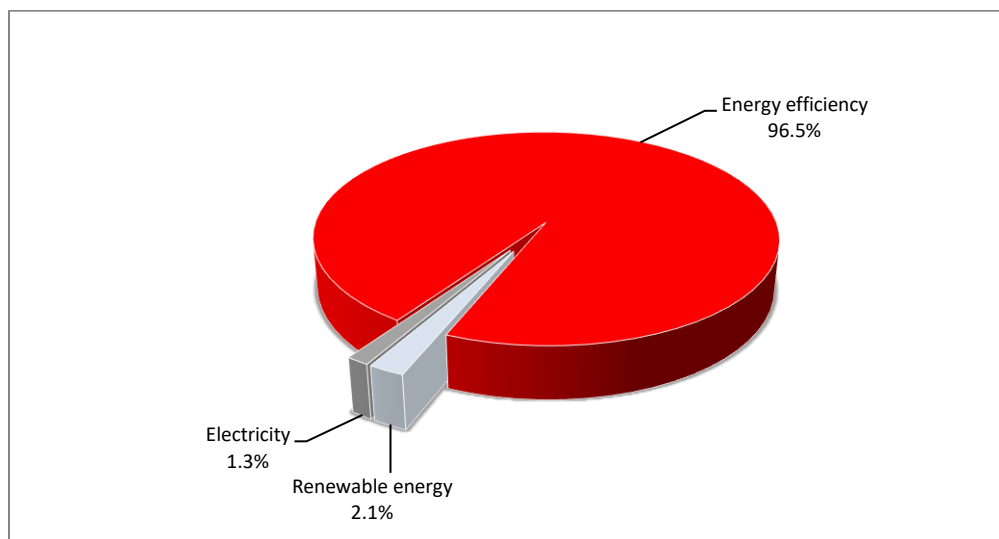




Figure 5.4. presents the structure of total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2023.

Out of total disbursed funds in 2023, 96.5% was disbursed only to the sub-sector Energy efficiency. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 5.4. Total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2023**



#### Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2023

PROJECT TITLE	Development partner	Total project value (EUR mil)
Windfarm Vlasic	EIB	90.15
State and Resilience Building Contract BA2023AAP-Energy Support Package	EU	70.00
Construction of Wind Farm (WF) Podvezlje / Bats and birds post-monitoring	Germany	65.00
Construction of Wind Farm Hrgud	Germany	60.23
Energy Efficiency Project	The World Bank	59.20
Green Economic Development Project – Phase III	UN	15.09
Rehabilitation and Modernisation of the Pumped Storage Hydropower Plant Capljina	Germany	15.00
Rehabilitation of Hydro Power Plant Trebinje Phase 3	Germany	10.01
Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings BiH/RS	Germany	10.00
Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings in BiH/FBiH	Germany	9.50

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<b>DCF members active in the sector in 2023</b>	EBRD, International Finance Cooperation (IFC), USA/USAID, Switzerland, Germany, EU, Sweden, Croatia, Japan, Czech Republic, Slovenia, UN, Italy/AICS
<b>Other key international organizations</b>	Western Balkans Investment Framework; Council of Europe Development Bank; Regional Cooperation Council; Switzerland Global Enterprise; European Fund for Southeast Europe; European Association of National Metrology Institutions; European Cooperation in Legal Metrology (WELMEC); Central European Free Trade Agreement; Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; Regional Centre for Development of Entrepreneurial Competencies, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Japan International Cooperation Agency, <i>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit</i> (GIZ).
<b>Key government partners</b>	Council of Ministers of BiH; Government of the Federation of BiH; Government of Republika Srpska; Government of Brcko District BiH; Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH; Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH; Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH; Ministry of Justice of BiH; Ministry of Communications and Transport of BiH; Indirect Taxation Authority of BiH; Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH; Directorate for Economic Planning of BiH; Directorate for European Integration of BiH; Labour and Employment Agency of BiH; Market Surveillance Agency of BiH; Market Surveillance Agency of BiH; Deposit Insurance Agency of BiH; Central Bank of BiH; Competition Council of BiH; Foreign Trade Chamber of BiH; Export Credit Agency of BiH; State Aid Council of BiH; Institute for Intellectual Property of BiH; Communications Regulatory Agency of BiH; Institute of Metrology of BiH; Mine Action Center in BiH; Federal Ministry of Finance; Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism; Federal Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Craft, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry; Federal Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Finance of RS; Ministry of Trade and Tourism of RS; Ministry of Justice of RS; Ministry of European Integration and International Cooperation of RS; Ministry for Scientific and Technological Development, Higher Education and Information Society; Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of RS; Agency for Development of Small and Medium Enterprises of RS; Association of cities and municipalities; Finance Directorate of Brcko District; Department of Economic Development, Sports and Culture of Brcko District.
<b>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2023 by DCF members</b>	<p>Total allocated € 112.00 mil – € 24.60 mil in a form of grants and € 87.40 mil in a form of loans.</p> <p>Total disbursed € 97.65 mil – € 29.49 mil in a form of grants and € 68.16 mil in a form of loans.</p> <p>Out of total ODA in 2023, 13% was allocated and 15% was disbursed in the sector.</p>

<p><b>Coordination among and with development partners</b></p>	<p><b>Trade and internal market:</b> To some extent, MoFTER is leading the coordination of development partners, together with self-organizing meetings between development partners active in this sub-sector.</p> <p>CEFTA secretariat is organizing coordination of development partners for free trade.</p> <p><b>Private sector development:</b> To some extent, MoFTER is leading the coordination of development partners.</p> <p>Self-organizing regular meetings are held between development partners active in this sub-sector, mainly in the context of programming, implementation or launching specific initiatives.</p> <p>In the area of micro, small and medium enterprises there is no formal coordination of development partners, and coordination is based on informal <i>ad-hoc</i> basis</p> <p><b>Local economic development:</b> coordination meetings of development partners, which support local development projects organized by UNDP. Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based and mostly bilateral / multilateral meetings.</p> <p><b>Research, innovation and technological development:</b> Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination.</p> <p><b>Information and communication technology (ICT):</b> Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination.</p> <p><b>Tourism and heritage:</b> MoFTER is leading the coordination of development partners, within the Work group for tourism, together with self-organizing meetings between development partners active in this sub-sector.</p> <p><b>Development partners active in the sector and BiH Institutions from all levels of government regularly attended Development Partners Coordination Forum meetings (DCF meetings) hosted by BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury/Sector for Financial Planning of Development and Coordination of International Economic Aid.</b></p>
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## Overview of activities in 2023

Competitiveness and innovation sector presented in this Report is based on the sector-based reporting methodology defined in the IPA II regulation, for period 2014 – 2020. The Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH has retained the IPA II classification in the Development Partners Mapping Report 2023.

### Competitiveness and innovation sector consists of six sub-sectors:

- Trade and internal market,
- Private sector development,
- Local economic development,
- Research, innovation and technological development,
- Information and communication technology (ICT) and
- Tourism and heritage.

## Investments of DCF members in 2023

DCF members active in the Competitiveness and innovation sector in 2023 are EBRD, International Finance Corporation (IFC), USA/USAID, Germany, EU, Sweden, Croatia, Japan, Czech Republic, Slovenia, UN and Italy/AICS.

Total allocations of DCF members to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 112.00 mil, out of which € 24.60 mil in the form of grants and € 87.40 mil in the form of loans.

Total disbursements of DCF members to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 97.65 mil, out of which € 29.49 mil in the form of grants and € 68.16 mil in the form of loans.

Figure 6.1. compares grants allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners, according to the amount of invested funds as well as allocated and disbursed loan funds.

Development partners who allocated or disbursed largest grant funds to the Sector in 2023 are the USA/USAID, Switzerland and the EU.

**Figure 6.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2023**

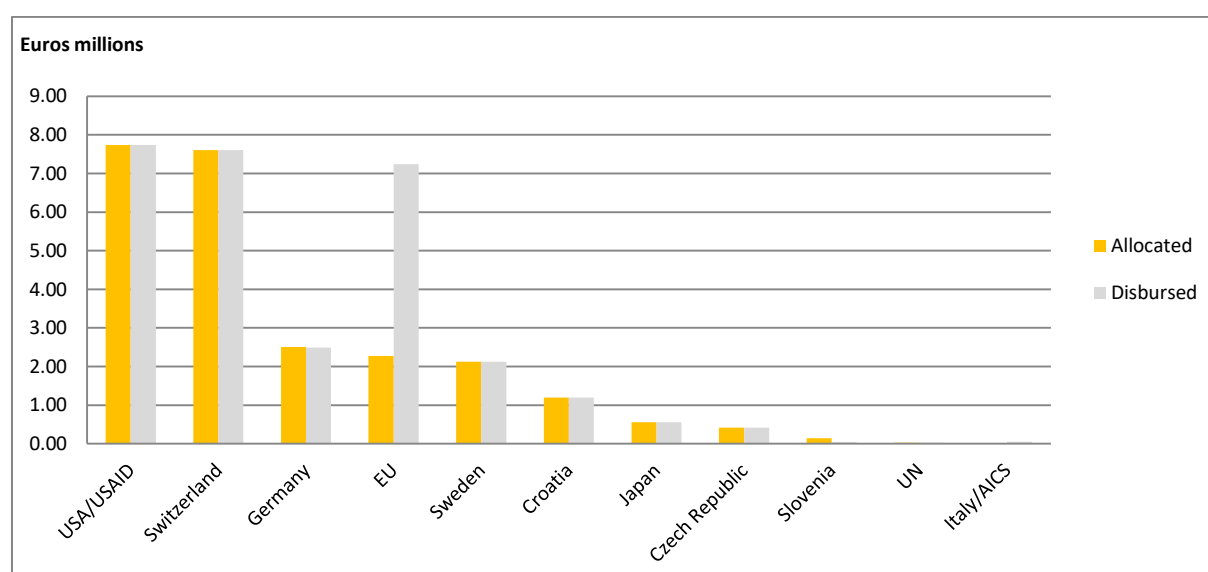
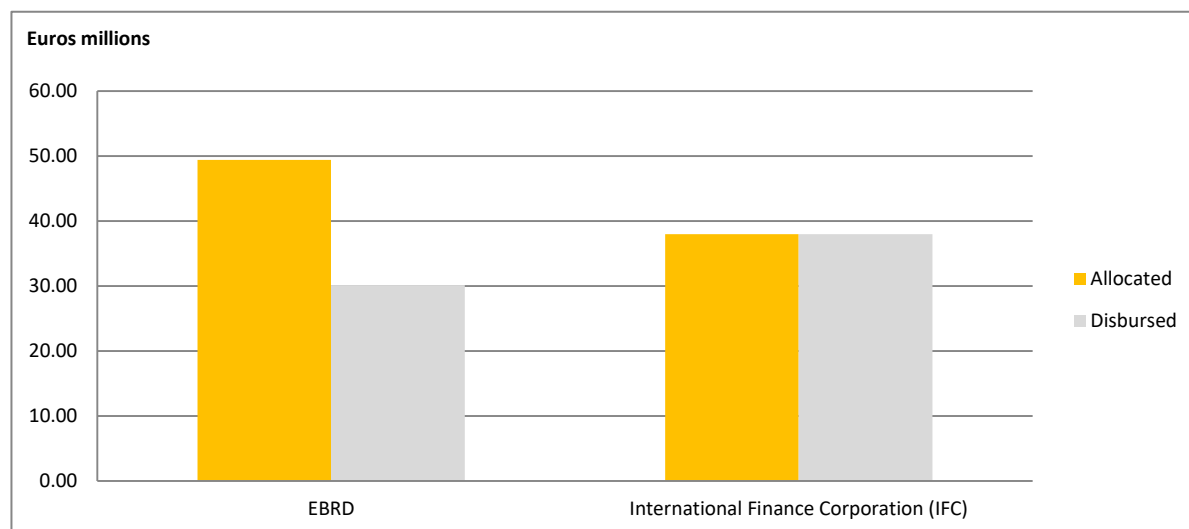


Figure 6.2. presents allocated and disbursed loans funds in 2023

**Figure 6.2. Allocated and disbursed loans per creditors in 2023**



Competitiveness and innovation sector consists of 6 sub-sectors. Figure 6.3. presents the structure of total allocated funds per sub-sectors. Out of total allocated funds in 2023, 83.7% was allocated to 3 sub-sectors: Trade and internal market (39.3%), Information and communication technology (ICT) (22.5%) and Private sector development (21.9%). Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 6.3. Total allocated funds per sub-sectors in 2023**

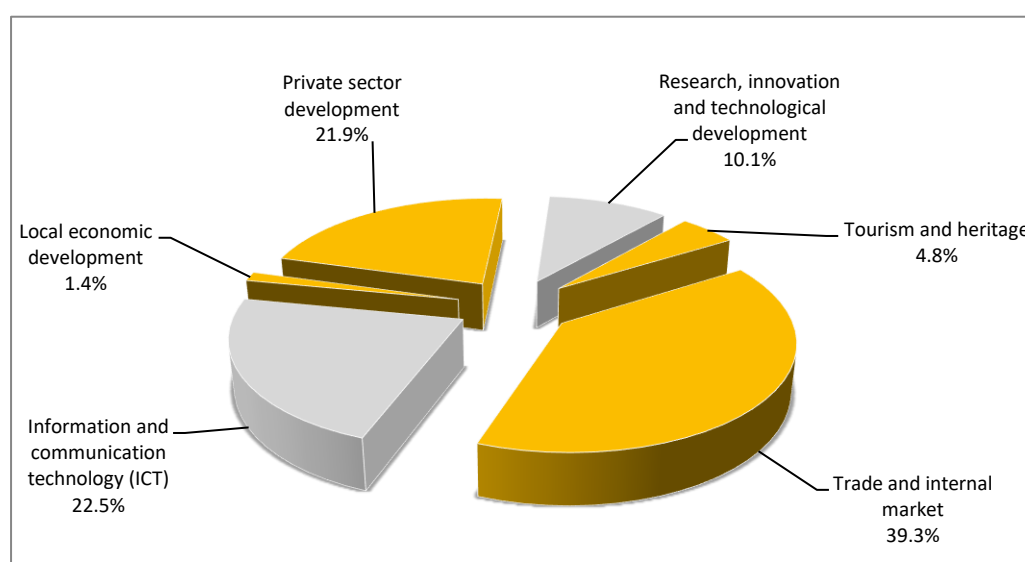
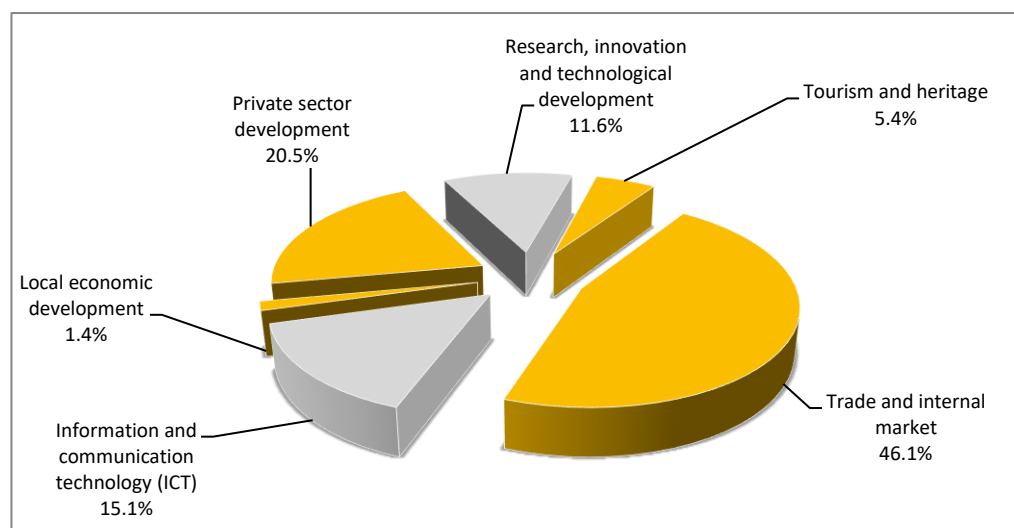


Figure 6.4. presents the structure of total disbursed funds in 2023 per sub-sectors. Out of total disbursed funds in 2023, 81.6% was disbursed to 3 sub-sectors: Trade and internal market (46.1%), Private sector development (20.5%) and Information and communication technology (ICT) (15.1%). The remaining 18.4% of funds were paid to other sub-sectors. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 6.4. Total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2023**



Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2023, are listed below:

PROJECT TITLE	Development partner	Total project value (EUR mil)
Schwarz Group Lidl Balkans	IFC	75.00
Agriculture Resilience and Competitiveness Project	The World Bank	61.30
BiH Firm Recovery and Support Project	The World Bank	53.45
Project Luna	EBRD	23.50
USAID's Developing Sustainable Tourism in Bosnia and Herzegovina	USA/USAID	19.24
USAID Diaspora Invest 2 Activity (DIA 2) in Bosnia-Herzegovina	USA/USAID	14.30
Local Economic Development (LED) in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Switzerland	13.53
COVID-19 investment response - EU4BUSINESS Recovery	EU	13.00
Innovation and Digitalisation in SMEs in BiH	Germany	12.62
Mid Europa Fund V	EBRD	12.00

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<b>DCF members active in the sector in 2023</b>	EIB, Croatia, EU, Slovenia, Germany, Switzerland, UN, Sweden, SAD/USAID, Czech Republic, Hungary, Japan, United Kingdom, Italy/AICS
<b>Other key international organizations</b>	Council of Europe; Office of the High Representative; International Labour Organization; World Health Organisation; West Balkans Investment Framework; European Training Foundation; Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control; British Council; KulturKontakt Austrija; Regional Cooperation Council, UNICEF BiH, Catholic Relief Services; Save the Children, GIZ, OSCE BiH; International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).
<b>Key government partners</b>	Council of Ministers of BiH; Government of the Federation of BiH; Government of Republika Srpska; Government of Brcko District BiH; Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH; Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH; Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH; Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH; Ministry of Defence of BiH; Labour and Employment Agency of BiH; Agency for Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance of BiH; Agency for Pre-school, Primary and Secondary Education of BiH; Centre for Information and Recognition of Documents in the Area of Higher Education of BiH; Agency for Gender Equality of BiH; Directorate for European Integration; The Institution of Human Rights Ombudsmen of BiH; Mine Action Centre in BiH; Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Policies; Federal Ministry of Health; Federal Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Craft, Ministry of Education and Science; Federal Ministry of Culture and Sports; Federal Employment Bureau; Gender Centre of FBiH and RS; Ministry of Education and Culture of RS; Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of RS; Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports of RS; Ministry of Labour, War Veterans and Disabled Persons' Protection of RS; Ministry of European Integration and International Cooperation of RS; Ministry for Scientific and Technological Development, Higher Education and Information Society of RS; Ministry of Economic Relations and Regional Cooperation of RS; Ministry of Science and Technology of RS; Employment Bureau of RS; Employment Bureau of BD BiH; Department for Education of BD BiH; Employers' Association of RS and FBiH; cantonal ministries of education, cantonal ministries of health.
<b>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2023 by DCF members</b>	<p>Total allocated € 120.89 mil, out of which € 45.89 mil in a form of grant and € 75.00 mil in the form of loan.</p> <p>Total disbursed € 44.50 mil, out of which € 36.50 mil in a form of grant and € 8.00 mil in a form of loan.</p> <p>Out of total ODA in 2023, 14% was allocated and 7% was disbursed in the sector.</p>
<b>Coordination with and among development partners</b>	<p><b>Education:</b> Coordination is implemented via meetings of the Conference of Ministers of Education (CoEM).</p> <p>When appropriate, Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH organizes the Coordination forum meetings of MCA BiH and international organizations involved in the education reform in BiH.</p>



**Vocational education and training:** Informal *ad-hoc* coordination, project-based, bilateral/multilateral meetings.

**Lifelong learning:** Informal *ad-hoc* coordination, project-based, bilateral/multilateral meetings.

**Labour market and employment:** European Union Delegation holds regular coordination meetings with the EU member states.

**Equal opportunities and gender equality:** UN organized the International Gender Equality Working Group.

**Social dialogue:** Informal *ad-hoc* coordination, project-based, bilateral/multilateral meetings.

**Social protection:** Conference for the Health sector in BiH acts as a permanent advisory and coordinating body.

EU Delegation holds regular coordination meetings with development partners involved in the sub-sector.

**Social inclusion and fight against poverty:** EU Delegation holds regular coordination meetings with development partners involved in the sub-sector.

**Education, employment and social infrastructure:** Informal *ad-hoc* coordination.

**Development partners active in the sector and BiH Institutions from all levels of government regularly attended Development Partners Coordination Forum meetings DCF meetings)** hosted by BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury/Sector for Financial Planning of Development and Coordination of International Economic Aid.

### Overview of activities in 2023

Education, employment and social policies sector presented in this Report is based on the sector-based reporting methodology defined in the IPA II regulation, for period 2014 – 2020. The Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH has retained the IPA II classification in the Development Partners Mapping Report 2023.

#### **Education, employment and social policies sector consists of nine sub-sectors:**

- Education,
- Vocational education and training (VET),
- Lifelong learning,
- Labour market and employment,
- Equal opportunities and gender equality,
- Social dialogue,
- Social protection,
- Social inclusion and fight against poverty and
- Education, employment and social infrastructure.

### Investments of DCF members in 2023

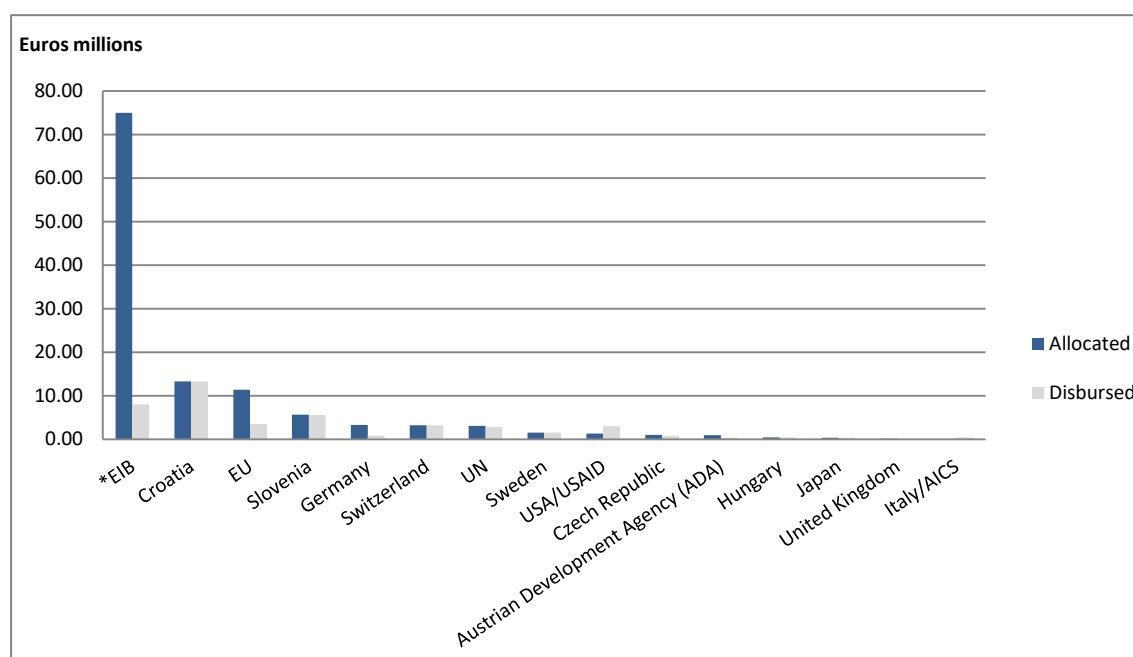
DCF members active in the Education, employment and social policies sector in 2023 are EIB, Croatia, EU, Slovenia, Germany, Switzerland, UN, Sweden, USA/USAID, Czech Republic, Hungary, Japan, United Kingdom and Italy/AICS.

Total allocations of DCF members to the Sector in 2023, amounted to € 120.89 mil, out of which €45.89 in a form of grant and € 75.00 mil in a form of loan.

Total disbursements to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 44.50 mil, out of which € 36.50 mil in the form of grant and € 8.00 mil in the form of loan.

Figure 7.1. compares ODA grants allocated and disbursed funds, as well as allocated loan funds of the European Investment Bank (EIB) according to the amount of invested funds of each individual development partner.

Development partners who allocated i.e. disbursed largest amounts of ODA grant funds in 2023 were EIB, Croatia and EU.

**Figure 7.1. Allocated and disbursed grants per development partners in 2023**

\*Note: EIB loan

Education, employment and social policies sector consists of 9 sub-sectors.

