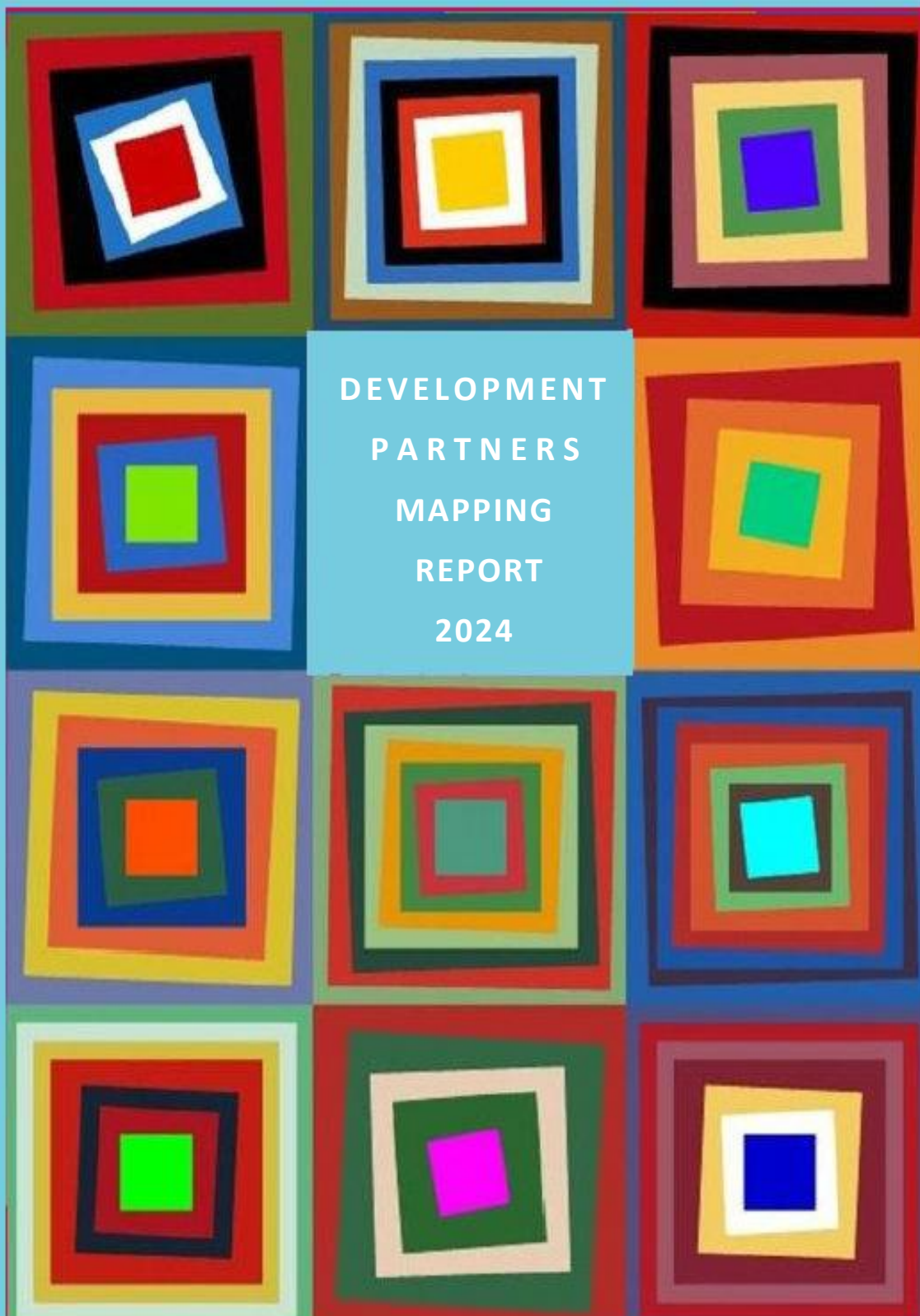




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Ministry of Finance and Treasury / Sector for Financial Planning of Development and Coordination of the International Economic Aid, in cooperation with development partners, members of the Development Partners Coordination Forum (DCF), has prepared the Development Partners Mapping Report for 2024 (DMR 2024).

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 2024, as well as the planned activities of development partners in the future period.

Development Partners Mapping Report 2024 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 2024.

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.

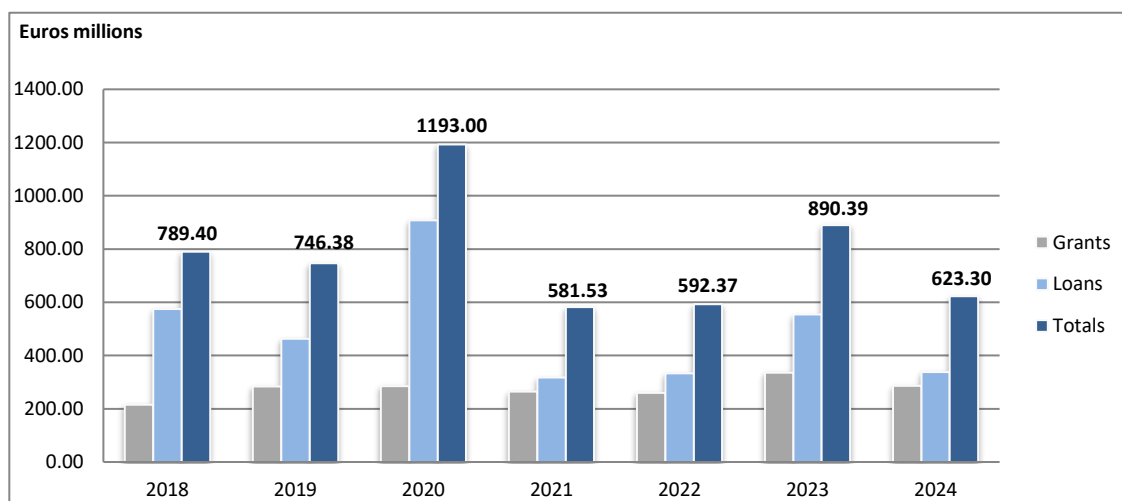
After adoption by the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Development Partners Mapping Report for 2024 will be available at the website of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina www.mft.gov.ba and the Development Partners Coordination Forum www.donormapping.ba.

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 2024.

I Summarized overview of ODA allocations and disbursements

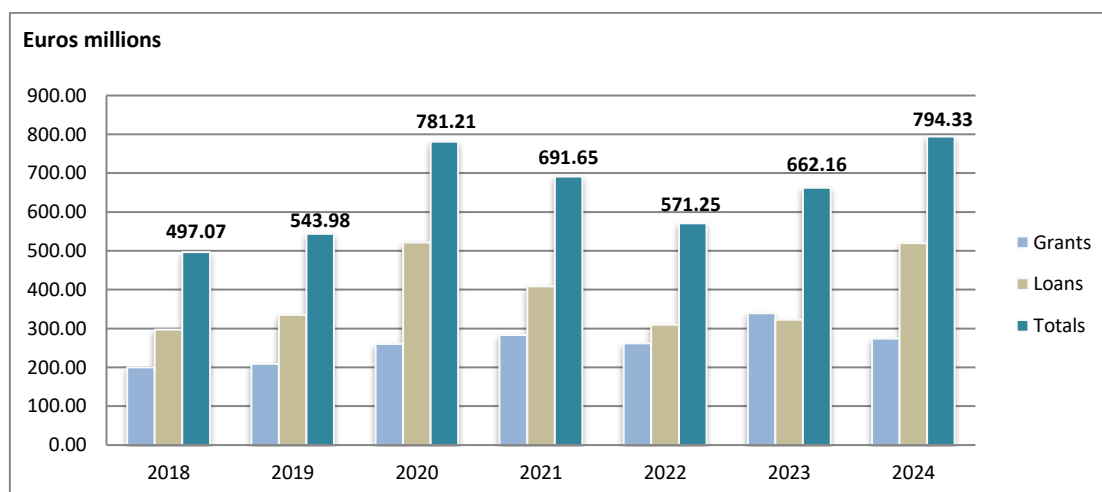
Total allocated Official Development Assistance (ODA) for Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2024 amounted to €623.30 million, of which €285.99 million (45.9%) were grant funds and €337.31 million (54.1%) loan funds (Figure 1). The growth trend of total allocated ODA funds recorded in the previous period did not continue in 2024; instead, a significant decrease in total allocation was recorded compared to the previous year. Compared to 2023, the total allocation of ODA funds in 2024 decreased by €267.1 million (30.0%), with the decline in loan funds accounting for €217,1 million (81.3%) of the total decrease, while the decline in grant funds accounted for €50.4 million (18.7%).

Figure 1. Total ODA allocations in the period 2018-2024 in BiH



Total disbursed ODA funds in 2024 amounted to €794.33 million, of which €274.42 million (34.5%) related to grant funds, while loan funds amounted to €519.91 million (65.5%) of the total disbursed funds (Figure 2). Compared to the previous year, the growth of total disbursed ODA funds continued in 2024. Compared to 2023, total disbursed ODA funds in 2024 increased by €132.17 million (20.0%). In this context, €196.9 million relates to the increase in disbursed loan funds, while at the same time a decrease in disbursed grant funds in the amount of €64.72 million was recorded, indicating a change in the structure of disbursements in favour of loan funds.

Figure 2. Total ODA disbursements in the period 2018-2024 in BiH



Comparison of total allocated and disbursed ODA funds in BiH for the period 2018-2024 is presented in the Figure 3.

Figure 3. Total allocated and disbursed ODA in the period 2018-2024 in BiH

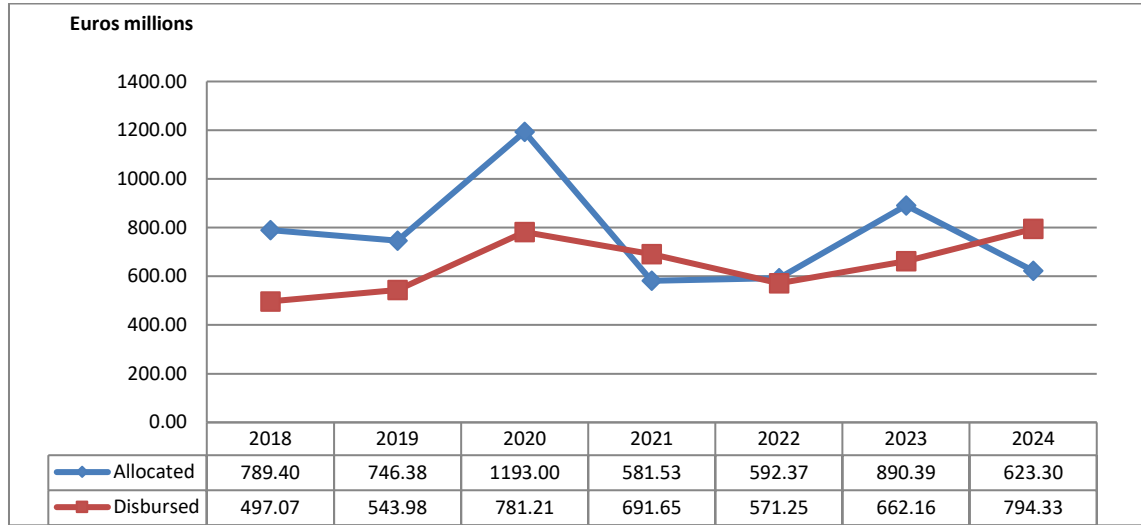


Figure 4. presents the participation ratio of bilateral and multilateral development partners in total ODA allocations, for the period 2018–2024. In 2024, out of the total allocated €623.30 million in ODA funds, €209.64 million (33.6%) was allocated by bilateral development partners, while €413.66 million (66.4%) was allocated by multilateral partners..

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

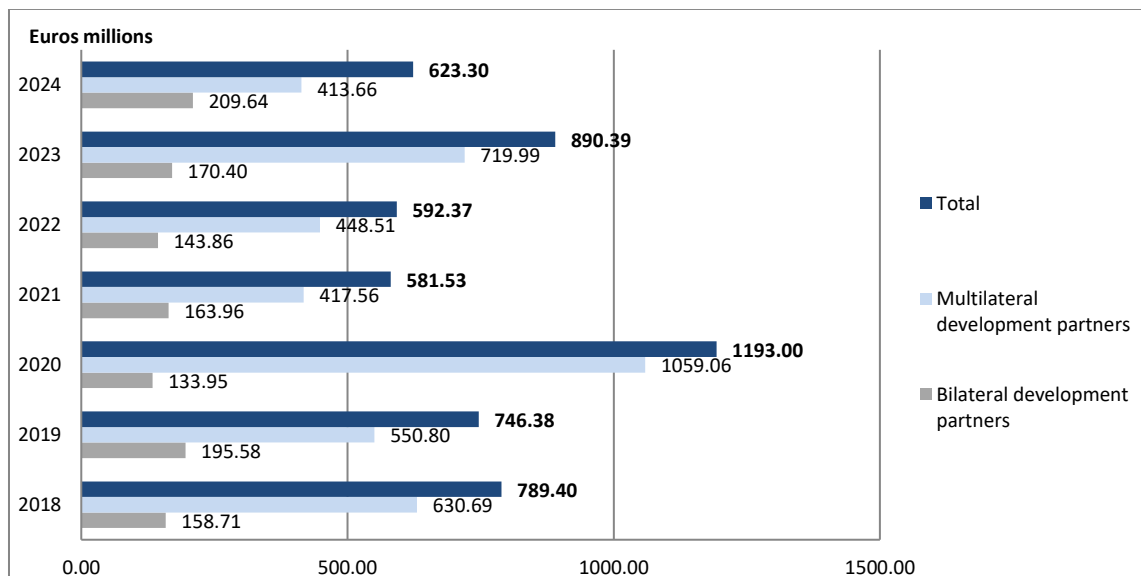
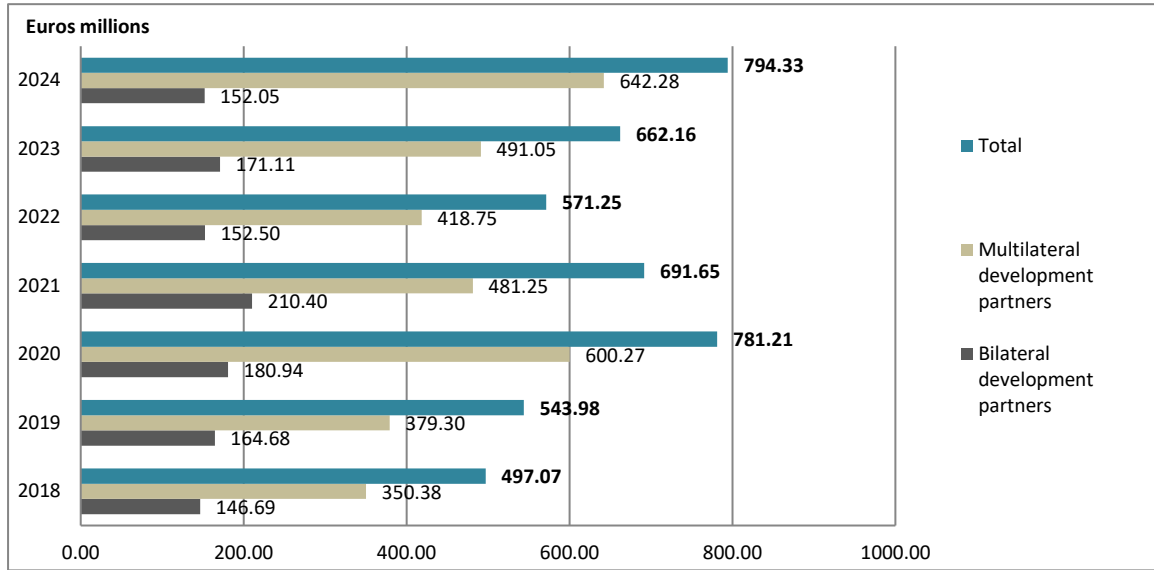


Figure 5. presents the participation ratio of bilateral and multilateral development partners in total ODA disbursements, for the period 2018–2024. In 2024, out of the total disbursed €794.33 million in ODA funds, €152.05 million (19.1%) was disbursed by bilateral development partners, while €642.28 million (80.9%) was disbursed by 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 2024, a total of €285.99 million in grant funds was allocated, while €274.42 million was disbursed.

Figures 6 and 7 present the allocated and disbursed grant funds of development partners according to the level of investment. Development partners that allocated and disbursed the highest amounts of funds in 2024 were the EU, Croatia, the United States of America, Germany, Switzerland, the UN and Sweden.

Figure 6. Allocated grant funds per development partners in 2024

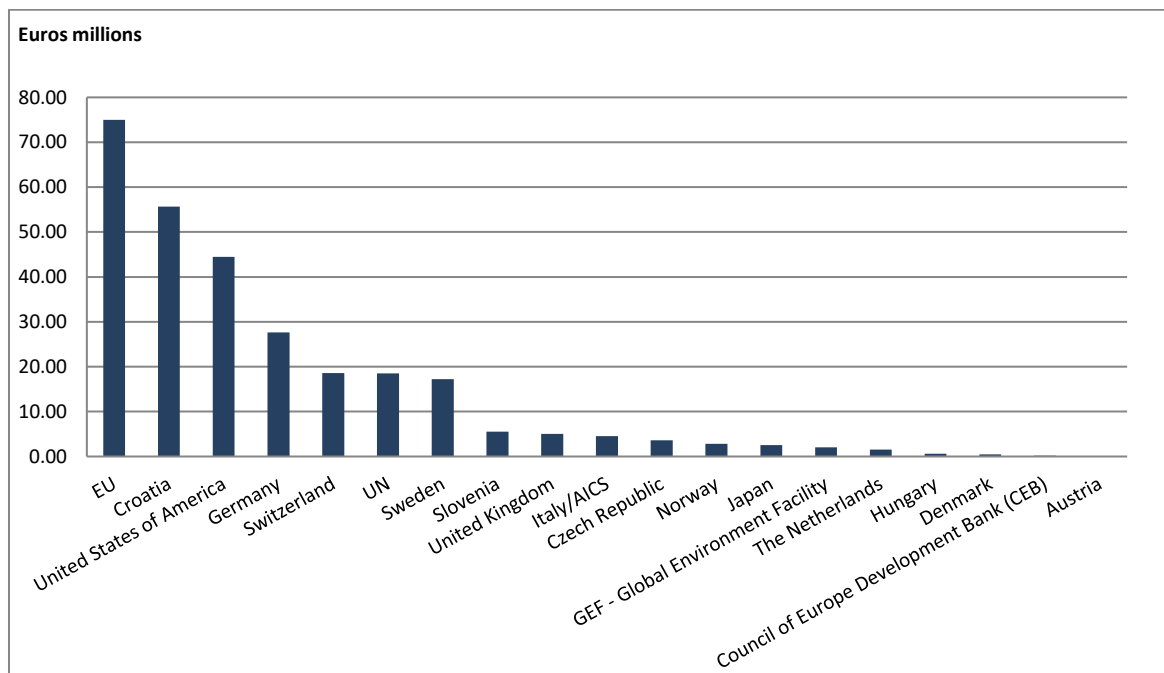
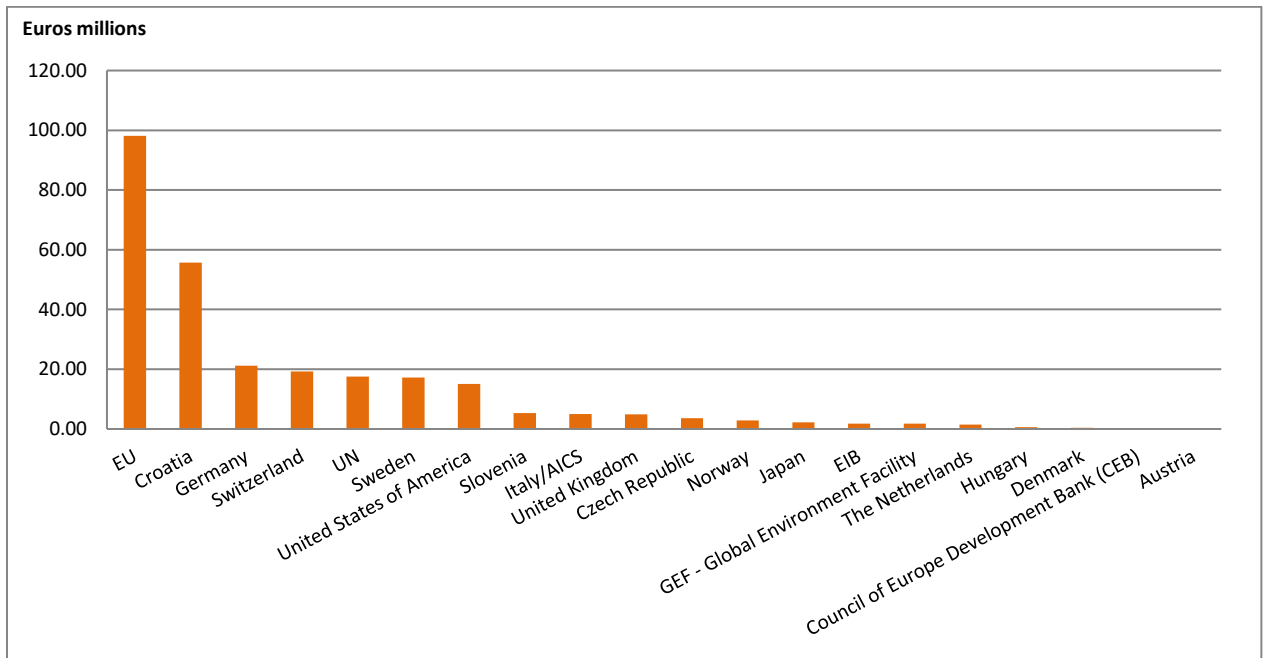


Figure 7. Disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2024



In 2024, a total of €337.31 million in loan funds was allocated, while €519.91 million was disbursed.

Figures 8 and 9 present the allocated and disbursed loans in 2024. The creditors in 2024 were the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the World Bank (WB), the European Investment Bank (EIB) and Germany.

Figure 8. Allocated funds per creditors in 2024

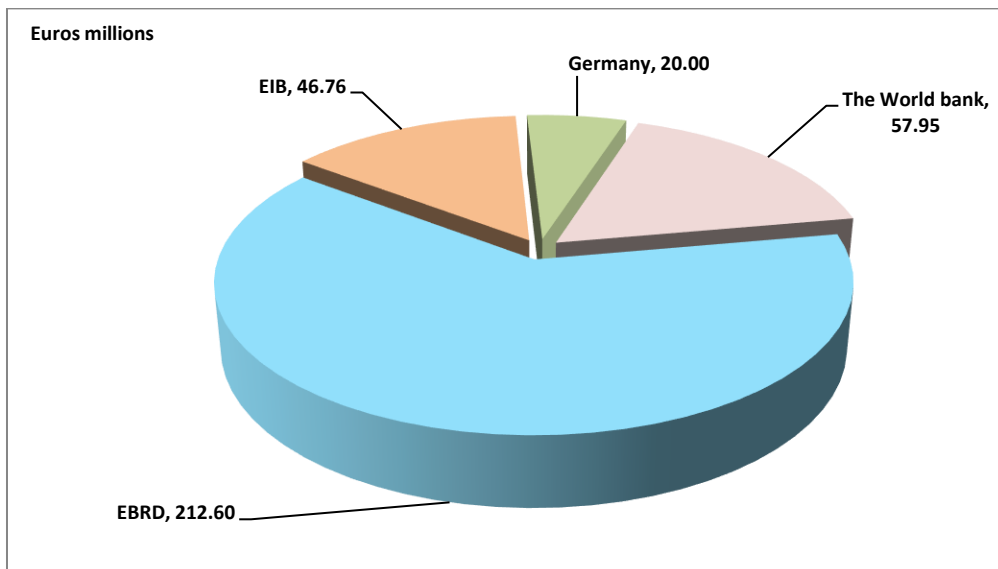
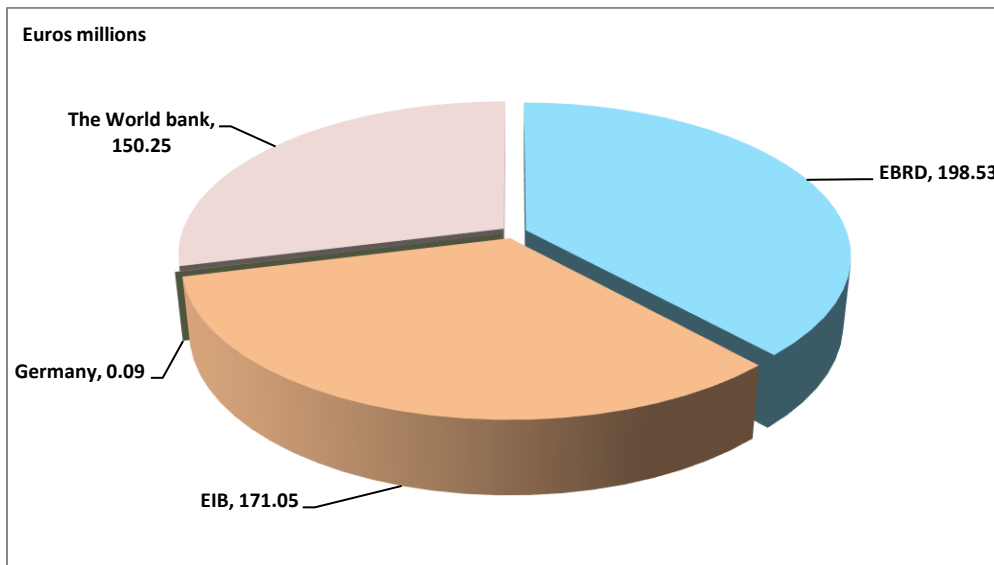


Figure 9. Disbursed funds per creditors in 2024



III Overview of ODA allocations and disbursements per sectors

In 2024, total allocated ODA in Bosnia and Herzegovina to IPA II sectors amounts to €623.30 million, of which €285.99 million (45.9%) are grant funds and €337.31 million (54.1%) are loan funds (Figures 10 and 11). Out of the total, 65.7% was allocated to four sectors, namely: Transport 20.3%, Competitiveness and innovation 18.5%, Environment and climate policies 15.5%, and Education, employment and social policies 11.4%, while the remaining 34.3% was allocated to all other sectors.