Figure 7.2. presents the structure of total allocated funds per sub-sectors. Out of total allocated funds in 2023, 78.0% was allocated to the sub-sector Education, employment and social infrastructure, while the remaining 22.0% funds was allocated to all other sub-sectors. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

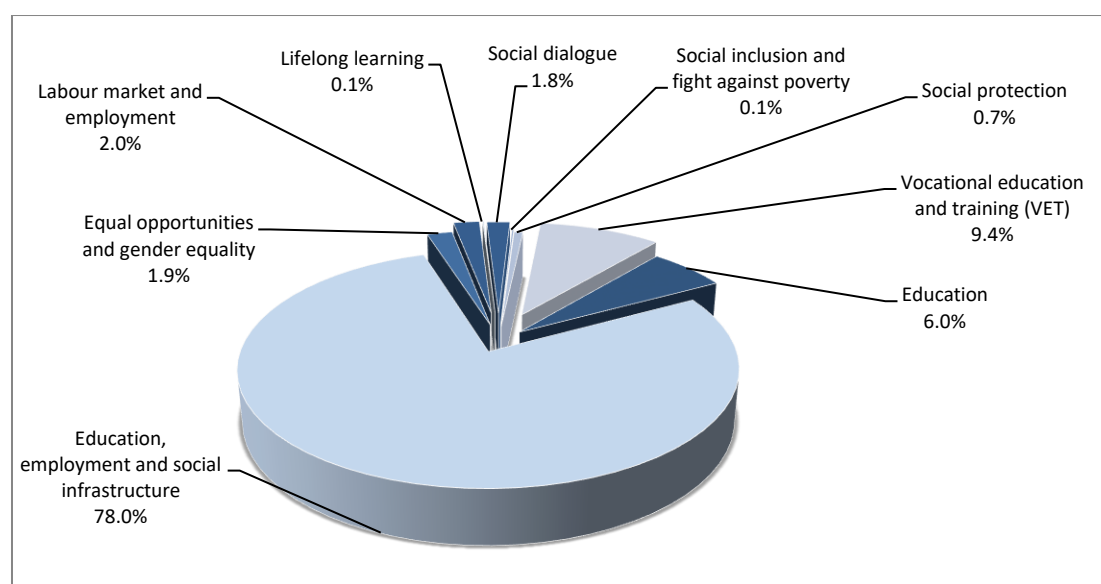
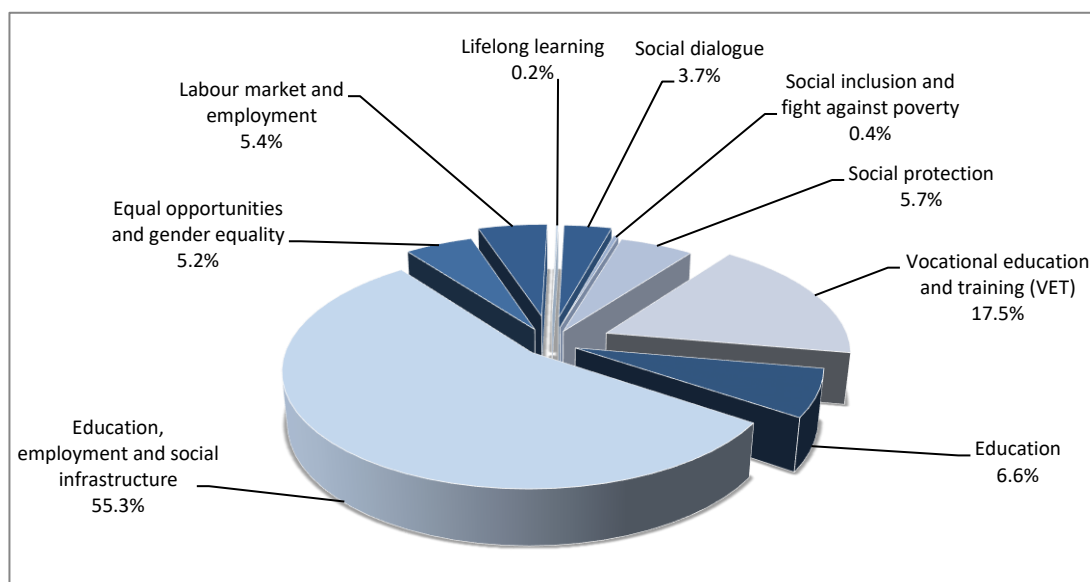
**Figure 7.2. Total allocated funds per sub-sectors in 2023**

Figure 7.3. presents the structure of total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2023.

Out of total disbursed funds in 2023, 72.8% was disbursed in 2 sub-sectors: Education, employment and social infrastructure (55.3%) and Vocational education and training VET (17.5%), while the remaining 27.2% of funds were disbursed in all other sub-sectors. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 7.3. Total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2023**



Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2023, are listed below:

PROJECT TITLE	Development partner	Total Project Value (mil EUR)
RS Hospitals	EIB	115.00
Banja Luka Medical Complex	EIB	105.78
Second Employment Support Project	The World Bank	39.00
(PDS) Democracy and Human Rights Education Program	USA/USAID	12.00
University Clinical Hospital in the City of Mostar	Croatia	10.31
TVET System Strengthening in Bosna and Herzegovina	Switzerland	10.30
Strengthening VET (SVET)	Switzerland	10.00
Vocational Training in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Germany	5.61
Youth for Change	Switzerland	5.58
Imputed student costs	Slovenia	5.12

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<b>DCF members active in the sector in 2023</b>	Italy/AICS, EU, Sweden, UN, Germany, Czech Republic, EBRD
<b>Other key international organizations</b>	International Fund for Agricultural Development; OPEC Fund for International Development/OFID; European Food Safety Authority; European Center for Disease Prevention and Control.
<b>Key government partners</b>	Council of Ministers of BiH; Government of the Federation of BiH; Government of Republika Srpska; Government of Brcko District BiH; Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH; Veterinary Office of BiH, Administration for Plant Health Protection of BiH; Food Safety Agency of BiH; Directorate for European Integration; Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of RS; Department for Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of Brcko District.
<b>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2023 by DCF members</b>	<p>Total allocated € 2.79 mil in a form of grant</p> <p>Total disbursed € 8.41 mil – out of which € 8.40 mil in a form of grant and € 0.01 mil in a form of loan.</p> <p>Out of total ODA in 2023, 0.3% was allocated and 1% disbursed in the sector.</p>
<b>Coordination with and among development partners</b>	<p>Working Group of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH for planning and coordination of international aid in the Sector for agriculture, food and rural development is active in coordination of Development partners and institutions of BiH in this sector, through regular meetings and preparation of annual reports adopted by the CoM of BiH.</p> <p><b>Development partners active in the sector and BiH Institutions from all levels of government regularly attended Development Partners Coordination Forum meetings (DCF meetings) hosted by BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury/Sector for Financial Planning of Development and Coordination of International Economic Aid.</b></p>

## Overview of activities in 2023

Agriculture and rural development sector presented in this Report is based on the sector-based reporting methodology defined in the IPA II regulation, for period 2014 – 2020. The Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH has retained the IPA II classification in the Development Partners Mapping Report 2023.

### Agriculture and rural development sector consists of five sub-sectors:

- Rural development,
- Capacity for Common Agricultural Policy (CAP),
- Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary,
- Fisheries and
- Forestry.

## Investments of DCF members in 2023

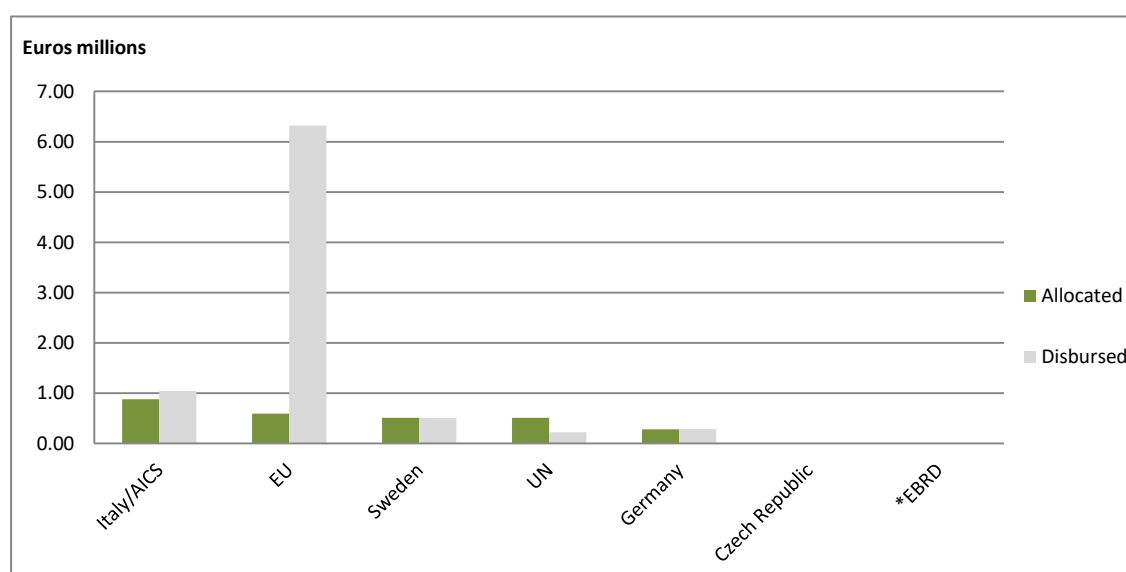
DCF members active in the Agriculture and rural development sector 2023 are Italy/AICS, EU, Sweden, UN, Germany, Czech Republic and EBRD.

Total allocations of DCF members to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 2.79 mil in the form of grants.

Total disbursements of DCF members to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 8.41 mil, out of which € 8.40 mil in the form of grant and € 0.01 million in the form of loan.

Figure 8.1. compares grants allocated and disbursed per development partners, according to the amount of invested funds as well as allocated and disbursed loan funds from European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). Development partner who allocated i.e. disbursed largest amounts was the EU.

**Figure 8.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2023**



\*Note: EBRD loan

Agriculture and rural development sector consists of 5 sub-sectors. Figure 8.2. presents the structure of total allocated funds per sub-sectors.

Total allocated funds in 2023 were allocated just to the Rural development (93.9%) while a total of 6.1% of funds were allocated to all other subsectors. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 8.2. Total allocated funds per sub-sectors in 2023**

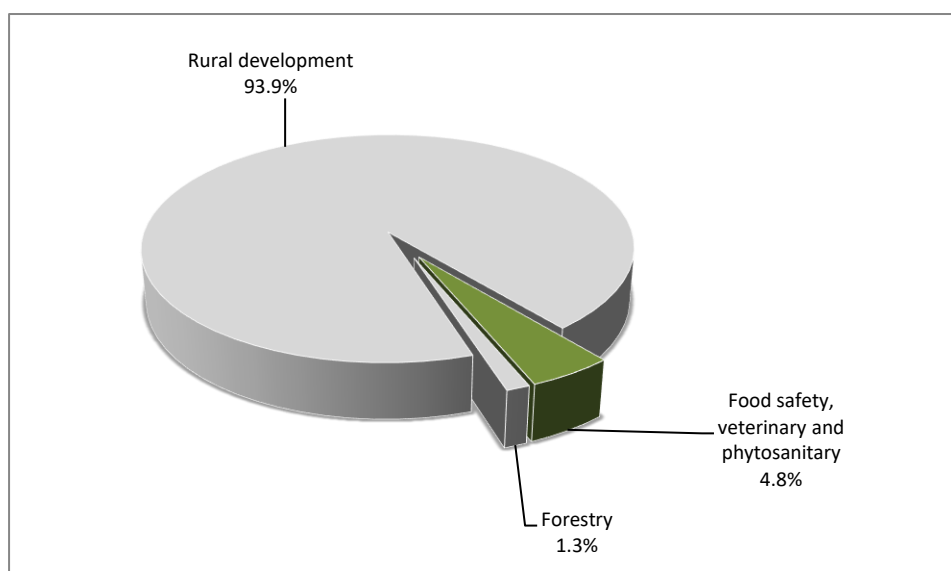
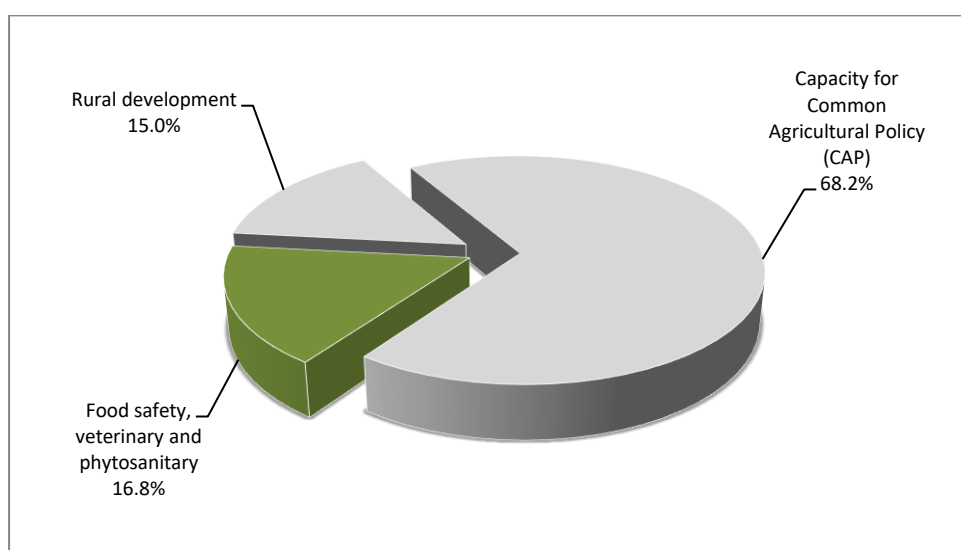


Figure 8.3. presents the structure of total disbursed funds in 2023 per sub-sectors.

Total disbursed funds in 2023, were disbursed to three sub-sectors: Capacity for Common Agricultural Policy (68.2%), Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy (16.8%) and Rural development (15.0%). Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 8.3. Total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2023**





## Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2023

PROJECT TITLE	Development partner	Total project value (EUR mil)
European Union Support to Agriculture Competitiveness and Rural Development in Bosnia and Herzegovina (EU4AGRI) and European Union Support to Covid-19 Recovery and Resilience of Agriculture and Rural Development in Bosnia and Herzegovina (EU4AGRI-Recovery)	UN	25.30
EU Support to Agriculture Competitiveness and Rural Development in Bosnia and Herzegovina (EU4AGRI)	EU	20.00
Transition towards green and healthy food production in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Italy/AICS	2.50
Economic sustainable development and environmental protection in Areas with Natural Constraints in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Italy/AICS	2.40
EU support to capacity building and gradual Union acquis alignment in the phytosanitary sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina	EU	1.50
EU Support in supply and distribution of rabies vaccination baits for spring 2023 vaccination campaign in Bosnia and Herzegovina Lot No 1	EU	0.95
Establishment of Herzegovina Rural Development Network-HeRuDNet	EU	0.60
Support to Economic Diversification of Rural Areas in Southeast Europe (SEDRA II)	Germany	0.22
Supporting local agricultural and rural development planning	UN	0.21
Field-level testing and agronomic evaluation of new sweet cherry varieties in Sub-Mediterranean Herzegovina	UN	0.18

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<b>DCF members active in the sector in 2023</b>	The World Bank, Sweden, Italy / AICS, Germany, Croatia, EBRD, EU
<b>Other key international organizations</b>	Regional Cooperation Council; Energy Community of Southeast Europe; South East Europe Transport Observatory; Central European Free Trade Agreement, South East European Cooperation Process
<b>Key government partners</b>	Council of Ministers of BiH; Government of the Federation of BiH; Government of Republika Srpska; Government of Brcko District BiH; institutions, agencies, directorates at all levels of government in BiH, in line with their sectoral competencies
<b>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2023 by DCF members</b>	<p>Total allocated € 4.08 mil in a form of grant, out of which € 2.24 mil in a form of grant and € 1.84 mil in a form of loan.</p> <p>Total disbursed €4.15 mil, out of which € 2.10 mil in a form of grant and € 2.05 mil in a form of loan.</p> <p>Out of total ODA in 2023, 0.5 % was allocated and 1 % disbursed in the sector.</p>
<b>Coordination with and among development partners</b>	<p><b>Single mechanism for coordination of development partners does not exist.</b></p> <p>For regional investments, coordination of development partners takes place in the context of the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) and partly in the context of the National Investment Committee (NIC).</p> <p><b>Development partners active in the sector and BiH Institutions from all levels of government regularly attended Development Partners Coordination Forum meetings (DCF meetings) hosted by BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury/Sector for Financial Planning of Development and Coordination of International Economic Aid.</b></p>

## Overview of activities in 2023

Regional and territorial cooperation sector presented in this Report is based on the sector-based reporting methodology defined in the IPA II regulation, for period 2014 – 2020. The Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH has retained the IPA II classification in the Development Partners Mapping Report 2023.

### Regional and territorial cooperation sector consists of four sub-sectors:

- Horizontal support to sector policies and reforms,
- Regional structure and networks,
- Regional investment support and
- Territorial cooperation.

## Investments of DCF members in 2023

DCF members active in the Regional and territorial cooperation sector in 2023 were The World Bank, Sweden, Italy / AICS, Germany, Croatia, EBRD and EU.

Total allocations of DCF members to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 4.08 mil, out of which € 2.24 mil in a form of grant i € 1.84 mil in the form of loan.

Total disbursements of DCF members to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 4.15 mil, out of which € 2.10 mil in the form of grants and € 2.05 mil in the form of loans.

Figure 9.1. compares ODA grants allocated and disbursed funds, according to the amount of invested funds of each individual development partner. Sweden and Italy/AICS have the largest allocation, i.e. disbursement of grant funds.

**Figure 9.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2023**

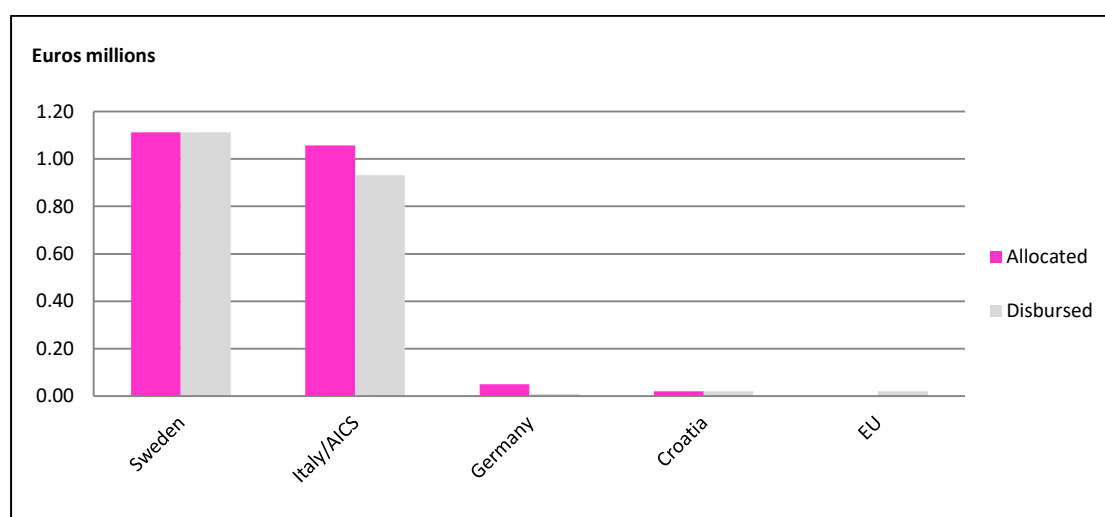
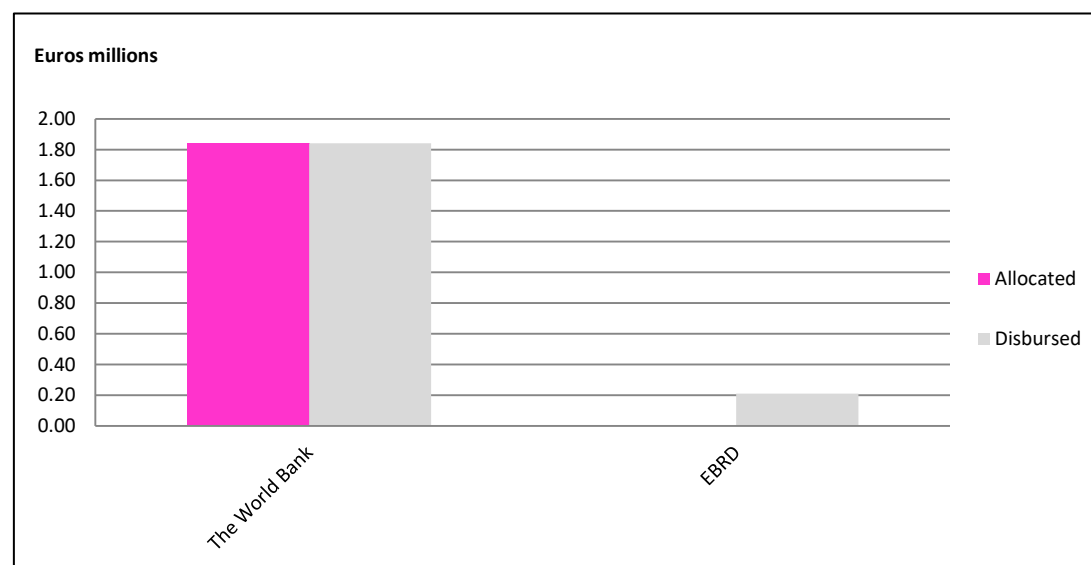


Figure 9.2. presents total allocated and disbursed loans in 2023. The World Bank allocated and disbursed € 1.84 mil, while EBRD disbursed € 0.21 mil.

**Figure 9.2. Total allocated and disbursed loans per creditors in 2023**



Regional and territorial cooperation sector consists of 4 sub-sectors.

Figure 9.3. presents the structure of total allocated funds per sub-sectors.

Out of total allocated funds in 2023, 72.0% was allocated to 2 sub-sectors: Regional investment support (52.4%) and Territorial cooperation (19.6%), while 28.0% allocated was to other sub-sectors.

**Figure 9.3. Total allocated funds per sub-sectors in 2023**

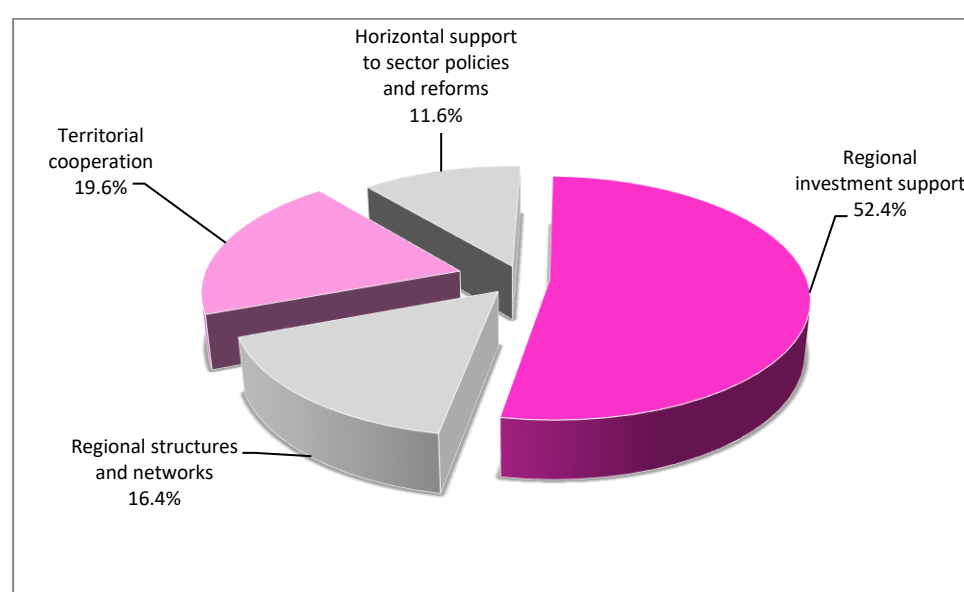
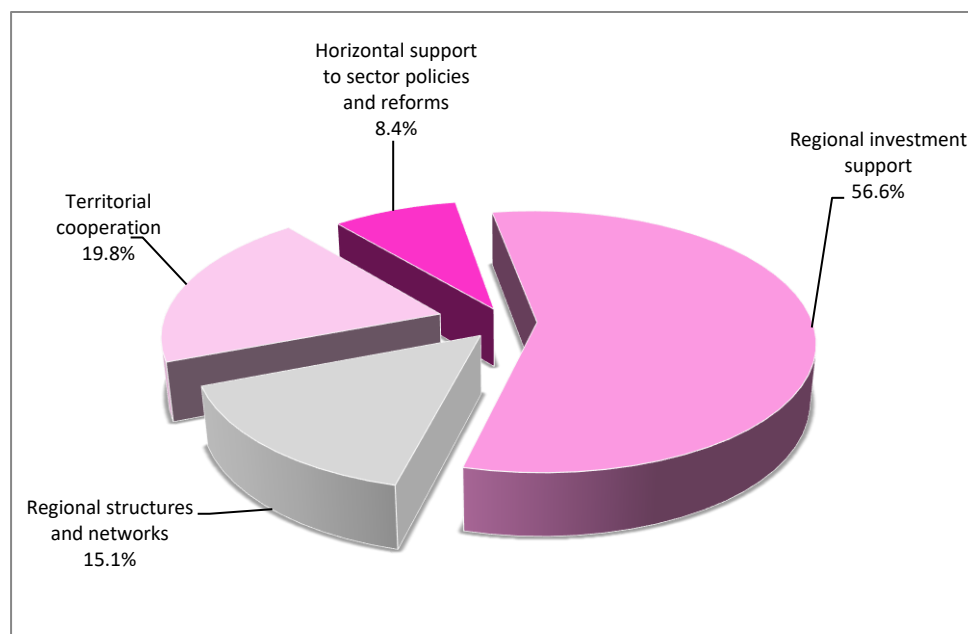


Figure 9.4. presents the structure of total disbursed funds in 2023 per sub-sectors.

Total disbursed funds in 2023 were disbursed to the sub-sector Regional investment support (56.6%), while 43.4% was allocated to other 3 sectors.

**Figure 9.4. Total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2023**



## Seven major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2023

PROJECT TITLE	Development partner	Total project value (EUR mil)
Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program	The World Bank	30.01
Invera Private Equity Fund	EBRD	2.00
Sustainable Tourism for Green Growth Along the Via Dinarica Trails in Bosnia and Herzegovina (ViaDinarica III)	Italy/AICS	1.79
Support to the management and the monitoring of the development cooperation initiatives in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Italy/AICS	1.53
Technical Assistance (TA) for the Cross-border cooperation Programme Bosnia and Herzegovina - Montenegro - allocation 2017	EU	0.36
Western Balkans School Exchange Scheme	Germany	0.06
Improvement of palliative care	Croatia	0.02

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## Cross-cutting sector

<b>DCF members active in the sector in 2023</b>	Croatia, The World Bank, Switzerland, EU, USA/USAID, UN, Norway, United Kingdom, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy /AICS
<b>Total allocation/ disbursement to the sector in 2023 by DCF members</b>	<p>Total allocated € 34.09 mil – out of which € 28.49 mil in a form of grants and € 5.60 mil in a form of loans.</p> <p>Total disbursed € 34.64 mil – out of which € 29.09 mil in a form of grants and € 5.55 mil in a form of loans.</p> <p>Out of total ODA in 2023, 4% was allocated and 5% disbursed in the sector.</p>
<b>Coordination with and among development partners</b>	<b>Development partners active in the sector and BiH Institutions from all levels of government regularly attended Development Partners Coordination Forum meetings (DCF meetings) hosted by BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury/Sector for Financial Planning of Development and Coordination of International Economic Aid.</b>

### Investments of DCF members in 2023

Cross – cutting sector replaced the so called Temporary sector, defined for projects which DCF members were not able to classify within the sectors existing in the PIMIS/DMD database.

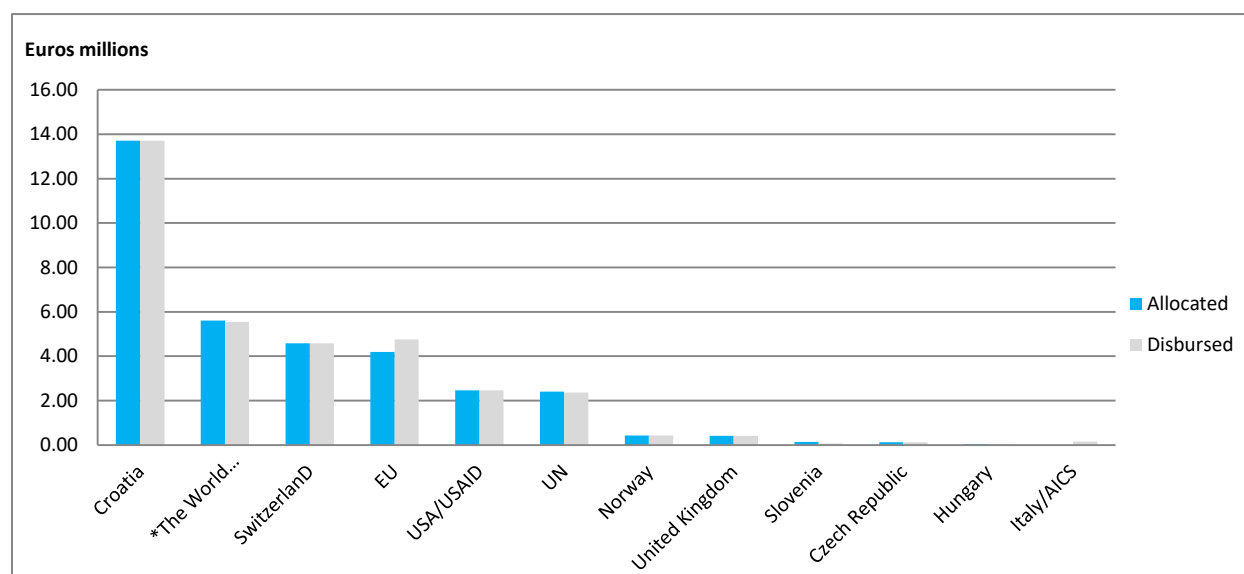
DCF members active in the Cross-cutting sector in 2023 are Croatia, The World Bank, Switzerland, EU, USA/USAID, UN, Norway, United Kingdom, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Hungary and Italy /AICS.

Total allocations of DCF members to Sector in 2023 amounted to € 34.09 mil, out of which € 28.49 mil in the form of grants and € 5.60 mil in the form of loans.

Total disbursements of DCF members to the Sector in 2023 amounted to € 34.64 mil, out of which € 29.09 mil in the form of grants and € 5.55 mil in the form of loans.

Figure 10.1. compares allocated and disbursed grant funds by the development partners, according to the amount of invested funds. Development partner who allocated i.e. disbursed largest amount were Croatia, The World Bank and Switzerland.

Figure 10.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2023



\*Note: The World Bank loan

### Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2023

PROJECT TITLE	Development partner	Total project value (EUR mil)
Health Systems Improvement Project	The World Bank	67.30
Real Estate Registration Project	The World Bank	46.25
Bosnia and Herzegovina Emergency COVID-19 Project	The World Bank	29.63
Strengthening of Nursing	Switzerland	10.68
Global Credit Cooperation	Switzerland	7.60
(USAID) Monitoring and Evaluation Support Activity (MEASURE II)	USA/USAID	6.56
Support programme for strategic projects to promote culture, information, and education	Croatia	5.91
Incentives for education, culture, science, healthcare, and agriculture	Croatia	5.00
Mental Health Project in BiH	Switzerland	4.67
Economic Governance for Growth 2	Norway	4.02

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Croatia

Czech Republic

France

Germany

Hungary

Italy / Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

Japan

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Slovenia

Sweden

Switzerland

United States of America/United States Agency for International  
Development (USA/USAID)

United Kingdom

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

European Union (EU)

European Investment Bank (EIB)

United Nations (UN)

The World Bank

International Finance Corporation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (IFC)







## Croatia

### Policy approach

Bosnia and Herzegovina remained by far the largest bilateral recipient of the Croatian official development aid (ODA) in 2023. Bilateral official development assistance of the Republic of Croatia in 2023 was primarily aimed at the countries of the Southeast Europe, especially at Bosnia and Herzegovina. It should be emphasised that, despite wider global challenges, in 2023 the Republic of Croatia continued to support the development and stability of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as one of the priority countries and its path towards the Euro-Atlantic integration. Thus, 22,07 % of the total development aid of the Republic of Croatia in 2023 was directed to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In 2023, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, as the national coordinator of international development cooperation and humanitarian aid, finalised the drafting of the proposal of the new Law on International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid and forwarded it to the Croatian Parliament in the adoption procedure. The new National Plan on International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid 2024-2026 is in the drafting procedure, which will be adopted following the entry into force of the new Law.

The Ministry of Health, the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, the Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction and State Assets, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the Ministry of Regional Development and the EU Funds, the Central State Office for Croats Abroad and the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs are the key institutions in the Republic of Croatia that implemented the development projects of largest amounts in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2023.

The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, in cooperation with the OECD's Regional Program for Southeast Europe, has continued its proactive support for the three-year *Project for Digital and Green Transition of Small and Medium Enterprises in the Western Balkans* with the aim to create a stimulating environment for the successful digitalisation and green transition of small and medium-sized enterprises throughout the Western Balkans countries, especially in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Project is based on the OECD's long standing experience of thorough policy analysis and policy consultations in the Western Balkans.

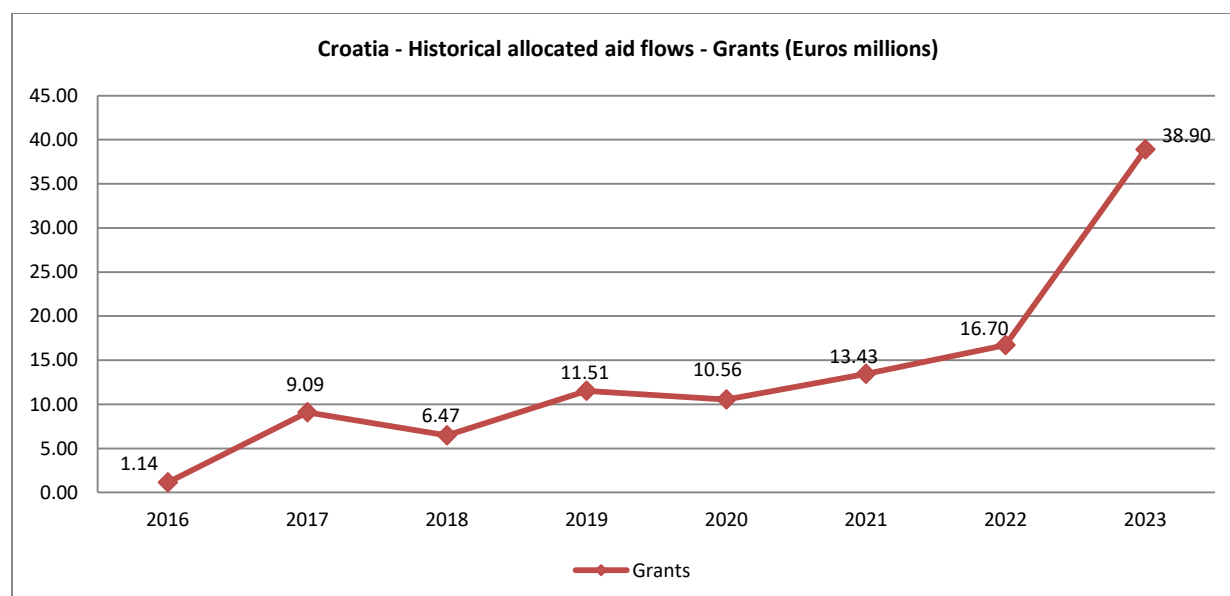
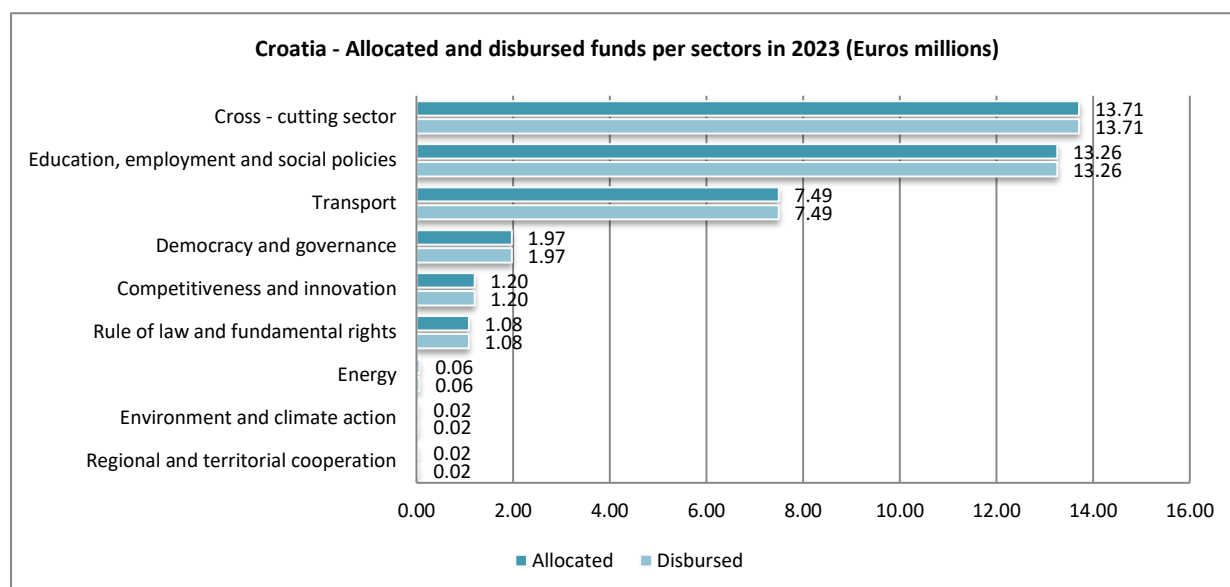
The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs participated in the *Partnership for Development Cooperation Programme of the Government of the United States of America in Bosnia and Herzegovina* with the project led by the Office of the High Representative (OHR) named *the Scholarship Program for Young Interns*. It is a one-year pilot project with the scope of employing five young law graduates and holders of post-graduate degrees in political science and international relations in the OHR to deal primarily with internal issues, such as the rule of law, the fight against corruption, the integrity of elections and by strengthening the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Based on the *Public Call for Financing Projects in the Field of the International Development Cooperation of Civil Society Organizations*, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs continued its fruitful cooperation with the civil society organizations by supporting the implementation of projects aimed at building financial and non-financial capacities for sustainable growth; training of women in the field of sustainable development and circular economy; transfer of knowledge on democracy and social services through the encouragement of educational, cultural and sports activities (which, among the countries of the Southeast Europe, also included those in Bosnia and Herzegovina).

Moreover, the institution building and activities relating to the democratic transition of Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as to its EU and NATO-accession processes have been carried out by the Department for Knowledge Transfer of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia.

## Key activities in 2023

The Government of Croatia **allocated € 38.90 million and disbursed € 38.90 million in 2023 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Cross - cutting sector, Education, employment and social policies, Transport, Democracy and governance, Competitiveness and innovation, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Energy, Environment and climate action and Regional and territorial cooperation.



### Medium and long-term approach

Considering the importance that the Government of the Republic of Croatia attaches to the stability and prosperity of Bosnia and Herzegovina (and the Western Balkans as a whole), it will remain one of the key geographical priorities in the new strategic framework of the Croatian development cooperation.

Croatia is adamant to continue its support regarding the development projects that focus on Bosnia and Herzegovina's education sector, employment and social policies, culture, infrastructure and energy resilience.

### Development partners coordination efforts

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## Czech Republic

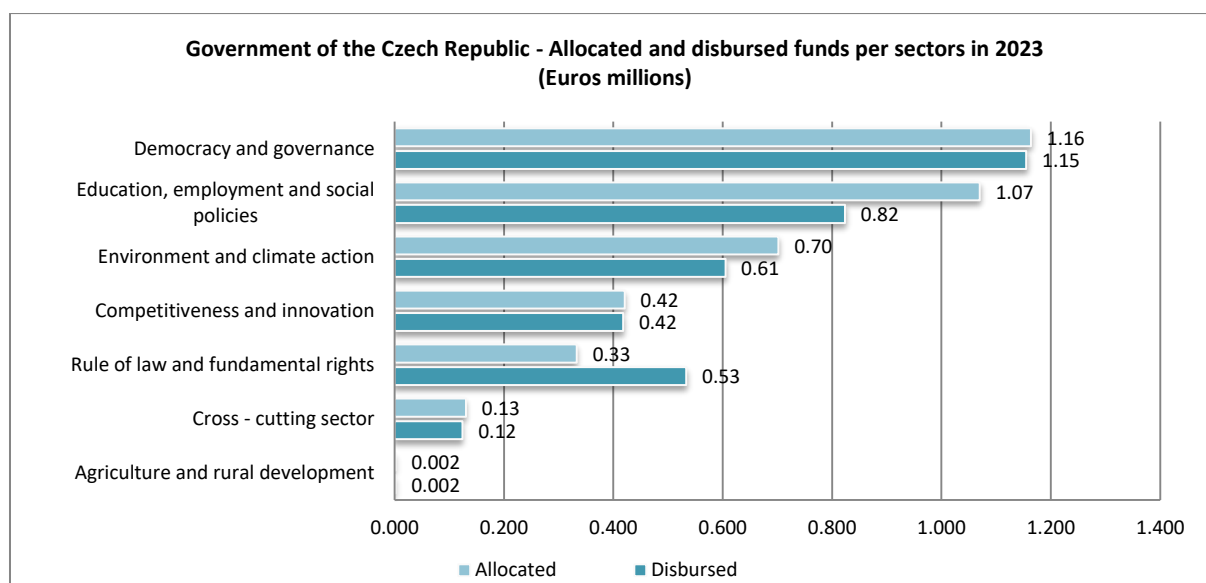
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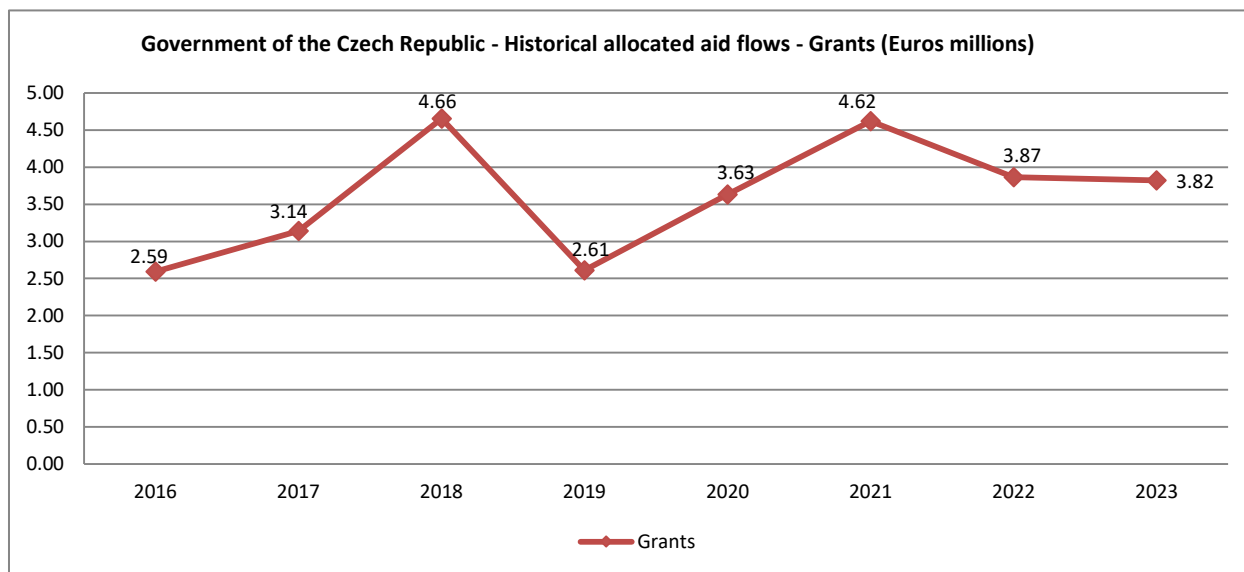
Bosnia and Herzegovina has been among the long-term priorities of the Czech Republic and as such, has been included within the Development Cooperation Strategy of the Czech Republic 2006 – 2010, 2011-2017 among programme priority countries for development cooperation. Current Development Cooperation Programme of the Czech Republic with Bosnia and Herzegovina (2018 – 2023) defines the following priority sectors:

- I. Economic growth with focus on increasing the share of renewable energy generation in areas with optimum conditions
- II. Sustainable management of natural resources, with focus on improving the protection, use and development of water sources, water quality and access to quality drinking water, eliminating pollution and improving wastewater management including systematic measures
- III. Good democratic governance, with focus on building efficient, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels of public administration

### Key activities in 2023

The Government of the Czech Republic **allocated € 3.82 million and disbursed € 3.66 million in 2023 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Democracy and governance, Education, employment and social policies, Environment and climate action, Competitiveness and innovation, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Cross - cutting sector and Agriculture and rural development.





### Medium and long-term approach

Our new Programme of Development Cooperation for Bosnia and Herzegovina is ready and awaiting the final approval of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. This 2024-2030 Programme is created in order to tailor fit our strategy to the development priorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Our main priority fields will remain more or less the same as they were in the previous years, but we are still not at liberty to share them, as the final approval has not been sent to us yet.

### Development partners coordination efforts

Government of Czech Republic participate in following donor coordination efforts (e.g. sector working groups):

Democracy and governance – EU Human rights group – EUD and member states representatives

International working group on cybersecurity – EUD/EUSR, NATO, UNDP, U.S. Embassy, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Embassy of Switzerland, British Embassy, Royal Norwegian Embassy, OSCE Mission

Environment – the Water Alliance – UNDP, EUD, Embassy of Sweden, Embassy of Switzerland, World Bank

Energy Donor Coordination Group – UNDP, EUD, GIZ, Embassy of Sweden, USAID, British Embassy

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## France

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### Policy approach

The French Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina is implementing different programs, following priorities designed by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in order to support the country in its efforts towards European integration. The work is carried out according to four main links, with an integrated approach: Interior security, technical cooperation including governance and high education and scientific cooperation, culture and civil society including Francophonie, *reprise de l'acquis*.

Some of these activities are financed with a large support of the European Union (including TAIEX), some others are financed directly by French government and French local collectivities.

### Medium and long-term approach

The Government of France wants to develop more cooperation with the Western Balkan countries in the medium-term and also in the long-term, particularly in relation to the EU integration.

In the coming years, France will continue to support the projects in the area of civil society in Bosnia and Herzegovina on different topics such as human rights, youth projects, gender question, local development, ecology as well as it will also support the state changes and reforms on state of law question, administration reform and training, justice, economic development, etc.

### Development partners coordination efforts

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## Germany

### Policy approach

Bosnia and Herzegovina is one of the four transformation partner countries of German development cooperation in the Western Balkans. In these EU-neighboring countries, the German Government supports political and economic transformation processes as well as the alignment with the EU acquis. During the Berlin Process in November 2022, the German government announced the Regional Climate Partnership for the Western Balkans and pledged EUR 1.5 billion in support for energy initiatives, benefiting BiH among others.

Focus of the German bilateral Cooperation in BiH is on two areas: 1) private sector development and 2) Just transition (energy and climate), with the third area, good governance, mainly covered through regional cooperation within the WB6.

Bosnia and Herzegovina's (BiH) development into a functioning market economy requires a resilient private sector, efficient governance, and alignment with EU standards. Our focus is on improving conditions for private investment, enhancing workforce skills to meet market demands, and advancing green and digital transformation. Updating vocational training and raising awareness of digitalization and the green economy will boost private sector competitiveness, improve employment prospects, and create opportunities, especially for young people, while bringing BiH closer to the EU.

The Energy sector in BiH stands out as one of the most promising sectors for economic investment and growth. Natural conditions for renewable energy are excellent. Recent price hikes following the Russian war of attack on Ukraine have shown the urgency of accelerating the switch to green energy. Germany is committed to help BiH in achieving a just transition and to improve energy efficiency to combat climate change and to achieve a cleaner and healthier environment.

The German government has provided and will provide bilateral development assistance to BiH directly and through several implementing agencies and non-governmental organizations. The most prominent are *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)* and *KfW Entwicklungsbank* (Development Bank). Political foundations and other German institutions implement additional projects. The embassy oversees and co-ordinates these efforts and implements some smaller funds directly.

### Focus areas

#### **a) Private sector development**

GIZ enhances vocational training and supports the development of the private economy in Bosnia and Herzegovina, promoting digital and green transformations. The focus is on two main areas: Strengthening Vocational Education and Training, aimed at improving the vocational education system to provide a qualified labor force for the country's sustainable economic development, and Private Sector Development, which focuses on transforming businesses towards a more digital and green economy, fostering a competitive and innovative economic ecosystem. GIZ is also active in BiH and regionally, supporting CEFTA, ministries, authorities, and private sector organizations in improving implementation. Additionally, GIZ backs regional initiatives aimed at facilitating trade and building a common market.

In the domain of TVET, KfW supports investments in cooperative training projects. KfW allocates grants provided by German Government for consortia consisting of vocational training institutes and private sector companies, which succeeded in a competitive process with best project proposals.

Furthermore, in the private sector development, KfW Development Bank provides concessional loans to local banks and microfinance institutions for on-lending to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in BiH.