Figure 10. Total ODA allocations per sectors in 2024

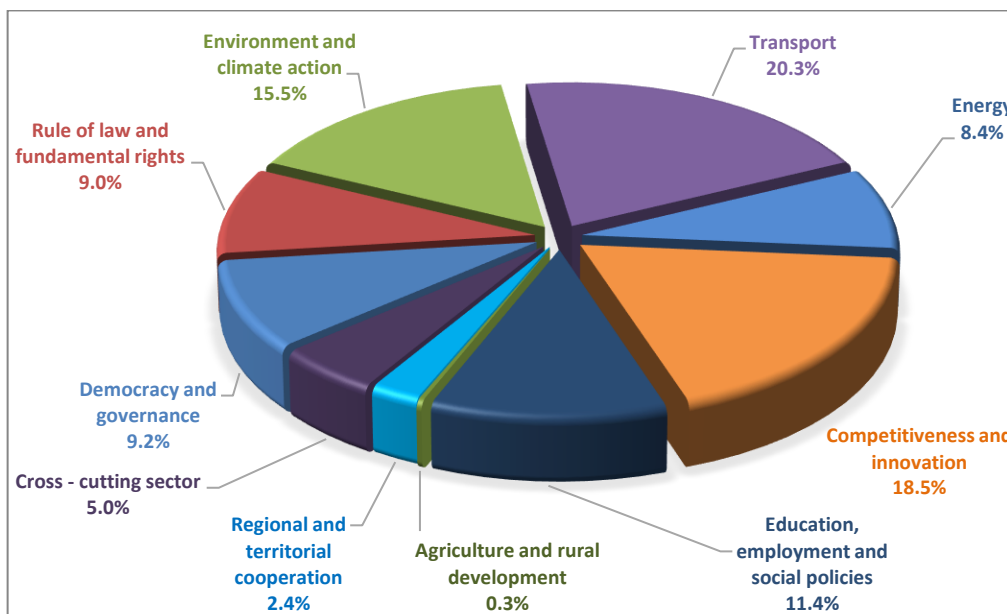
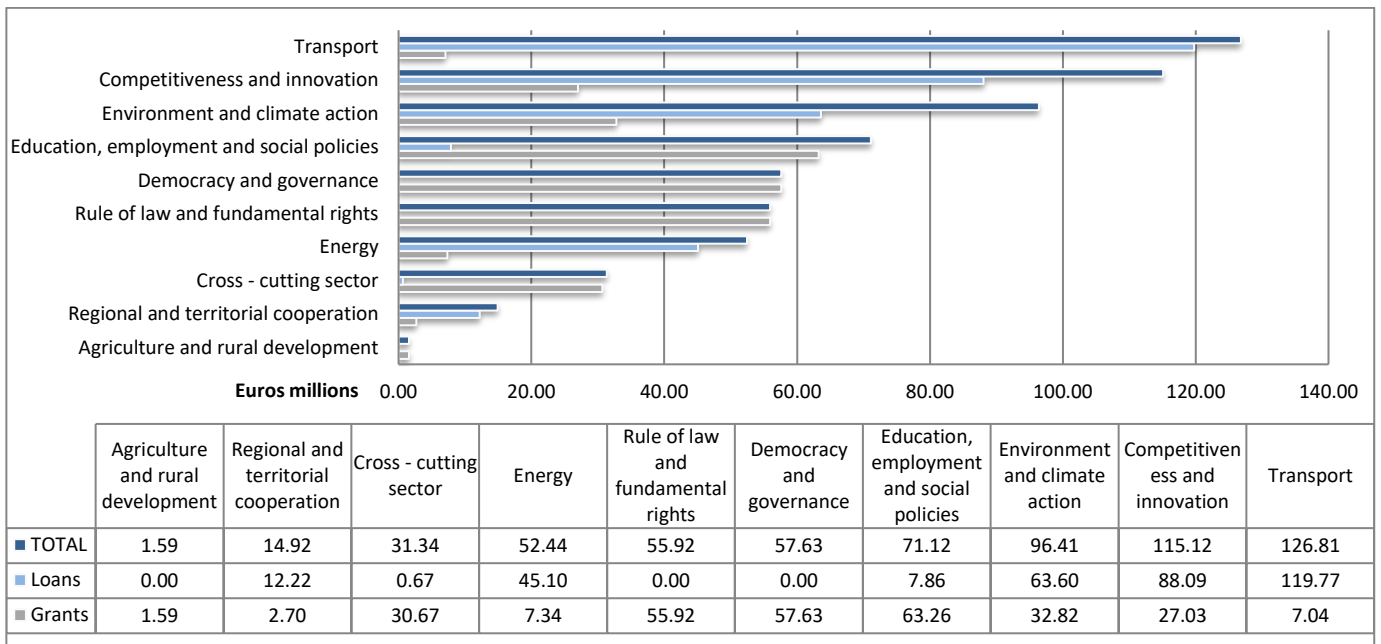


Figure 11. Participation of grants and loans in total ODA allocations per sectors in 2024



In 2024, total disbursed ODA in Bosnia and Herzegovina to IPA II sectors amounted to €794.33 million, of which €274.42 million were grant funds and €519.91 million were loans (Figures 12 and 13).

Out of the total, 75.1% was disbursed to four sectors: Transport 29.3%, Democracy and governance 17.6%, Competitiveness and innovation 17.3%, and Environment and climate policies 10.9%, while 24.9% was disbursed to all other sectors.

Figure 12. Total ODA disbursements per sectors in 2024

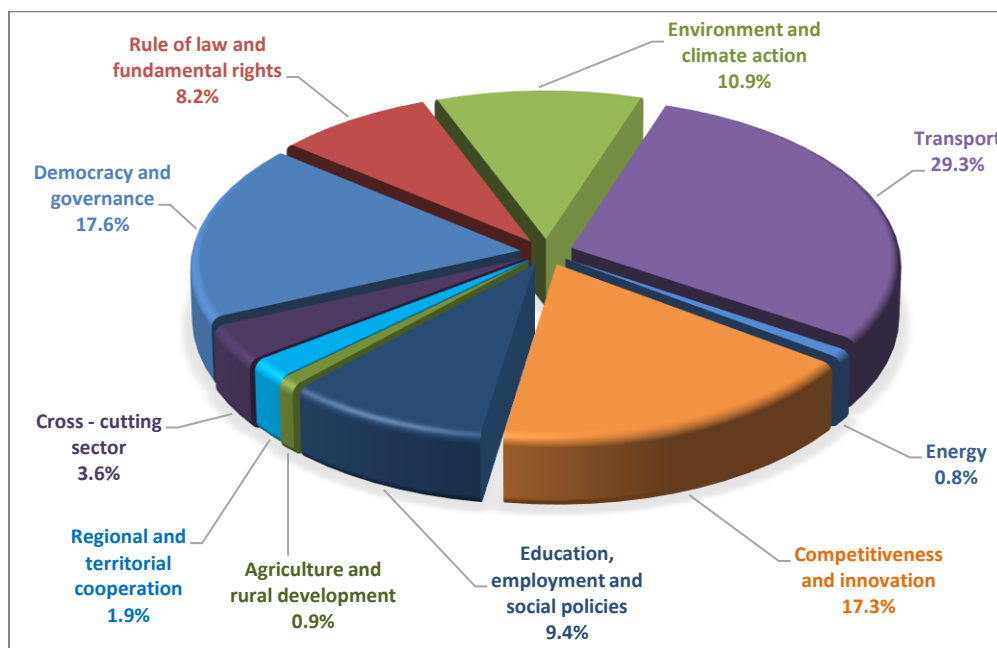
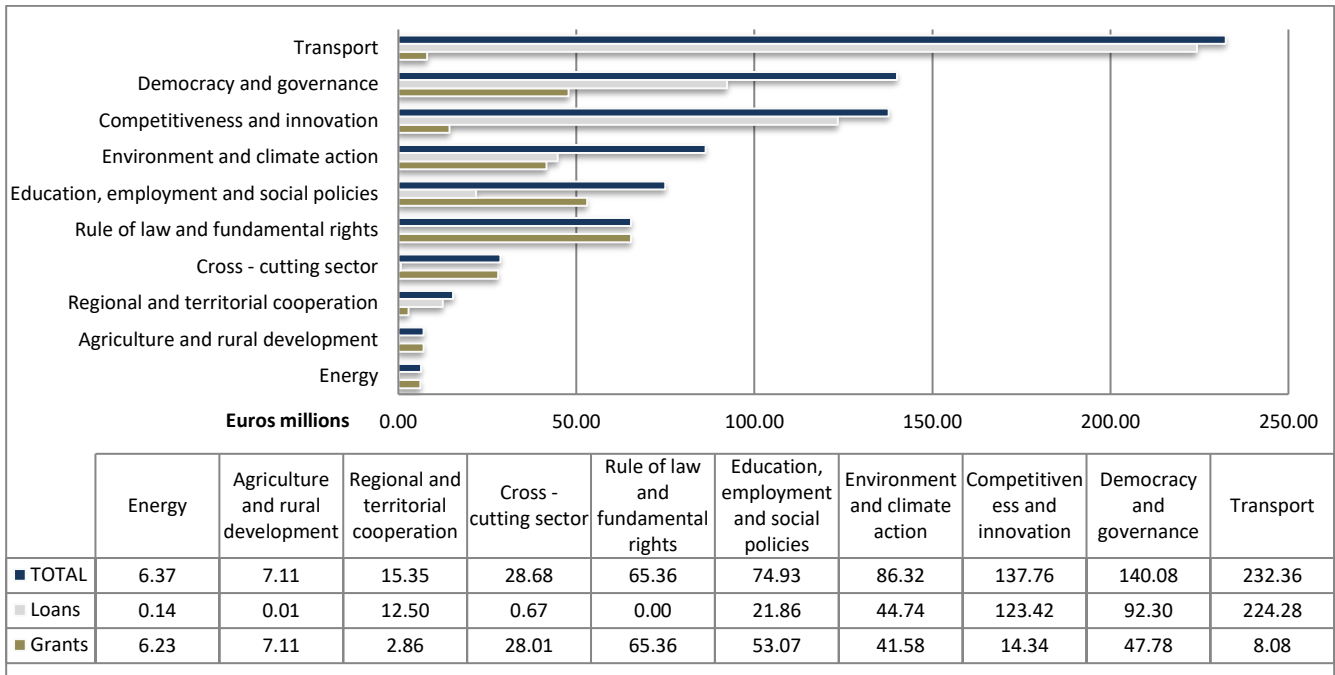


Figure 13. Participation of grants and loans in total ODA disbursements per sectors in 2024



- 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**

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| <p>DCF members active in the sector in 2024</p> | <p>The World Bank, United States of America, the EU, Switzerland, Sweden, Germany, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Croatia, UN, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Norway and Italy/AICS.</p> |
| <p>Other key international organisations</p> | <p>International Monetary Fund; Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe; Office of the High Representative; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Council of Europe; British Council in BiH; Norwegian Institute of International Affairs; European Training Foundation; European Fund for Southeast Europe; Statistical Office of the European Union; Centre for Finance and Development; United Nations Population Fund; United Nations Children’s Fund; Regional School of Public Administration; Regional Cooperation Council; Council of Europe; Western Balkans Investment Framework; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).</p> |
| <p>Key government partners</p> | <p>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 Brcko District BiH; Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH; Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH; Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH; Ministry of Justice of BiH; Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH; Ministry of Defence of BiH; Ministry of Security of BiH; Parliamentary Assembly of BiH; Parliament of the Federation of BiH; National Assembly of Republika Srpska; Civil Service Agencies of BiH and the entities; Agency for Pre-primary, Primary and Secondary Education; Audit Office of the Institutions of BiH; Audit Office of the Institutions of the Federation of BiH; Main Audit Office of the Public Sector of Republika Srpska; Agency for Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance of BiH; Directorate for European Integration of BiH; Directorate for Economic Planning of BiH; Indirect Taxation Authority of BiH; Tax Administration of the Federation of BiH; Tax Administration of Republika Srpska; Central Bank of BiH; Public Procurement Agency of BiH; Procurement Review Body of BiH; Central Harmonisation Unit of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH and Central Harmonisation Units in entity-level ministries of finance; Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Policy; Ministry of Labour, War Veterans and Disabled Persons’ Protection of Republika Srpska; Agency for Statistics of BiH and entity statistical agencies; High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of BiH; Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of Republika Srpska; Financial and Information Agency of the Federation of BiH; Agency for Gender Equality of BiH; Gender Centres of the Federation of BiH and Republika Srpska; Association of Municipalities and Cities of Republika Srpska and the Federation of BiH; local self-government units.</p> |
| <p>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2024 by DCF members</p> | <p>Total allocated: €57.63 million in the form of grants. Total disbursed: €140.08 million, of which €47.78 million in the form of grants and €92.30 million in the form of loans. Out of the total ODA in 2024, 9% was allocated to the sector and 18% was disbursed.</p> |

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| <p>Coordination among and with development partners</p> | <p>Democratic institutions: Functional exchange of information between stakeholders based on informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination, together with self-organized meetings between development partners.</p> <p>Decentralization and sub-national government: Functional exchange of information between stakeholders based on informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination, together with self-organized meetings between development partners.</p> <p>Public Administration Reform (PAR): 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>Public Financial Management: Exchange of information between stakeholders based on informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination and project-based bilateral meetings.</p> <p>Taxation: Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination on regular basis.</p> <p>Customs: Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination on regular basis.</p> <p>Economic governance: Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination.</p> <p>Statistics: Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination on regular basis.</p> <p>Civil Society: Local Advisory Group supported and managed by the EU-funded project TACSO.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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Overview of activities in 2024

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 2024.

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 2024

DCF members active in the Democracy and governance sector in 2024 are The World Bank, United States of America, the EU, Switzerland, Sweden, Germany, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Croatia, UN, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Norway and Italy/AICS.

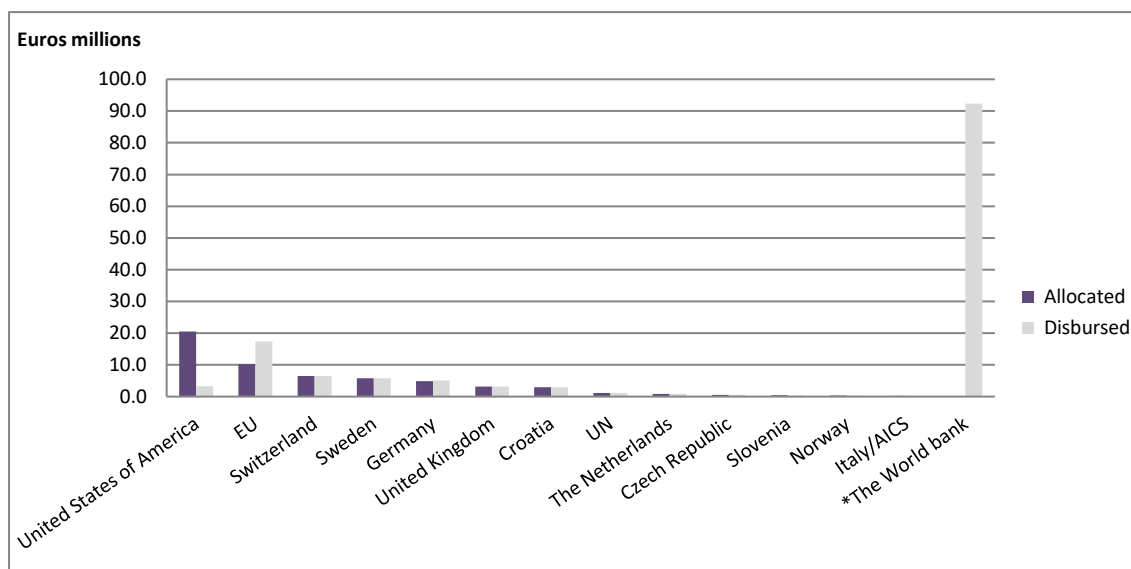
Total allocated funds of DCF members for the Democracy and governance sector in 2024 amounted to €57.63 million in the form of grants.

Total disbursed funds for the sector in 2024 amounted to €140.08 million, of which €47.78 million in the form of grants and €92.30 million in the form of loans.

Figure 1.1 presents allocated and disbursed grant ODA funds according to the level of investment of each individual development partner.

Development partners that allocated and disbursed the highest amounts of funds in 2024 are the World Bank, the United States of America, the EU, Switzerland, Sweden and Germany.

Figure 1.1. Allocated and disbursed grants per development partners in 2024



*Note: The World Bank Loan

Figure 1.2. presents the structure of total allocated ODA funds in 2024 by subsectors. The Democracy and governance sector consists of 11 subsectors.

Out of the total allocated funds in 2024, 76.5% was allocated to the following subsectors: Civil society (41.5%), Democratic institutions (23.6%) and Public financial management (11.5%), while 23.5% of the funds was allocated to all other subsectors. Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 1.2. Total allocated ODA per sub-sectors in 2024

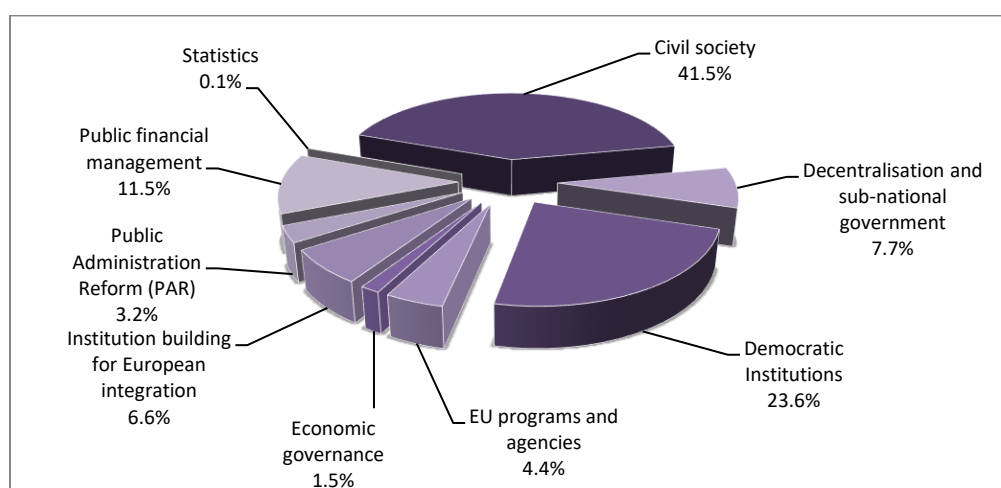
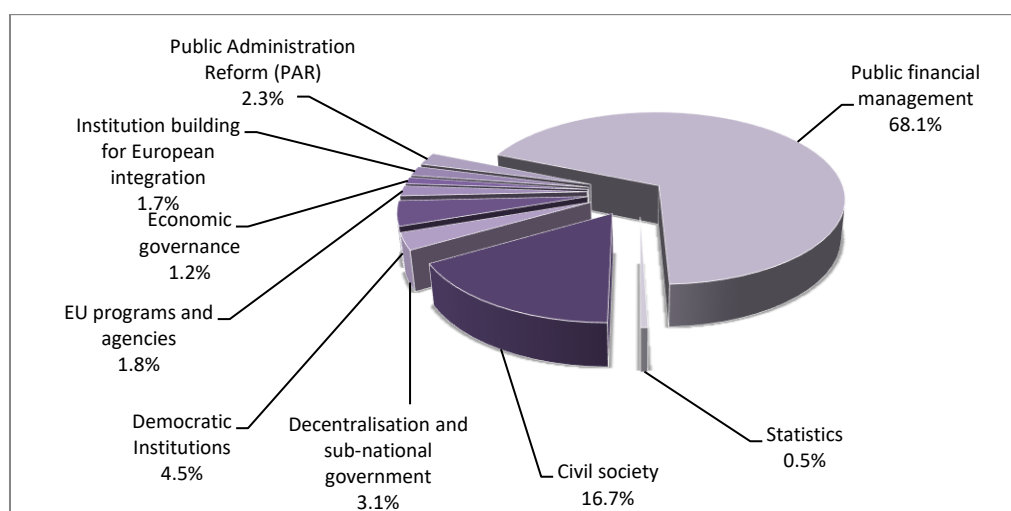


Figure 1.3. presents the structure of total disbursed ODA funds in 2024 by subsectors.

Out of the total disbursed funds in the sector in 2024, 84.8% was disbursed to two subsectors: Public financial management (68.1%) and Civil society (16.7%), while 15.2% of the funds was disbursed to all other subsectors. Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 1.3. Total disbursed ODA per sub-sectors in 2024



Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2024

| PROJECT TITLE | Development partner | Total project value (EUR mil) |
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| Translating the SDG Framework in Bosnia and Herzegovina into sustainable and inclusive growth | Sweden, UN | 92.30 |
| USAID/BiH E-governance activity | United States of America | 11.66 |
| Administrative management of the Department for Transfer of Knowledge at the Sector for Regional Cooperation and Support with the Directorate-General for Southeast Europe of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia | Croatia | 11.65 |
| Building trust in media in SEE. Support to Journalism as a Public Good | UN | 11.24 |
| CEI support to DATA ROL (Data Protection and the Rule of Law) in Bosnia and Herzegovina | Italy/AICS | 10.60 |
| Common Effort on Capacity Building: Border Surveillance with Respect to Human Rights | Croatia | 10.11 |
| Continued participation in the United States Government's Partnership for Development Cooperation program in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the Office of the High Representative (OHR) project entitled "Young Internship Scholarship Program" | Croatia | 10.01 |
| Cross-border Cooperation Program between the Republic of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina | Croatia | 10.00 |
| Diving conditioning at the Diving Centre Mali Lošinj, Croatia | Croatia | 9.11 |
| EMPOWER-SURROUND: Unveiling the Potential of Women Leaders for Circular Economy in Southeast Europe through International Cooperation | Croatia | 9.00 |

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

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

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| <p>Other key international organizations</p> | <p>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).</p> |
| <p>Key government partners</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Total allocation/disbursement to the sector in 2024 by DCF members</p> | <p>Total allocated grants amounted to € 55.92 mil. Total disbursed grants amounted to € 65.36 mil. Out of the total ODA in 2024, 9% was allocated to the Sector, while 8% was disbursed.</p> |
| <p>Coordination among and with development partners</p> | <p>Judicial Reform: 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</p> |

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.

Regular bilateral coordination meetings of international and local partners.

Penitentiary Reform: *ad hoc* coordination, project-based bilateral meetings.

War Crimes: Regular bilateral coordination meetings with international and local partners, including EUD, Switzerland, USA, Ministry of Justice, Prosecutor's Offices. *Ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

Fight against Organized Crime: informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based and mostly bilateral / multilateral, self-organizing meetings between development partners.

Fight against Corruption: 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.

Police reform: informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

Migration and Asylum: formal coordination of development partners is led by the Coordination body on BiH immigration issues.

Border Management and Security: Informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

Roma: Roma Committee with the CoM of BiH represents formal coordination body.

Refugees and IDPs: Informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based and mostly bilateral / multilateral

LGBTI: Informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

National Minorities: informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

Intercommunity Relations: informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

Freedom of expression and media freedom: Informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

Property Rights: Informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

Data Protection: 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 2024

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 2024.

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.

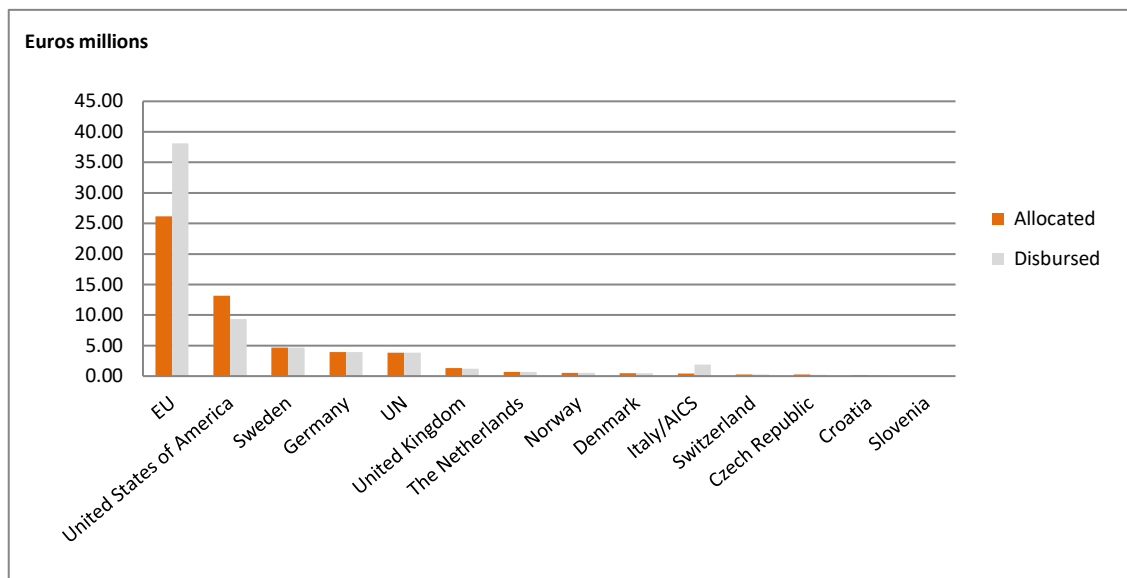
Investments of DCF members in 2024

DCF members active in the Rule of law and fundamental rights sector in 2024 are EU, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Slovenia, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Netherlands, UN, Sweden, United States of America, United Kingdom and Italy/AICS.

Total allocations of DCF members to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 55.92 mil, while total disbursements amounted to € 65.36 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 2024, who allocated i.e. disbursed the largest amounts, were EU and United States of America, followed by Sweden, Germany and UN.

Figure 2.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2024



The Rule of law and fundamental rights Sector consists of 16 subsectors. Figure 2.2. presents the structure of total allocated ODA funds by subsectors.