## **b) Energy, Climate protection, Just Transition**

Energy and climate have long been top priorities for the German Government, especially in the Western Balkans. Germany provides financial support through KfW and technical assistance via GIZ to help the region, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, achieve its climate goals. The shared goal is to build a Europe that protects the climate while promoting prosperity and better quality of life. The EU's Green Agenda for the Western Balkans is key to this effort, with energy transition driving both economic growth and EU integration. The Regional Climate Partnership between Germany and the Western Balkans, endorsed at last year's Berlin Process Summit in Tirana, aligns the Berlin Process with the EU's Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, aiming for a climate-neutral Europe by 2050. GIZ collaborates closely with partners in BiH and the region on climate protection and energy transition, sharing expertise to promote sustainable businesses, green infrastructure, and job creation. Projects include developing tools for energy-efficient renovations, establishing energy communities, and expanding renewable energy capacity with a focus on training skilled workers and reforming the energy sector.

The priority of "Just transition" is primarily addressed in energy projects, focusing on providing stable, affordable, and environmentally friendly electricity. Germany plays a significant role in the energy sector, having financed the country's first wind farms (Mesihovina and Podvelezje). Valuable lessons learned from these projects will help to improve the realization of future wind farms. Opportunities arise from intensified EU and donor cooperation, implementing the Berlin Process commitment for energy transition and security in the context of the Regional Climate Partnership. The focus area of the German Financial Cooperation is supporting the decarbonization of the energy sector by financing renewable energy projects (wind- and solar farms), as well as energy efficiency projects (in public buildings and promoting energy savings in SMEs via the new *Low Carbon Energy Facility*, contributing to reduced energy consumption and fostering private sector engagement in climate protection through the banking sector).

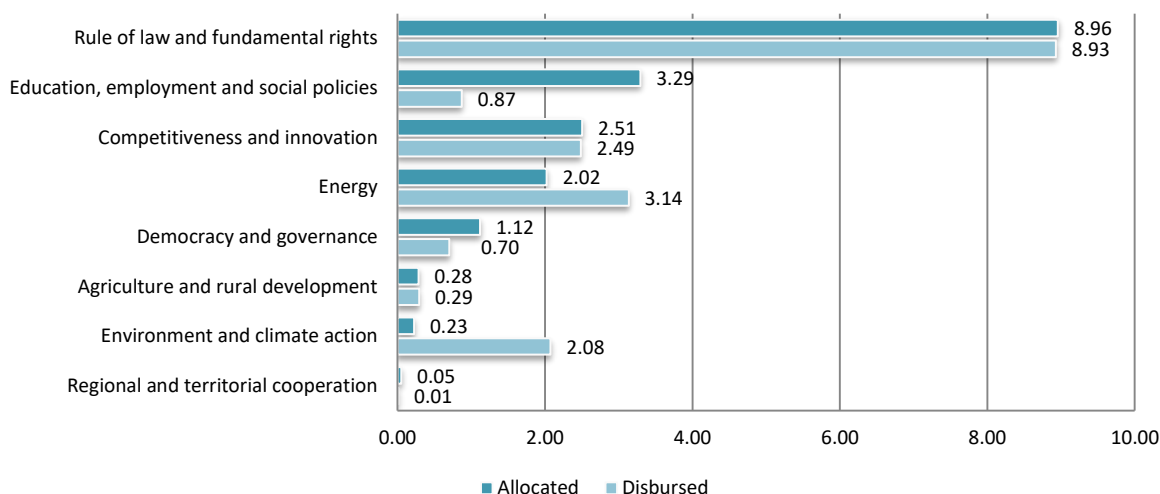
## **Key activities in 2023**

The Government of Germany **allocated € 18.46<sup>1</sup> million and disbursed € 18.50 million in 2023 in the form of grant and loan** to the following sectors: Rule of law and fundamental rights, Education, employment and social policies, Competitiveness and innovation, Energy, Democracy and governance, Agriculture and rural development, Environment and climate action, Regional and territorial cooperation.

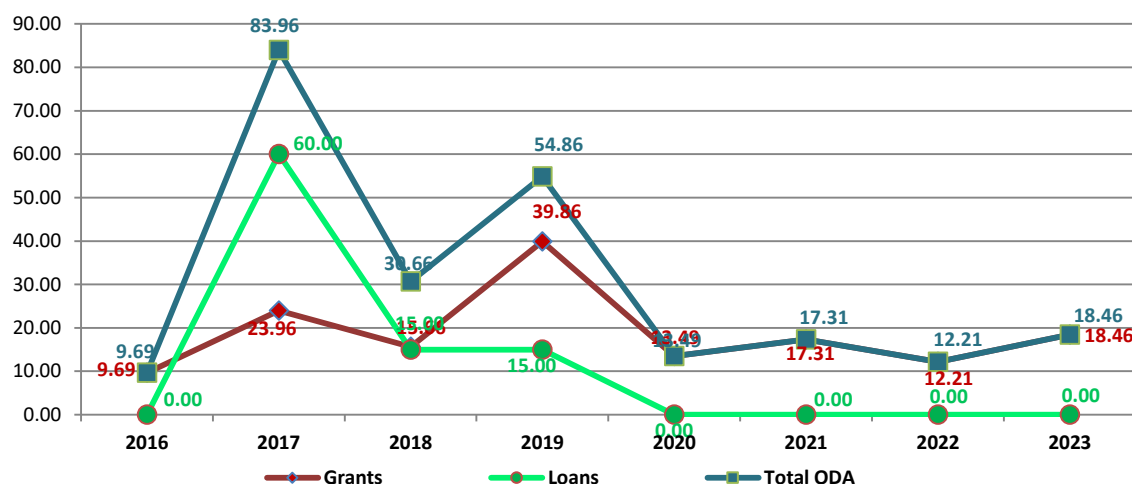
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**Government of Germany - Allocated and disbursed funds per sectors in 2023 (Euros millions)**



**Government of Germany - Historical allocated aid flows - grants and loans (Euros millions)**



## Medium and long-term approach

Germany will:

- Continue supporting BiH and other Western Balkan countries through the regional climate partnership in concrete regional collaboration in climate and energy (Green Agenda), thereby aiming the region's alignment with EU climate targets. This involves assisting governments in creating conditions for economic decarbonization, increasing energy independence and security, as well as facilitating a green and socio-ecological transformation to better adapt to climate change impacts.
- Promoting further economic employment potential in BiH by linking private sector development financing (demand side) with funding for vocational education infrastructure (supply side).
- Creating connections between financial sector initiatives supporting SMEs for energy measures and employment promotion and energy savings.

- Focus on strengthening local authorities' capacity to implement circular economy strategies, improving governance through transparency and participation, and increasing knowledge on circular economy practices. Promotion of innovative circular business models and enhance cooperation and knowledge transfer among stakeholders.
- Strengthening the cooperation of public institutions in BiH for EU integration with the aim to support administrative authorities in reaching common positions on the adoption of the EU Acquis and advancing the EU integration process.
- Future efforts should continue fostering collaboration between businesses, private organizations, schools, and chambers, while supporting small and medium-sized enterprises and vocational schools in training for digital and green services. Engaging national, entity, and cantonal government stakeholders in dialogue is essential, along with promoting improvements in dual vocational training. Framework for green and digital business growth should be functioning, and efforts should also prioritize integrating women and disadvantaged populations into these initiatives.

### Development partners coordination efforts

In the energy sector, Government of Germany is participating at the energy coordination meetings organized by MoFTER, as well as at the semi-annual energy coordination meetings organized by the EU.

GIZ participates in all relevant sectoral working groups and coordinates activities with other donors and implementing agencies. GIZ often implements projects that are co-financed by other donors, such as the EU, the Swiss Government, and others.

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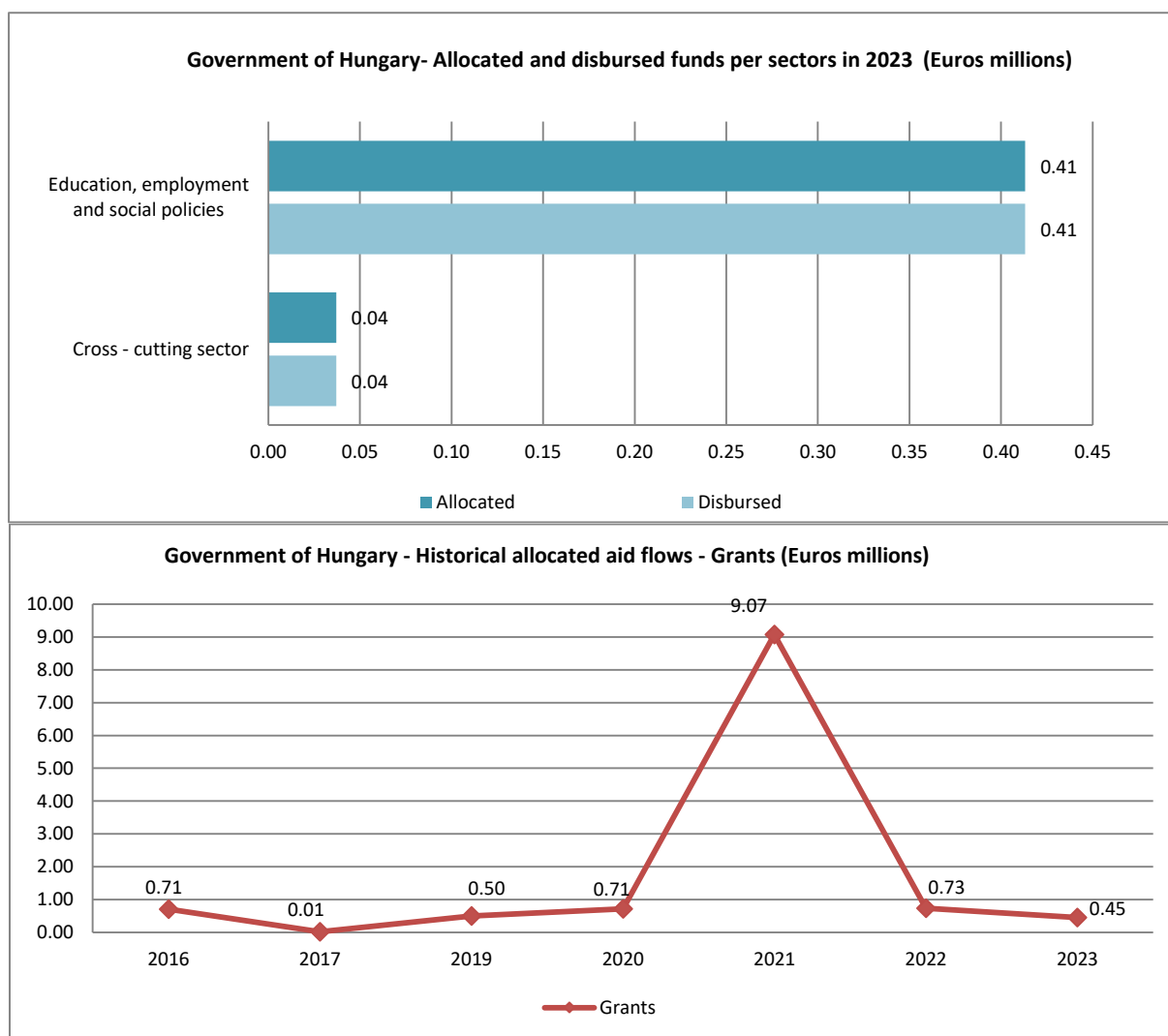
## Hungary

### Policy approach

In Hungary's International Development Cooperation Strategy for the period 2020-2025, the Western Balkans and within it, Bosnia and Herzegovina have a prominent role. Hungary seeks to contribute to the sustainable development of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its local communities in a manner consistent with their needs and demands, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and socio-environmental concerns. The Government of Hungary strives to provide assistance where it is most needed, thereby addressing BiH as one the most burden with migration. Hungary's International Development Cooperation Strategy seeks to stimulate the enhanced involvement of the private and civil sectors in development.

### Key activities in 2023

The Government of Hungary **allocated € 0.45 million and disbursed € 0.45 million in 2023 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Education, employment and social policies, Cross - cutting sector.





## Medium and long-term approach

Hungary will continue to focus on promoting development in the following key sectors: human development and education, health care, environmental protection, agriculture and water management. In the current year (2025) Government of Hungary will continue with the following projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship;
- Annual Contribution of Hungary to the budget of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Secreteriat;
- Secondment of Hungarian EU-integration expert at the Foreign Ministry of BiH.

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## Italy / Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

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### Policy approach

The Italian Government, through its initiatives in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), continues to align its development cooperation strategy with the priorities outlined in the "EU Commission Opinion on BiH's EU membership application," the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and relevant local strategic frameworks. The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) prioritize fostering European integration, social cohesion, and sustainable development through a broad spectrum of initiatives across various sectors.

### Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights

Italy is committed to strengthening migration and border management capacities and advancing sustainable, state-led interventions. The initiatives also support intercultural dialogue through projects like the BRIDGE initiative, while addressing migration challenges through programs such as "Balkan Route: A Welcoming Transit" and community-based migration responses.

### Environment and Climate Action

Italy promotes sustainable development through projects like "NaturBosnia," focusing on protected areas and sustainable tourism, and the "Via Dinarica Green," which supports green growth along Via Dinarica trails. Initiatives like "Strengthening Local Capacities for Disaster Preparedness and Response" further demonstrate Italy's commitment to environmental protection and resilience.

### Transport and Infrastructure

Italian support includes projects such as the "Green Cities Framework 2" in Sarajevo, fostering public transport e-mobility and environmental sustainability, and technical assistance for the development of quality management systems in flood-affected road infrastructure.

### Competitiveness and Innovation

Italy, furthermore, invests in digital transformation and innovation, such as the "Digital Destination Tuzla" project, which promotes advanced technologies for sustainable development.

### Education, Employment, and Social Policies

Italy's initiatives in education and employment aim to leverage technology and innovation, such as 3D technology in healthcare, and promote social cohesion through projects like the BRIDGE initiative.

### Agriculture and Rural Development

AICS supports green transitions in agriculture, focusing on aligning local systems with EU standards. Notable initiatives include "Economic Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection in Areas with Natural Constraints" and "Transition Towards Green and Healthy Food Production in BiH," which promote sustainable agricultural practices and environmental protection.

### Democracy and Governance

Italy supports efforts to enhance dialogue and understanding regarding constitutional and EU accession issues in BiH through initiatives like "Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Constitution and EU Accession: An Academic Platform for Discussing the Options." Several youth-focused programs such as "EU for BH Youth" and "Moving Us Closer" aim to promote social cohesion, reconciliation, and intercultural dialogue among divided communities, fostering an environment conducive to BiH's EU integration.



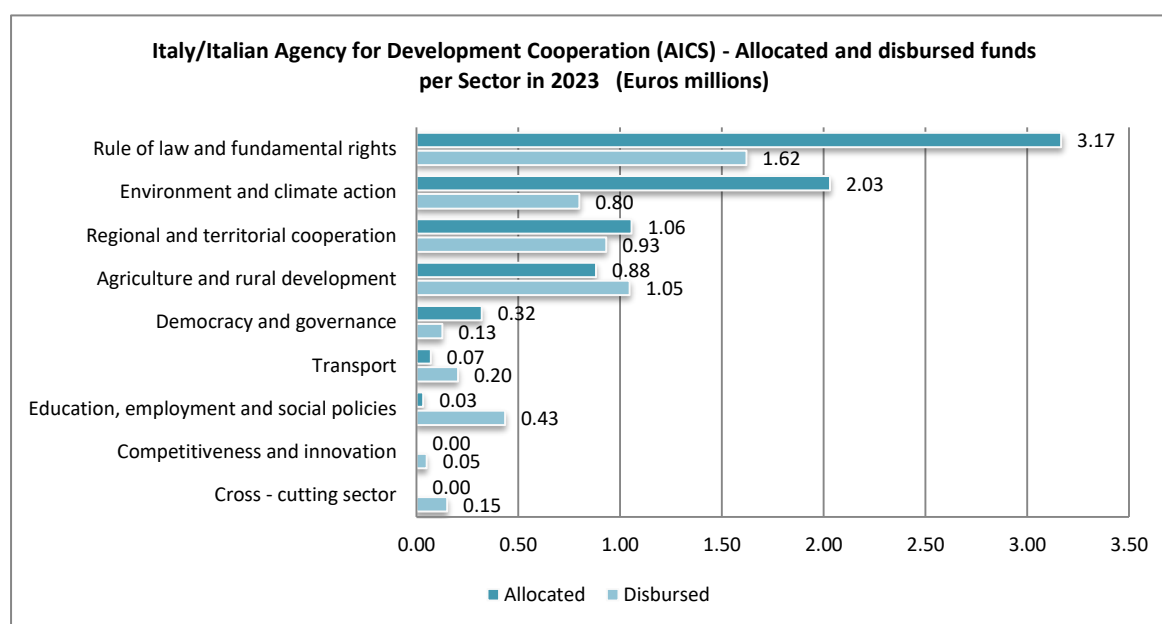
## Cultural and Heritage Projects

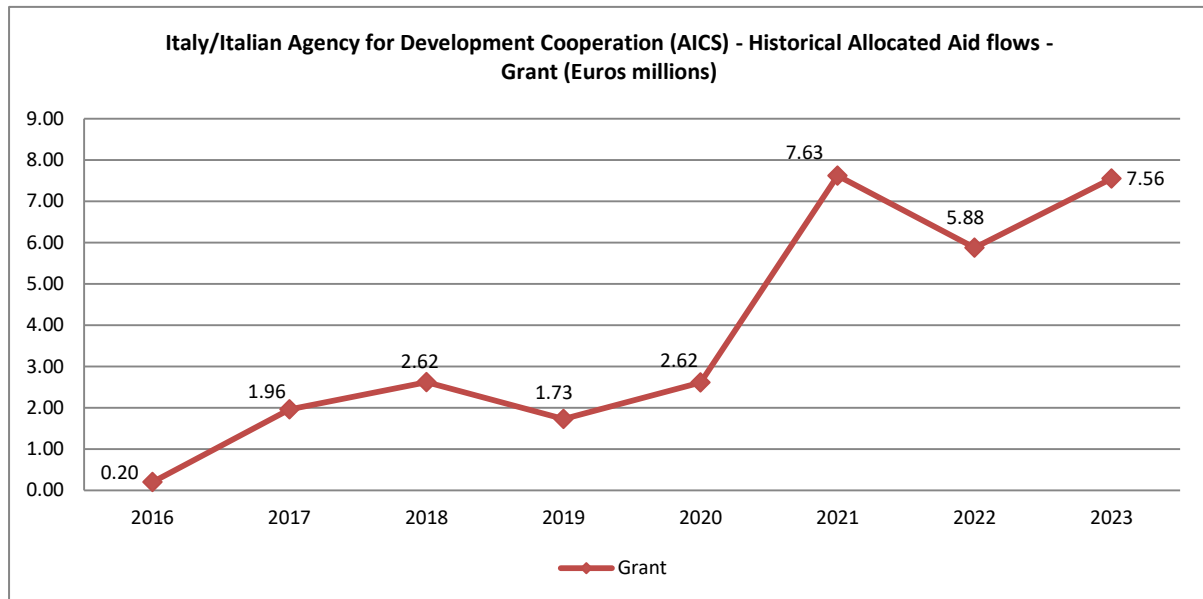
Italy continues to invest in cultural heritage through the "ARS AEVI Museum" project, aiming to finalize the architectural design of a contemporary art museum in Sarajevo.

All initiatives are designed to cut across key areas critical to Bosnia and Herzegovina's progress. These include strengthening institutional capacities to align with EU standards, thus advancing European integration and policy alignment; promoting reconciliation and fostering inclusive development to empower youth and enhance social cohesion; championing green and sustainable practices to drive innovation and environmental responsibility and embedding gender considerations into every initiative to achieve greater equality. Through this integrated and multidimensional approach, Italy plays a crucial role in supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina's path toward European integration and sustainable development, addressing current challenges while laying the foundation for long-term resilience and prosperity.

## Key activities in 2023

The Government of Italy **allocated € 7.56 million and disbursed € 5.36 million in 2023 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Rule of law and fundamental rights, Environment and climate action, Regional and territorial cooperation, Agriculture and rural development, Democracy and governance, Transport, Education, employment and social policies, Cross - cutting sector, Competitiveness and innovation.





### Medium and long-term approach

In the coming years, Italy envisions deepening its role as a key partner in supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina's journey toward European integration. Building on the successes of past and ongoing initiatives, the focus will be on fostering effective governance, social cohesion and sustainable development, all while maintaining close alignment with the EU *acquis communautaire*.

Italy will continue to prioritize reconciliation, trust-building, and inter-ethnic dialogue, fostering an environment that supports long-term stability and prosperity. By engaging at all institutional levels and working closely with civil society, Italy seeks to enhance its contributions to BiH's social and economic transformation while promoting a shared vision of integration and growth.

Italy is committed to financing initiatives that reflect BiH's developmental needs and EU integration priorities. Future initiatives will focus on:

- **Sustainable Rural Development:** Supporting rural communities to adopt EU standards in agriculture and food production, with a particular emphasis on green and sustainable practices. These initiatives aim to create jobs, foster public-private partnerships, and strengthen local economies while protecting the environment.
- **Cultural and Natural Heritage:** Promoting the protection and enhancement of cultural and natural assets, including eco-tourism projects such as Via delle Cascate. These efforts will encourage sustainable tourism, income generation, and the preservation of BiH's unique heritage.
- **Youth Empowerment:** Supporting projects that promote trust-building, intercultural dialogue, and reconciliation among young people. By partnering with international organizations and NGOs, Italy aims to foster active youth participation in decision-making processes and in shaping BiH's European future.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Investing in projects that build resilience to climate change, promote disaster preparedness, and advance green growth. Italy will continue to support initiatives that combine environmental protection with sustainable economic opportunities.
- **Institutional Development:** Strengthening institutional capacities to align with EU standards, particularly in governance, migration management, and border control. Italy remains

committed to facilitating technical assistance and know-how exchanges with Italian counterparts to support policy and institutional reform.

- **Infrastructure and Innovation:** Supporting sustainable infrastructure projects, particularly in areas such as transport and urban mobility, while fostering digital transformation and innovation. Initiatives will also include research and development in advanced technologies that contribute to societal and economic progress.

Italy's development cooperation strategy is centered on building partnerships at all levels—local, national, and international—to maximize the impact of its contributions. Through these initiatives, Italy aims to support BiH in building a stable, inclusive, and prosperous future, closely aligned with European values and standards.

### Development partners coordination efforts

Italy participates on a regular basis in the EU MS Aid Coordination meetings, and in exchange meetings with UN agencies and other Development Agencies/diplomatic missions. Furthermore, bilateral coordination is ensured through periodic *ad hoc* meetings with representatives of the donor community.

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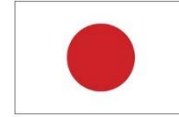
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## Japan

### Policy approach

Japan, together with other donors and international organizations, is providing assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina aimed at promoting ethnic reconciliation and economic stabilization, which is the basis for strengthening peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

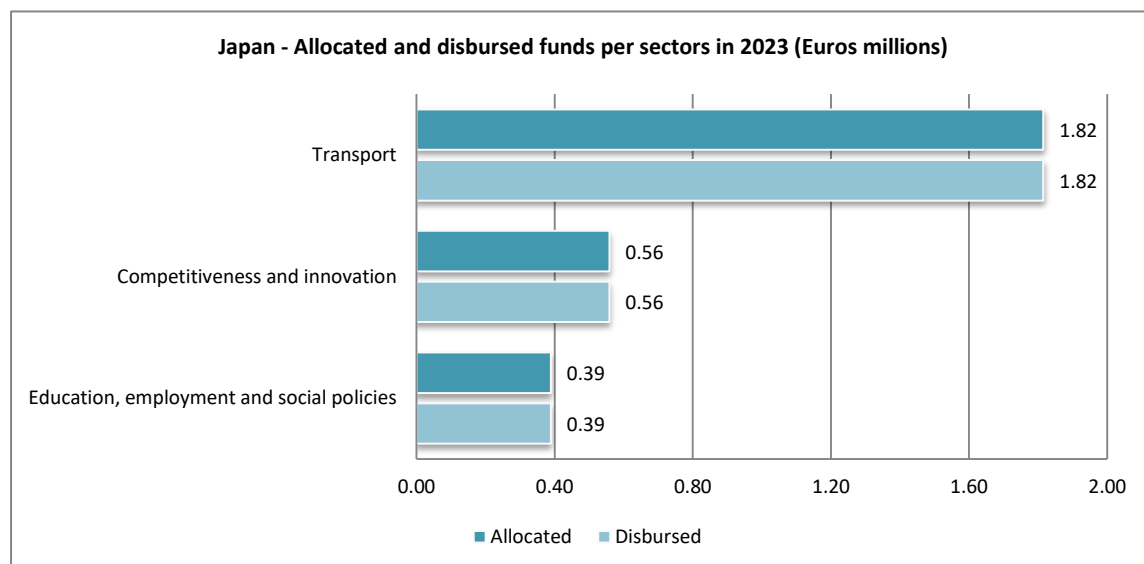
Japan provides assistance in Bosnia and Herzegovina through two main channels – the Embassy of Japan, and Japan International Cooperation Agency – JICA.