Out of the total allocated funds in 2024, 76.6% was allocated to two subsectors: Judicial reform (50.8%) and Inter-ethnic relations (25.8%). The remaining 23.4% of the funds was allocated to other subsectors. Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 2.2. Total allocated ODA per sub-sectors in 2024

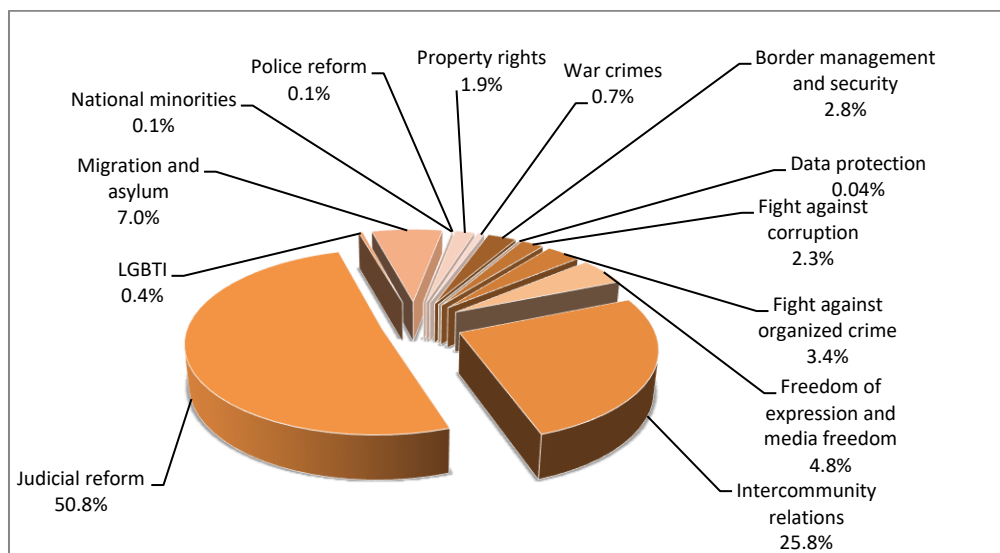
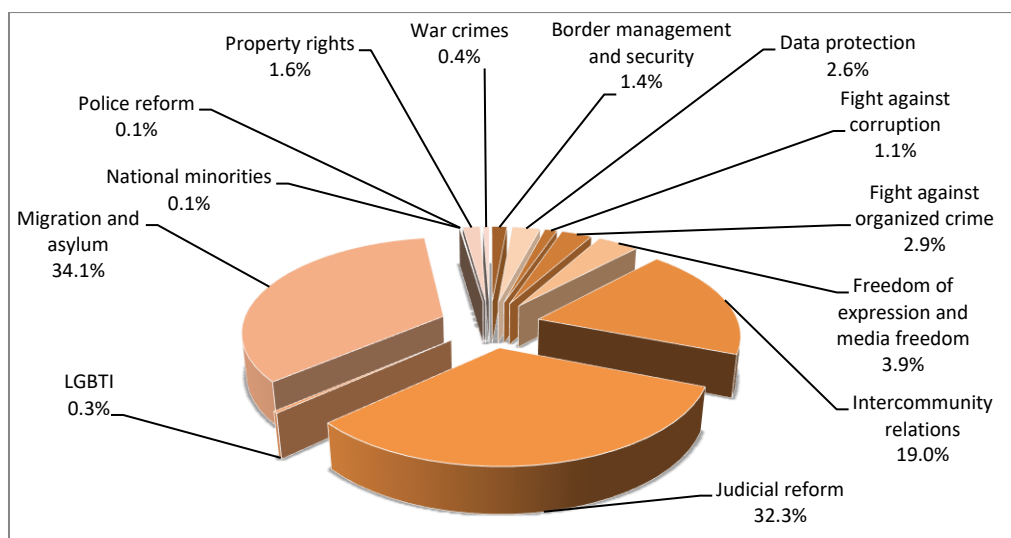


Figure 2.3. presents the structure of total disbursed ODA funds in the Sector in 2024 by subsectors. Out of the total disbursed funds in 2024, 85.4% was disbursed to three subsectors: Migration and asylum (34.1%), Judicial reform (32.3%) and Inter-ethnic relations (19.0%). The remaining 14.6% of the funds was disbursed to other subsectors. Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 2.3. Total disbursed ODA per sectors in 2024



Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2024

| PROJECT TITLE | Development partner | Total project value (EUR mil) |
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| State/INL Law Enforcement Development Program | United States of America | 50.00 |
| Individual measure to strengthen the response capacity to manage migration flows in Bosnia and Herzegovina | EU | 39.50 |
| State/INL Rule of Law Development Program | United States of America | 35.00 |
| (NADR CWD) Department of State Demining and Small Arms Destruction Program | United States of America | 30.00 |
| Strengthening Law Enforcement Capacities in Bosnia and Herzegovina to Fight Organised Crime | EU | 10.50 |
| (PDS) Fund for Interethnic Reconciliation and Youth Initiatives | United States of America | 10.00 |
| EUPA4BiH - European Union Police Assistance for Bosnia and Herzegovina | EU | 10.00 |
| (USAID) Countering Corruption through Justice (CCTJ) Activity in Bosnia-Herzegovina | United States of America | 7.11 |
| EU support to BiH's justice reforms | EU | 5.71 |
| Support to the Judiciary in BiH | Switzerland | 5.30 |

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| <p>DCF members active in the sector in 2024</p> | <p>EIB, EBRD, Croatia, World Bank, UN, EU, Sweden, Norway, Italy/AICS, Switzerland, Japan/JICA, Czech Republic, Germany, Slovenia and Hungary.</p> |
| <p>Other key international organizations</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Key government partners</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2024 by DCF members</p> | <p>Total allocated amounted to € 96.41 mil, of which € 32.82 mil were grants and € 63.60 mil were loans.</p> <p>Total disbursed amounted to € 86.32 mil, of which € 41.58 mil were grants and € 44.74 mil were loans.</p> <p>Out of the total ODA in 2024, 15% was allocated to the sector, while 11% was disbursed.</p> |
| <p>Coordination with and among development partners</p> | <p>Climate Action: Exchange of information between stakeholders based on informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination and project-based bilateral meetings.</p> <p>Water Supply and Waste Water: 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>Water Resources Management: To some extent, MoFTER is leading the coordination of development partners. <i>Ad-hoc</i> coordination among development partners.</p> |

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| | <p>Waste Management: to some extent, MoFTER is leading coordination of development partners. <i>Ad-hoc</i> coordination among development partners.</p> <p>Nature Protection: to some extent, MoFTER is leading coordination of development partners. <i>Ad-hoc</i> coordination among development partners.</p> <p>Air Quality and Noise: Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination.</p> <p>Industrial Pollution and Chemicals: Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, mostly project-based.</p> <p>Environment Horizontal Standards: Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, mostly project-based.</p> <p>Civil Protection: <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>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.</p> |
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Overview of activities in 2024

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 2024.

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 2024

DCF members active in the Environment and climate policies sector in 2024 are EIB, EBRD, Croatia, World Bank, UN, EU, Sweden, Norway, Italy/AICS, Switzerland, Japan/JICA, Czech Republic, Germany, Slovenia and Hungary.

Total allocated funds of DCF members to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 96.41 mil, of which € 32.82 mil were grants and € 63.60 mil were loans.

Total disbursed funds to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 86.32 mil, of which € 41.58 mil were grants and € 44.74 mil were loans.

Figure 3.1. presents allocated and disbursed grant funds provided by development partners in accordance with the level of investment. Development partners that in 2024 allocated and disbursed the highest amounts of funds were the European Investment Bank (EIB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Croatia, the World Bank and the European Union.

Figure 3.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2024

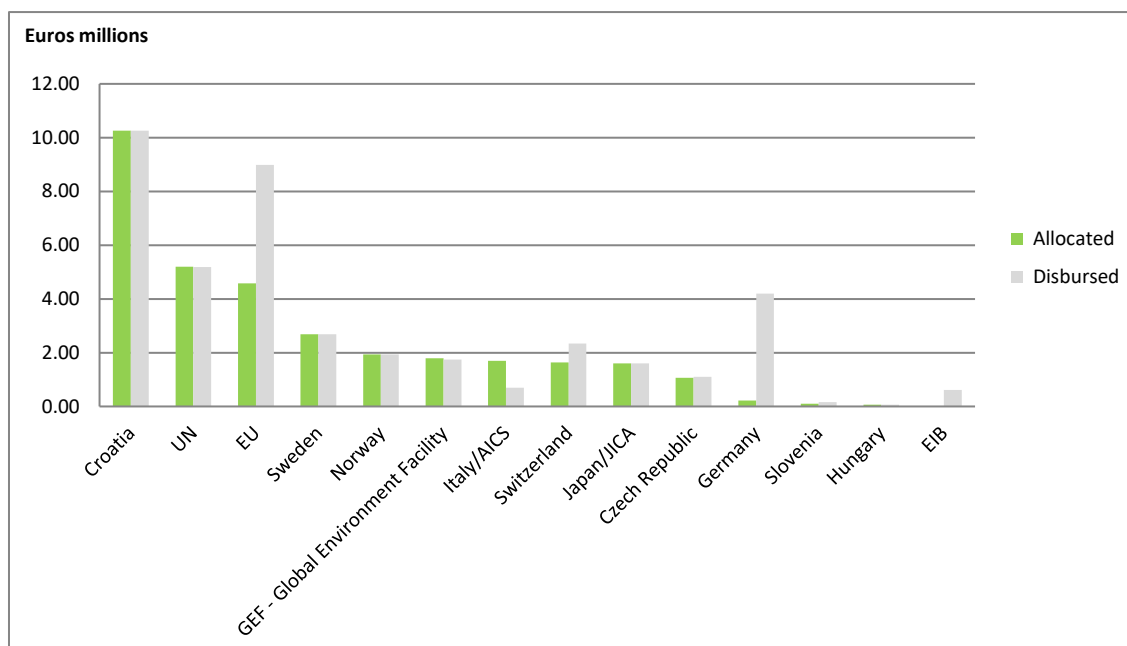


Figure 3.2. presents loan allocations and disbursements in 2024. EIB allocated € 46.76 mil and disbursed € 19.40 mil, the World Bank allocated and disbursed € 9.84 mil, while EBRD allocated € 7.00 mil and disbursed € 15.50 mil of funds to the Sector.

Figure 3.2. Allocated and disbursed loans per creditors in 2024

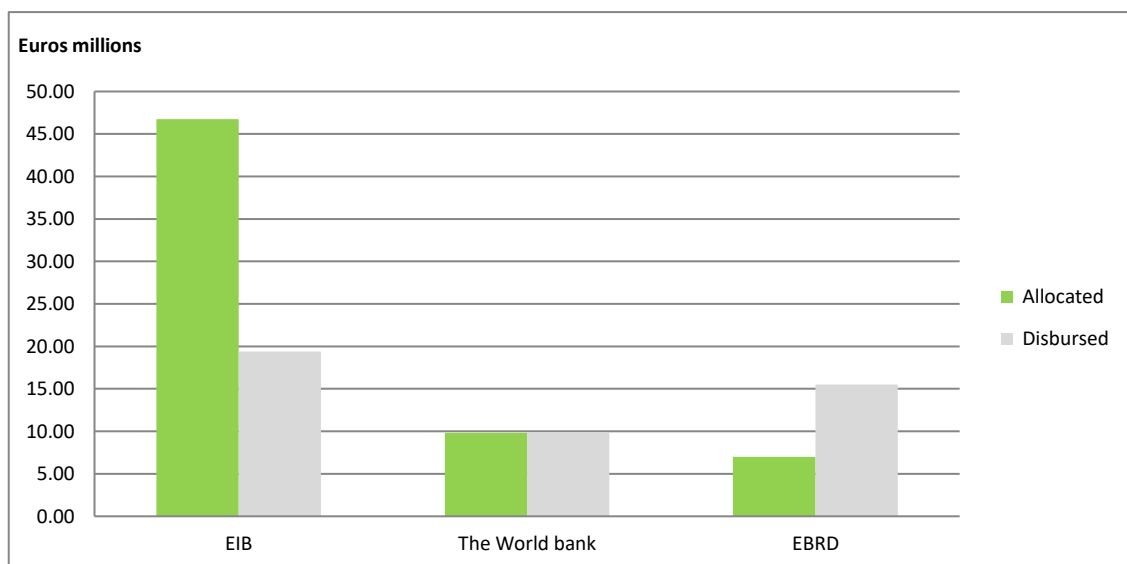


Figure 3.3. presents the structure of total allocated ODA funds by subsectors.

Out of the total allocated funds in the Sector in 2024, 74.8% was allocated to two subsectors: Water supply and wastewater (56.0%) and Civil protection (18.8%). The remaining 25.2% of the funds was allocated to other subsectors. Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 3.3. Total allocated ODA per sub-sectors in 2024

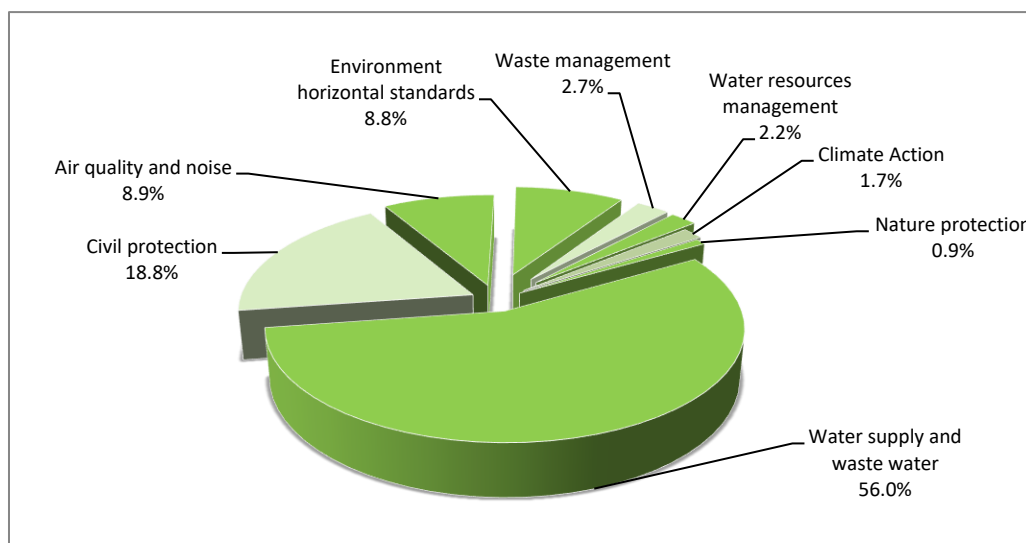
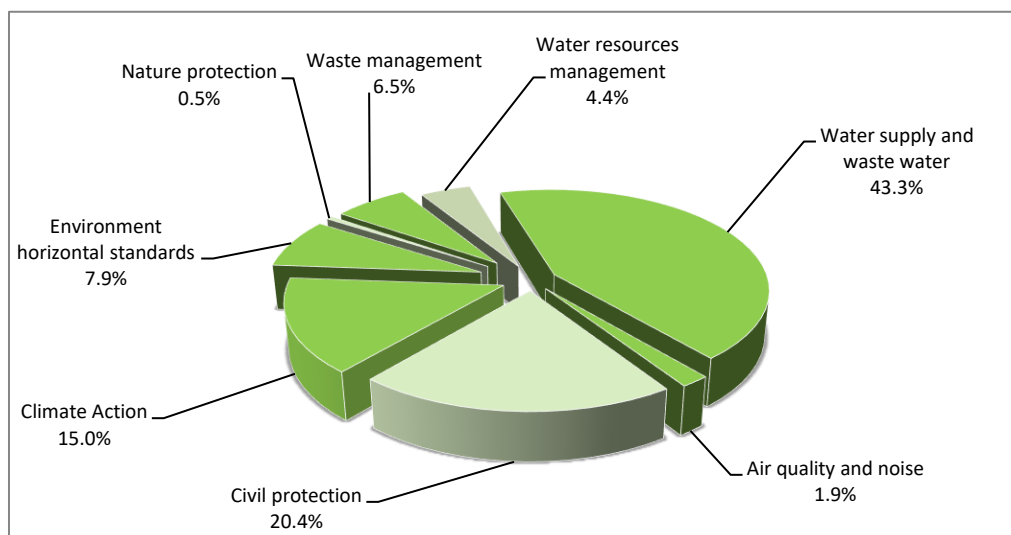


Figure 3.4. presents the structure of total disbursed ODA funds in 2024 by subsectors.

Out of the total disbursed funds in the Sector in 2024, 78.7% was disbursed to three subsectors: Water supply and wastewater (43.3%), Civil protection (20.4%) and Climate policies (15.0%). The remaining 21.3% of the funds was disbursed to other subsectors. Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 3.4. Total disbursed ODA per sub-sectors in 2024



Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2024

| PROJECT TITLE | Development partner | Total project value (EUR mil) |
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| WATER AND SANITATION FEDERATION BIH | EIB | 60.00 |
| WATER AND SANITATION RS II | EIB | 60.00 |
| 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 |
| Additional Financing Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program (FBIH and Brcko District) | The World bank | 35.89 |
| GrCF - Sarajevo Water | EBRD | 20.00 |
| WASTE WATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT ZENICA | Germany, Switzerland | 18.29 |
| Catalyzing the Green Transition in Bosnia and Herzegovina Porfolio | Sweden | 15.63 |
| Waste Water Collection and Treatment in Gradiska | Germany | 14.07 |

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| <p>DCF members active in the sector in 2024</p> | <p>EIB, EBRD, World Bank, Croatia, EU and Italy/AICS.</p> |
| <p>Other key international organizations</p> | <p>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)</p> |
| <p>Key government partners</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2024 by DCF members</p> | <p>Total allocated amounted to € 126.81 mil, of which € 7.04 mil were grants and € 119.77 mil were loans.</p> <p>Total disbursed amounted to € 232.36 mil, of which € 8.08 mil were grants and € 224.28 mil were loans.</p> <p>Out of the total ODA in 2024, 20% was allocated to the Sector, while 29% was disbursed.</p> |
| <p>Coordination with and among development partners</p> | <p>The EU Delegation coordinates all development partners active in this sector. 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, National Investment Committee (NIC) was established in 2015, which also envisages the participation of relevant international financial institutions and bilateral development partners.</p> <p>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.</p> |

Overview of activities in 2024

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 2024

DCF members active in the Transport sector in 2024 are EIB, EBRD, World Bank, Croatia, EU and Italy/AICS.

Total allocated funds of DCF members to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 126.81 mil, of which € 7.04 mil were grants and € 119.77 mil were loans.

Total disbursed funds of DCF members to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 232.36 mil, of which € 8.08 mil were grants and € 224.28 mil were loans.

Figure 4.1. presents allocated and disbursed grant funds provided by development partners in accordance with the level of investment. Out of the total allocated and disbursed grant funds in the Transport sector, 53.4% of the funds were disbursed by Croatia (€ 4.3 mil), while 30.0% of the funds were disbursed by the EU (€ 2.42 mil), 14.6% by EIB (€ 1.2 mil) and 2.3% by Italy/AICS (€ 0.16 mil).

Figure 4.1. Total allocated and disbursed grants per development partners in 2024

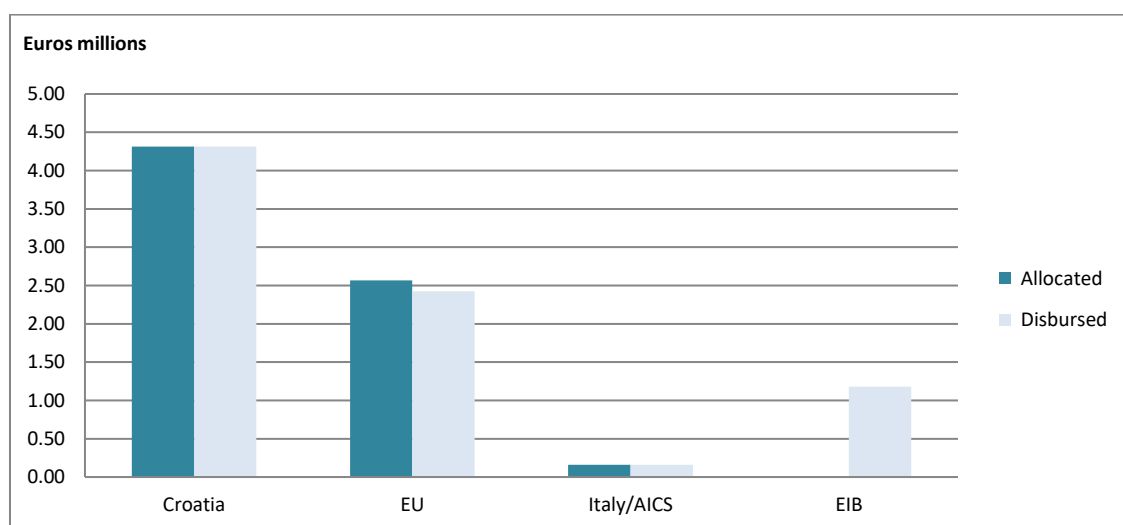
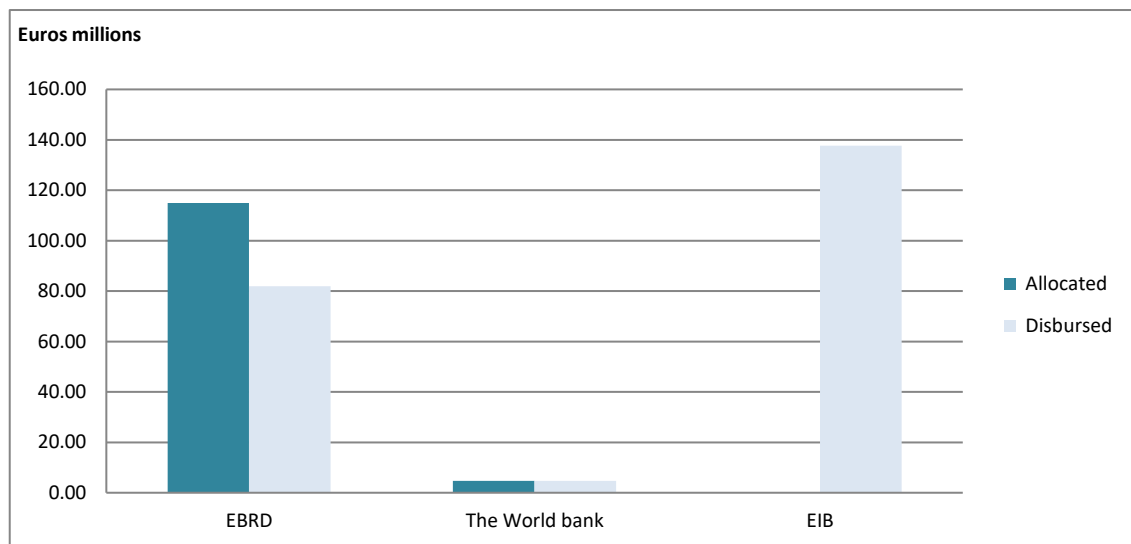


Figure 4.2. presents allocated and disbursed loans provided by development partners in accordance with the level of investment. Out of the total allocated and disbursed loan funds in the Transport sector, 61.4% of the funds were disbursed by EIB (€ 137.65 mil), while 36.5% were disbursed by EBRD (€ 81.86 mil) and 2.1% by the World Bank (€ 4.77 mil).

Figure 4.2. Allocated and disbursed loans per development partners in 2024



The Transport sector consists of 9 subsectors. Figure 4.3. presents the structure of total allocated funds by subsectors.

Out of the total allocated funds in 2024, 88.6% was allocated to two subsectors: Road transport (76.7%) and Urban mobility (11.9%). The remaining 11.4% of the funds was allocated to other subsectors. Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 4.3. Total allocated funds per sub-sectors in 2024

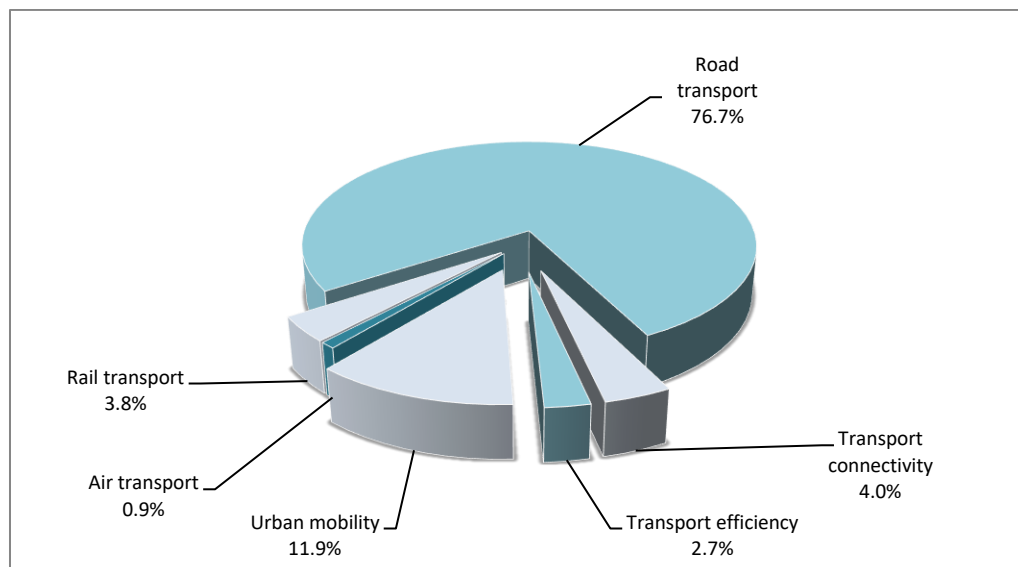
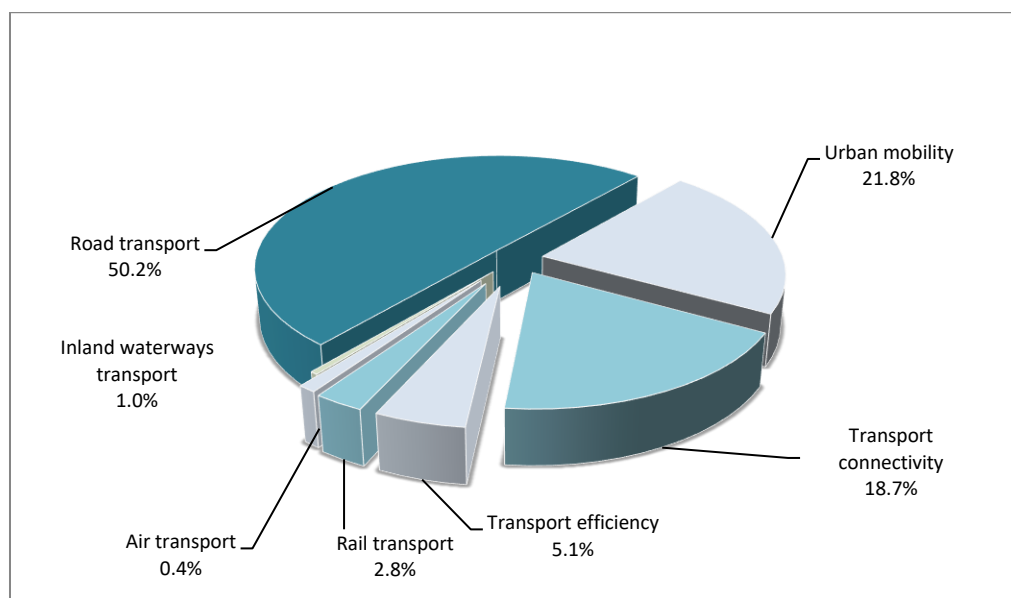


Figure 4.4. presents the structure of total disbursed funds in 2024 by subsectors.

Out of the total disbursed funds in the Sector in 2024, 90.6% was disbursed to three subsectors: Road transport (50.2%), Urban mobility (21.8%) and Transport connectivity (18.7%), while the remaining 9.4% of the funds was disbursed to other subsectors. Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 4.4. Total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2024



Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2024

| PROJECT TITLE | Development partner | Total project value (EUR mil) |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| SARAJEVO URBAN TRANSPORT PROJECT | EIB | 370.00 |
| CORRIDOR VC MEDAKOVO-POPRIKUSE | EIB | 340.00 |
| CORRIDOR VC CENTRE | EIB | 294.00 |
| Corridor Vc - Doboj Bypass | EBRD | 210.00 |
| CORRIDOR VC POCITELJ - BIJACA | EIB | 100.00 |
| Floods - FBH Roads Repair and Upgrade | EBRD | 65.00 |
| Corridor Vc in FBH - Part 3 | EBRD | 60.00 |
| Republika Srpska Railways Restructuring Project | The World bank | 51.30 |
| Sarajevo Urban Roads | EBRD | 40.00 |
| GrCF Tram line Ilidza-Hrasnica (f.Sarajevo E-Tram Ext) | EBRD | 25.00 |

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| DCF members active in the sector in 2024 | EBRD, Germany, EU, United States of America, Czech Republic, UN and Croatia. |
| Other key international organizations | Energy Community; South East Europe Energy Community; World Energy Council; International Atomic Energy Agency; Western Balkans Investment Framework; Regional Cooperation Council. |
| Key government partners | 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. |
| Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2024 by DCF members | <p>Total allocated amounted to € 52.44 mil, of which € 7.34 mil were grants and € 45.10 mil were loans.</p> <p>Total disbursed amounted to € 6.37 mil, of which € 6.23 mil were grants and € 0.14 mil were loans.</p> <p>Out of the total ODA in 2024, 8% was allocated to the Sector, while 1% was disbursed.</p> |
| Coordination with | <p>Energy connectivity: Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination, project-based and mostly bilateral/multilateral, self-organizing meetings between development partners with MoFTER attendance.</p> <p>Energy efficiency: Coordination meetings between development partners with MoFTER are held biannually.</p> <p>Renewable energy: There is a sub-sector DCF development partners group and MoFTER, however, the meeting has not been convened for one year.</p> <p>Informal <i>ad hoc</i> project-based coordination.</p> <p>Joint Bioenergy program was initiated, following the UN bilateral meetings with GIZ and USAID.</p> <p>Oil: Informal <i>ad hoc</i> project-based coordination</p> <p>Gas: Informal <i>ad hoc</i> project-based coordination</p> <p>Electricity: Informal <i>ad hoc</i> coordination</p> <p>Nuclear safety and radiation protection: Informal <i>ad hoc</i> project-based coordination.</p> <p>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.</p> |

Overview of activities in 2024

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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 2024

DCF members active in the Energy sector in 2024 are EBRD, Germany, EU, United States of America, Czech Republic, UN and Croatia.

Total allocated funds of DCF members to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 52.44 mil, of which € 7.34 mil were grants and € 45.10 mil were loans.

Total disbursed funds to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 6.37 mil, of which € 6.23 mil were grants and € 0.14 mil were loans.

Figure 5.1. presents allocated and disbursed grant funds provided by development partners in accordance with the level of investment. Development partners that in 2024 allocated and disbursed the highest amounts of grant funds were the European Union, the United States of America and Germany.

Figure 5.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2024

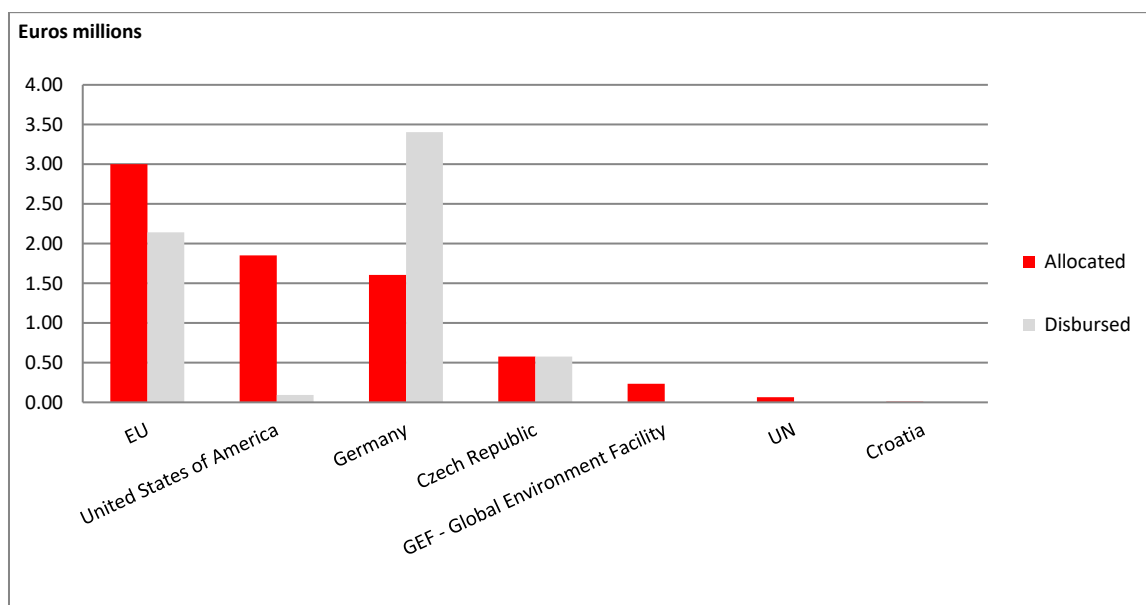
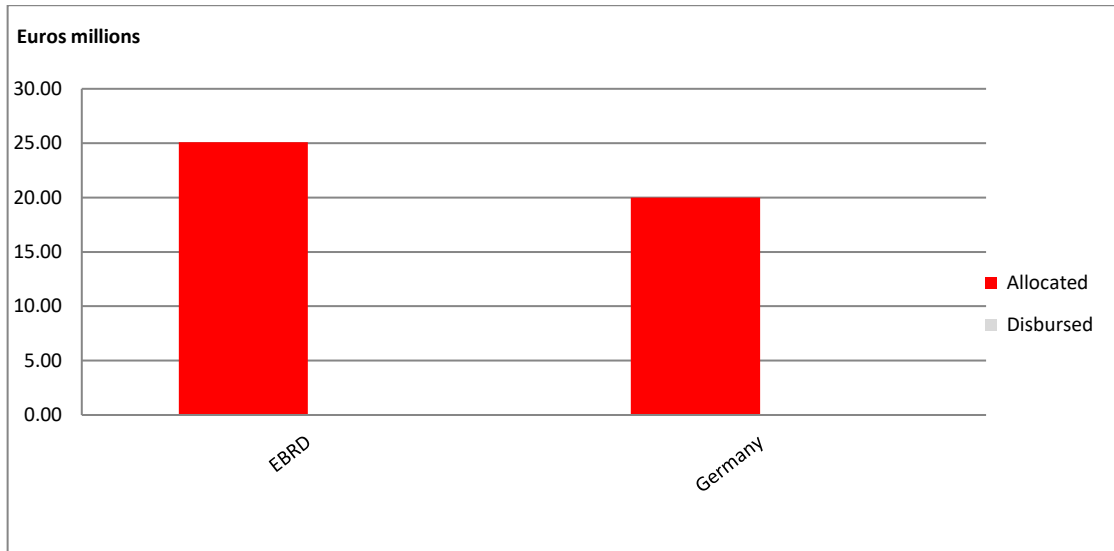


Figure 5.2. presents loan allocations and disbursements in 2024.

In 2024, EBRD allocated € 25.10 mil (55.7%), while Germany allocated € 20.00 mil (44.3%).

Out of the total disbursed € 0.14 mil in loan funds, Germany disbursed € 0.09 mil (64.7%), while EBRD disbursed € 0.05 mil (35.3%).

Figure 5.2. Allocated and disbursed loans per creditors in 2024



The Energy sector consists of 7 subsectors. Figure 5.3. presents the structure of total allocated funds by subsectors.

Out of the total allocated funds in 2024, 96.1% was allocated to the subsectors Renewable energy (48.9%) and Energy efficiency (47.2%). Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 5.3. Total allocated funds per sub-sectors in 2024

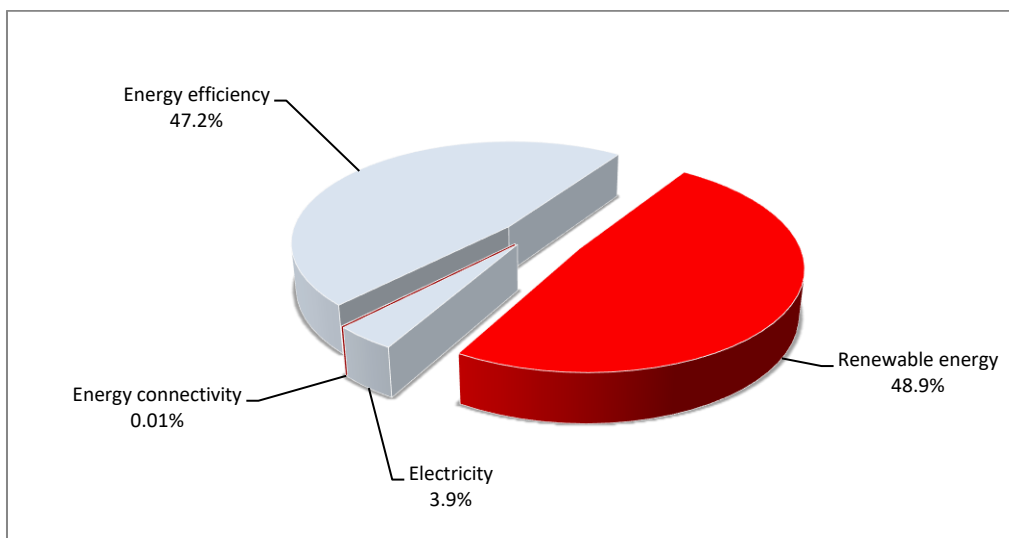
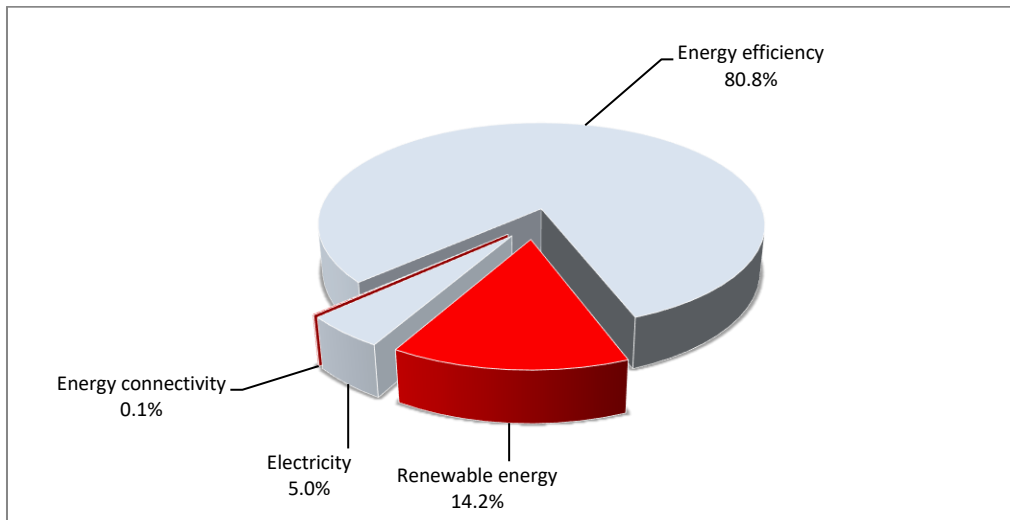


Figure 5.4. presents the structure of total disbursed funds in 2024 by subsectors.

Out of the total disbursed funds in the Sector in 2024, 80.8% of the funds were disbursed to the Energy efficiency subsector. Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 5.4. Total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2024



Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2024

| PROJECT TITLE | Development partner | Total project value (EUR mil) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Low Carbon Facility Bosnia and Herzegovina | Germany | 23.00 |
| 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 |
| GrCF-Energy Efficient Refurbishment of Zenica Hospital | EBRD | 10.00 |
| Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings in BiH/FBiH | Germany | 9.50 |
| (USAID) Energy Policy Activity 2 (EPA 2) | United States of America | 8.84 |
| EU4Energy Component 1 - Technical Assistance in the energy sector of Bosnia and Herzegovina | EU | 4.41 |
| EU4Collective Action for Energy Transition | EU | 3.00 |
| Catalyzing Environmental Finance for Low-carbon Urban Development | UN, GEF | 2.78 |

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| <p>DCF members active in the sector in 2024</p> | <p>World Bank, EU, United States of America, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, Croatia, Japan, Slovenia, Italy/AICS, UN.</p> |
| <p>Other key international organizations</p> | <p>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).</p> |
| <p>Key government partners</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2024 by DCF members</p> | <p>Total allocated amounted to € 115.12 mil, of which € 27.03 mil were grants and € 88.09 mil were loans.</p> <p>Total disbursed amounted to € 137.76 mil, of which € 14.34 mil were grants and € 123.42 mil were loans.</p> <p>Out of the total ODA in 2024, 18% was allocated to the Sector, while 17% was disbursed.</p> |
| <p>Coordination among and with development partners</p> | <p>Trade and internal market: 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> |

Private sector development: To some extent, MoFTER is leading the coordination of development partners.

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.

In the area of micro, small and medium enterprises there is no formal coordination of development partners, and coordination is based on informal *ad-hoc* basis

Local economic development: coordination meetings of development partners, which support local development projects organized by UNDP. Informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based and mostly bilateral / multilateral meetings.

Research, innovation and technological development: Informal *ad-hoc* coordination.

Information and communication technology (ICT): Informal *ad-hoc* coordination.

Tourism and heritage: 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.

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

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 2024.

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 2024

DCF members active in the Competitiveness and innovation sector in 2024 are World Bank, EU, United States of America, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, Croatia, Japan, Slovenia, Italy/AICS and UN.

Total allocated funds of DCF members to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 115.12 mil, of which € 27.03 mil were grants and € 88.09 mil were loans.

Total disbursed funds to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 137.76 mil, of which € 14.34 mil were grants and € 123.42 mil were loans.

Figure 6.1. presents allocated and disbursed grant funds provided by development partners in accordance with the level of investment, as well as allocated and disbursed loan funds. Development partners that in 2024 allocated and disbursed the highest amounts of grant funds to the Sector were EU and United States of America, followed by Switzerland, Germany, Sweden and Croatia.

Figure 6.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2024

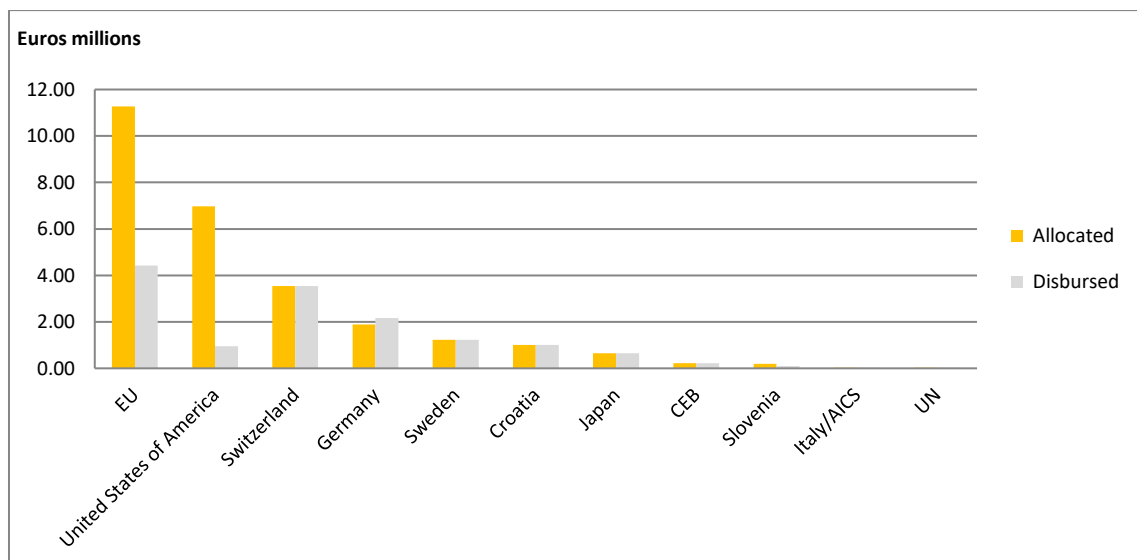
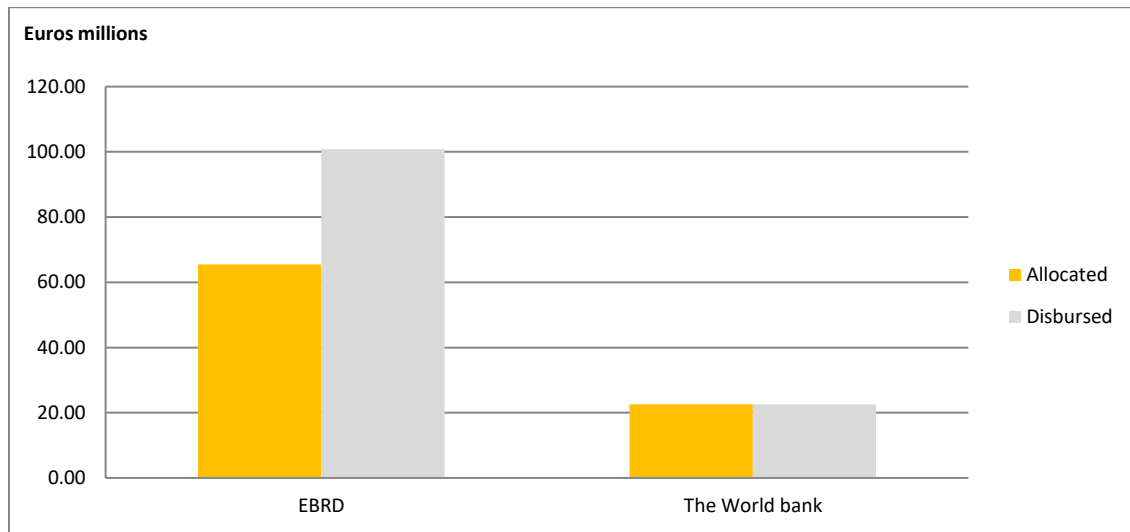


Figure 6.2. presents allocated and disbursed loans funds in 2024

Figure 6.2. Allocated and disbursed loans per creditors in 2024



The Competitiveness and innovation sector consists of 6 subsectors. Figure 6.3. presents the structure of total allocated funds by subsectors. Out of the total allocated funds in 2024, 90.7% of the funds were allocated to the Private sector development subsector. The remaining 9.3% of the funds were allocated to other subsectors. Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 6.3. Total allocated funds per sub-sectors in 2024

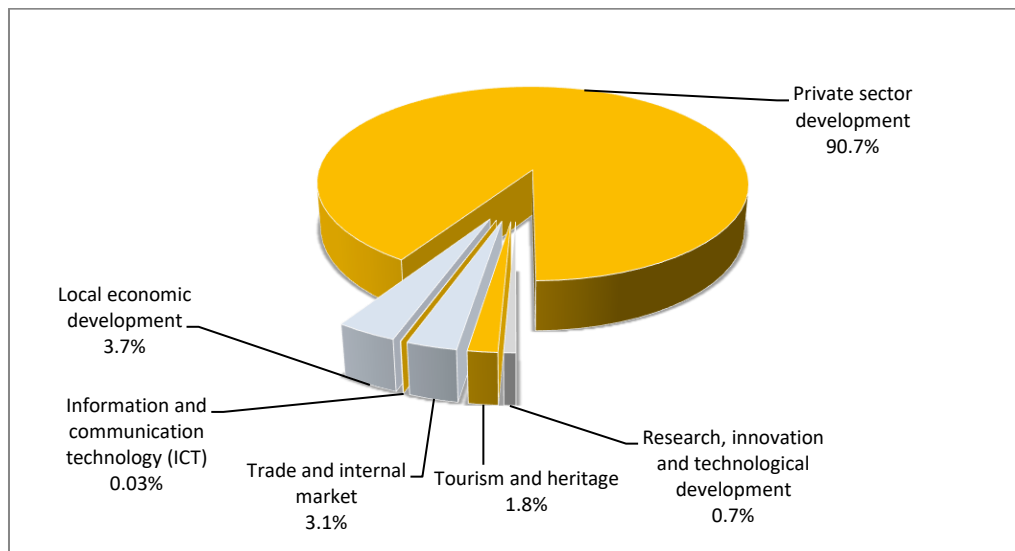
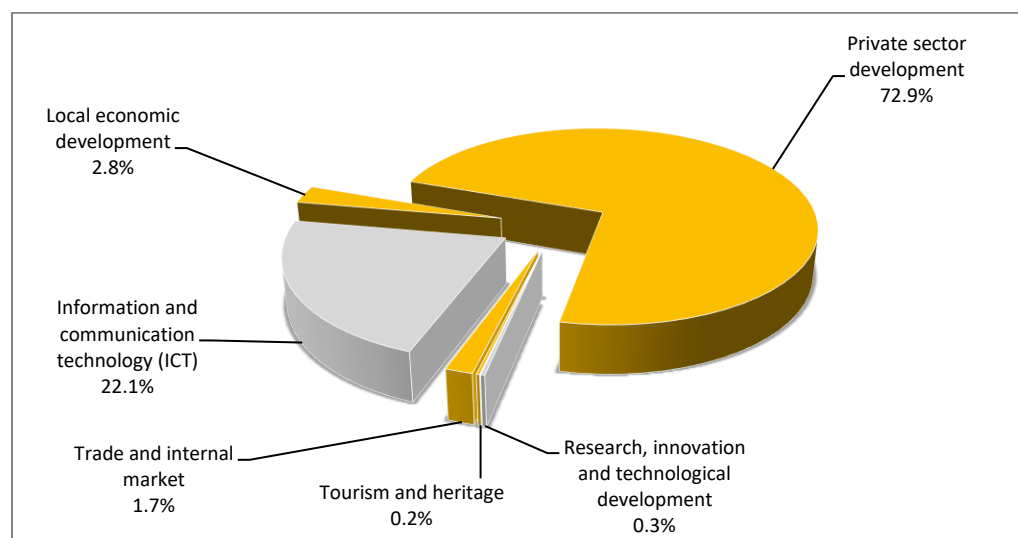


Figure 6.4. presents the structure of total disbursed funds in 2024 by subsectors. Out of the total disbursed funds in 2024, 95.0% was disbursed to two subsectors: Private sector development (72.9%)

and Information and communication technologies (ICT) (22.1%). The remaining 5.0% of the funds were disbursed to other subsectors. Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 6.4. Total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2024



Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2024

| PROJECT TITLE | Development partner | Total project value (EUR mil) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 | United States of America | 19.24 |
| USAID Diaspora Invest 2 Activity (DIA 2) in Bosnia-Herzegovina | United States of America | 14.30 |
| Local Economic Development (LED) in Bosnia and Herzegovina | Switzerland | 13.53 |
| Mid Europa Fund V | EBRD | 12.00 |
| (USAID) Administrative Support | United States of America | 10.00 |
| FIF - Go Digital Pilot in BiH - UniCredit Bank d.d | EBRD | 10.00 |
| Municipal Environmental Governance Project (Phase II) | Switzerland, Sweden | 9.45 |

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| <p>DCF members active in the sector in 2024</p> | <p>Croatia, EIB, EU, Germany, World Bank, Slovenia, UN, Switzerland, Sweden, United States of America, Czech Republic, Hungary and Japan.</p> |
| <p>Other key international organizations</p> | <p>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).</p> |
| <p>Key government partners</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2024 by DCF members</p> | <p>Total allocated amounted to € 71.12 mil, of which € 63.26 mil were grants and € 7.86 mil were loans.</p> <p>Total disbursed amounted to € 74.93 mil, of which € 53.07 mil were grants and € 21.86 mil were loans.</p> <p>Out of the total ODA in 2024, 11% was allocated to the Sector, while 9% was disbursed.</p> |
| <p>Coordination with and among development partners</p> | <p>Education: 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> <p>Vocational education and training: Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination, project-based, bilateral/multilateral meetings.</p> |

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| | <p>Lifelong learning: Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination, project-based, bilateral/multilateral meetings.</p> <p>Labour market and employment: European Union Delegation holds regular coordination meetings with the EU member states.</p> <p>Equal opportunities and gender equality: UN organized the International Gender Equality Working Group.</p> <p>Social dialogue: Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination, project-based, bilateral/multilateral meetings.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Social inclusion and fight against poverty: EU Delegation holds regular coordination meetings with development partners involved in the sub-sector.</p> <p>Education, employment and social infrastructure: Informal <i>ad-hoc</i> coordination.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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Overview of activities in 2024

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 2024.

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 2024

DCF members active in the Education, employment and social policies sector in 2024 are Croatia, EIB, EU, Germany, World Bank, Slovenia, UN, Switzerland, Sweden, United States of America, Czech Republic, Hungary and Japan.

Total allocated funds of DCF members to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 71.12 mil, of which € 63.26 mil were grants and € 7.86 mil were loans.

Total disbursed funds to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 74.93 mil, of which € 53.07 mil were grants and € 21.86 mil were loans.

Figure 7.1. presents allocated and disbursed grant ODA funds in accordance with the level of investment of each individual development partner. Development partners that in 2024 allocated and disbursed the highest amounts of grant funds were Croatia, EU, EIB and Germany.

Figure 7.1. Allocated and disbursed grants per development partners in 2024

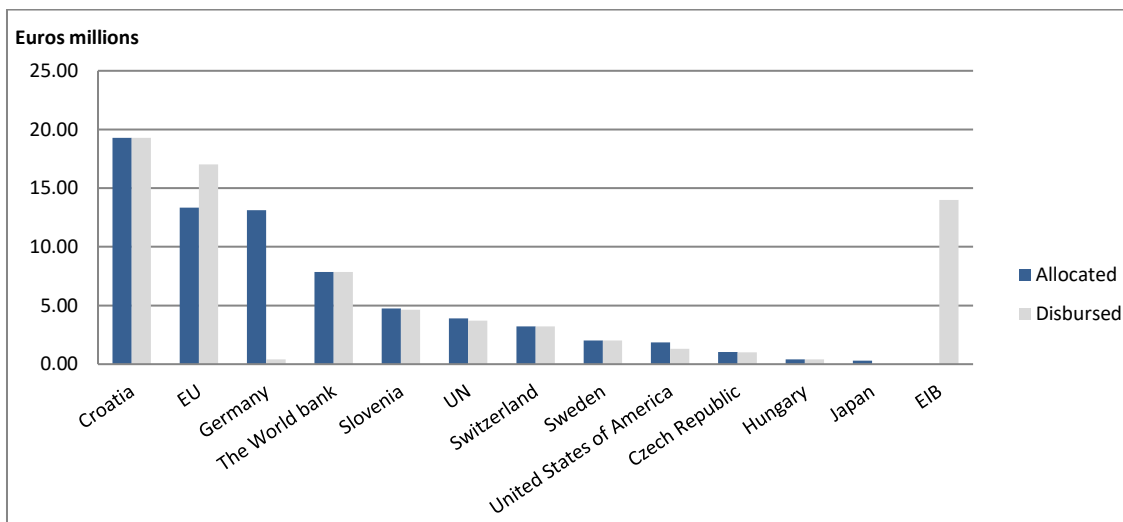
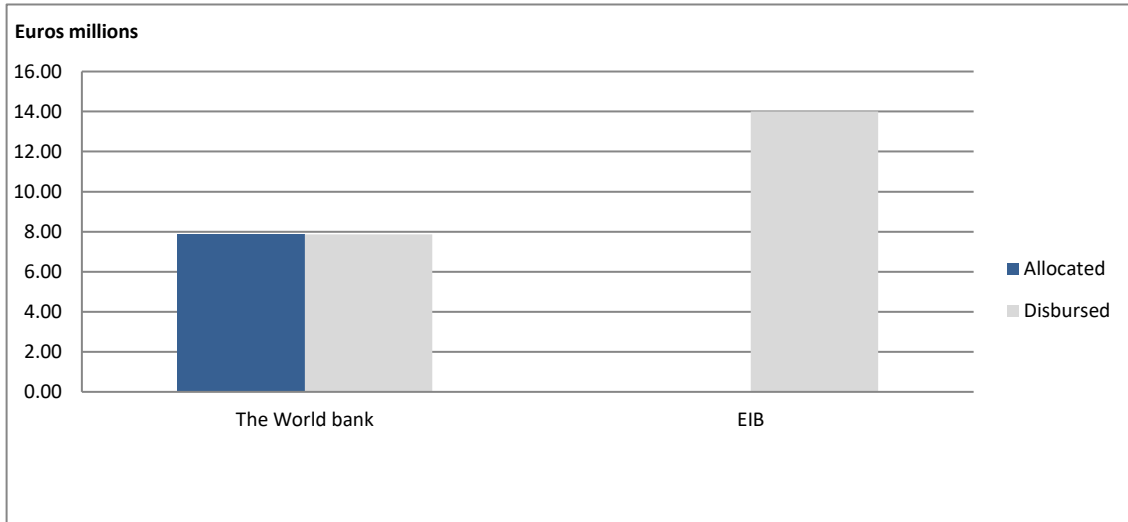


Figure 7.2. Allocated and disbursed loans per creditors in 2024



The Education, employment and social policies sector consists of 9 subsectors. Figure 7.3. presents the structure of total allocated funds by subsectors.