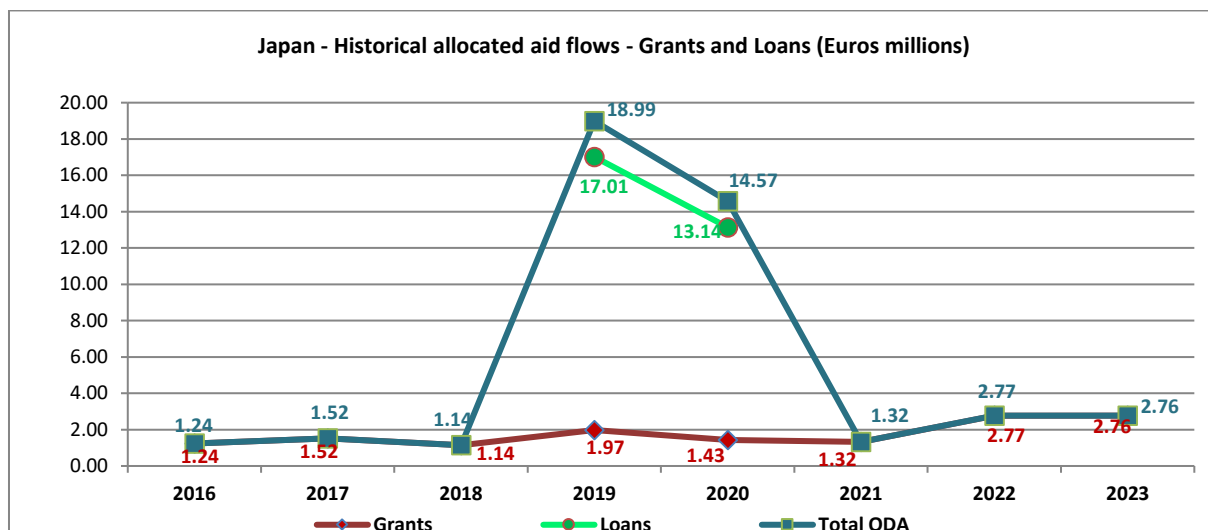
The Embassy of Japan is providing assistance mainly through Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GAGP). The GAGP/KUSANONE Grant Program, launched in 1989, is a small-scale grant program that directly supports development projects/activities of local community organizations, operating at the local level with the intention of meeting the basic human needs of local communities and local populations. The focus of GAGP in the near future is expected to be geared towards areas that were hit by and suffered damage during recent floods.

JICA currently provides assistance mainly through technical cooperation and provision of various forms of trainings. It focuses on the sustainable socio-economic development, private sector development, and disaster risk reduction and environmental protection sectors.

### Key activities in 2023

The Government of Japan allocated **€ 2.76 million** and disbursed **€ 2.76 million** in 2023 in the form of **grant** to the following sector: Education, employment and social policies, Competitiveness and innovation and Transport.





### Medium and long-term approach

Since the end of the conflict, Japan has consistently stood by Bosnia and Herzegovina and contributed to nation-building, without distinction by ethnicity or entity, with the aim of improving the quality of life of its citizens and supporting domestic reforms for accession to the EU. To date, the total amount of the contribution amounts to more than 800 million KM.

The Government of Japan will continue to consider supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina's nation-building efforts, including the strengthening of social cohesion toward the consolidation of peace, and Japan will continue to be a reliable partner and friend to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Please see the Appendix for details of Japan's plans for assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina: [https://www.bosnia.emb-japan.go.jp/files/10\\_0459180.pdf](https://www.bosnia.emb-japan.go.jp/files/10_0459180.pdf)

### Development partners coordination efforts

Japan provides assistance in cooperation with The World Bank, UNDP, and other organizations.

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## The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

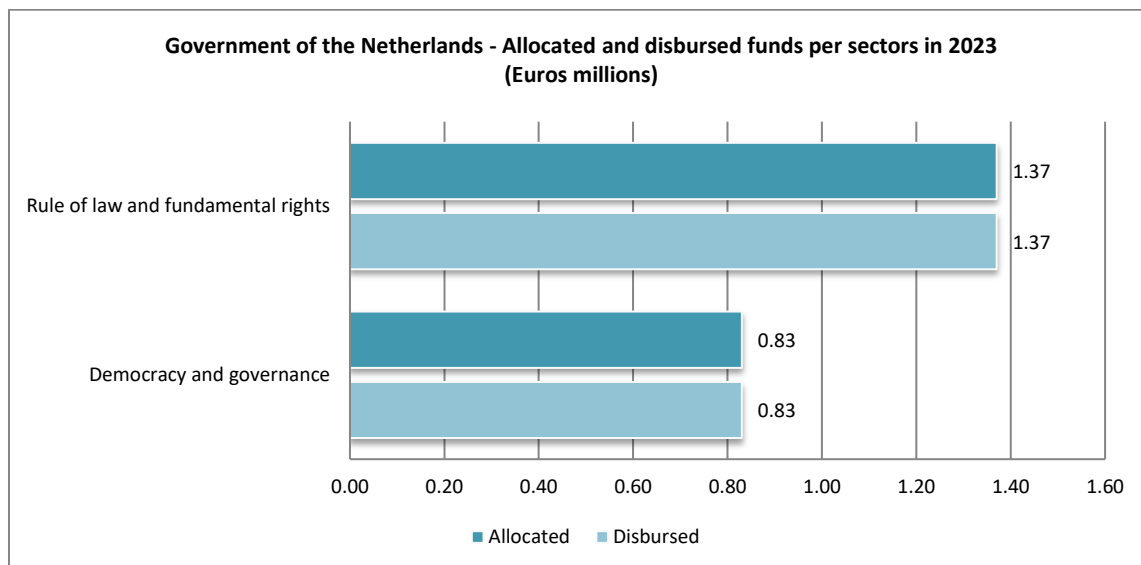
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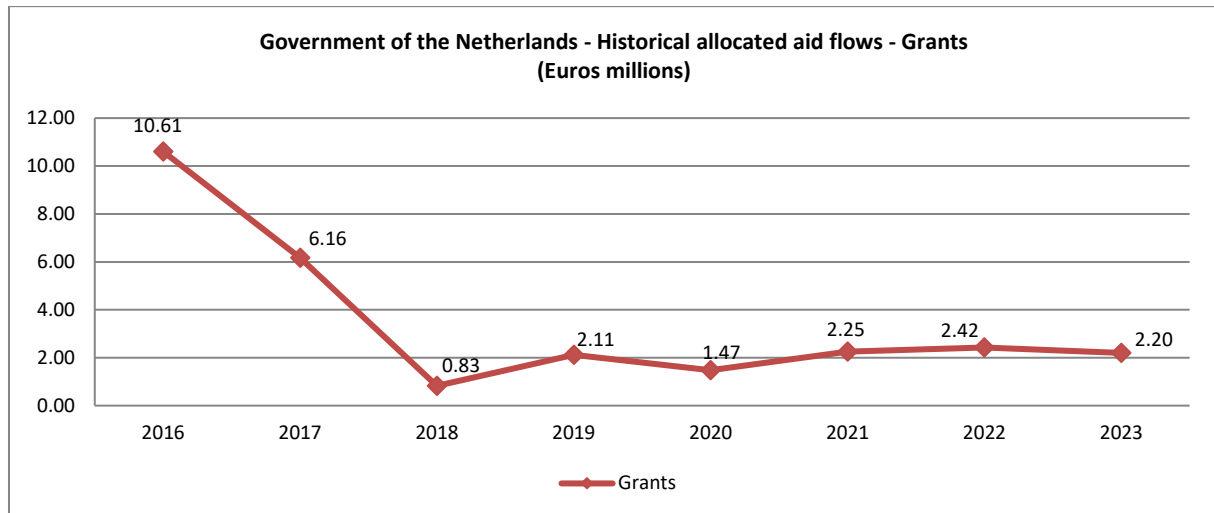
Bosnia and Herzegovina was one of the 36 partner countries worldwide that the Netherlands had a substantive bilateral development cooperation programme with.

By the end of 2011, bilateral development assistance for Bosnia and Herzegovina has phased-out and transformed from more traditional development relationship into a relationship geared towards EU accession: the creation of sustainable, transparent and accountable governance structures in line with criteria prescribed by the EU accession process. This new relationship comes with its own instruments, such as the MATRA programme. Its objective is to contribute to social transformation, leading to a sustainable relationship between government and the citizens in the areas of plural democracy, the rule of law, free media and human rights, using Dutch experience where possible.

### Key activities in 2023

The Government of the Netherlands **allocated € 2.20 million and disbursed € 2.20 million in 2023 in the form of grants** to the following sectors: Rule of law and fundamental rights, Democracy and governance.





### Medium and long-term approach

The Embassy will continue supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU pre-accession process with the emphasis on the development of democracies governed by the Rule of Law.

### Development partners coordination efforts

Besides participating in DCF meetings, the Embassy has a good cooperation with other development partners active in the sectors of common interest.

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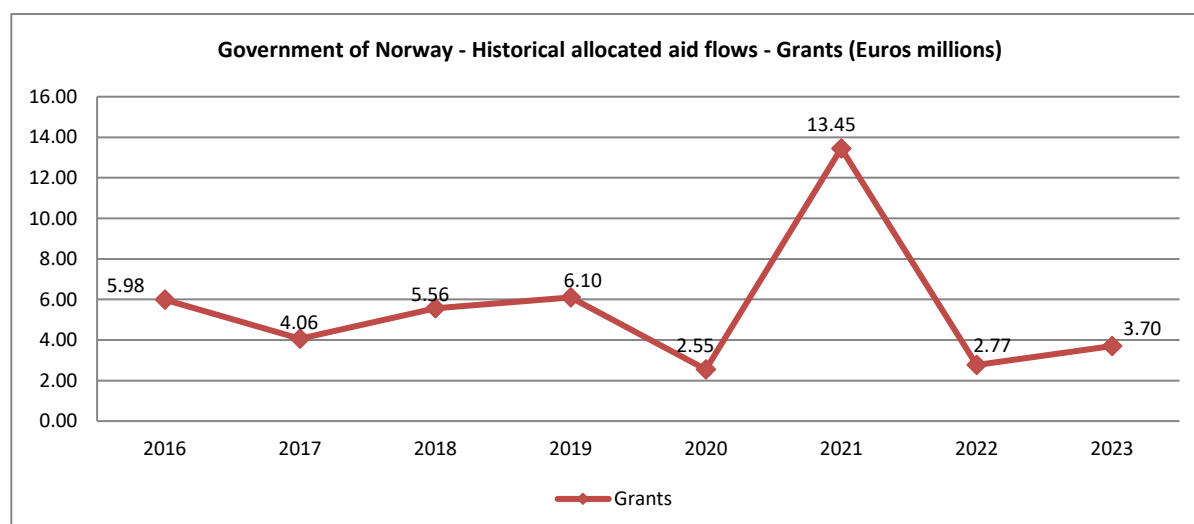
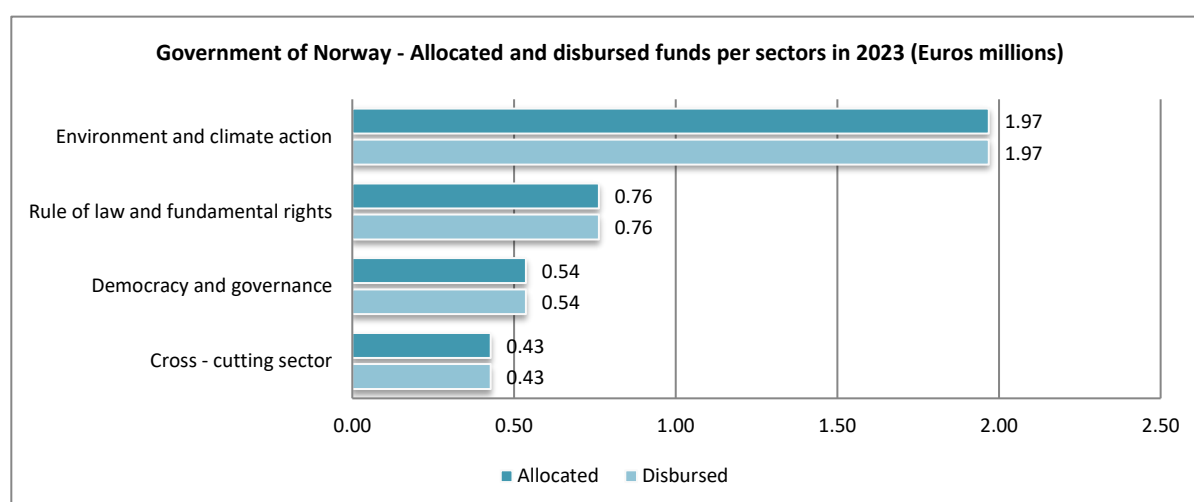
## The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### Policy approach

The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has transitioned its policy approach to Bosnia and Herzegovina from post-conflict humanitarian aid to long-term development and institutional support. The goal is to promote security and stability, good governance, and sustainable economic growth, aligning with BiH's aspirations for Euro-Atlantic integration. In the sector of good governance, Norway supports judicial reforms to strengthen rule of law and institutional transparency. For human rights, peace, and reconciliation, Norway funds protection of migrants and civil society organizations that promote dialogue and reconciliation among ethnic groups, emphasizing transitional justice and inclusion, but also promoting freedom of speech and environmental rights. The Embassy also actively supports demining efforts, ensuring safer conditions for local communities and enabling land use for agriculture and infrastructure development.

### Key activities in 2023

The Government of Norway **allocated 3.70 million and disbursed € 3.70 million in 2023 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Environment and climate action, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Democracy and governance and Cross - cutting sector.





### Medium and long-term approach

The Government of Norway expects to continue with the current initiatives within the following priority areas:

- Good governance, including justice and security sector reform
- Human rights, peace and reconciliation
- Economic development

### Development partners coordination efforts

The Ministry / Embassy participates in development partners coordination meetings in different sectors/sub-sectors according to their capacity and where relevant within our priority areas. For instance, the Embassy engages in coordination mechanisms within the civil society sector, collaborating with international organizations and local stakeholders to ensure effective support for democratic governance and human rights, with Council of Europe and OSCE. Norway is also a significant participant in UN program coordination efforts, ensuring alignment with global development goals. Additionally, Norway plays an important role in demining coordination efforts, (with the BiH Mine Action Center (BHMIC) and other donors) to ensure the safety and usability of previously mined areas.

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## Slovenia

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### Policy approach

In the area of Democracy and governance, Slovenia continued to support Bosnia and Herzegovina on its way to the European Union by trainings of relevant participants from governmental and non-governmental organizations on preparation and implementation of projects financed by EU resources (sub-sector 1.10), and by strengthening first aid capabilities on local level (sub-sector 1.2), contributing to more successful use of EU funding and strengthening community resilience regarding health.

In the area of Rule of law and fundamental rights, Slovenia continued to contribute to judicial and police reforms by seconding a Police attaché (sub-sector 2.6).

In the area of Environment and climate action, Slovenia continued with the support to the Public lightning reconstruction in Gradiška municipality (sub-sector 3.1), Remediation of Contaminated Sites in Banja Luka (sub-sector 3.7), Sustainable Water Supply in Gradiška (sub-sector 3.2), and Water Supply Network in Žitomislići (sub-sector 3.2), contributing to the improvement of the local environmental conditions.

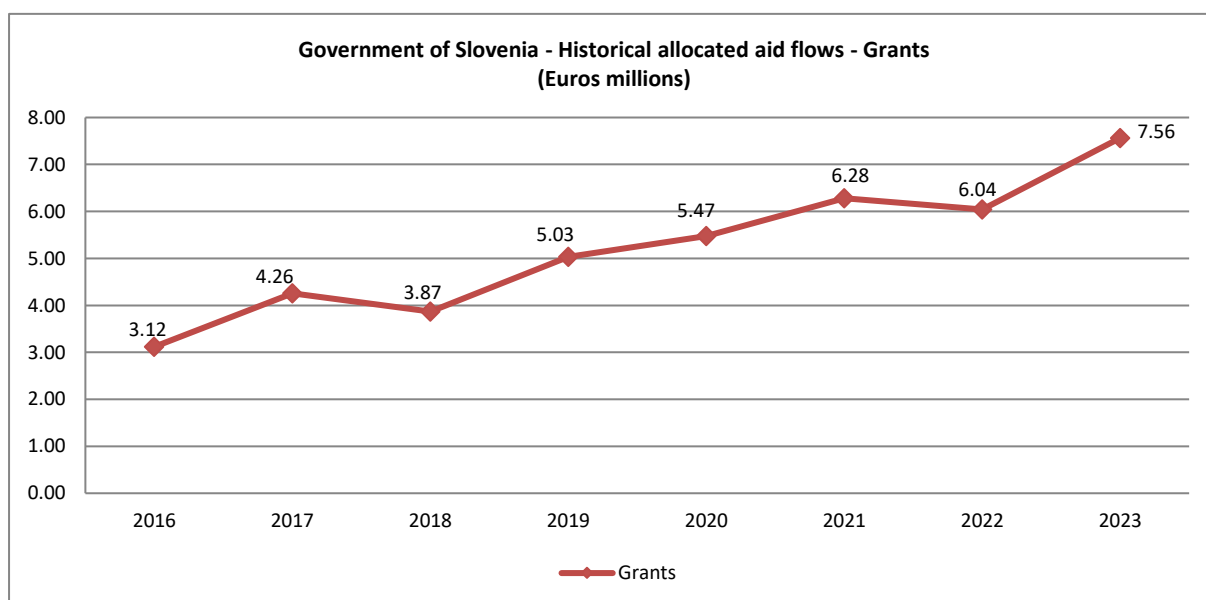
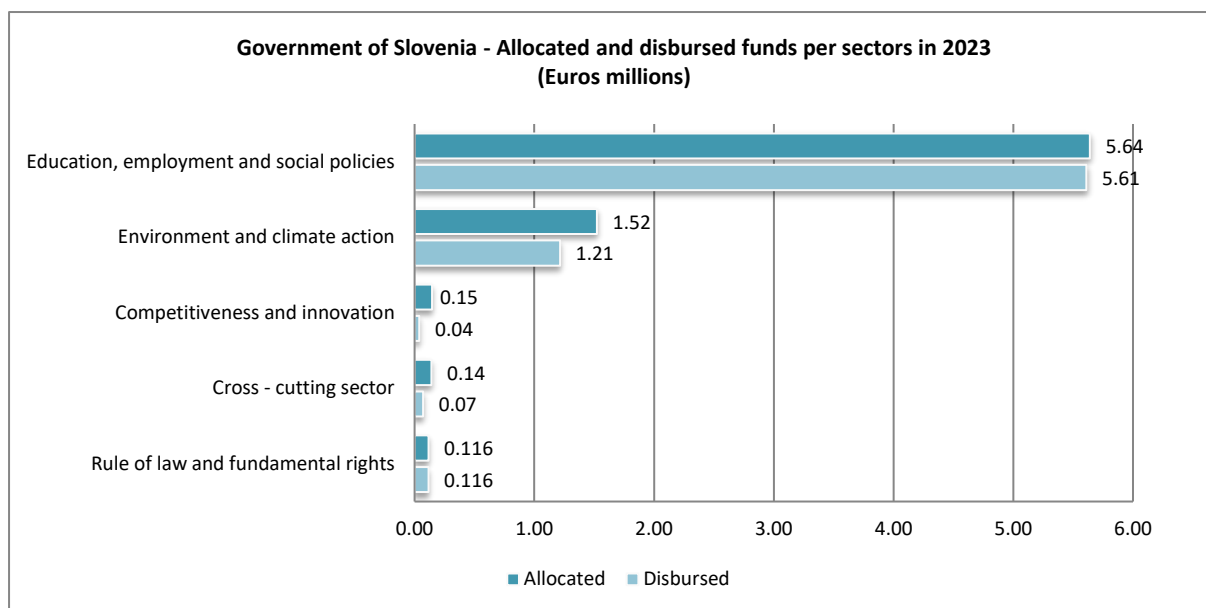
In the area of Education, employment and social policies, Slovenia enabled studying in Slovenian high schools (sub-sector 7.2) and Universities (sub-sector 7.1) to students from Bosnia and Herzegovina free of charge and supplemented by offering scholarships. In 2023, Slovenia also enabled implementation of the NGO project providing support to the project on empowering women through promotion women's green and sustainable entrepreneurship and ensuring their inclusion in decision-making processes (sub-sector 7.5).

Through the ITF Enhancing Human Security Slovenia ensured the effective implementation of mine action projects and programmes (sub-sector 10.1, Cross-Cutting Sector).

Slovenia is also continuing its support to further strengthening regional cooperation and supports implementation of a number of bilateral and multilateral activities and projects that benefit several Western Balkans' countries, including Bosnia and Herzegovina. Such projects include good governance (strengthening of public financial management systems and central banking, strengthening domestic revenue mobilization, efficient public sector asset management, exchange of best practices and knowledge in the field of digital diplomacy and social resilience in quest with disinformation), competitiveness (empowering female entrepreneurs for social responsible entrepreneurship), sustainable forestry, disaster preparedness and education and research (strengthening COBISS.Net information infrastructure and systems).

### Key activities in 2023

The Government of Slovenia allocated **€ 7.56 million and disbursed € 7.05 million in 2023 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Education, employment and social policies, Environment and climate action, Competitiveness and innovation, Cross - cutting sector and Rule of law and fundamental rights.



### Medium and long-term approach

The Strategy for International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid of the Republic of Slovenia until 2030 anticipates that Slovenia will continue to cooperate with all partner countries in the Western Balkans in the coming medium-term period, directing 60 to 70 % of its bilateral program assistance to the region.

In accordance with the Resolution on International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid, the Republic of Slovenia will focus its activities in the Western Balkans on developing programs and projects in line with priority thematic areas, with an emphasis on bringing the region closer to European integration. Slovenia's activities will contribute to the sustainable development of partner countries in economic, social and environmental dimensions, as well as to the stability in the region.

In the area of Democracy and governance, Slovenia will continue to support Bosnia and Herzegovina on its way to the European Union through trainings of representatives of the governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as with direct peer-to-peer expert exchanges.

In the area of the Rule of law and fundamental rights, Slovenia will continue to contribute to judicial and police reforms.

In the area of Education, employment and social policies, Slovenia will continue to enable studying in Slovenian high schools and universities to students from Bosnia and Herzegovina free of charge, supplemented by offering scholarships.

In the area of Environment and climate action, the four on-going infrastructural projects will continue in 2024 as also an NGO run project in the country.

In the area of Cross-Cutting Sector, special attention will be given to activities in the area of humanitarian demining and to the continuation of the project on bee-keeping as an empowerment tool for people with disabilities.

In 2024 Slovenia will also continue to support the implementation of all on-going regional projects, mentioned under above, thus covering issues as good governing, sustainable development, disaster preparedness and education and research.

Slovenia will also try to strengthen its support through the technical assistance efforts and will support next generation of Bosnia and Herzegovina young politicians.

The Slovenian Embassy in Sarajevo will also support the project Women for watershed revival of Drina (border with Serbia) and the project Empowerment of Women Landmine Survivors in BiH with funds from the Development Fund.

#### **Development partners coordination efforts**

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## Sweden

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### Policy approach

Since 2021 the work of Swedish Development Cooperation in Bosnia and Herzegovina is guided by the [Strategy for Sweden's reform cooperation with the Western Balkans and Turkey for 2021– 2027 – \(Government.se\)](#). The main goal for Sweden's support is to improve the living conditions for people in Bosnia and Herzegovina. To achieve this, the main focus is to bring the country closer to the European Union (EU). Sweden supports the country through various partners and types of support such as public institutions, civil society, the private sector, and international actors. The reform cooperation focuses on four broad areas:

**Human Rights, Democracy, the Rule of Law and Gender Equality:** Sweden supports increased respect for human rights, strengthened democracy, a more developed rule of law, and improved prospects for a gender-equal society. In 2023, Sweden continued to provide support to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, focusing on institutional development in areas such as the judiciary, tax administration, land administration, gender equality and local governance units. A significant portion of this support was directed towards developing civic space, including women's rights organizations, human rights-based organizations, youth organizations, and independent media.

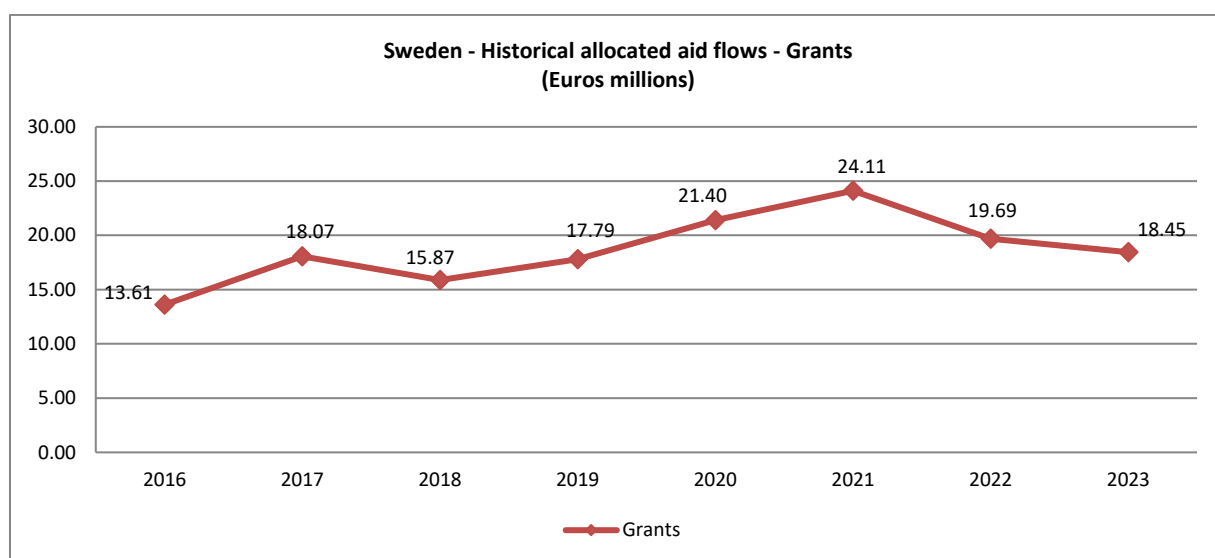
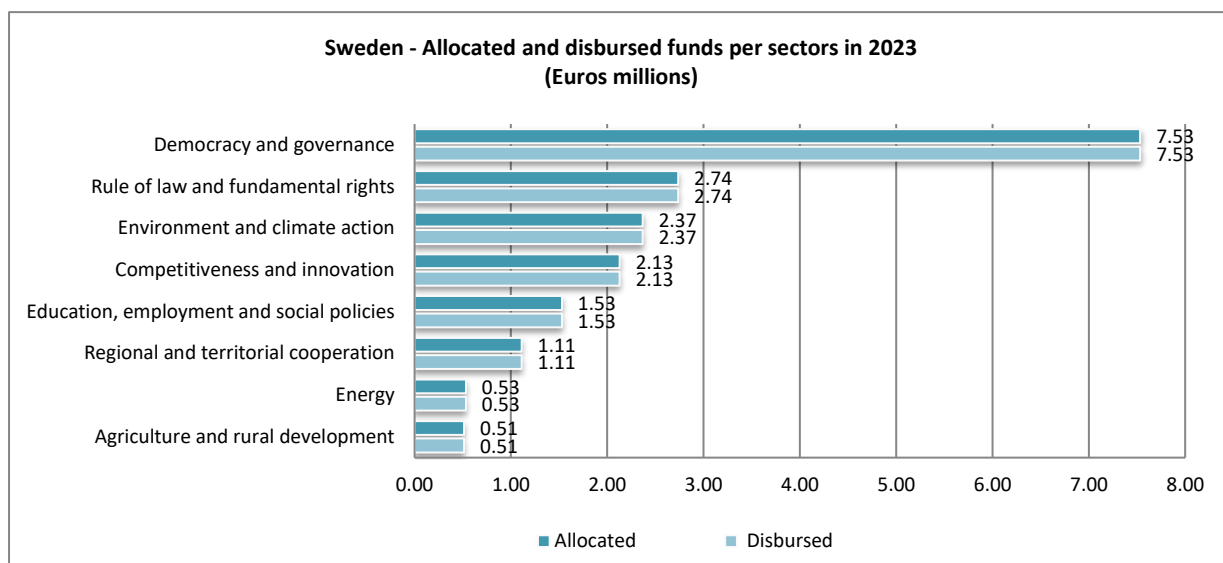
**Peaceful and Inclusive societies:** Sweden adopted an integrative approach to contribute to improved conditions for inclusive reconciliation processes and the prevention of conflict and violence. In 2023, support was directed towards addressing the issue of missing persons and advancing reconciliation efforts. Particular focus was placed on supporting civil society organizations working to fight against violence against girls and women.

**Environment and Climate:** In 2023, Swedish support remained focused on implementing reforms and enhancing governance and management in the areas of environment and climate change. This included initiatives aimed at increasing Bosnia and Herzegovina's investments in environmental infrastructure and ensuring their long-term sustainability. Swedish support also bolstered the role of civil society in holding governments accountable and in fostering environmental awareness and commitment among the country's citizens.

**Inclusive Economic Development:** Swedish support ranged from direct assistance to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to enhance their competitiveness, to promoting innovation and supporting young entrepreneurs, as well as influencing policy to create a more business-friendly environment. It also focused on providing marginalized groups and individuals distant from the labor market with better economic opportunities. Additionally, the support included efforts to increase access to affordable credit, facilitating a transition from reliance on development assistance to commercial financing.

### Key activities in 2023

The Government of Sweden **allocated € 18.45 million and disbursed € 18.45 million in 2023 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Democracy and governance, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Environment and climate action, Competitiveness and innovation, Employment and social policies, Regional and territorial cooperation, Energy and Agriculture and rural development.



### Medium and long-term approach

Sweden's perspective is long-term and anchored in European and global norms and values, such as democracy, human rights and the rule of law, gender equality and sustainable development (environmentally, socially, and economically). We always try to integrate these perspectives into our development cooperation. We strive for a trusting relationship with a breadth of different partners, where we openly discuss different issues, such as transparency and the fight against corruption. Sweden adopts an inclusive approach, seeking changes that benefit vulnerable and marginalized groups in society. We believe that sustainable change is best achieved when ideas and solutions are locally defined and driven, which is why we emphasize the importance of local ownership. Additionally, we support initiatives that transcend geographic divisions, working to promote positive change throughout the entire country.

Looking ahead, the Government of Sweden will adopt a new strategy in early 2025, outlining renewed priorities for Sweden's engagement in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

More information about Swedish development cooperation work can be found on [Sida.se](https://sida.se) and [Openaid.se](https://openaid.se)

### Development partners coordination efforts

Sweden continues to fully support all initiatives aimed at coordinating development partners' interventions and preventing overlapping activities. Sweden actively participates in various development partners' coordination initiatives, including: Local Governance Development Partners Coordination Forum, Anti-corruption Development Partners Coordination forum, Rule of Law Development Partners Coordination forum, PAR Development Partners Coordination forum, EU Councilors coordination forum, UN Women International Working Group on Gender Equality (IWGE), Trust Building Working Group, Civil Society Coordination Group, United Nations/Development Partners coordination meetings, Development Partners Coordination Forum in BiH and other relevant coordination meetings.

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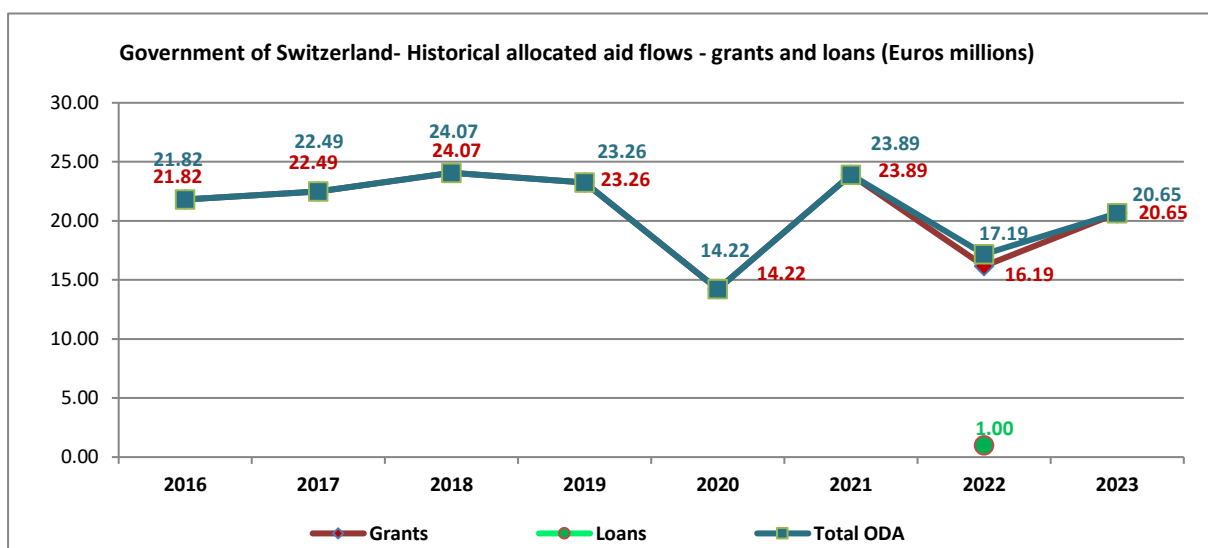
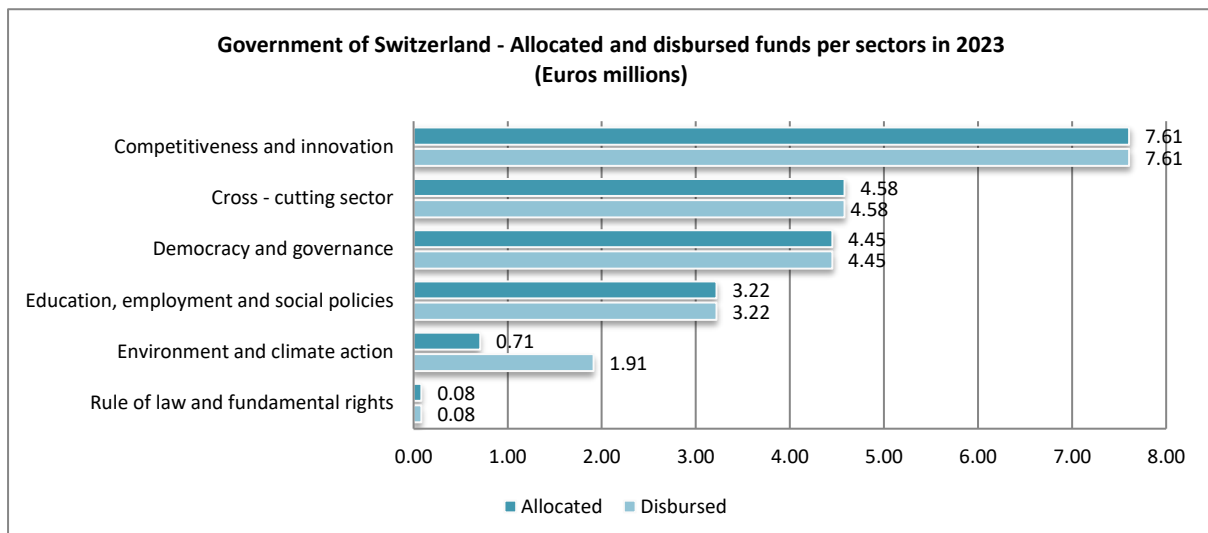
## Switzerland

### Policy approach

The Government of Switzerland provides its support to reforms in Bosnia and Herzegovina within the framework of the Swiss Cooperation Strategy for BiH 2021-2024. Particular focus is given to support the establishment of supportive normative frameworks at all institutional levels and quality services to the citizens, responsive to their needs, particularly of the most vulnerable and excluded population.

### Key activities in 2023

The Government of Switzerland **allocated € 20.65 million and disbursed € 21.85 million in 2023 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Competitiveness and innovation, Cross - cutting sector, Democracy and governance, Education, employment and social policies, Environment and climate action and Rule of law and fundamental rights.



In the *Democracy and governance sector*, the Swiss programme has supported the establishing of strategic development planning systems in BiH and the introduction of innovative planning and management methodologies at the municipal level. Support has been provided for the improvement of the local governments' performance, access to services for citizens, particularly for socially excluded groups, and more citizens' participation in relevant decision-making processes. Particular focus has been at ensuring gender equality and social inclusion in all interventions.

In the *Environment and climate action sector*, Switzerland supported the rehabilitation of water supply and sanitation systems as well as the construction of the new facilities for wastewater treatment. In a joint programme with the UN agencies, support has been provided in introducing and operationalizing an integrated model of disaster risk governance.

In the *Rule of law and fundamental rights sector*, support has been provided to the High Judiciary and Prosecutor Council of BiH with an aim to raise efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of the prosecutorial system and increase access to justice for all citizens. Access to justice for children has been specially targeted through the establishment of a functional and sustainable institutional set up in BiH's Juvenile Justice System. Support to state authorities in BiH has been provided for further improving the management of regular and irregular migration. Finally, support has been provided to development of efficient mechanisms for cooperation with diaspora, provision of better services for diaspora at different levels and business-to-business cooperation and know-how transfer with the diaspora.

In the field of *Employment*, interventions have addressed new and better employment opportunities by creating a favourable economic environment for businesses with the engagement of the public and private sector, including the diaspora. The Swiss Youth Employment Portfolio has continued to work on the three major aspects around the labour market (skills gap, connection gap, jobs gap) aiming at creating decent and sustainable jobs for young people. The development of social enterprises and support to self-employment of youth and their engagement in local communities has also continued.

In the *Competitiveness and innovation sector*, Switzerland has been working through the International Financial Institutions and other partners on creating better regulatory frameworks on national and entity levels for private sector growth and better export opportunities, as result of more transparent and efficient public financial management schemes. Also, Switzerland has been supporting innovations through improving entrepreneurial eco systems and supporting business start-ups. Mechanisms for sustainable infrastructure investments in the water sector, by using a performance-based approach, also have been established.

In the *Cross-cutting sector*, support has been provided to the health sector reforms and strengthening of primary healthcare. Support to improved community-based mental health services has been continued. Small-scale grants have been provided for initiatives of the civil society, public and private organisations, including the institutional capacity building, and addressing needs of vulnerable groups.

## Medium and long-term approach

In the medium term, Swiss Cooperation Programme in BiH 2021-2024 is focused on the following areas of intervention: local governance and municipal services, economy and employment, environment and social inclusion as well as health. Switzerland will reinforce and scale up the performance-based approach across its programme. It will work with committed citizens, activists, entrepreneurs, officials and politicians who strive to work against general apathy, while advocating for citizens' interests, demanding a responsive government, and promoting change throughout the country. Changing social norms towards gender equality, social inclusion and citizen participation will be an integral part of the



programme. Furthermore, the potential of digital transformation in all interventions will be systematically seized upon.

### Development partners coordination efforts

Government of Switzerland participates in the work of the following groups for coordination of development partners:

- Local Governance
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- Justice Sector
- Prosecutorial Service
- Disaster Risk Reduction

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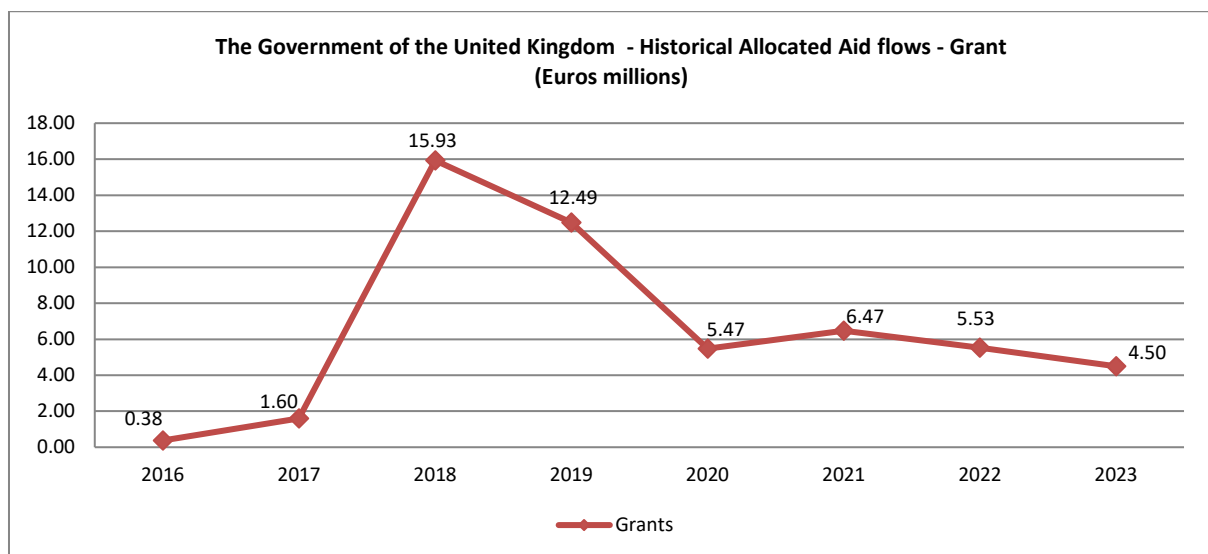
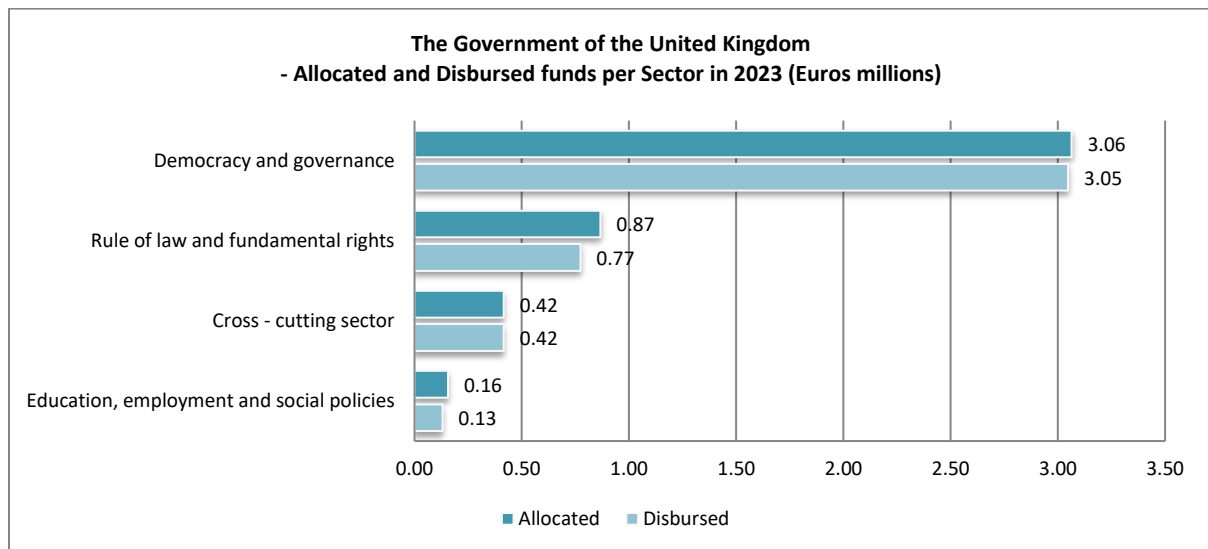
### Policy approach

The United Kingdom works to help BiH develop as a secure, stable and prosperous country with growing resilience to security threats.

The UK will work towards these goals through diplomacy, partnerships and effective programming to drive reform, strengthen BiH's security and increase economic security and trade.

### Key activities in 2023

The Government of the United Kingdom **€ 4.50 million and disbursed € 4.37 million in 2023** to the following sectors: Education, employment and social policies, Cross - cutting sector, Rule of law and fundamental rights and Democracy and governance.



### Medium and long-term approach

The United Kingdom remains committed to supporting initiatives that strengthen democracy, promote economic growth; ensure greater stability and security.

### Development partners coordination efforts

The UK participates in a range of donor co-ordination meetings. Most of the co-ordination meetings we attend are arranged within the international community, often on an *ad-hoc* basis, including (i) a rule of law co-ordination group (ii) gender working group meetings and (iii) CT / Security co-ordination meetings.

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## United States of America / United States Agency for International Development (USA/USAID)

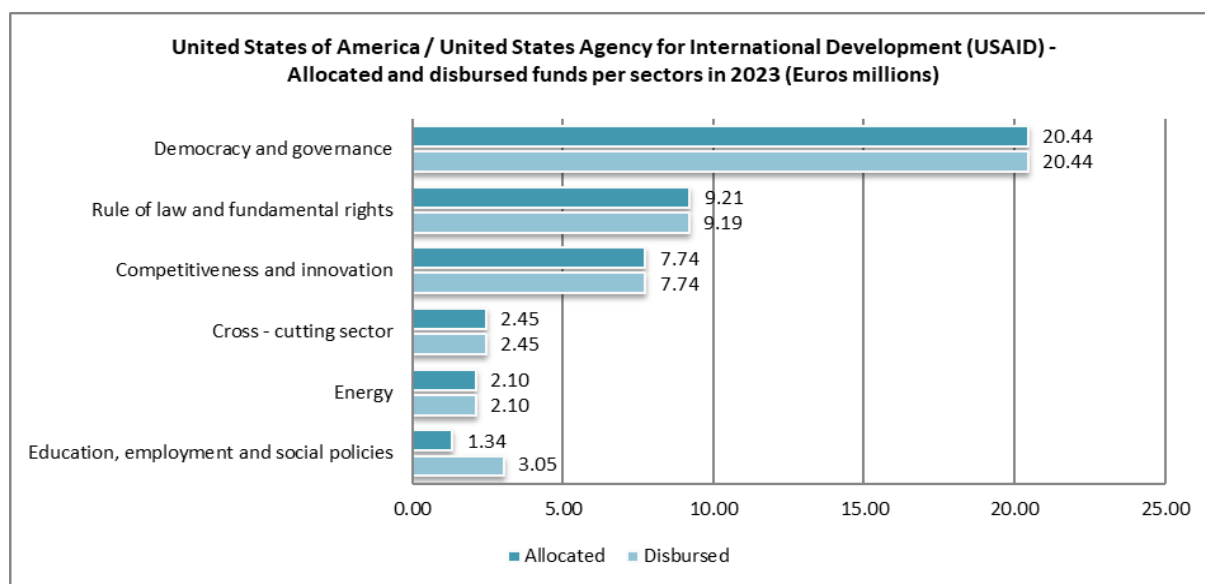
### Policy approach

U.S. Government assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina aims to fully anchor the country in European and Western institutions, strengthen multi-ethnic democratic institutions and civil society, support strong state-level judiciary and law enforcement sectors, bolster free and independent journalism, counter corruption, support civic education, promote a multi-ethnic and pluralistic society, and increase prosperity and attractiveness to foreign investors.

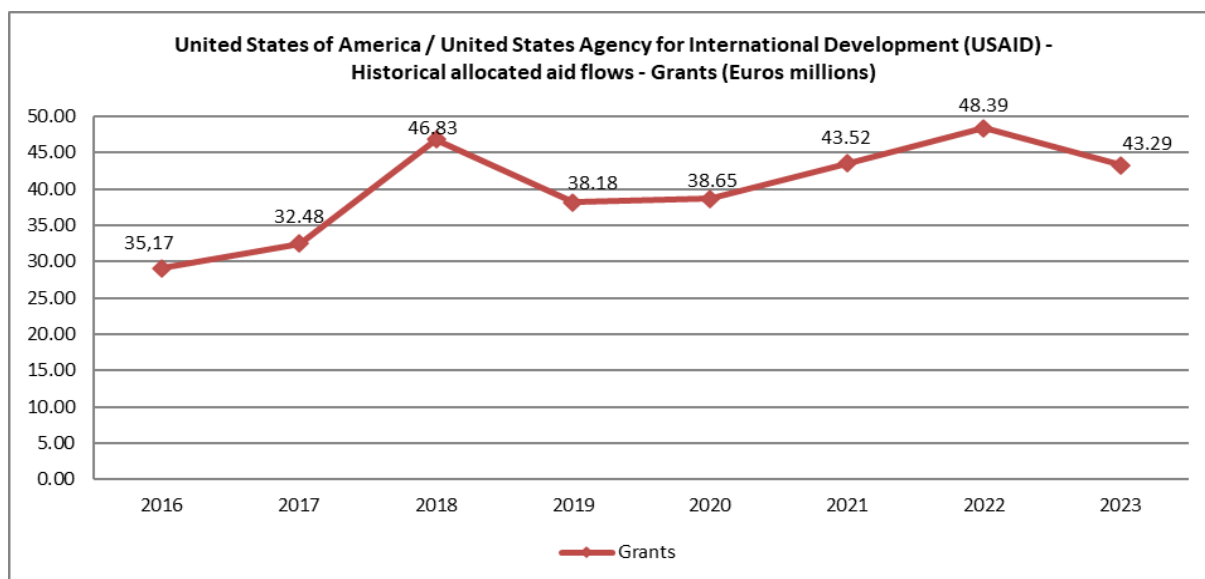
USA/USAID approach to democracy and governance work in BiH focuses on accountable institutions that meet citizens' needs. USA/USAID's approach to economic growth work focuses on a competitive, market-oriented economy that provides better opportunities for all.