Out of the total allocated funds in the Sector in 2024, 78.7% was allocated to four subsectors: Social protection (29.2%), Vocational education and training (VET) (21.1%), Labour market and employment (16.2%) and Education (12.2%).

The remaining 21.3% of the funds was allocated to other subsectors. Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 7.3. Total allocated funds per sub-sectors in 2024

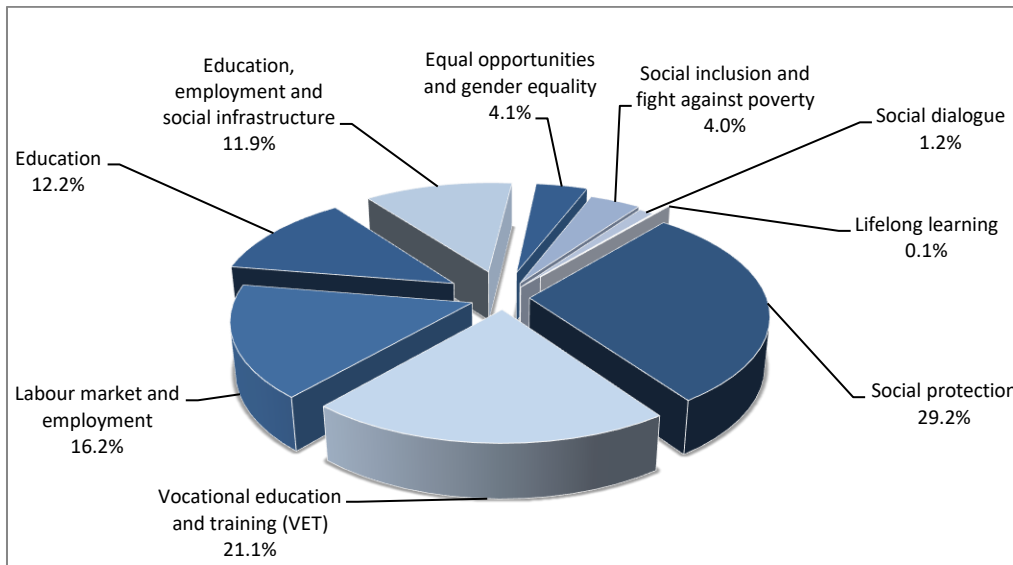
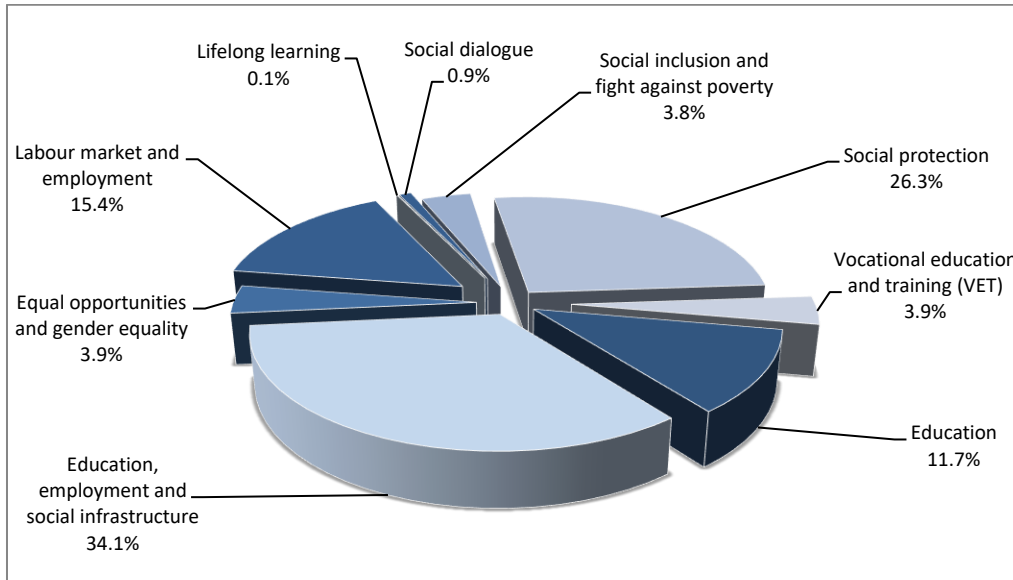


Figure 7.4. presents the structure of total disbursed funds in 2024 by subsectors.

Out of the total disbursed funds in 2024, 60.4% was disbursed to two subsectors: Education, employment and social infrastructure (34.1%) and Social protection (26.3%), while a total of 39.6% of the funds was disbursed to all other subsectors. Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 7.4. Total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2024



Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2024

| PROJECT TITLE | Development partner | Total project value (EUR mil) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| RS HOSPITALS | EIB | 115.00 |
| Second Employment Support Project | The World bank | 39.00 |
| (PDS) Democracy and Human Rights Education Program | United States of America | 12.00 |
| Incentive for healthcare in Bosnia and Herzegovina | Croatia | 10.31 |
| TVET System Strengthening in Bosna and Herzegovina | Switzerland | 10.30 |
| Strengthening VET (SVET) | Switzerland | 10.00 |
| Regional Challenge Fund-BiH Window | Germany | 10.00 |
| Strengthened social, child protection and education systems in BiH to provide inclusive services and prevent institutionalization | EU | 6.32 |
| EU Support to BiH Health Sector Reform - Realizing the Potential of Primary Health Care-driven Health Systems Reforms in Bosnia and Herzegovina (WHO) | EU | 5.90 |
| Youth for Change | Switzerland | 5.58 |

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| <p>DCF members active in the sector in 2024</p> | <p>EU, Italy/AICS, Sweden, UN, Czech Republic, Switzerland and EBRD</p> |
| <p>Other key international organizations</p> | <p>International Fund for Agricultural Development; OPEC Fund for International Development/OFID; European Food Safety Authority; European Center for Disease Prevention and Control.</p> |
| <p>Key government partners</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2024 by DCF members</p> | <p>Total allocated amounted to € 1.59 mil in the form of grants. Total disbursed amounted to € 7.11 mil., of which € 7.11 mil. were grants and € 0.01 mil were loans. Out of the total ODA in 2024, 0.3% was allocated to the Sector and 1% was disbursed.</p> |
| <p>Coordination with and among development partners</p> | <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>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.</p> |

Overview of activities in 2024

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 2024.

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 2024

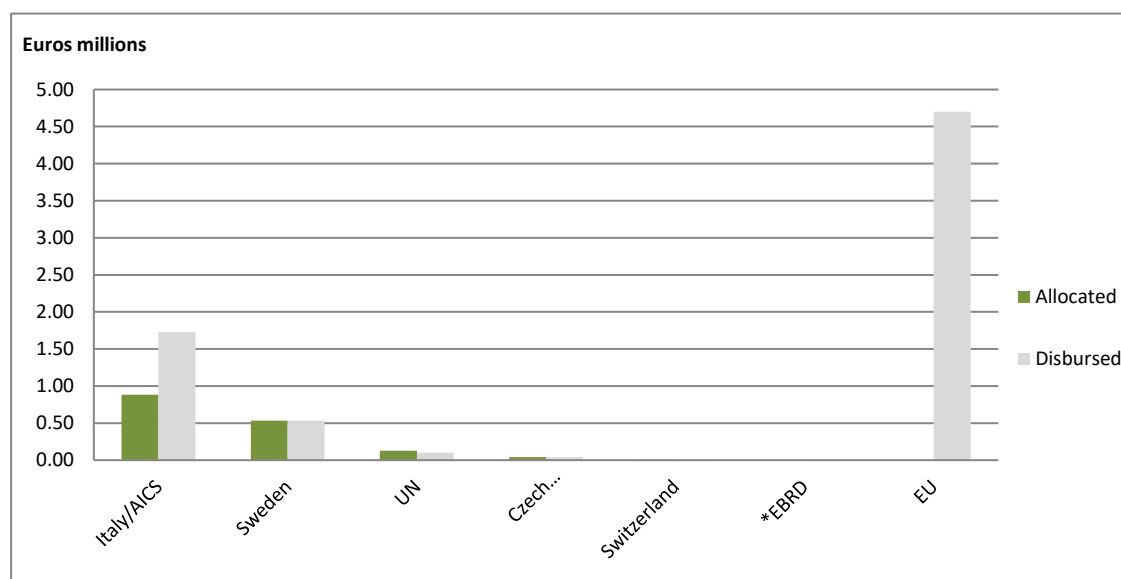
DCF members active in the Agriculture and rural development sector in 2024 are EU, Italy/AICS, Sweden, UN, Czech Republic, Switzerland and EBRD.

Total allocated funds of DCF members to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 1.59 mil in the form of grants.

Total disbursed funds to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 7.11 mil., of which € 7.11 mil were grants and € 0.01 mil were loans.

Figure 8.1. presents allocated and disbursed grant funds provided by development partners in accordance with the level of investment, as well as allocated and disbursed loan funds of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). The highest level of disbursement was recorded by the EU.

Figure 8.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2024



* Note: EBRD loan

The Agriculture and rural development sector consists of 5 subsectors. Figure 8.2. presents the structure of total allocated funds by subsectors.

Out of the total allocated funds in 2024, 99.5% of the funds were allocated to the Rural development subsector, while the remaining 0.5% of the funds were allocated to the Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policies subsector.

Figure 8.2. Total allocated funds per sub-sectors in 2024

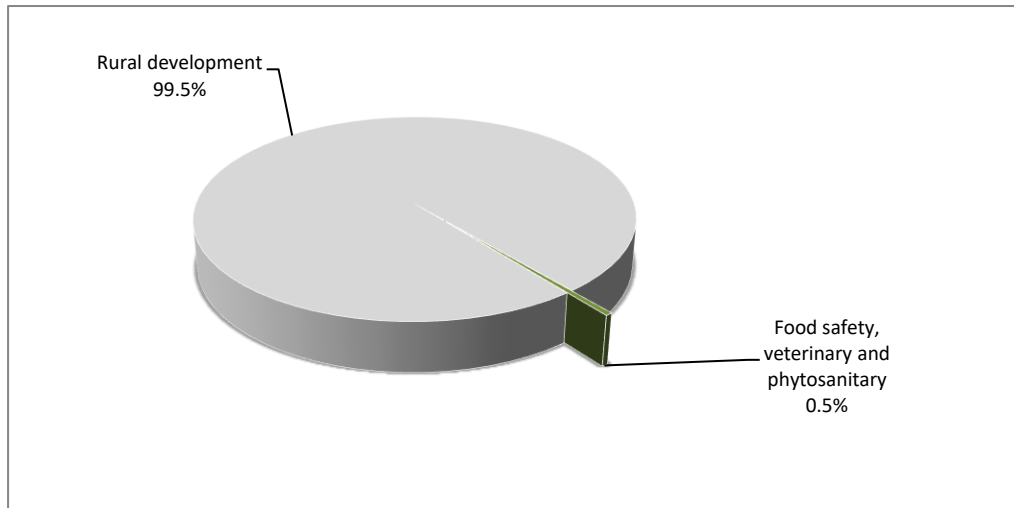
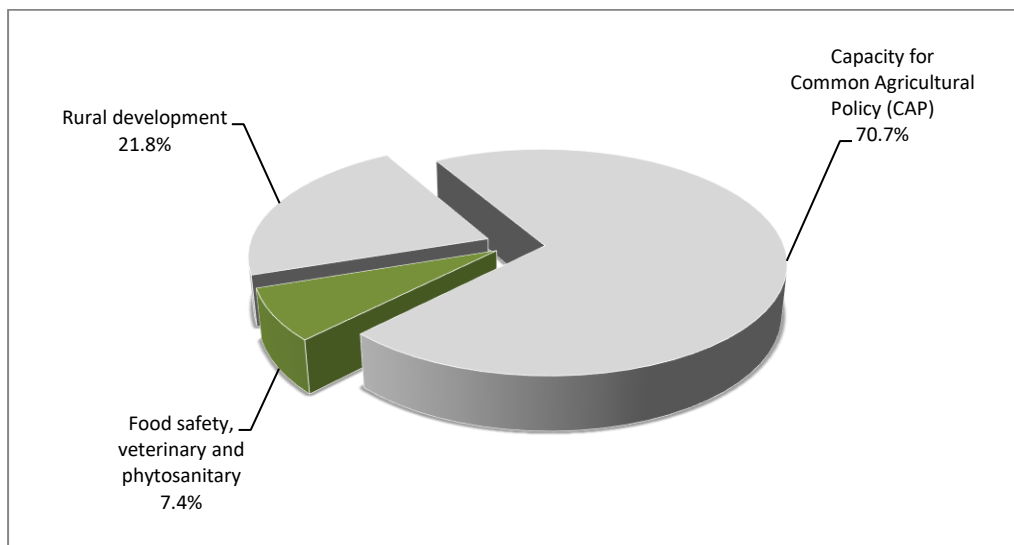


Figure 8.3. presents the structure of total disbursed funds in 2024 by subsectors.

Total disbursed funds in 2024 were disbursed to three subsectors: Capacity for the Common Agricultural Policy (70.7%), Rural development (21.8%) and Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policies (7.4%). Subsectors that did not receive funding are not presented in the figure.

Figure 8.3. Total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2024



Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2024

| PROJECT TITLE | Development partner | Total project value (EUR mil) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| EU Support to Agriculture Competitiveness and Rural Development in Bosnia and Herzegovina (EU4AGRI) | EU | 20.00 |
| EU support to capacity building and gradual acquis alignment in the veterinary sector of Bosnia and Herzegovina | EU | 3.00 |
| 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 Food safety sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina | EU | 1.50 |
| EU support to capacity building and gradual Union acquis alignment in the phytosanitary sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina | EU | 1.50 |
| Disaster Risk Reduction for Sustainable Development UNJP, Phase II (Joint UN Programme) | Switzerland | 0.25 |
| Field-level testing and agronomic evaluation of new sweet cherry varieties in Sub-Mediterranean Herzegovina | UN | 0.18 |
| SDG Localization Through Healthy Food Systems Transformation (Joint UN Programme) | UN | 0.16 |
| EU Support in provision of vaccines against brucellosis - Lot No 2 | EU | 0.14 |

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| DCF members active in the sector in 2024 | The World Bank, Croatia, Sweden, Italy/AICS, EBRD and Germany. |
| Other key international organizations | Regional Cooperation Council; Energy Community of Southeast Europe; South East Europe Transport Observatory; Central European Free Trade Agreement, South East European Cooperation Process |
| Key government partners | 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 |
| Total allocation / disbursement to the sector in 2024 by DCF members | <p>Total allocated amounted to € 14.92 mil, of which € 2.70 mil were grants and € 12.22 mil were loans.</p> <p>Total disbursed amounted to € 15.35 mil, of which € 2.86 mil were grants and € 12.50 mil were loans.</p> <p>Out of the total ODA in 2024, 2% was allocated to the Sector and 2% was disbursed.</p> |
| Coordination with and among development partners | <p>Single mechanism for coordination of development partners does not exist.</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>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.</p> |

Overview of activities in 2024

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 2024.

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 2024

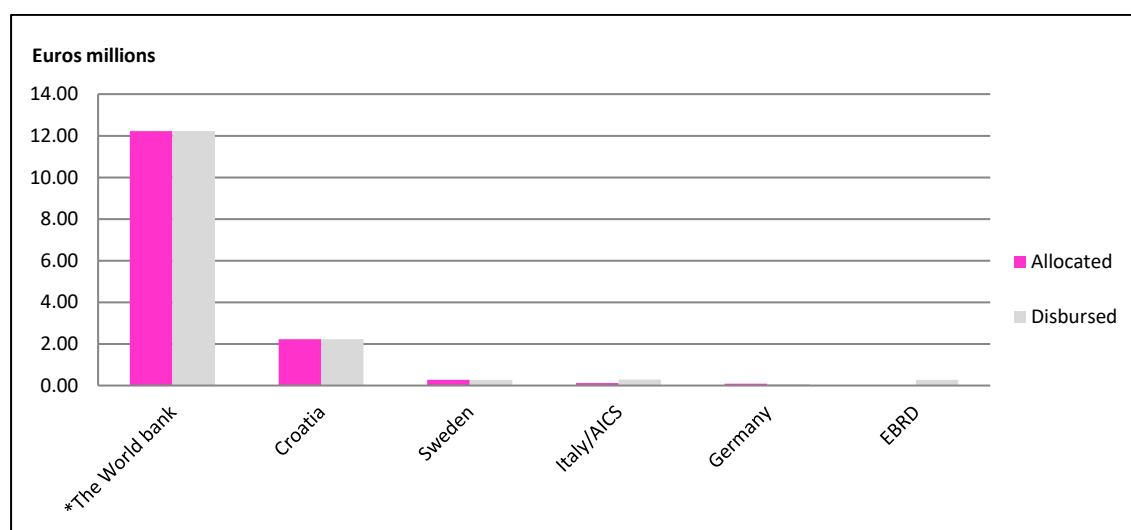
DCF members active in the Regional and territorial cooperation sector in 2024 are World Bank, Croatia, Sweden, Italy/AICS, EBRD and Germany.

Total allocated funds of DCF members to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 14.92 mil, of which € 2.70 mil were grants and € 12.22 mil were loans.

Total disbursed funds to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 15.35 mil, of which € 2.86 mil were grants and € 12.50 mil were loans.

Figure 9.1. presents allocated and disbursed grant ODA funds in accordance with the level of investment of each individual development partner. The highest allocations and disbursements of grant funds were recorded by the World Bank and Croatia.

Figure 9.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2024



World Bank loan

* Note:

The Regional and territorial cooperation sector consists of 4 subsectors.

Figure 9.3. presents the structure of total allocated funds by subsectors.

Out of the total allocated funds in 2024, 82.1% was allocated to the Regional investment support subsector, while 17.9% was allocated to other subsectors.

Figure 9.3. Total allocated funds per sub-sectors in 2024

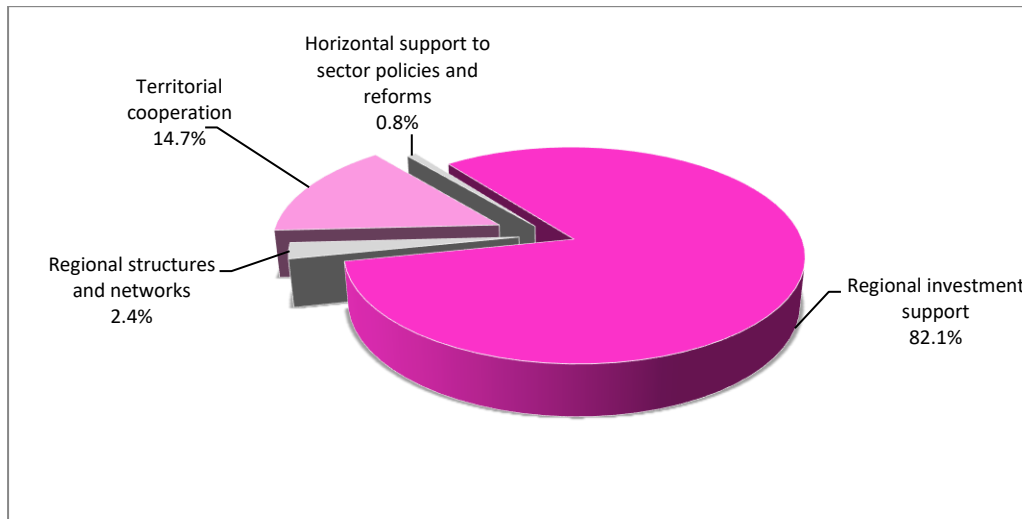
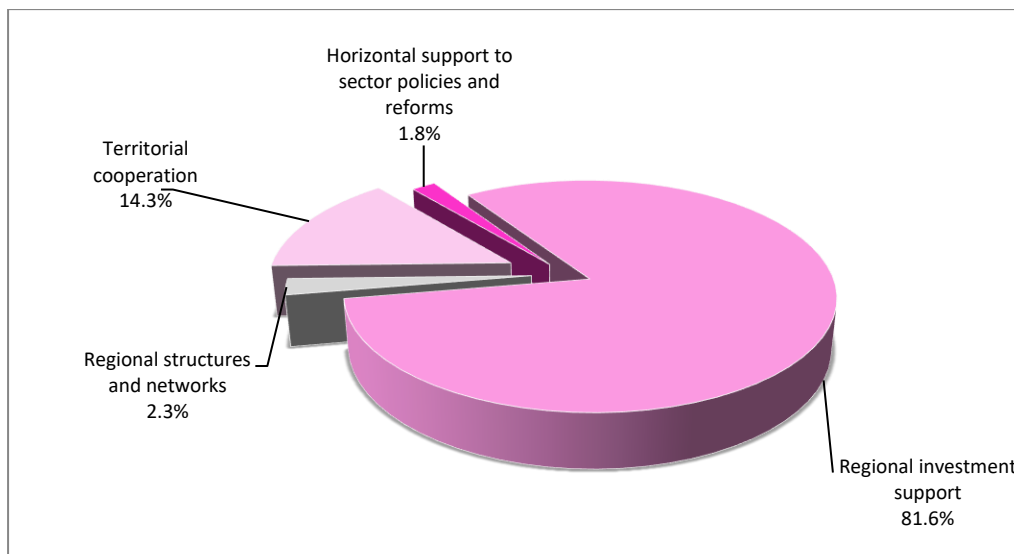


Figure 9.4. presents the structure of total disbursed funds in 2024 by subsectors.

Out of the total disbursed funds in 2024, 81.6% was disbursed to the Regional investment support subsector, while 18.4% was disbursed to the remaining three subsectors combined.

Figure 9.4. Total disbursed funds per sub-sectors in 2024



Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2024

| 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 |
| DanubeCrafts | Croatia | 1.99 |
| Support to the management and the monitoring of the development cooperation initiatives in Bosnia and Herzegovina | Italy/AICS | 1.53 |
| Green City Action Plan for Brcko District | Italy/AICS | 0.11 |
| Playing today, planning for tomorrow: Children's playground and a shared vision of the gas future in the Posavska County, BIH | Croatia | 0.06 |
| Presentation of cultural heritage in local communities | Croatia | 0.06 |
| Equipment procurement project for the Orašje County Civil Protection Administration, BIH by the City of Vinkovci, Croatia | Croatia | 0.04 |
| Development of tourist potential in the cross-border area implemented in the Posavska County, BIH by the Vukovar-Srijem County in Croatia | Croatia | 0.03 |
| Expansion and strengthening of the capacity of physical medicine and rehabilitation in the Orašje County Hospital, BIH | Croatia | 0.03 |

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| DCF members active in the sector in 2024 | Croatia, UN, EU, Switzerland, Germany, Italy/AICS, World Bank, United Kingdom, Hungary, United States of America, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Norway. |
| Total allocation/ disbursement to the sector in 2024 by DCF members | <p>Total allocated amounted to € 31.34 mil, of which € 30.67 mil were grants and € 0.67 mil were loans.</p> <p>Total disbursed amounted to € 28.68 mil, of which € 28.01 mil were grants and € 0.67 mil were loans.</p> <p>Out of the total ODA in 2024, 5% was allocated to the Sector, while 4% was disbursed.</p> |
| Coordination with and among development partners | 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. |

Investments of DCF members in 2024

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.

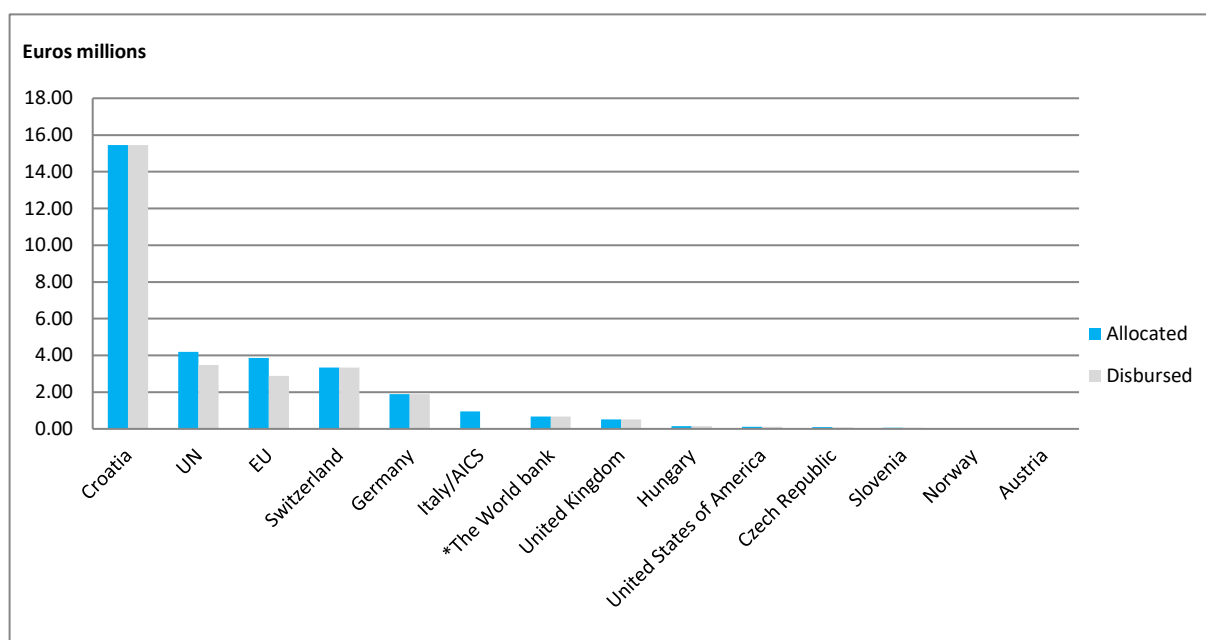
DCF members active in the Cross-cutting sector in 2024 are Croatia, UN, EU, Switzerland, Germany, Italy/AICS, World Bank, United Kingdom, Hungary, United States of America, Czech Republic, Slovenia and Norway.

Total allocated funds of DCF members to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 31.34 mil, of which € 30.67 mil were in the form of grants and € 0.67 mil were in the form of loans.

Total disbursed funds to the Sector in 2024 amounted to € 28.68 mil, of which € 28.01 mil were in the form of grants and € 0.67 mil were in the form of loans.

Figure 10.1. presents allocated and disbursed grant funds provided by development partners in accordance with the level of investment. The highest allocations and disbursements were recorded by Croatia, World Bank and Switzerland.

Figure 10.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2024



*Note: The World Bank loan

Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2024

| PROJECT TITLE | Development partner | Total project value (EUR mil) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Health Systems Improvement Project | The World bank | 67.30 |
| Strengthening of Nursing | Switzerland | 10.68 |
| Support program for strategic projects to promote culture, information, and education | Croatia | 7.94 |
| Global Credit Cooperation | Switzerland | 7.60 |
| Support program for culture, education, science, health, agriculture and other areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina | Croatia | 6.50 |
| Economic Governance for Growth 2 | UN | 5.89 |
| Via Dinarica 2 | UN | 2.51 |
| Accelerator Lab - BIH | UN | 2.12 |
| ARS AEVI' Final Architectural Project Design of the New Contemporary Art Museum of Sarajevo | Italy/AICS | 2.00 |
| Information and Communication Support for the EU Delegation in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina | EU | 1.96 |

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Croatia

Czech Republic

France

Germany

Hungary

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Croatia

Policy approach

Taking into account the foreign policy, security, development and economic dimensions in 2024, the Republic of Croatia focused its development activities primarily in the region of the South East Europe, in which Bosnia and Herzegovina stood out in particular as one of the priority countries and due to its ambition for the Euro-Atlantic integration. Thus, 26 % of the total Official Development Aid¹ (hereinafter: ODA) of the Republic of Croatia in 2024 was directed to Bosnia and Herzegovina, placing it second, just after Ukraine.

The structure of the total ODA of the Republic of Croatia in 2024 shows that the Republic of Croatia implemented humanitarian activities to a somewhat greater extent than in previous years. Humanitarian projects in 2024 remained focused on Bosnia and Herzegovina (placed second just behind Ukraine), with the Ministry of Health participating in the ODA allocations with the amount of EUR 10.31 million for healthcare incentives to BiH. Moreover, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (hereinafter: MFEA) provided humanitarian aid to the population in flood-affected areas in BiH in the amount of EUR 10 million: emergency humanitarian assistance was provided to the flood-affected areas in BiH, especially the municipalities of Kreševo, Fojnica and Kiseljak.

The MFEA of the Republic of Croatia, in cooperation with the OECD's Regional Program for Southeast Europe, has continued with the implementation of 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 (hereinafter: SMEs) in 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.

Contribution to the European Western Balkans Joint Fund under the Western Balkans Investment Framework (hereinafter: WBIF) ensured the support for investments underpinning reform programmes, such as investments in infrastructure projects and loans disbursed directly to the budgets of Western Balkans partners to accelerate growth based on key socioeconomic reforms. Also, as a bilateral donor to the WBIF, the Republic of Croatia has so far allocated 3 million EUR, thus actively shaping the regional priorities of the Western Balkans and advancing EU-aligned reforms. It is through the WBIF that the Republic of Croatia directly supports the largest infrastructure project in the history of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Corridor Vc - a key artery connecting the north and south of the country and ultimately the Adriatic coast with Central and Northern Europe.

The MFEA also 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 (hereinafter: 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 strengthening the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

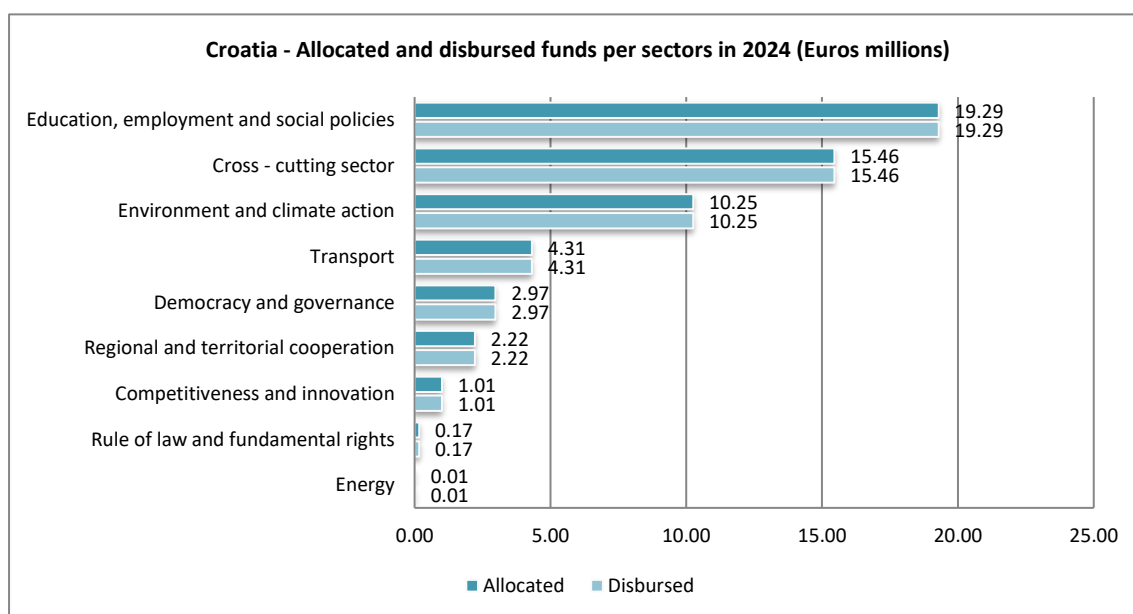
¹ According to preliminary data by OECD

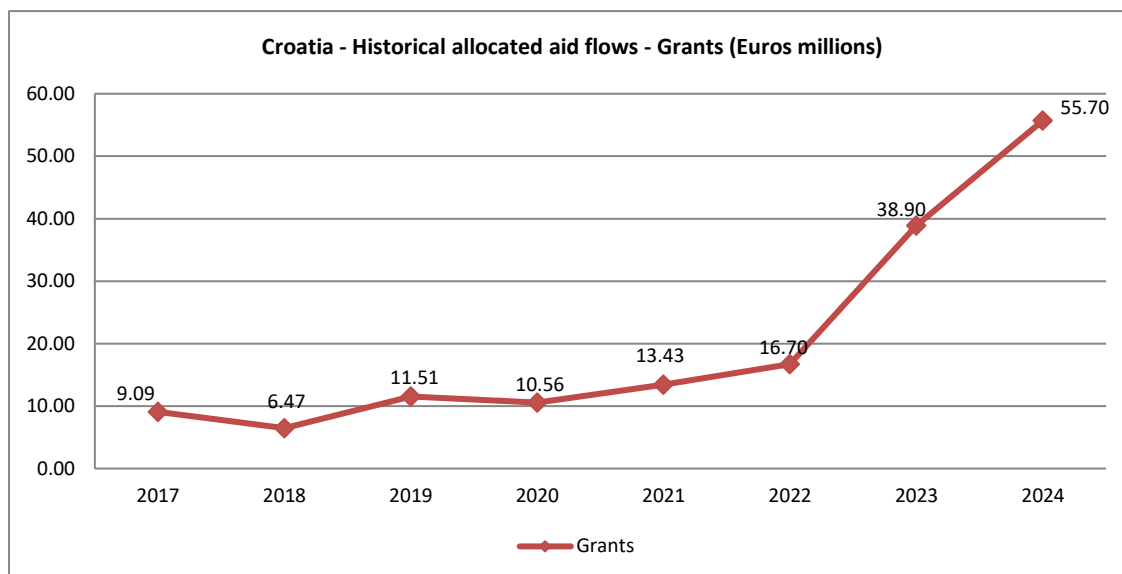
Based on the *2024 Public Call for Financing Projects in the Field of the International Development Cooperation of Civil Society Organizations*, the MFEA has continued its fruitful cooperation with the civil society organizations by supporting the implementation of projects aimed at building financial and non-financial capacities for sustainable growth; strengthening institutions, partner governmental and non-governmental organizations, especially in the areas of institutional development, rule of law, combating corruption, reform processes and EU integration; green transition and digitalization, environmental protection, fostering an enabling environment for SMEs; protection and empowerment of women, children and youth; transfer of experiences and expertise from post-war recovery and democratic transition, support for victims of armed conflicts; strengthening the link between humanitarian-development-peacekeeping (which, among the countries of the Southeast Europe, also included those in Bosnia and Herzegovina).

Moreover, the institution building and activities related 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 MFEA.

Key activities in 2024

The Government of Croatia allocated **€ 55.70 million and disbursed € 55.70 million in 2024 in the form of grants** to the following sectors: Education, Employment and social policies, Cross - cutting sector, Environment and climate action, Transport, Democracy and governance, Regional and territorial cooperation, Competitiveness and innovation, Rule of law and fundamental rights and Energy.





Medium and long-term approach

Pursuant to the new Act on International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid (adopted in February 2024), the National Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia until 2030, the Implementation Programme of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs for the period 2024-2028 and the United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development until 2030, the Republic of Croatia continuously develops policies in the field of the international development cooperation and humanitarian aid and keeps increasing its Official Development Assistance within multilateral and bilateral development and humanitarian frameworks. Considering current profound reshaping of the global development cooperation policies, and guided by the principles of the EU development policies, the Republic of Croatia will continue implementing development projects that substantially improve people's lives in its priority geographical sector of the South Eastern Europe, with the particular emphasis on Bosnia and Herzegovina. The strong and consistent support for the European perspective of the Western Balkans, including BiH, will remain one of the main goals of the Croatian foreign and development policy in the coming years.

In addition to the role of annual co-chair of the WBIF Strategic and Operational Committees in 2025, a key step forward for the Republic of Croatia in 2024 was granting the *Participant* status in the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (hereinafter: OECD DAC), which underlines its significantly strengthened position in the international development community. Also, the Republic of Croatia continued to improve cooperation with state and public authorities of the recipient countries, as well as with civil society organizations.

All of the above will allow the Republic of Croatia to continue fostering tangible improvements in sectors such as education, health, good governance, and inclusive economic development in the Western Balkans, especially in BiH.

Development partners coordination efforts

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Czech Republic

Policy approach

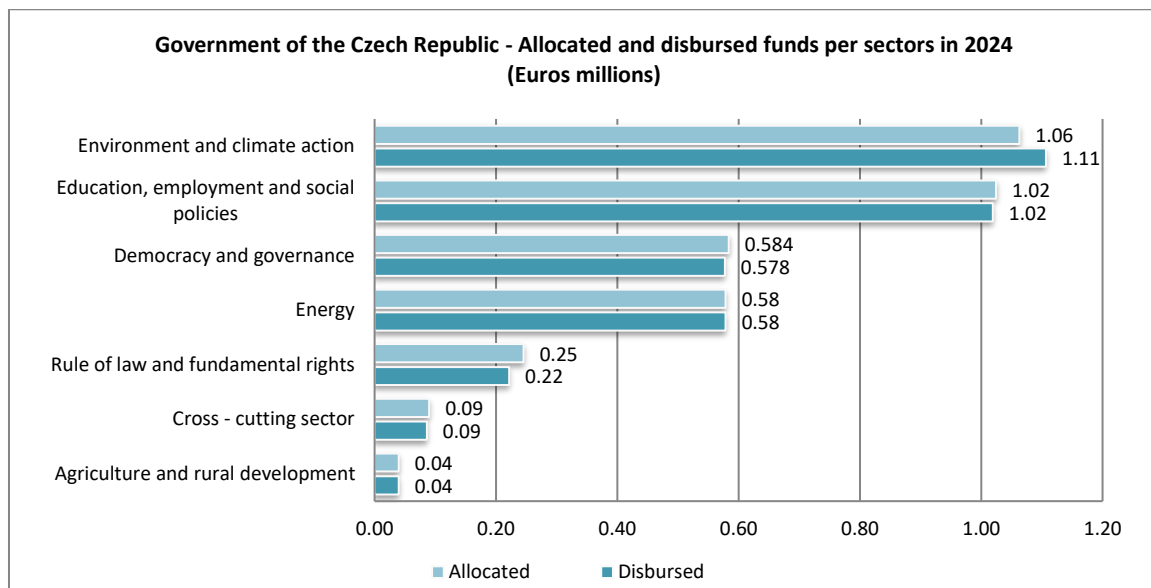
Bosnia and Herzegovina has been among the long-term priorities of the Czech Republic and as such, has been included within the Development Cooperation Strategy of the Czech Republic 2006 – 2010, 2011-2017 among programme priority countries for development cooperation.

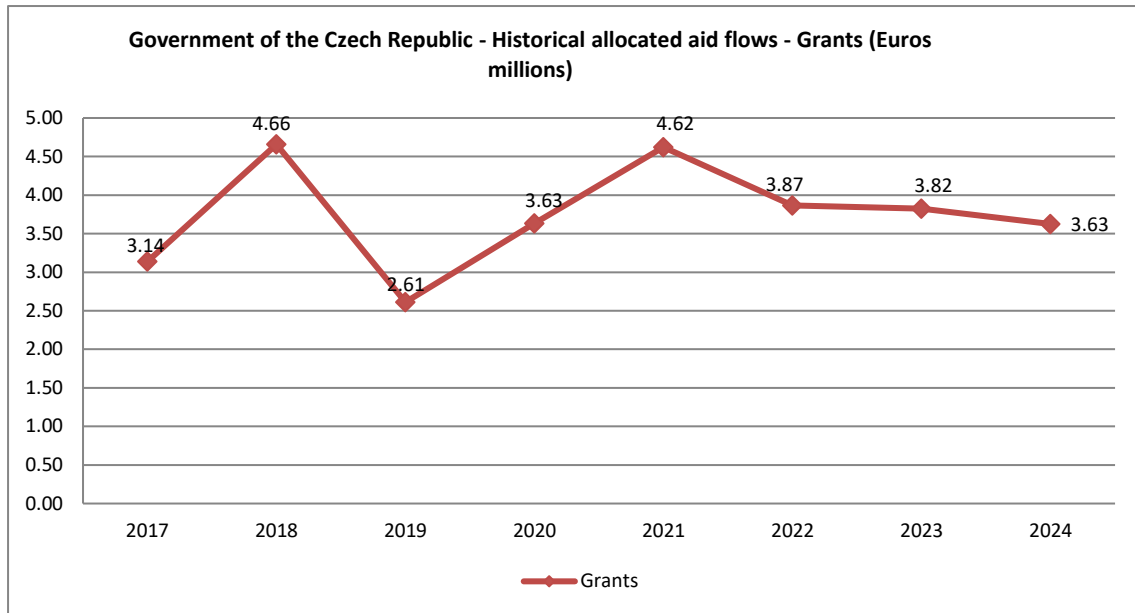
Current Development Cooperation Programme of the Czech Republic with Bosnia and Herzegovina (2018 – 2023) defines the following priority sectors:

- I. Good democratic governance, with focus on building efficient, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels of public administration
- 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. Economic transformation and growth, with focus on providing access to affordable, reliable and sustainable low-emission energy sources towards a technically modern and energy-independent partner country.
- IV. Agriculture and rural development, with focus on the transfer of relevant know-how, the use of suitable agricultural technologies for the sustainable ecosystems and the development of rural smaller households and communities.
- V. Inclusive social development, with focus on education, health care and support of social inclusion

Key activities in 2024

The Government of the Czech Republic allocated **€ 3.63 million and disbursed € 3.63 million in 2024 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Environment and climate action, Education, employment and social policies, Democracy and governance, Energy, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Cross - cutting sector and Agriculture and rural development.





Medium and long-term approach

The Czech Republic's development cooperation strategy for Bosnia and Herzegovina for the 2024–2030 period is designed to align with the country's evolving needs and development priorities, particularly in the context of its EU integration path. Over the medium- and long-term, the Czech Republic aims to deepen its role as a reliable partner by supporting sustainable, inclusive, and resilient development across multiple sectors.

The strategic priorities will continue to focus on three key areas:

Water and Sanitation

Our efforts will concentrate on strengthening municipal capacities in water resource management and wastewater treatment. Projects will promote the application of innovative technologies in municipal infrastructure. Examples include the reconstruction of wastewater treatment plants (e.g., in Gradačac) and the construction of drinking water facilities (e.g., in Teslić).

Circular Economy and Renewable Energy

The Czech Republic will support BiH's transition to a more sustainable and energy-efficient economy. This includes improving energy efficiency in public infrastructure, developing integrated waste management systems, and supporting the adoption of renewable energy sources. Special emphasis will be placed on involving local SMEs and municipalities to facilitate sustainable production processes and ensure compliance with EU environmental standards.

Public Administration and Civil Society

We will continue to invest in the strengthening of institutional capacities in areas such as governance, food safety, and cybersecurity. Supporting civil society remains a priority—particularly initiatives that advance human rights, media freedom, and the socio-economic inclusion of vulnerable populations.

Furthermore, we will promote resilience through disaster risk reduction, migration management, and civil protection systems.

In all three areas, the Czech Republic aims to foster long-term partnerships that empower local actors, enhance institutional sustainability, and support BiH's progress toward EU membership.

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

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

The Government of France is taking part in all development partner coordination groups, if connected with any project when implicated with direct support or through contribution like EU activities.

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Germany

Policy approach

Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) is one of 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. At the Berlin Summit 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 and climate initiatives, benefiting BiH among others.

Focus of the German bilateral Cooperation in BiH is on two areas:

- 1) **Sustainable economic development, training and employment**
- 2) **Climate and energy, just transition,**

Moreover, we invest in good governance and **Peaceful and inclusive societies**.

BiH's 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 promoting green and digital business models. 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.

BiH has excellent natural potential for renewables, yet still relies heavily on coal. Spiking energy prices after the conflict in Ukraine highlighted the urgency of switching to clean power. Through financial cooperation (KfW) and technical assistance (GIZ), Germany supports BiH in expanding renewables and grid infrastructure; improving municipal energy efficiency, and cushioning social impacts of the transition (just transition). These efforts tie into Germany's Regional Climate Partnership pledge for the Western Balkans.

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) GmbH* and *KfW Entwicklungsbank* (Development Bank). Political foundations and other German institutions implement additional projects. Together they provide bilateral grants and loans, technical expertise and regional dialogue platforms that help BiH meet EU standards and deliver tangible benefits for its citizens. The Embassy oversees and co-ordinates these efforts and implements some smaller funds directly.

Focus areas

a) sustainable economic development, training and employment

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 (TVET), 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 manages the Regional Challenge Fund (RCF) – a regional program aimed at improving the quality and relevance of vocational education and training in the Western Balkans, including BiH. It is designed to make vocational schools more responsive to the actual needs of the labor market. For this purpose, KfW allocates grants provided by the German Government for consortia consisting of vocational training institutions and private sector companies, which succeed in a competitive process with best project proposals. Furthermore, in the private sector development, KfW is concentrating on supporting the MSME sector in further improving their investments in energy efficiency (EE) and renewable energy (RE), thereby directly contributing decarbonization. Besides concessional loans, the bank also provides incentives for MSMEs engaging in EE and RE. The incentives for the MSMEs are provided by the Regional Energy Efficiency Program for the Western Balkans (REEP Plus).

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 support the region in achieving its climate goals. 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 2023 at 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 SMESM via the new *Low Carbon Energy Facility*, contributing to reduced energy consumption and fostering private sector engagement in climate protection through the banking sector).

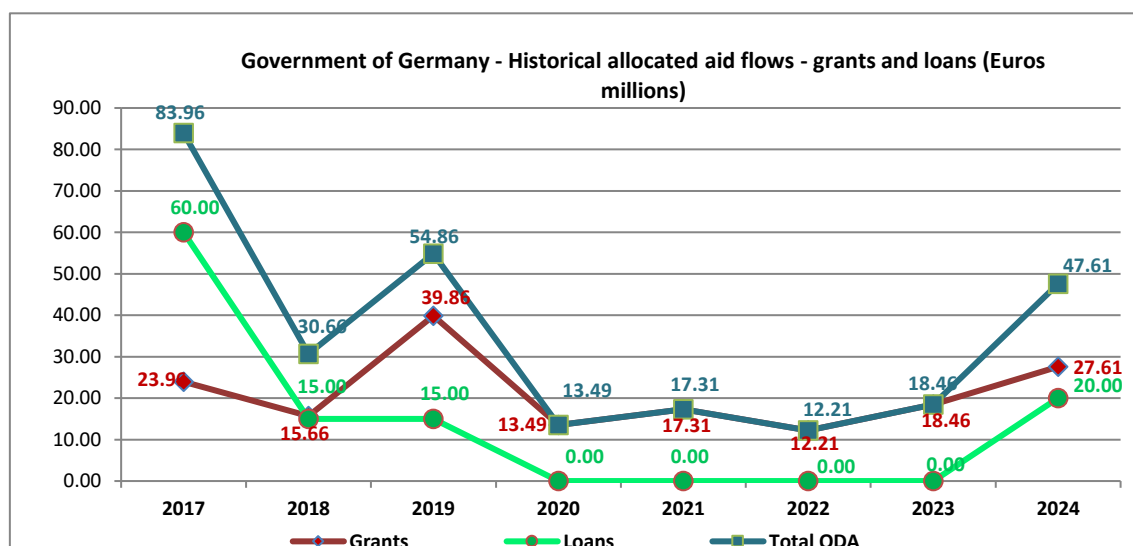
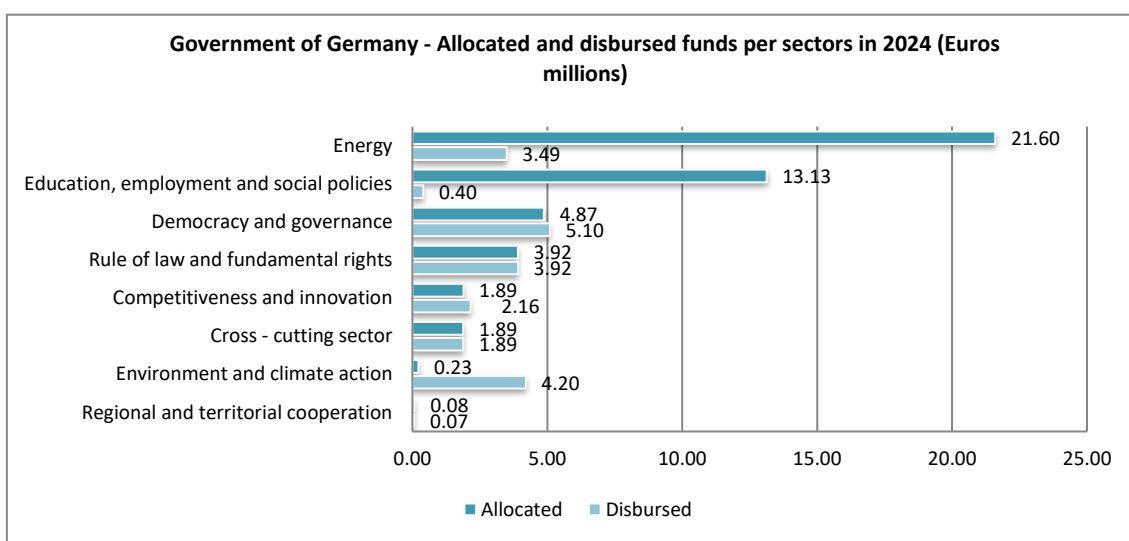
c) Peaceful and inclusive societies/ Good Governance

Across the Western Balkans, GIZ strengthens good governance by building public-sector skills for EU accession, coordinating state actors, and deploying joint police-prosecutor teams to combat trafficking. It empowers the Regional Youth Cooperation Office to run reconciliation exchanges,

modernises municipal services with digital and green solutions, bolsters the financial resilience and journalistic quality of independent media, and guides municipalities in designing data-driven social services that leave no one behind. For several years there was no bilateral project in this field, but during the 2024 government negotiations Germany committed to a new bilateral project to support Bosnia and Herzegovina on its path to EU integration.

Key activities in 2024

The Government of Germany allocated € 47,61² million and disbursed € 21,24 million in 2024 in the form of grant and loan to the following sectors: Energy, Education, employment and social policies, Democracy and governance, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Competitiveness and innovation, Cross - cutting sector, Environment and climate action and Regional and territorial cooperation.



² German Development Bank KfW reports allocations by year of signing of loan or financing agreement

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

Germany regularly participates in donor coordination efforts among EU countries and with the UN institutions in BiH.

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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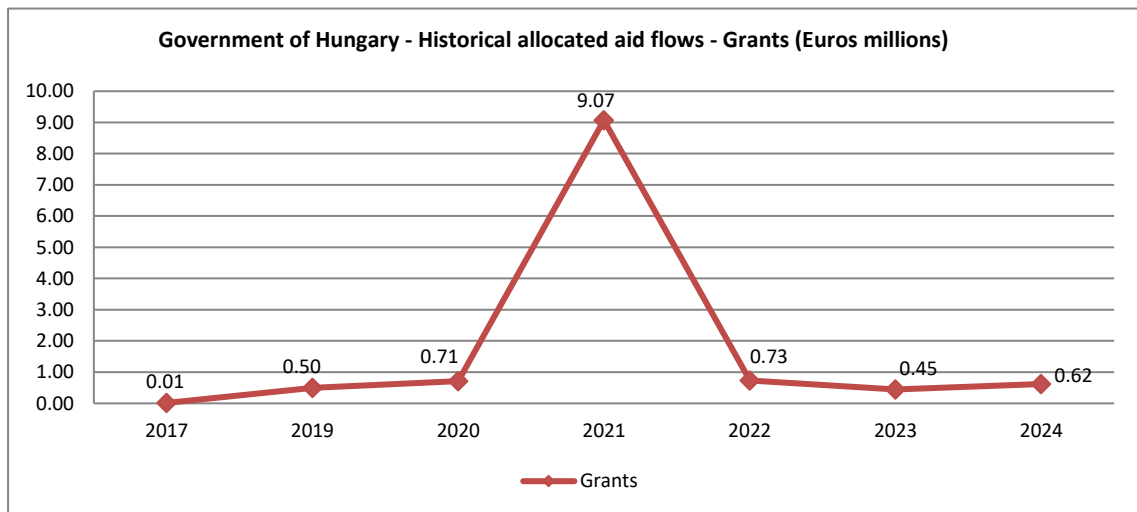
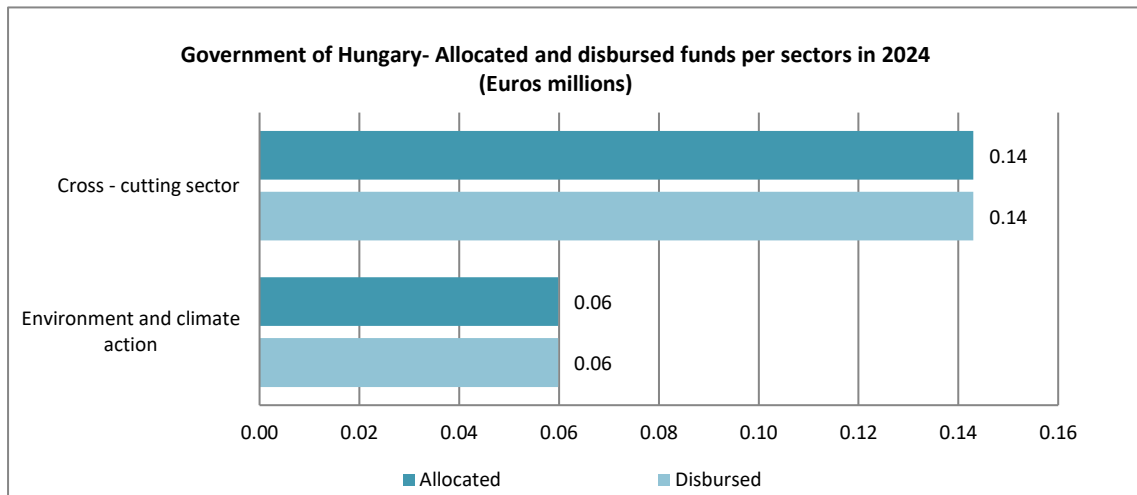
Hungary

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 2024

The Government of Hungary allocated **€0.62 million** and disbursed **€0.62 million** in **2024** in the form of grants to the following sectors: Education, employment and social policies, Cross-cutting sectors and Environment and climate policies.