### Key activities in 2023

United States of America/United States Agency for International Development (USA/USAID) **allocated €43.29 million and disbursed €44.98 million in 2023 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Democracy and governance, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Competitiveness and innovation, Cross - cutting sector, Energy and Education, employment and social policies.







### Medium and long-term approach

Projects will continue to evolve and respond to BiH's changing needs and will promote initiatives to leverage other development partners' resources. Over the next five years, the USG expects to improve socio-economic conditions in BiH, engaging civil society and stakeholders at all levels of government to foster social cohesion and inclusive development, empower vulnerable and marginalized citizens, and deepen reconciliation. Assistance will focus on supporting BiH electoral institutions to strengthen financial transparency and minimize misuse of public finance in electoral processes, and assisting electoral institutions and political actors to transparently disseminate election-related information in accordance with the law. Rule of law and civil society interventions will advance BiH's stability and integration in Euro-Atlantic institutions. Through projects in investigative journalism, rule of law, and anti-corruption, the USG will expand support for citizens as anti-corruption watchdogs, monitor government actions that are susceptible to corruption, and advocate for legislative changes to strengthen anti-corruption laws. Additional media assistance and engagement activities will support the efforts of on-line media outlets to uncover significant corruption cases and expand access to pro-democratic content for small, local public media outlets. USG programming will assist local businesses in sectors with high growth and high export potential, such as tourism, IT, and digital economy, to expand and integrate into EU markets. Activities will help improve competitiveness, create jobs, and increase incomes.

### Development partners coordination efforts

U.S. Embassy staff participates in general coordination meetings, bilateral meetings, and other forums. U.S. Embassy staff will continue to participate in development partners coordination meetings and sector-specific meetings including civil society, local governance, rule of law and energy to avoid overlapping or duplication of efforts by other donors.

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## European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

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### Policy approach

The EBRD is a multi-lateral development Bank owned by 73 countries from five continents, as well as the European Union and the European Investment Bank. These shareholders have each made a capital contribution, which forms our core funding. The EBRD's mission is to develop open and sustainable market economies in countries committed to, and applying, democratic principles.

The EBRD's Board of Directors has approved a new country strategy for Bosnia and Herzegovina on April 06 2022. The strategy defines the Bank's investments for the period 2022-27 and it is publicly available at <https://www.ebrd.com/home>. In Bosnia and Herzegovina we focus on supporting restructuring and expansion of the local private sector, forging closer linkages with wider regional markets and promoting a more efficient and sustainable use of resources, whilst continuing to coordinate the EBRD's activities with the EU and IFI partners. The EBRD's wider approach to addressing transition challenges and their work is outlined in sectoral and corporate policies and procedures which are available on the EBRD website.

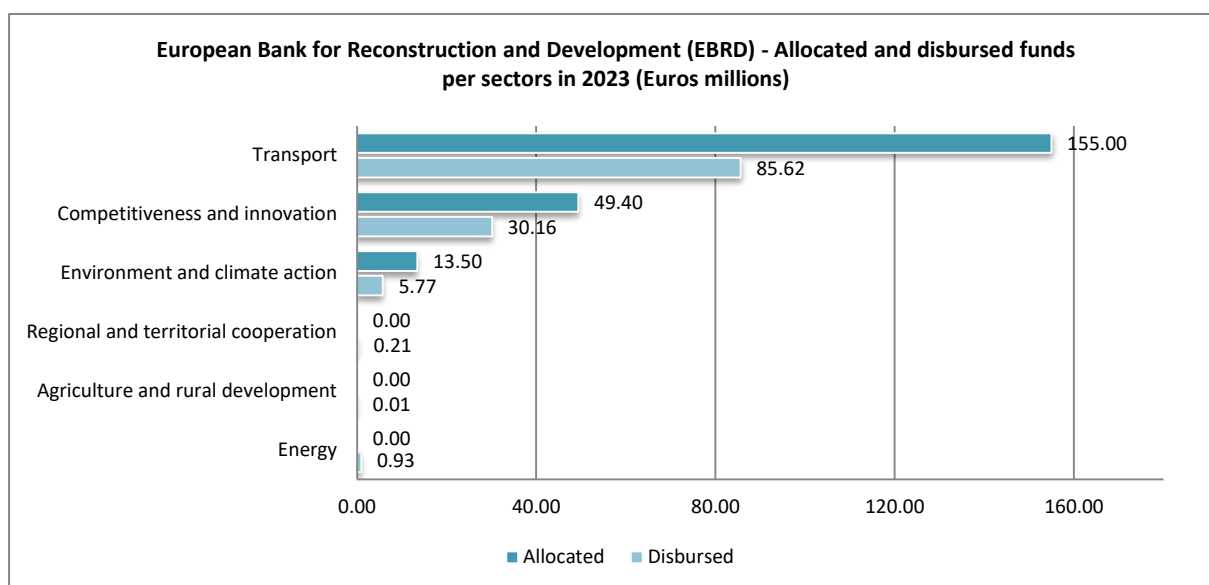
The Bank believes that environmental and social sustainability is a fundamental aspect of achieving outcomes consistent with its transition mandate and recognizes that projects that foster environmental and social sustainability rank among the highest priorities of its activities.

The EBRD is committed to promoting "environmentally sound and sustainable development" in the full range of its investment and technical cooperation activities, thus also provide support for development of an assessment and a 2050 plan for decarbonization, policy advocacy for a clear National Climate and Energy Plan and CBAM policy.

Another part of policy support refers to improving SOE governance and particularly road sector governance, through supporting the development of a road sector policy statement, improving road asset management and strengthening corporate and economic governance. Furthermore, we advocate and support improving practices of SOEs in the transport and municipal sectors through increasing their efficiency, management practices and transparency.

### Key activities in 2023

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) **allocated 217.90 million and disbursed € 122.70 million in 2023 in the form of loans** to the following sectors: Transport, Competitiveness and innovation, Environment and climate action, Regional and territorial cooperation, Agriculture and rural development, Energy.



## Medium and long-term approach

The EBRD's Board of Directors has approved a new country strategy for Bosnia and Herzegovina on April 06 2022. The strategy defines the Bank's investments for the period 2022-27 and it is publicly available at <https://www.ebrd.com/home>.

The strategic priorities of the EBRD defined by the Strategy will be to strengthen the role of the private sector, including through the upgrade of skills and digitalization; to close key infrastructure gaps, pursuing governance improvements and further regional integration; and to support energy diversification away from coal and promote a low-carbon transition.

### Development partners coordination efforts

The EBRD participates development partners coordination meetings organized by the authorities as well as *ad hoc* development partners coordination meetings on various sectors, including infrastructure, energy and business environment improvements. There is very strong coordination on a project-by-project basis and overall close coordination between IFIs and other actors.

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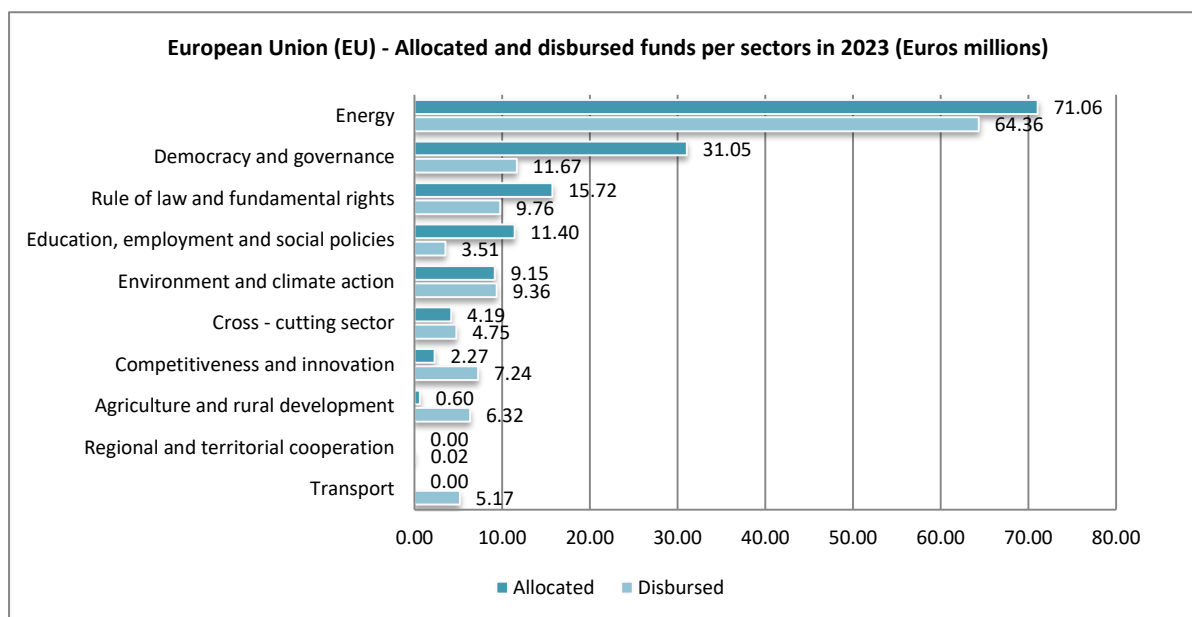




## European Union (EU)

### Policy approach and Key activities in 2023

The European Union (EU) **allocated € 145.42 million and disbursed € 122.15 million in 2023 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Energy, Democracy and governance, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Education, employment and social policies, Environment and climate action, Cross - cutting sector, Competitiveness and innovation, Agriculture and rural development, Regional and territorial cooperation, Transport.



Bosnia and Herzegovina is a Candidate Country for EU accession since December 2022. The European Council decided in December 2023 that it will open accession negotiations with Bosnia and Herzegovina, once the necessary degree of compliance with the membership criteria is achieved.

Under IPA III (2021-2027), EUR 252,4 million were programmed, covering the allocations under the annual programmes for 2021, 2022 and 2023 (EUR 188,5 million), the allocations for civil society and media (EUR 15,4 million), for participation in union programmes (EUR 2,1 million) and for addressing migration-related challenges (EUR 46,4 million).

In April 2023 the Financing Agreement for the Energy Support Package (EUR 70 million) was signed and entered into force. The Energy Support Package aims at providing assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina's most vulnerable households to cope with rising prices and to support energy transition. First tranche of funds (EUR 63 million) was disbursed in May 2023.

The Financing Agreement of IPA 2022 Annual Action Plan was signed and entered into force in September 2023. It includes 6 Actions with the total EU financing of EUR 45,5 million.

IPA 2024 assistance was programmed during 2023 and approved by the European Commission (EC) in May 2024. It includes 5 Actions with the total EU financing of EUR 50,7 million. The funds will be operational once BiH signs and ratifies the respective Financing Agreement with EC (expected in Q2 2025).

Bosnia and Herzegovina is one the largest recipients of EU grants allocated through the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), with 21 approved investment projects in transport



connectivity worth more than EUR 919 million in EU grants solidly contributing to the implementation of the Economic and Investment Plan. The preparation and implementation of these projects continued during the reporting period. In 2023, TEN-T Corridor 5c works on one of the sub-sections started, while works were completed on another one. EU Delegation closely monitored the developments of WBIF projects, organized several technical meetings to overcome bottlenecks and contributed to the preparation of several visibility events. Renewable energy is another key area that received financing during the reporting period for a total of EUR 73 million of grants, financing two windfarms and the upgrade of a hydropower plant.

In the area of judiciary, two grants (EUR 5.8 million and EUR 1 million), strengthening the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council's institutional capacity, harmonising the case law, improving public access to court decisions, strengthening strategic planning and improved communications and fostering the integrity of judicial staff has substantially contributed to digital transformation in the judiciary. The second phase of the EU for Justice programme (EUR 4,5 million) has provided comprehensive support to justice reform and strengthened independence, transparency, efficiency, accountability and enabling a conducive environment for the EU path of Bosnia and Herzegovina. A EUR 3,8 million project has equipped judicial buildings and the court police. In the area of execution of criminal sanctions, a new prison in Sarajevo for 150 inmates was finalised (EUR 4,6 million), treatment of detained and sentenced persons was supported by Horizontal Facility III, implemented by the Council of Europe (EUR 1,4 million).

In the area of the fight against corruption, a twinning (EUR 1 million) was designed to improve institutional and managerial capacities of the Agency for the prevention of corruption and coordination of the fight against corruption of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the area of war crimes, grants (EUR 4,5 million and EUR 1,5 million) for transitional justice and for the objectives of the Revised National War Crimes Strategy contributed to the processing the most complex war crimes cases. Moreover, assistance via International Commission on Missing Persons (EUR 3 million) supported the Missing Persons Institute and Prosecutors' Offices.

In the area of home affairs, European Union Police Assistance for Bosnia and Herzegovina (EUR 10 million) for fighting transnational organised and serious crime was launched.

In the area of migration, the individual measure of EUR 39,5 million further ensured reception capacities, as well as voluntary and non-voluntary returns (207 returns). A new measure of EUR 6,4 million for integrated border management was signed. The EU Delegation triggered the process of transition of migration assistance towards a country-owned system.

In the area of Public Administration Reform (PAR), EU Delegation has supported the finalisation and adoption of the Strategic framework 2018-2022, which was extended until 2027. Further efforts were deployed for digital transformation as a cornerstone of PAR. Technical assistance of EUR 1 million for studies on legal environment, interconnectivity solutions, registries and sectoral policy was launched, paving the way for future IPA programming and the Growth Plan and its pillar on Green and digital transition.

In the area of statistics, 3 new Technical Assistance projects started with the total value of EUR 5 million. Also Twinning projects commenced in the area of Statistics and Indirect taxation.

The EU Delegation managed to bring to the attention of the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and of other international donors the importance of reforming and investing in the education sector. The quality of the education has been raised as the main topic to reflect on when planning reforms in the field of education. The impact is, that when programming future financial support, both the authorities and the international community will take into account the quality of the education as one of the most important priorities. The EU Delegation managed to fully contract the financial assistance

earmarked under IPA 2019 and 2020 for education sector starting to roll out a programme, which will cover vocational education, pre-school, primary schools and universities.

Regarding employment policy, after the FBiH Government adopted its Employment Strategy 2023-2030, Bosnia and Herzegovina should now prepare and adopt a country-wide employment strategy. Drafting of the Youth Guarantee Implementation Plan for BiH is ongoing.

On Social policy, together with local stakeholders and UNICEF, and within our policy dialogue and financial assistance, the Deinstitutionalization Road Map was developed. It aims at the transformation of childcare institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and to end institutionalization care. Universal access to adequate health care, as well as social assistance and social services is the objective.

In the sector of Trade, EU assistance has considerably contributed to the improvement of the regulatory and procedural framework for trade in goods, as well as the implementation of full-scale Trade Facilitation measures to improve risk-based systems and import/export and transit related decision-making procedures.

In the area of agriculture, the EU funded project "EU Support to Agriculture Competitiveness and Rural Development in Bosnia and Herzegovina (EU4AGRI)" assisted the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations and all competent authorities from lower levels with drafting the state law on the "Organisation of the market of wine in Bosnia and Herzegovina", which was adopted at the end of August 2023. The state law represents one of the long-pending priorities under *acquis* Chapter 11.

In the energy sector, during 2023 several high-level meetings were held with state and entity ministries, chambers of commerce and industry representatives on electricity market coupling and exemption criteria for carbon border adjustment mechanism. These discussions resulted in the reopened drafting process of the state electricity and gas legislation in line with the EU energy *acquis*, as committed in the Action Plan of the Energy Support Package, in November 2023.

On civil protection, with the assistance of IPA the feasibility study to establish the European Single Emergency Number 112 has been completed and all the necessary documents have been delivered to the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina (entities, state level authorities and District of Brcko) for adoption and implementation. Follow up policy dialogue is ongoing and the EU Delegation expects the reform will be in place during 2024.

IPA cross border cooperation assistance continues to promote territorial cooperation and strengthening of good neighbourly relations and confidence-building in the Western Balkans as well as the overcoming of geographical and cultural barriers. The IPA II Cross border programme Bosnia and Herzegovina – Montenegro held its final conference in 2023, though several projects continue being implemented.

The call under the Thematic programme on Human Rights and Democracy for 2022/2023 addressed the protection of human rights and the fight against discrimination by supporting the use of new technologies and engaging with the business sector. It resulted in contracting 13 projects amounting to over EUR 2,3 million.

Regarding support to Civil Society, the evaluation of the Civil Society Facility has been completed with 14 contracts concluded in the area of media, health, gender, social inclusion, anti-corruption, elections and employment.

From summer 2023 onwards the policy dialogue focused on developing the context analysis and the discussing with the Bosnia and Herzegovina institutions the key sectoral reforms to underpin the Growth Plan for the Western Balkans. On 6 December 2023, Bosnia and Herzegovina submitted the first draft list of reforms straddling four priority areas: green and digital transition, business environment, human capital and Rule of Law/Fundamentals.

## Medium and long-term approach

The EU will keep supporting BiH's efforts for reforms (including Reform Agenda linked to Growth Plan for Western Balkans) and towards compliance with EU law in order that it may become fully prepared to take on the obligations of membership to the European Union.

Namely, the EU assistance will further support the public administration reform, including robust statistics, greater accountability in public administration and ability to provide e-services in line with EU standards. It will continue to support public finance management by building capacities in revenue collection sphere as well as participation of BiH in various EU Programmes under the scope of Democracy and governance sector. It will support the effective justice, by strengthening the independence, transparency, efficiency, accountability and ultimately public trust in justice system of BiH and by enhancing cooperation between law enforcement and prosecution services. However, the EU assistance is linked to BiH's willingness to adopt the new law on the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council and the new law on the Courts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in line with European standards; to establish a credible and rigorous system of verification of asset declarations of judges and prosecutors, and members of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council; to apply consistently and significantly improve rules and practices on the appointment, integrity and training of judges and prosecutors and to ensure that a system of performance appraisal is in place. Without these reforms in place, the efficiency of EU assistance will remain limited.

As far as the Environment, climate action and energy sector is concerned, in the framework of EU Green agenda, the EU assistance will support key priorities that include energy efficiency in line with just transition, decarbonisation, circular economy principles. It will further support alignment of the regulations and policies with EU environmental *acquis* and development of priority environmental infrastructure. It will also assist in reforming the energy sector and improve its energy and climate policies, implementation of energy efficiency measures as well as in supporting pilot green investments in local communities.

As for the Education, Employment and social policies, EU assistance considers necessary to address lessons learnt from COVID pandemic in education sector, by providing internet access for schools in remote areas, by training teachers to make best use of digital classroom and online tools and by improving media literacy among young students; It will continue to provide support to improve of Bosnia and Herzegovina's socio-economic situation and living conditions by enhancing the responsiveness of education to labour market needs, by offering to BiH a new instrument - Youth Guarantee scheme – to address the challenges of young unemployed population in BiH. EU assistance will further continue to improve internationalisation and mobility in higher education, contributing to the development of social inclusion policies in sport and pre-school at relevant levels, and better employability in local communities.

Lastly, in medium and long-term period, the EU will continue to provide support, more explicitly defined under the three remaining IPA III 2025-2027 programming years, in the priority areas of: justice, anticorruption, migration, missing persons, trust building and reconciliation and civil society and media; good governance, administrative capacity EU *acquis* alignment and introduction of European Single Emergency Number 112; climate change and nature protection; critical value chains, basic service quality in health sector and sustainable agriculture with the estimated total budget of EUR 140 million.

## Development partners coordination efforts

To increase effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of assistance through donor coordination, the European Commission and EU Member States ensure coordination of their respective assistance programmes. This coordination is extended also to the IFIs and other non-EU donors, including

international organisations (UN and its agencies, OSCE, CoE, etc.). The meetings focus primarily on strategic orientations and a national and regional dimension of IPA planning and programming. Additionally, coordination between the European Commission and EU Member States takes place on a regular basis in the context of the IPA Committee.

Close coordination is also maintained with the UN family organisations, World Bank, EBRD, EIB, KfW and GIZ, in particular in the fields of transport, energy and environmental infrastructure, where the EU finances designs, studies, works and technically assists in helping to meet the conditions for investment by the IFIs. Moreover, the EU and the IFIs cooperate within the framework of the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF).

In addition, the EU Delegation maintains regular cooperation with other donors through bilateral meetings and/or sector working groups related to areas of judicial reform and juvenile justice, fight against corruption, public administration reform (PAR), public finance management (PFM), agriculture and rural development, private sector development, energy efficiency, environment, gender, human rights, social protection, employment and education, mine action, civil society and many others. The coordination mechanisms described above ensure that EU assistance and the assistance of other donors produce synergies and are, as much as possible, complementary.

The EU Delegation also supports local institutions, such as the Directorate for European Integration and the BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury, in their donor coordination efforts.

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## European Investment Bank (EIB)

### Policy approach

**General:** EIB financing aims to foster greater prosperity, green transition and connectivity in Bosnia and Herzegovina. EIB investments are focused on supporting key areas, such as energy, transport, water and healthcare infrastructure, as well as aligning with the EU's Global Gateway strategy to improve quality of life.

**Climate and energy:** The EIB is committed in supporting BiH's transition to renewable energy sources by financing green projects, such as the construction of the country's first-large scale wind farms. EIB is also providing extensive support for environmental protection by investing in water and wastewater, as well as in flood protection measures and infrastructure.

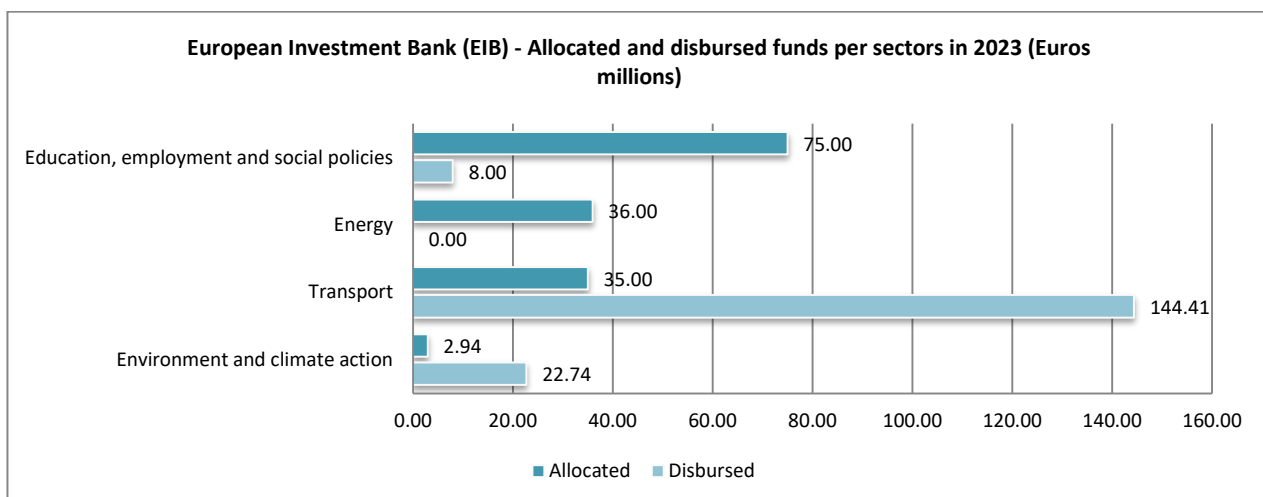
**Transport:** The EIB has financed the modernisation and improvement of key roads in Bosnia and Herzegovina along the Corridor Vc, facilitating safer and faster commutes for the country's population. EIB has also helped rehabilitate parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina's railway network and modernise public transport in Sarajevo, making it more convenient, while also reducing pollution caused by traffic. These investments have helped the country increase connectivity and boost trade, as well as improve cross-border transport and regional integration.