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) Secretariat;
- Secondment of Hungarian EU-integration expert at the Foreign Ministry of BiH.

Development partners coordination efforts

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Italy / Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

Policy approach

The Italian Government, through its development cooperation strategy in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), remains strongly aligned with the priorities set out in the EU Commission Opinion on BiH's EU accession application, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and key national strategic documents. The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) promote a multidimensional approach aimed at fostering European integration, reconciliation, sustainable development, and institutional strengthening. Italy's interventions span a broad array of sectors, reflecting its commitment to supporting BiH's progress toward a democratic, inclusive, and sustainable society.

Democracy and Governance

Italy continues to support democratic dialogue, citizen participation, and youth engagement, with a focus on fostering social cohesion and reconciliation. Initiatives such as Moving Us Closer 3 and New Generation BiH for EU promote youth empowerment, intercultural dialogue, and civic education, contributing to a more inclusive society. The project between the Municipality of Centar Sarajevo and Reggio Emilia strengthens municipal cooperation and local governance. Additionally, support to the CEI's DATA ROL project highlights Italy's commitment to promoting democratic values and institutional transparency, especially in the area of data protection and the rule of law. The Bridge initiative promotes intercultural dialogue and trust-building among youth from different communities through nature-based and educational activities along the Via Dinarica trail.

Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights

Italy is a committed partner in reinforcing the rule of law and fundamental rights in BiH. Projects such as *"BRAT – Balkan Route: A Welcoming Transit"* address migration management through community-based approaches, while the initiative to strengthen the judiciary and law enforcement capacities targets organized crime and corruption. Support for CEI's *"DATA ROL"* is continued through a second phase, reinforcing institutional capacity in the field of data protection and legal compliance.

Environment and Climate Action

Italy's environmental cooperation focuses on sustainable tourism, green growth, and disaster preparedness. The *Via Dinarica* project supports eco-tourism and local economic development in environmentally sensitive areas, while the project on disaster preparedness and response builds local capacities to manage climate-related risks. These efforts contribute to enhancing the resilience of communities and ecosystems in BiH. The *NaturBosniaHerzegovina* project has strengthened governance in the protected areas of Blidinje and Sutjeska, promoting biodiversity conservation and sustainable tourism in line with EU standards, through integrated management models and community engagement.

Transport and Infrastructure

Through initiatives such as the *"Green Cities Framework 2"* and the *"Port of Brčko – Corporate Development Plan,"* Italy supports the modernization of transport infrastructure with a strong emphasis on sustainability and strategic planning. These interventions aim to improve urban mobility, reduce environmental impact, and enhance the management capacity of public institutions.

Competitiveness and Innovation

Italy promotes inclusive green transition and innovation through projects such as “ENGAGE BH” and “Be Yourself,” which empower youth and marginalized groups to participate in the green economy and digital transformation. These initiatives contribute to BiH’s competitiveness by supporting new skills, entrepreneurship, and energy transition pathways that are socially inclusive.

Agriculture and Rural Development

Italian cooperation in this sector is geared toward promoting sustainable agricultural practices and environmental conservation in line with EU standards. Projects such as “Transition Toward Green and Healthy Food Production” and “Economic Sustainable Development in Areas with Natural Constraints” aim to support smallholder farmers and rural communities, enhance food security, and safeguard biodiversity.

Regional and Territorial Cooperation

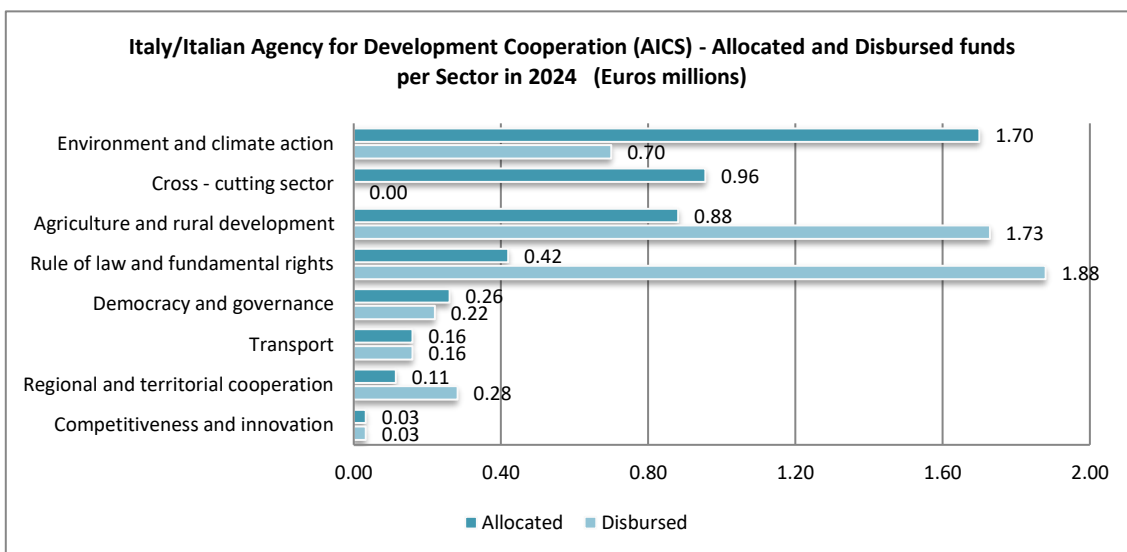
Italy ensures the effective coordination and monitoring of its development cooperation initiatives in BiH through projects that strengthen institutional cooperation at the regional level. Technical support to the “Green City Action Plan for Brčko District” further underscores Italy’s commitment to sustainable territorial development and integrated urban planning.

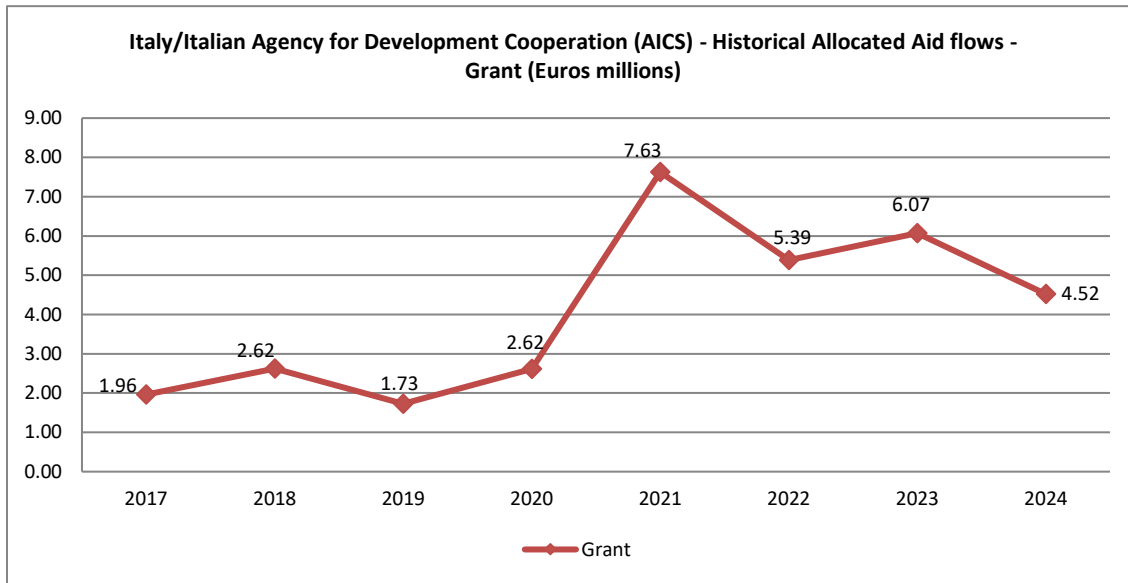
Cross-cutting Sector: Culture and Heritage

Italy remains a key supporter of cultural heritage in BiH, as demonstrated by its continued investment in the “ARS AEVI” project. The finalization of the architectural design of the new Contemporary Art Museum in Sarajevo reflects Italy’s long-standing engagement in promoting art, cultural diplomacy, and intercultural dialogue in the region.

Key activities in 2024

The Government of Italy allocated **€ 4.52 million and disbursed € 5.00 million in 2024 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Environment and climate action, Cross - cutting sector, Agriculture and rural development, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Democracy and governance, Transport, Regional and territorial cooperation and Competitiveness and innovation.





Medium and long-term approach

Italy aims to further consolidate its role as a strategic partner for Bosnia and Herzegovina in the medium- and long-term by advancing initiatives that support EU integration, democratic governance, and sustainable development. Italy's development cooperation will continue to operate in close alignment with the EU accession process, national strategies, and local priorities, with a focus on building institutional capacities, social cohesion, and climate resilience.

Italy intends to continue financing initiatives in the following priority areas:

- **Sustainable Rural Development:** Supporting rural communities to adopt sustainable farming practices and align with EU agri-food regulations. Projects will foster inclusive green growth and food security.
- **Youth Empowerment and Reconciliation:** Expanding youth-focused programs that promote dialogue, civic participation, and inter-ethnic cooperation, helping to build a generation committed to peace and European values.
- **Environmental Sustainability and Disaster Preparedness:** Strengthening resilience to climate change through environmental protection projects, eco-tourism development, and community-based disaster risk reduction.
- **Cultural and Natural Heritage:** Promoting local identity, creativity, and sustainable tourism through the preservation and valorization of cultural and natural assets.
- **Institutional Reform and Rule of Law:** Enhancing transparency, efficiency, and citizen trust in public institutions through judicial and anti-corruption reforms, migration management, and alignment with EU standards.
- **Transport and Innovation:** Supporting climate-smart infrastructure and public transport systems, along with digital innovation projects that contribute to sustainable urban development and job creation.

Italy will also continue to invest in initiatives with high potential for regional cooperation and synergies, ensuring local ownership and long-term sustainability through inclusive partnerships and knowledge exchange with Italian and European stakeholders.

Development partners coordination efforts

Italy participates on a regular basis in the EU Member States Aid Coordination meetings and engages in strategic dialogue with UN agencies and other development partners. Additionally, Italy ensures bilateral and multilateral coordination through periodic ad hoc consultations with representatives of the donor community in BiH, particularly in key sectors such as tourism, environment, and rural development. This inclusive approach allows for enhanced complementarity, reduced duplication, and increased impact of donor-funded initiatives in BiH.

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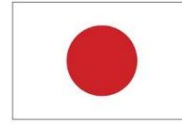
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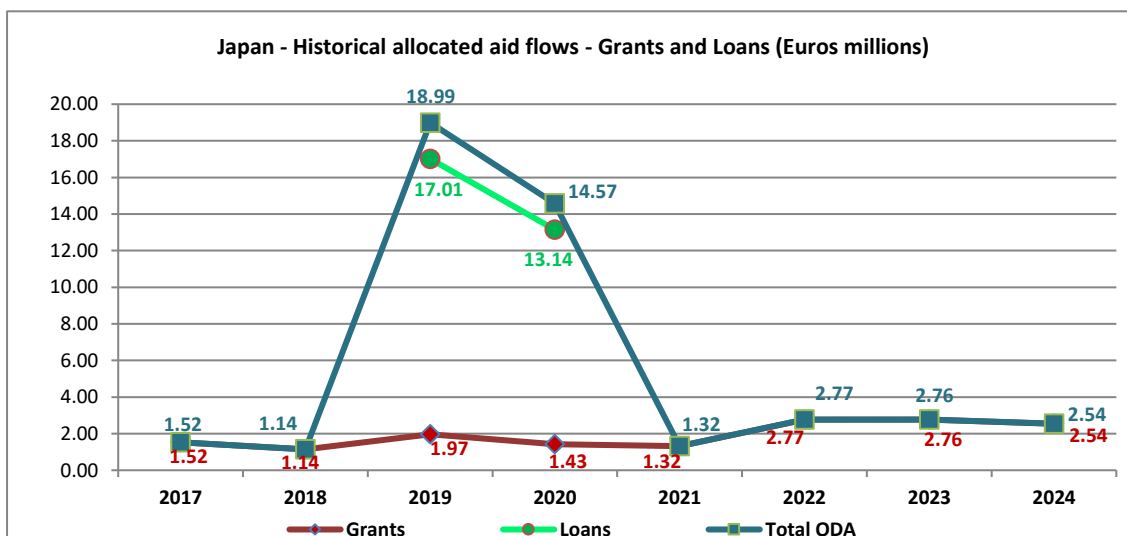
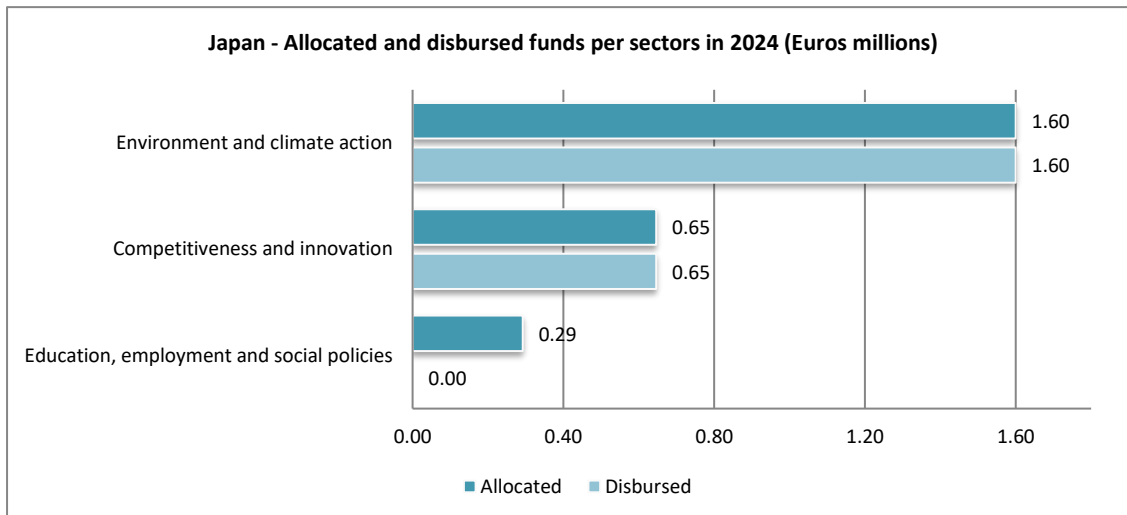
Policy approach

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.

Key activities in 2024

The Government of Japan allocated € 2.54 million and disbursed € 2.25 million in 2024 in the form of grant to the following sector: Environment and climate action, Competitiveness and innovation and Education, employment and social policies.



Medium and long-term approach

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.

Development partners coordination efforts

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.

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The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

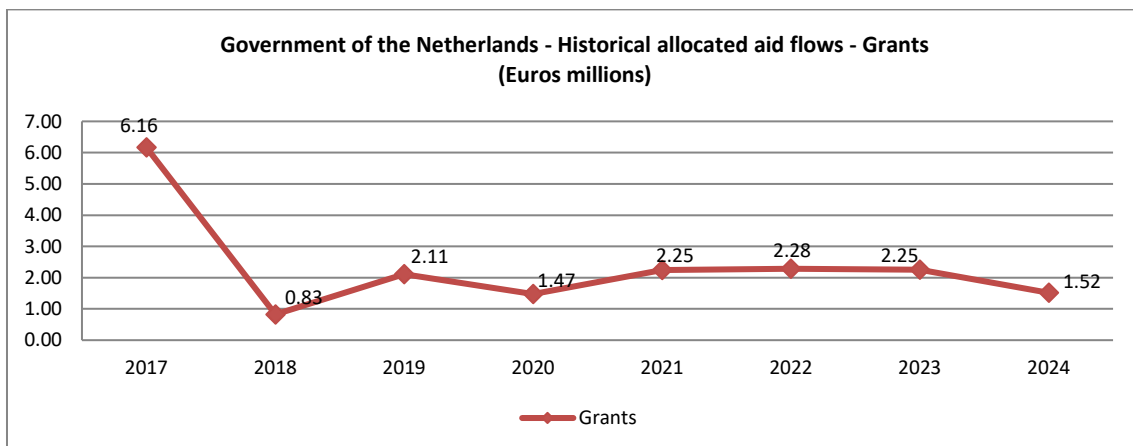
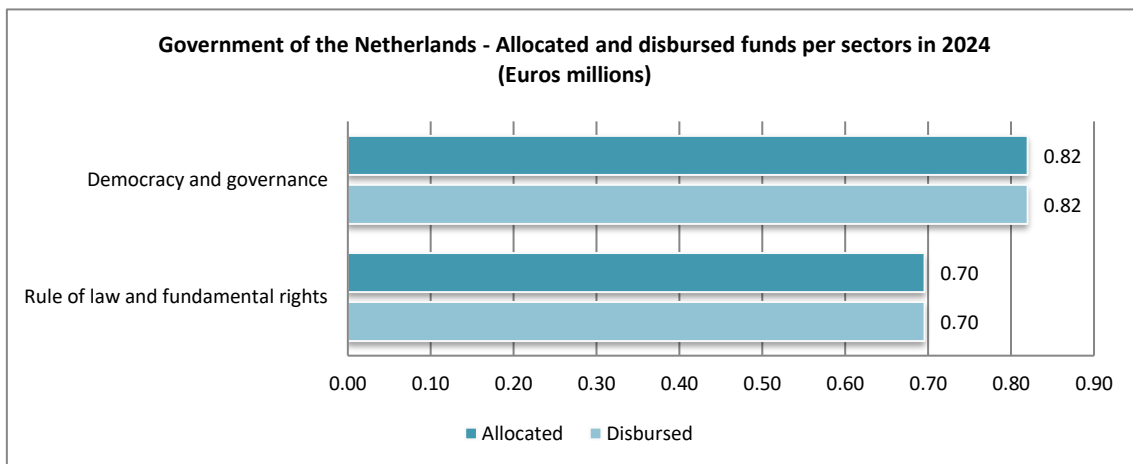
Policy approach

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 2024

The Government of the Netherlands **allocated € 1.52 million and disbursed € 1.52 million in 2024 in the form of grants** to the following sectors: Democracy and governance, Rule of law and fundamental rights.



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

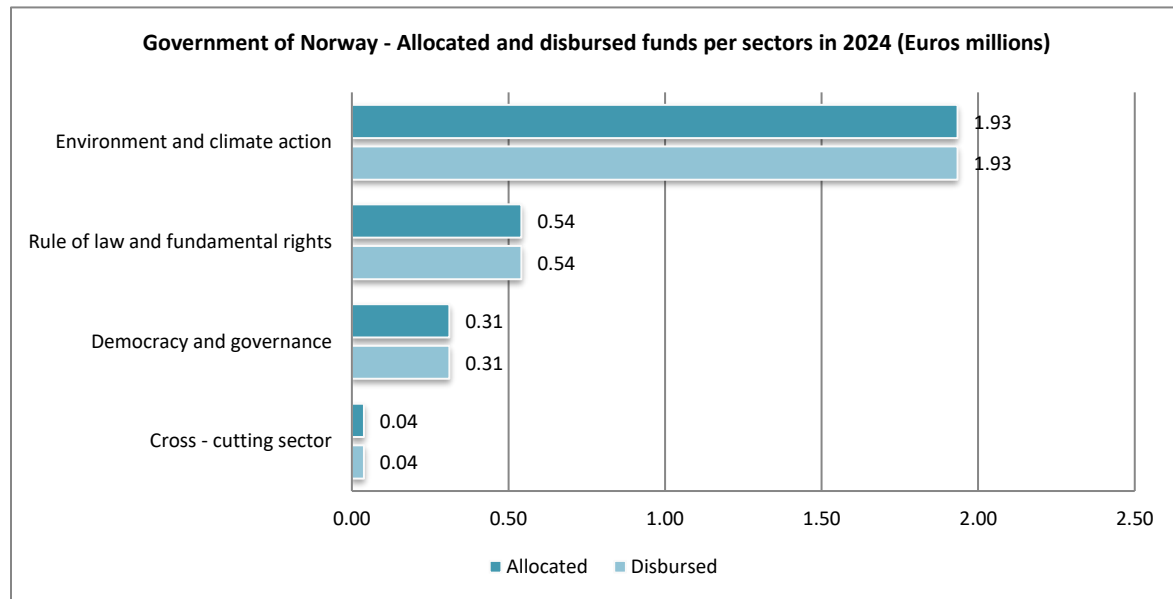
The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Sarajevo has prioritized (1) security and sovereignty through work with IOM and NATO, (2) preserving the international legal order and promotion of democracy, rule of law and human rights through work with High Judicial Prosecutorial Court and Center for Promotion of Civil Society (CPCD), (3) The Norwegian Foreign Service’s provision, administration, development and reputation to maintain a high level through work with IOM and as NATO contact point embassy.

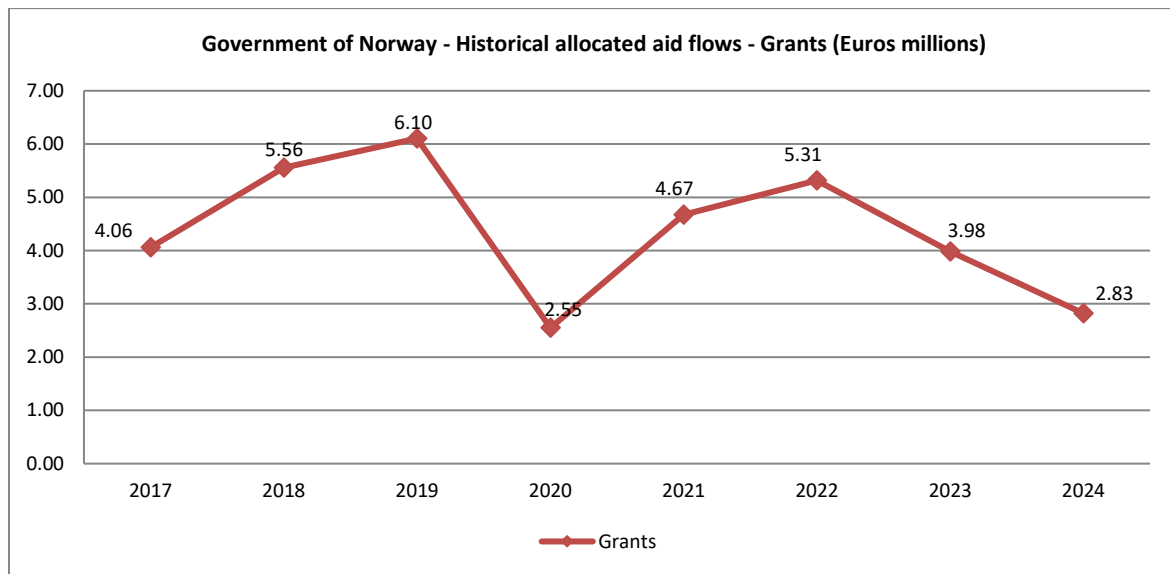
In the sector of democracy and governance, Norway supports OHR, School of Political Studies, and Atlantic Initiative in their fight against radicalization and strengthening democratic standards. For rule of law, Norway funds protection of migrants. The Embassy also supports environmental and climate action through demining efforts, ensuring safer conditions for local communities and enabling land use for agriculture and infrastructure development. Finally, in cross-cutting sector, Norway supports Regional Cooperation Council.

Most project activities are ending in 2025, with the exception of Atlantic Initiative project “Reduction of radicalization, extremism, and terrorism” (sector: democracy and governance).

Key activities in 2024

the Government of Norway allocated **€ 2,83 million and disbursed € 2,83 million in 2024 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Environment and climate action, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Democracy and governance, Cross - cutting sector.





Medium and long-term approach

For 2026 and beyond, the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the following development policy objectives:

- Security and stability are increased
- Governance is improved
- Economic and social development is strengthened

Four cross-cutting considerations are defined in Norwegian development policy: human rights, women's empowerment and gender equality, anti-corruption, and climate and environment.

Although exact amounts are not confirmed yet, some minor new funds will be available from the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, starting 2026 and beyond.

Development partners coordination efforts

The 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, OSCE, and RCC mainly on project board meetings. Norway is also a significant participant in UN program development partners coordination mechanisms efforts, ensuring alignment with global development goals. Additionally, Norway plays an important role in demining coordination efforts, (with the BiH Mine Action Center (BHMACE) and other donors) to ensure the safety and usability of previously mined areas, so we participate in Mine Action Donor meetings, as well.

Additionally, Norway participates in:

- Coordination meeting on Cyber security
- Coordination meeting on Gender
- Coordination meeting – HJPC - project board meetings

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Slovenia

Policy approach

Slovenia's international development cooperation strategic framework defines geographical as well as thematic priorities. Thus, Western Balkans remains in its focus. Development Cooperation Strategy (adopted in 2018) is setting two thematic priorities: (1) promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies, with a particular emphasis on good governance, equal opportunities, including gender equality and quality education and (2) fight against climate change, focused on the sustainable management of natural resources. In line with the OECD DAC orientation, cross-cutting issues of development co-operation encompass gender equality and environmental protection.

Slovenian Development Cooperation with Bosnia and Herzegovina relies on the Agreement on Development cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BBHRS) (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 129/06, 12 December 2006), signed in 2003.

Based on updated legal and strategic documents on development cooperation, Slovenia will continue to contribute to development efforts at the regional and global level. Poverty eradication, gender equality, human rights, protection of the environment and good governance will continue to play an important role in Slovenian international development cooperation, including in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In January 2025, Government of Slovenia adopted new annual action plan on Western Balkans for 2025, reiterating the key positions regarding Western Balkans, including development co-operation as entailed in the Declaration on the Western Balkans, adopted in 2012 by national Assembly. Action plan is emphasizing strengthening of the bilateral cooperation in 2025, continuation of the support to the accession processes and sustainable development of the country.

In the area of Education, employment and social policies, Slovenia will continue its development cooperation in the field of education in 2025 based on concluded bilateral agreements for BiH citizens countries (scholarships, tuition fee waivers).

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.