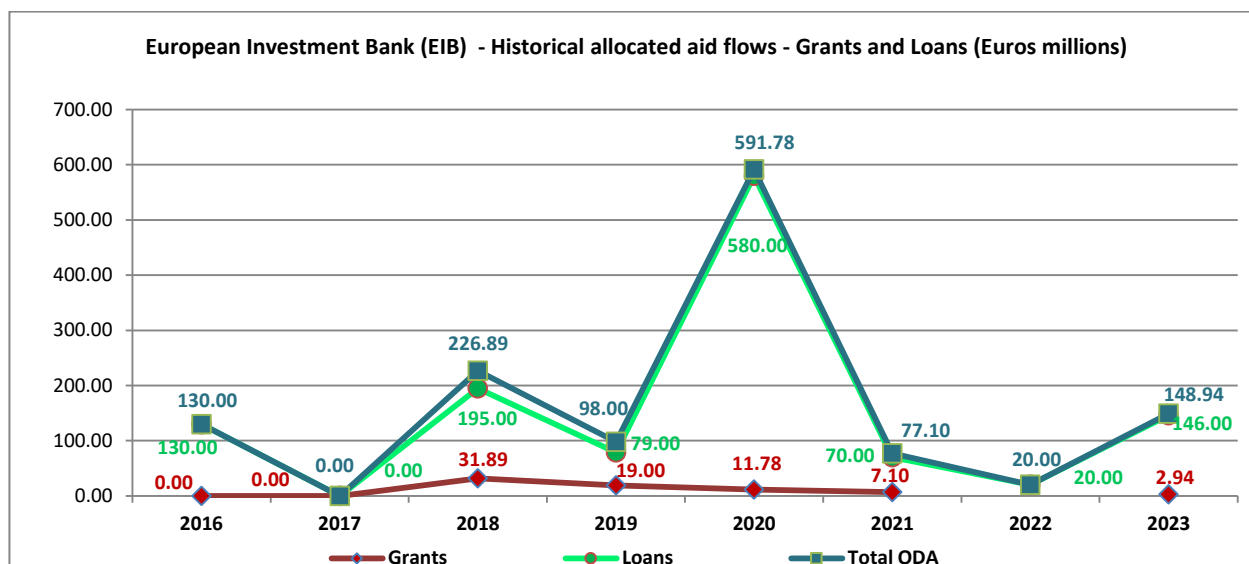
**Healthcare:** The EIB has helped strengthen Bosnia and Herzegovina's healthcare system by financing the modernisation of healthcare facilities in Banja Luka and in Bijeljina.

**Private sector development:** The EIB has supported private-sector growth and employment by increasing access to favourable financing for small businesses and mid-caps, making them more competitive. The EIB's impact-incentive loans have also encouraged greater diversity, equity and inclusion at small businesses and mid-caps, helping to create opportunities for women, youth and segments of the population who face obstacles to employment.

### Key activities in 2023

The European Investment Bank (EIB) **allocated € 148.94 million and disbursed € 175.15 million in 2023 in the form of loans** to the following sectors: Education, employment and social policies, Energy, Transport and Environment and climate action.





### Medium and long-term approach

The EIB will continue to support investments in remaining motorway sections along Corridor Vc, which is part of TEN-T Mediterranean Corridor extension to the Western Balkans. Along with building new roads, a priority of the Bank is also to rehabilitate the existing infrastructure to make it safer and climate resilient. The EIB will also support shift to other, safer and climate-friendly transportation modes in BiH, which is a priority towards achieving sustainable transportation. This kind of projects include the electrification and modernisation of railways, replacement of diesel with electric traction, sustainable urban transport/mobility, inland waterway transport, etc.

As the EU Climate Bank, the EIB plans to scale up financial and technical support for energy security and green transition in BiH with investments in renewable energy resources, unlocking energy efficiency and securing supporting infrastructure. This includes developing and increasing the resilience of the distribution and transmission networks, deployment of EV charging stations) and by supporting innovative technologies (e.g. hydrogen, carbon capture, storage, etc.).

The EIB plans to support BiH in the development of key social infrastructure, in particular in healthcare and educational sector, as well as affordable housing solutions for vulnerable groups.

In the environmental sector, EIB plans to further invest in water and sanitation projects, wastewater treatment, solid waste management and flood protection with focus on climate adaptation.

In the long run, it will be essential for BiH to embark on the digital transition in line with the priorities and objectives of the Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans. The EIB can support this transition with investments in digital infrastructure, skills upgrade and digital literacy, as well as by providing access to finance for innovative companies looking to invest in digital security and automated processes.

### Development partners coordination efforts

EIB is part of the Water Alliance initiative with a group of other donors in BiH (this includes the EU Delegation, EBRD, WB, UNDP, Czech Republic, Sweden, Switzerland). This group of donors is joining forces in order to support the country in its reform efforts in the water and sanitation reforms.

The EIB is also attending donor coordination meetings organized by the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BIH that aims to steer the contributions of different International Financial Organisations and bilateral donors in BIH's green energy transition.

On the level of investments and preparation of sectoral strategies, the EIB is cooperating with other financiers, domestic and international organisations in supporting BIH with regards to implementation of projects and national strategies that are in line with EU accession policies and investment priorities.

The EIB has signed mutual reliance framework agreements with most IFIs (e.g. EBRD, AFD, KfW, CEB, etc.), which allows EIB and other partners to pool resources and expertise, as well as streamline standards and procedures, thus delivering greater impact and financial benefits during entire cycle of the project (preparation, financing, implementation).

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## United Nations (UN)

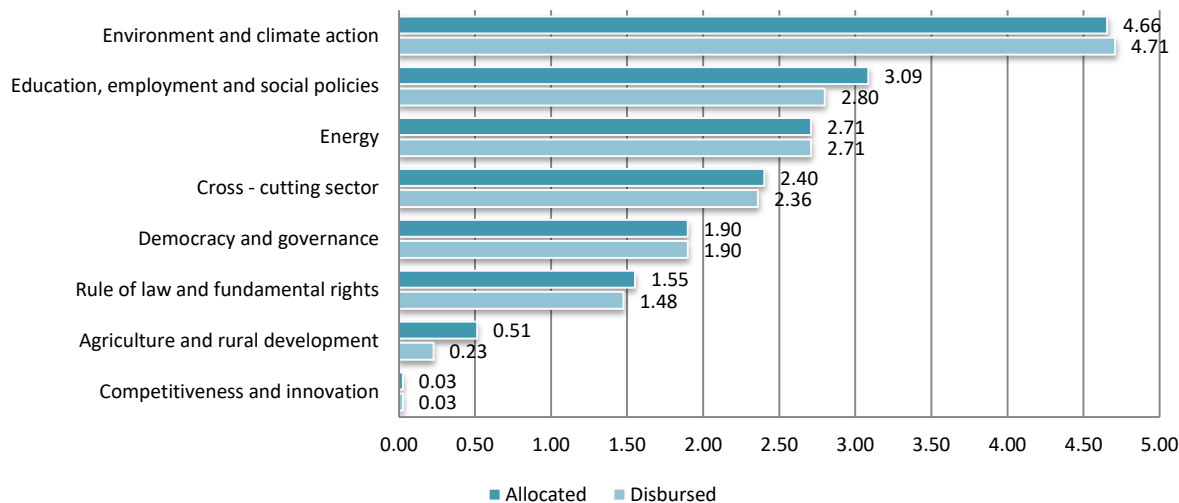
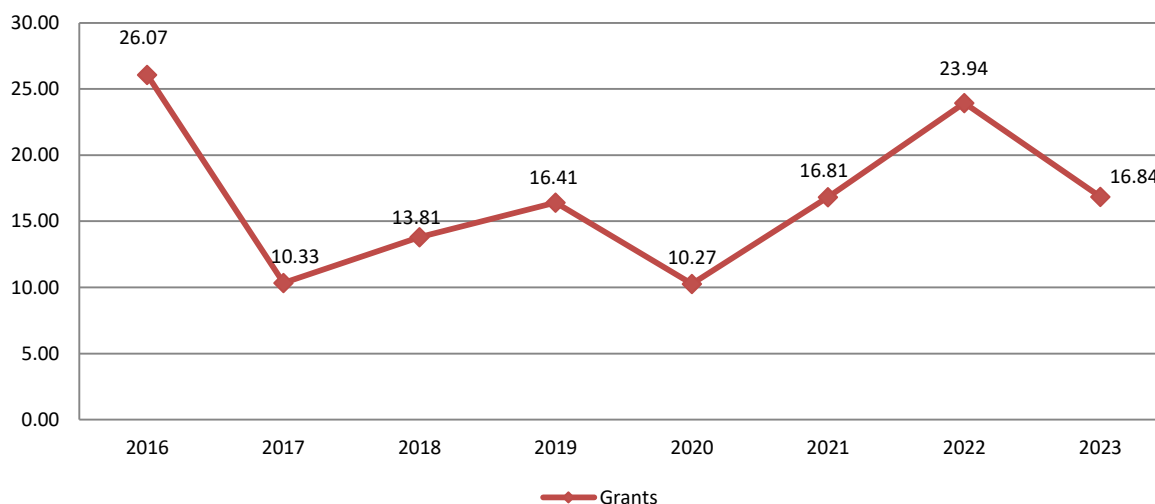
### Policy approach

The policy approach of the United Nations in Bosnia and Herzegovina continues to be driven by the 2021-2025 United Nations Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) for Bosnia and Herzegovina endorsed by the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina in December 2020. In line with its objectives, the UNSDCF aims to align the collective United Nations' engagement with the Agenda 2030 priorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as defined by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Framework in Bosnia and Herzegovina adopted by the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina in April 2021, as well as with the EU integration agenda as defined in the EC's Opinion on Bosnia and Herzegovina's membership application. The focus of cooperation is placed on sustainable economic growth, quality of education in line with the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, accessible and qualitative health and social protection systems, inclusive governance and rule of law and social cohesion. As a cross-cutting principle, the United Nations applies its reach and comprehensive normative frameworks to ensure the policy dialogue with the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina are aligned with the international commitments of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In terms of the UNSDCF implementation, the United Nations applies an inclusive and harmonized approach ensuring all the relevant authorities from various levels of government are consulted and engaged in line with their competencies and in a cohesive manner.

The authorities in BiH and the United Nations system have mutual accountability for the achievement of planned UNSDCF results. Based on their comparative advantages, UN system agencies contribute policy advice, in accordance with international norms, standards and best practices, and help to develop new capacities at all levels of government in BiH for the implementation and monitoring of strategies, policies and plans in BiH. Given its comprehensive focus on vulnerable groups across all UNSDCF priorities and efforts to ensure that these groups are not left behind, broader cooperation and partnership is applied including civil society groups, NGOs, community groups, the human rights institutions, IFIs, academia, media, the private sector, and international partners. This is expected to leverage greater capacities and resources, including financing, toward achievement of the UNSDCF results and SDGs targets in BiH. All funding and financing strategies promote cost-sharing and stronger partnerships with the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, private sector, including individual donors and corporate partners. New sources of finance are being identified, including options for blended finance and influencing the policy environment to facilitate greater resource flows for SDG-related country priorities.

### Key activities in 2023

United Nations (UN) **allocated € 16.84 million and disbursed € 16.21 million in 2023 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Environment and climate action, Education, employment and social policies, Energy, Cross - cutting sector, Democracy and governance, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Agriculture and rural development, Competitiveness and innovation. In this regard, it is important to note that United Nations in Bosnia and Herzegovina implemented total amount of **€ 84.52 million** in 2023.

**United Nations (UN) - Allocated and disbursed funds per sectors in 2023 (Euros millions)**

**United Nations (UN) - Historical allocated aid flows - Grants (Euros millions)**


## Medium and long term approach

In 2024, the UNCT will commence the preparation and formulation of the next UNSDCF for BiH to serve as the subsequent partnership strategy for the period 2026–2030. The process will be initiated with the final evaluation of the current UNSDCF and preparation of the Common Country Analysis (CCA) as the analytical baseline for preparation of the Framework. It will culminate in the formulation and operationalization of UNSDCF in alignment with the SDG priorities outlined in the SDG Framework in BiH, endorsed by all authorities in April 2021, the outcomes of the 2024 Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and the emerging EC Growth Plan Reform Agenda in BiH, and in close coordination with the SDG Council and other relevant authorities, international partners, CSOs, the private sector and academia.

As the country advances further along the EU integration process, the UN in BiH will continue in 2024 to strengthen its collaborative efforts with the EU, focusing on aligning the 2030 Agenda with the EU's strategic goals for BiH and informing the preparation of UNSDCF 2026–2030 in terms of the EU integration priorities for the country. This will involve enhancing joint initiatives in key sectors such as energy and the

green transition, digitalization, human rights and gender equality, as well as human capital development, encompassing education, health and social protection. The UN–EU partnership is set to expand its scope, fostering greater visibility and advocacy and establishing innovative, multistakeholder partnerships that drive sustainable development and support BiH's progress towards EU integration.

In line with the Secretary-General's Policy Brief on UN 2.0, UN BiH will focus on nurturing cutting-edge expertise in areas such as data, innovation, digital technologies, behavioral science and strategic foresight. UN 2.0 provides a comprehensive framework for integrating technology and data into the UN's operations and objectives. To foster these new types of expertise, the UN is committed to cultivating organizational cultures that are agile, creative, curious, young, inclusive and grounded in gender equality. We will begin 2024 by digitally transforming UN internal processes, aiming to improve inter-agency digital collaboration and communication.

### Development partners coordination efforts

In terms of the sector-related coordination mechanisms, the following participation can be reported by the UN:

- Water Alliance
- Local Governance and Local Development
- Health
- International Working Group on Gender Equality
- Mixed Migration Working Group
- Protection Sector Working Group
- Justice for Children Coordination Mechanism
- Energy
- Education
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Board of Principles (OHR)
- UN/Development Partners Coordination Mechanism

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## The World Bank

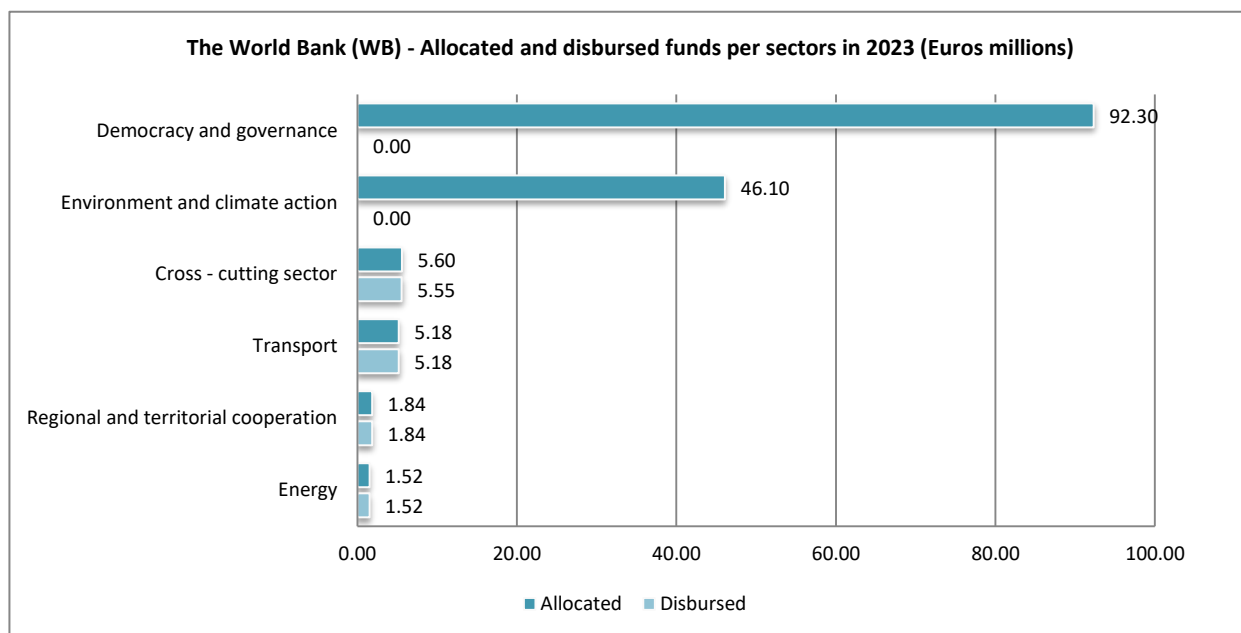
### Policy approach

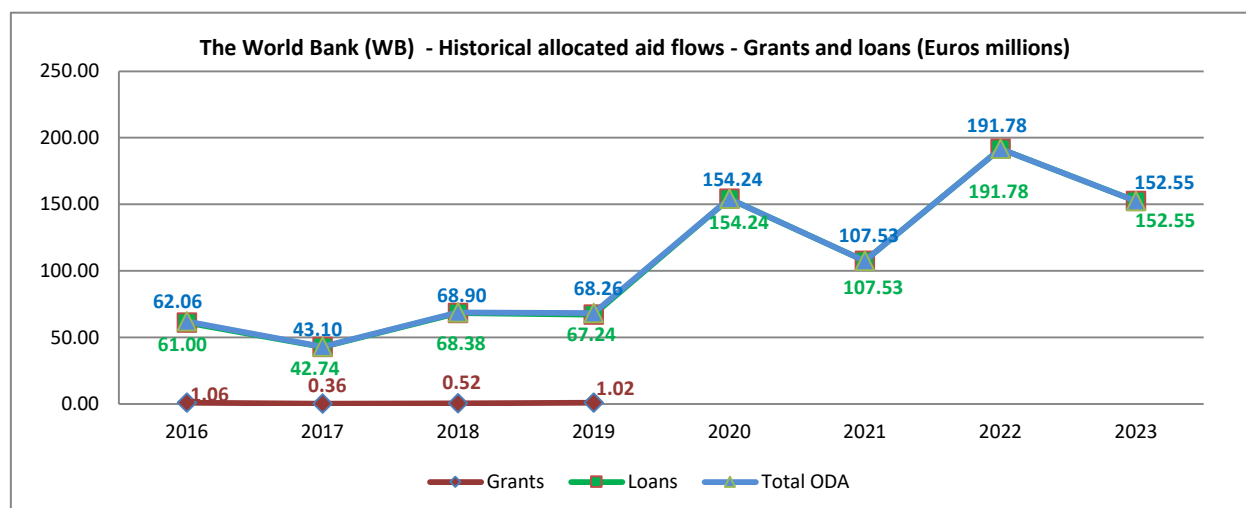
WBG Country Partnership Framework (CPF) for FY23-27 for Bosnia and Herzegovina was presented to the World Bank Executive Board of Directors in July 2022. The CPF program based on the Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) and the emerging impact of COVID19 identified three Higher Level Outcomes (HLO) that will guide the WBG's engagement even beyond this CPF cycle. The WBG's activities will contribute to inclusive development under HLO1 by focusing on increased private-sector led export-driven growth and increased inclusive market relevant employability with a particular focus on women and marginalized groups. The CPF will, under HLO2, support improved public services outcomes that build resilient human capital and physical and institutional infrastructure. Activities will focus on addressing service delivery gaps through the improved quality and efficiency of health and water services and improved performance of select SOEs and public institutions for better service delivery. Finally, to reduce the risks of climate change impacts and protecting BiH's natural capital, the CPF will promote better environmental outcomes and climate resilience under HLO 3 through investments for improved air quality and the improved use of natural resources. All three HLOs and supporting CPF objectives mutually reinforce each other.

### Key activities in 2023

The World Bank (WB) **allocated € 152.55 million and disbursed € 14.06 million in 2023 in the form of loans** to the following sectors: Democracy and governance, Environment and climate action, Cross - cutting sector, Transport, Regional and territorial cooperation and Energy.

During the 2023, the World Bank provided additional assistance to reform the Healthcare sector by providing a comprehensive program, including investment project loan and development policy loan aimed at enhancing financial sustainability, governance, and quality of service. In addition, air quality and additional financing for regional Sava Drina Program were negotiated to help the Bosnia and Herzegovina to enhance environmental and climate issues.





### Medium and long-term approach

In 2024, the Bank's primary focus will be on providing implementation support for ongoing operations and assisting implementing entities in achieving their development objectives. Key areas of engagement include real estate registration, the recovery of small and medium enterprises, employment and labour market development, roads infrastructure in the Federation of BiH, railway restructuring in Republika Srpska, healthcare system improvements, water sector modernization, agricultural competitiveness, and air quality enhancement in selected areas.

Additionally, the Bank will collaborate with relevant counterparts on the preparation of initiatives in the energy sector, focusing on a 'just transition' from coal dependency to an affordable, reliable, and clean energy system, as well as advancing solid waste management reforms. Advisory support will focus on critical areas such as the modernization of state-owned enterprises (SOEs), financial sector deepening and diversification, public sector employment and labour market reforms, and health sector reform efforts.

### Development partners coordination efforts

In addition to participating in the donor coordination forum (DCF) quarterly meetings, the Bank engages in several sector-specific donor coordination forums alongside international financial organizations active in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including the EU, EBRD, EIB, KfW, USAID, IMF, UN, and UNDP. The Bank also collaborates with other development partners such as Sida, USAID, the British Embassy, and OSCE to enhance the development impact of various programs through improved coordination and partnerships.

The Bank has worked closely with the EU and other partners on advancing the 'just transition' agenda. It has also partnered with the IMF on a broad range of complementary issues in the fiscal and financial sectors. In the water sector, the Bank actively coordinates efforts with the EU, the Swiss and Swedish Embassies, and UNDP to align strategies and resources for greater effectiveness.

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## International Finance Corporation (IFC) in Bosnia and Herzegovina

### Policy approach

International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, provides comprehensive solutions to address the greatest challenges that developing countries face, through support designed to meet the specific needs of our partners, with a special focus on infrastructure, manufacturing, agribusiness, services, and financial markets.

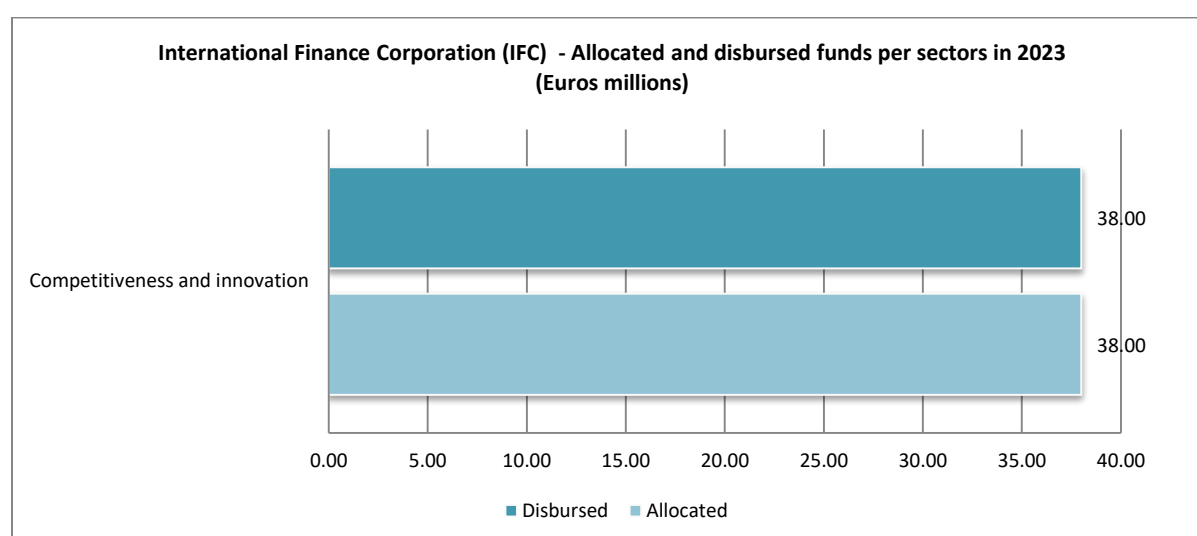
IFC works mainly with the private sector to encourage entrepreneurship and build sustainable businesses, advising them on a wide range of issues, including environmental, social and governance standards, energy efficiency and supply chains.

Through financial support to private sector companies, IFC enables them to broaden their access to foreign and domestic capital markets. Additionally, through advisory activities, IFC helps unlock private sector investments, which are essential for expanding businesses, creating new jobs, and growing the economy.

Bosnia and Herzegovina became a shareholder and member of IFC in 1996. Since then, IFC's long-term financial investments in Bosnia and Herzegovina have exceeded \$400 million, including \$23.1 million mobilized from IFC partners. As of 31 December 2023, IFC's committed investment portfolio in Bosnia and Herzegovina is \$56.3 million, including 9 active advisory projects in the domains of investment climate, debt resolution and ESG.

### Key activities in 2023

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) **allocated € 38.00 million and disbursed € 38.00 million in 2023 in the form of grant** to the sector Competitiveness and innovation.





## Medium and long-term approach

A Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) Update for Bosnia and Herzegovina was approved in May 2020, followed by an IFC 3.0 Country Strategy FY21-25, approved in February 2022, aiming to support the country's connectivity to unlock export potential, boost private sector competitiveness, and tackle climate change. *The World Bank Group Country Partnership Framework for FY23-27* was approved in July 2022. As part of the new CPF, IFC plans to engage in financial sector development, increase inclusive private sector employment, improve the quality of public services and SOE performance, promote green financial solutions, increase renewable energy and energy efficiency investments, and support municipalities in promoting climate-friendly urban solutions. Priority areas for reform include the energy sector transition, restructuring SOEs, and strengthening non-banking FIs. IFC and WB teams started the preparation of a new *Western Balkans CCDR*, which will identify key areas of reforms needed to attract fresh green investments to accelerate the region's convergence to climate goals.

## Development partners coordination efforts

IFC is actively coordinating on the topics of economic recovery, better business governance, and energy through the EU. All International Finance Institutions and key bilateral are represented.

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