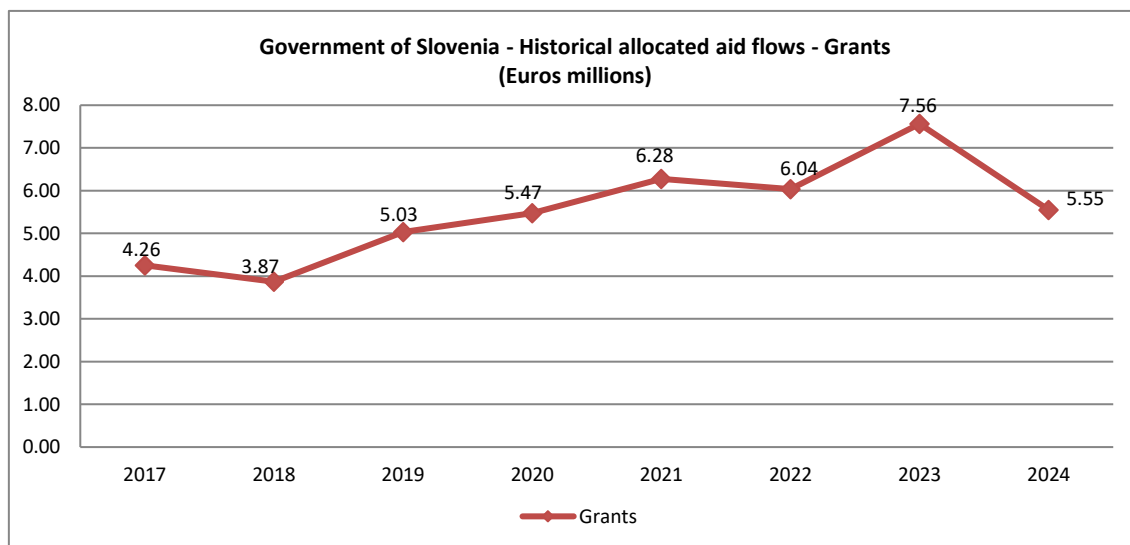
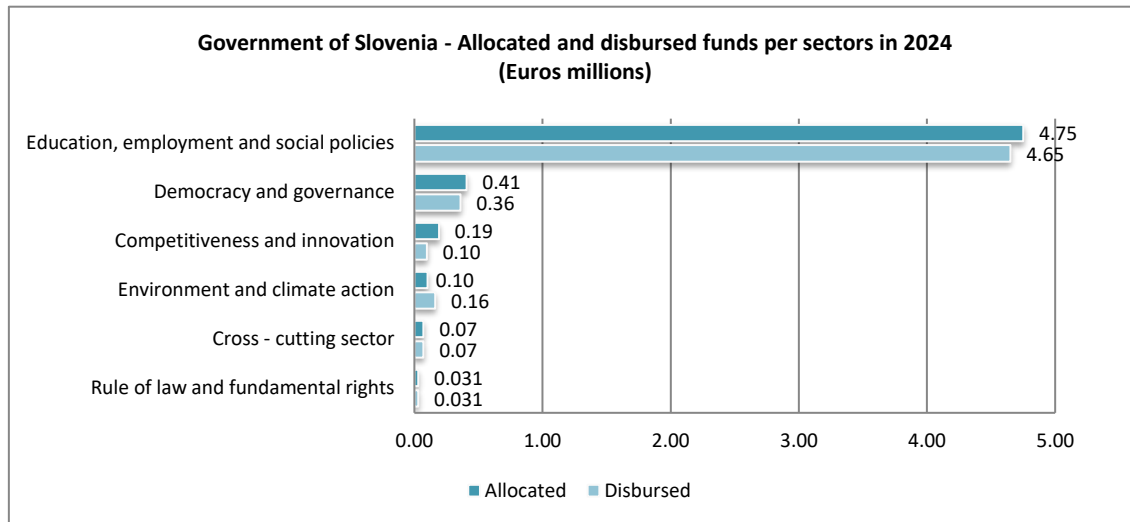
In the area of Environment and climate action Slovenia will continue to support various projects as they develop.

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 the area of the Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights Slovenia will continue to contribute to judicial and police reforms.

Key activities in 2024

The Government of Slovenia allocated € 5,55 million and disbursed € 5,37 million in 2024 in the form of grant to the following sectors: Education, employment and social policies, Democracy and governance, Competitiveness and innovation, Environment and climate action, Cross - cutting sector and Rule of law and fundamental rights.



Medium and long-term approach

Slovenia will continue its development cooperation with BiH through existing implementing institutions, non-governmental organizations, and international organizations such as the Center of Excellence in Finance (CEF), with special attention to the inclusion of Slovenian companies in development projects.

It will strive to strengthen technical assistance activities related to negotiation chapters in the process of European integration, the implementation of infrastructure projects and demining projects, projects in the field of beekeeping, and similar initiatives.

The Slovenian Embassy in Sarajevo will support various projects with funds from the MFA development fund.

The Republic of Slovenia will continue implementing projects with other donor countries and remains open to strengthening such cooperation in joint development projects in the Western Balkan countries.

Aktivnosti na koordinaciji rada razvojnih partnera

The Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Sarajevo is continuing its participation at the Donor Coordination Forum Meetings and cooperates with other development partners in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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Sweden

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) and to support implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. 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 2024, 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 the fight of corruption, developing civic space, including women's rights organizations, human rights-based organizations, youth organizations, and independent media.

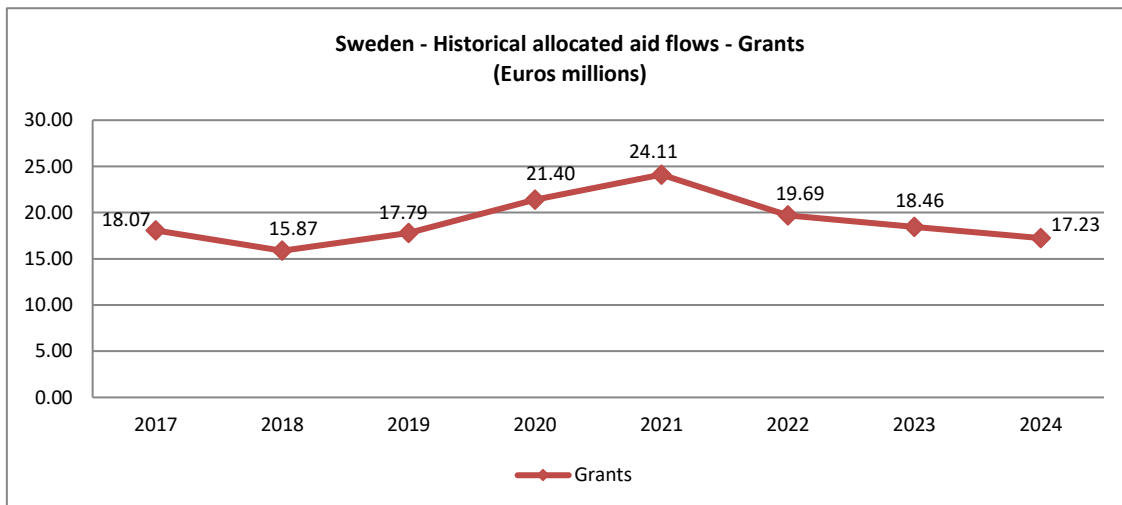
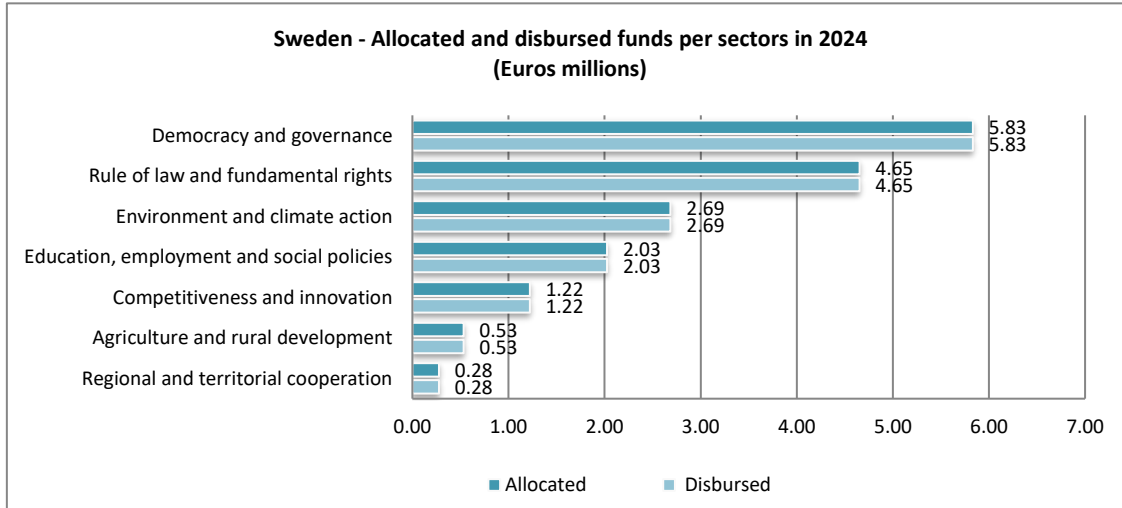
Peaceful and Inclusive societies: Sweden adopted an integrative approach to contribute to improved conditions for inclusive reconciliation processes and the prevention of conflict and violence. In 2024, support was directed towards addressing the issue of missing persons and advancing reconciliation efforts. Particular focus was placed on supporting civil society organizations working to fight against violence against girls and women.

Environment and Climate: In 2024, 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, energy efficiency and green transition. 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 women and 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 2024

The Government of Sweden allocated **€ 17.23 million** and disbursed **€ 17.23 million** in 2024 in the **form of grant** to the following sectors: Democracy and governance, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Environment and climate action, Education, employment and social policies, Competitiveness and innovation, Agriculture and rural development and Regional and territorial cooperation.



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 most probably in the second part of 2025, outlining renewed priorities for Sweden's engagement in the Western Balkans including 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, International Working Group on Gender Equality (IWGE), Trust Building Working Group, Donor Coordination Group on Civil Society, 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 BiH 2021-2024. A particular focus is given to the support the establishment of supportive normative frameworks at all institutional levels and quality services to citizens, responsive to their needs, particularly of the most vulnerable and excluded population.

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. 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.

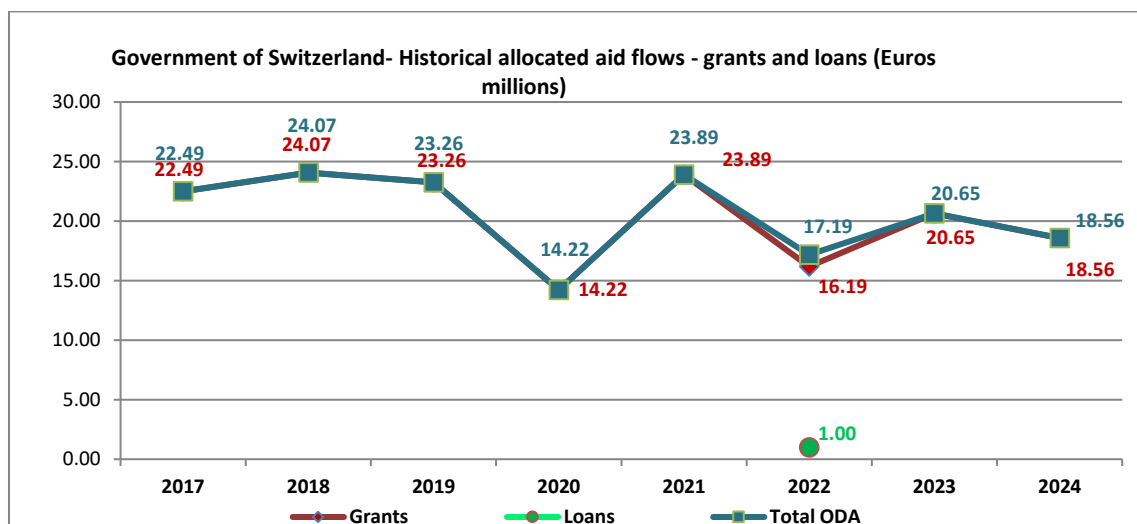
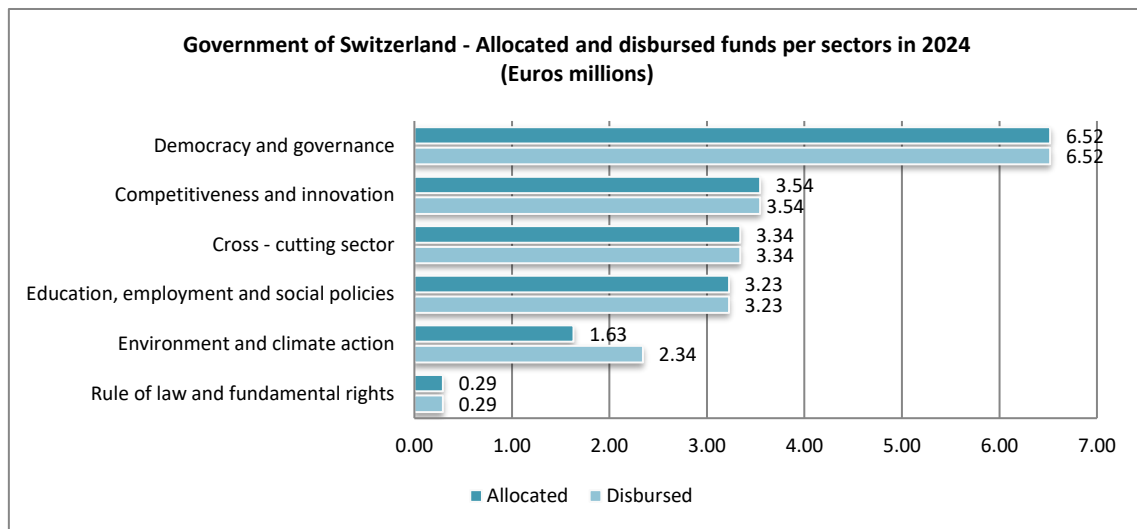
In the field of *Employment*, interventions have addressed new and better employment opportunities by creating a favourable economic environment for businesses with the engagement of the public and private sector, including the diaspora. The Swiss Youth Employment Portfolio has continued to work on the 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.

Key activities in 2024

The Government of Switzerland allocated **€ 18.56 million** and **disbursed € 19.27 million** in 2024 in the **form of grant** to the following sectors: Democracy and governance, Competitiveness and innovation, Cross - cutting sector, Education, employment and social policies, Environment and climate action and Rule of law and fundamental rights.



Medium and long-term approach

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
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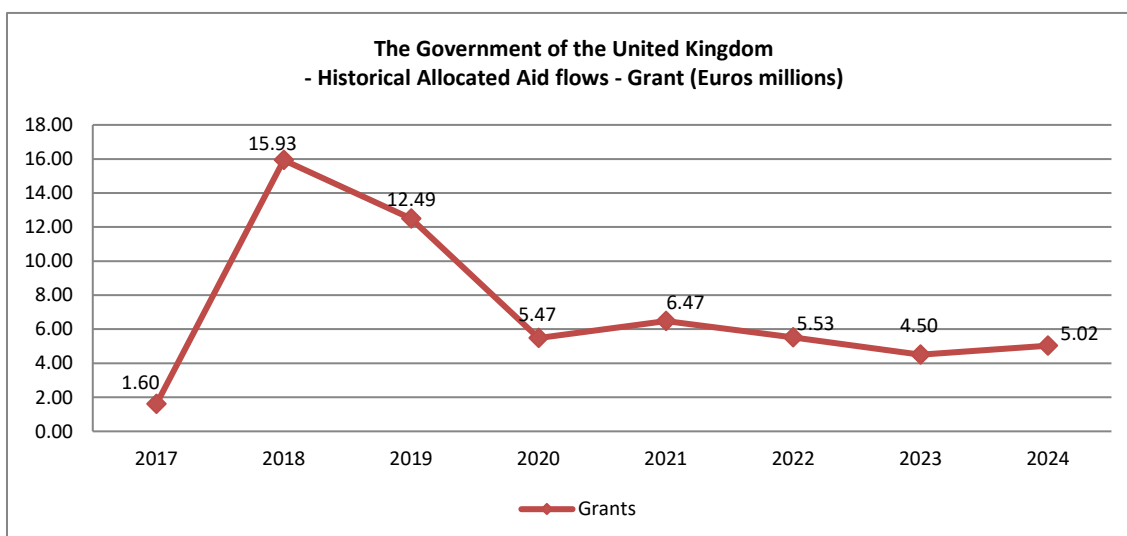
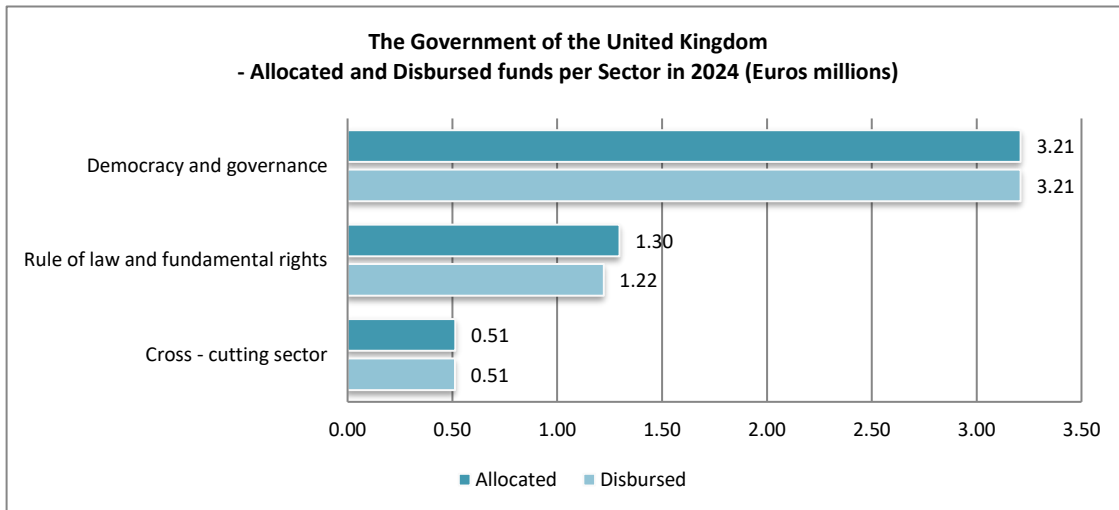
Policy approach

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 2024

The Government of the United Kingdom allocated € 5.02 million and disbursed € 4.94 million in 2024 to the following sectors: Democracy and governance, Rule of law and fundamental rights and Cross - cutting sector.



Medium and long-term approach

The United Kingdom remains committed to supporting initiatives that strengthen democracy, promote economic growth; ensure greater stability and security. The UK will support BiH in delivery of the commitments made by BiH in the Berlin Process Summit.

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 (iii) CT / Security co-ordination meetings and (iv) coordination group for support to civil society.

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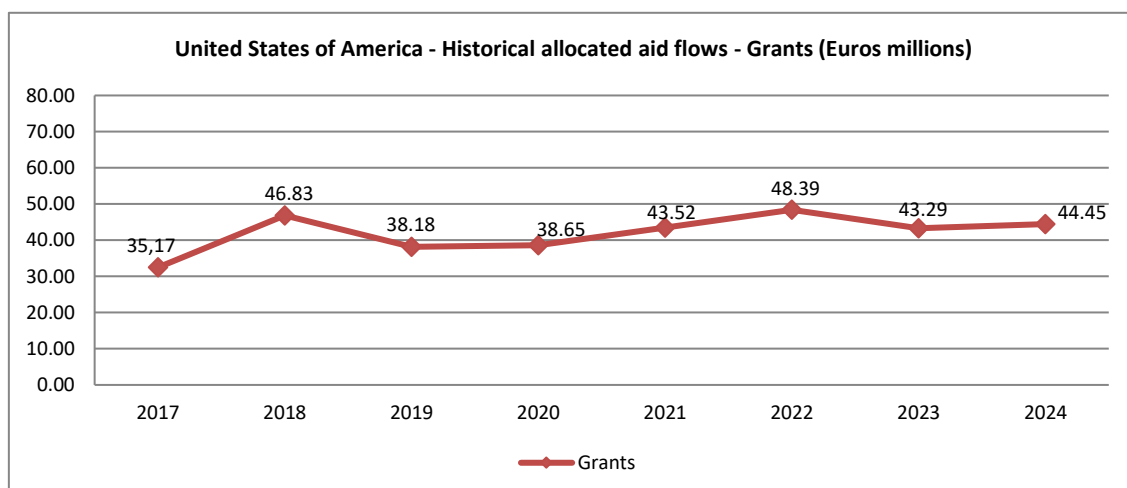
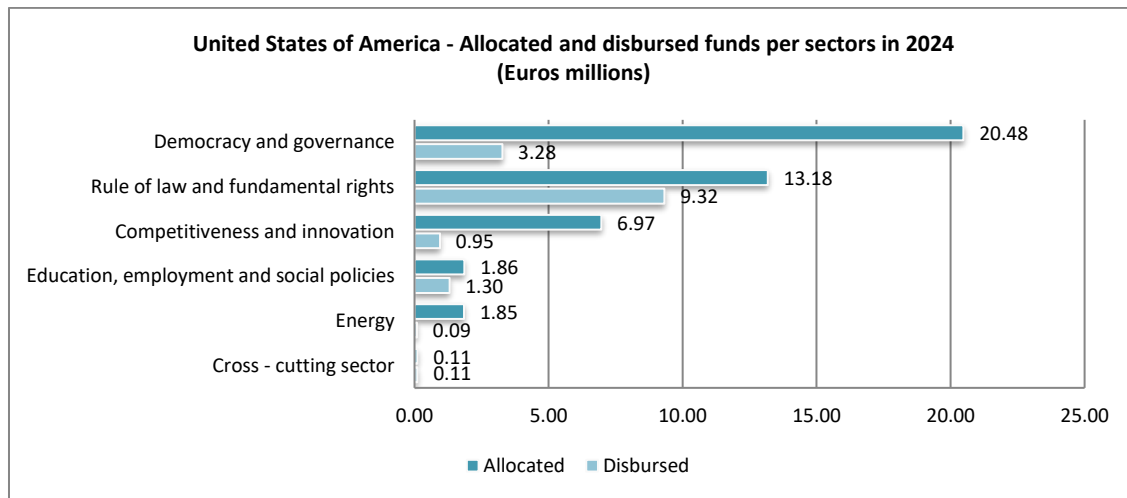
Policy approach

U.S. Government (USG) foreign assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) in 2024 aimed 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.

In 2024, the USG’s approach to democracy and governance work in BiH focused on accountable institutions to meet citizens’ needs. In 2024, the USG’s approach to economic growth focused on a competitive, market-oriented economy that provided better opportunities for all.

Key activities in 2024

The United States of America allocated **44.45 million Euros** and disbursed **15.06 million Euros** in 2024 in the form of grants to the following sectors: Democracy and governance, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Competitiveness and innovation, Education, employment and social policies Energy and Cross - cutting sector.



Medium and long-term approach

The USG's foreign assistance in the medium and long term will be focused on programs that align with administration policies and which advance American interests. The USG will prioritize trade over aid, opportunity over dependency, and investment over assistance. In the medium term, this includes advancing the Southern Interconnection natural gas pipeline to provide competitive opportunities for American energy companies. Promotion of economic development abroad is in furtherance of an America First foreign policy. USG assistance will favor those nations that have demonstrated both the ability and willingness to help themselves and will target resources to areas where they can have a multiplier effect and catalyze a durable private sector, including American companies, and global investment. The USG's new foreign assistance model will place the USG in a stronger position to counter China's exploitative aid model and further our strategic interests in key regions around the world.

Development partners coordination efforts

U.S. Embassy staff participate in general coordination meetings, bilateral meetings, and other relevant forums. U.S. Embassy staff will continue to participate in development partners coordination meetings and sector-specific meetings to avoid overlapping or duplication of efforts by other donors.

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European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Policy approach

The EBRD is a multi-lateral development Bank owned by 75 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.

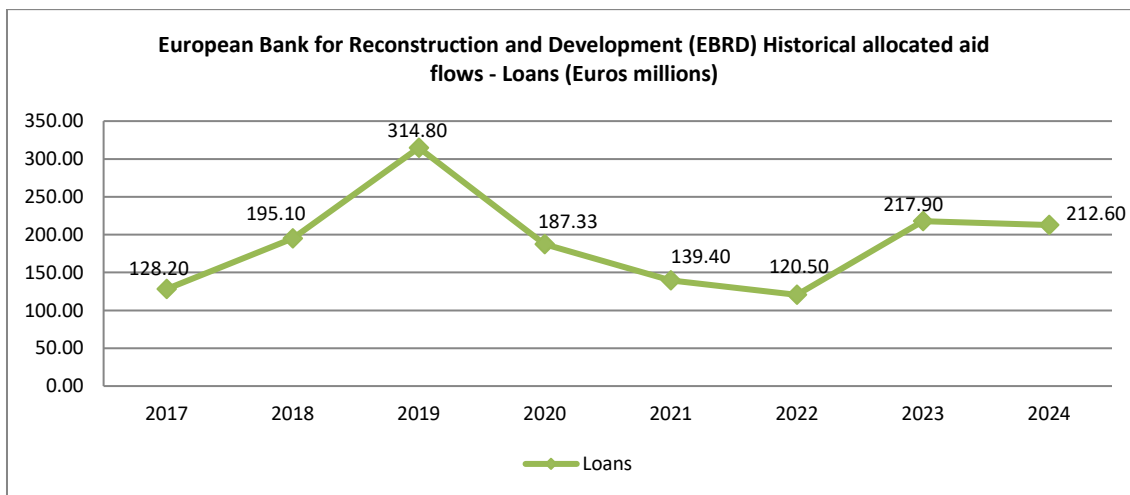
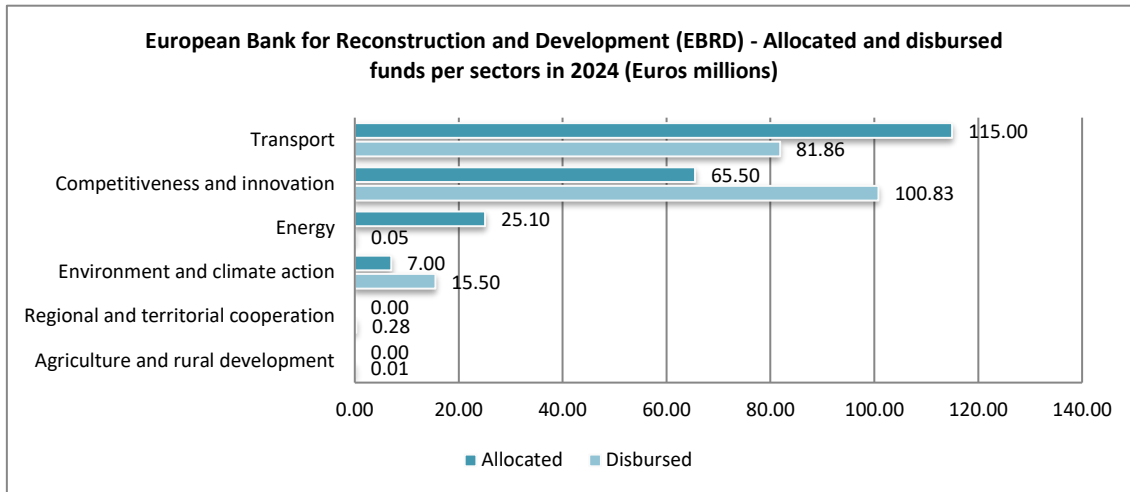
The Bank believes that environmental and social sustainability is a fundamental aspect of achieving outcomes consistent with its transition mandate and recognizes that projects that foster environmental and social sustainability rank among the highest priorities of its activities.

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 2024

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) allocated **€ 212.60 million and disbursed € 198.53 million in 2024 in the form of loan** to the following sectors: Transport, Competitiveness and innovation, Energy and Environment and climate action.



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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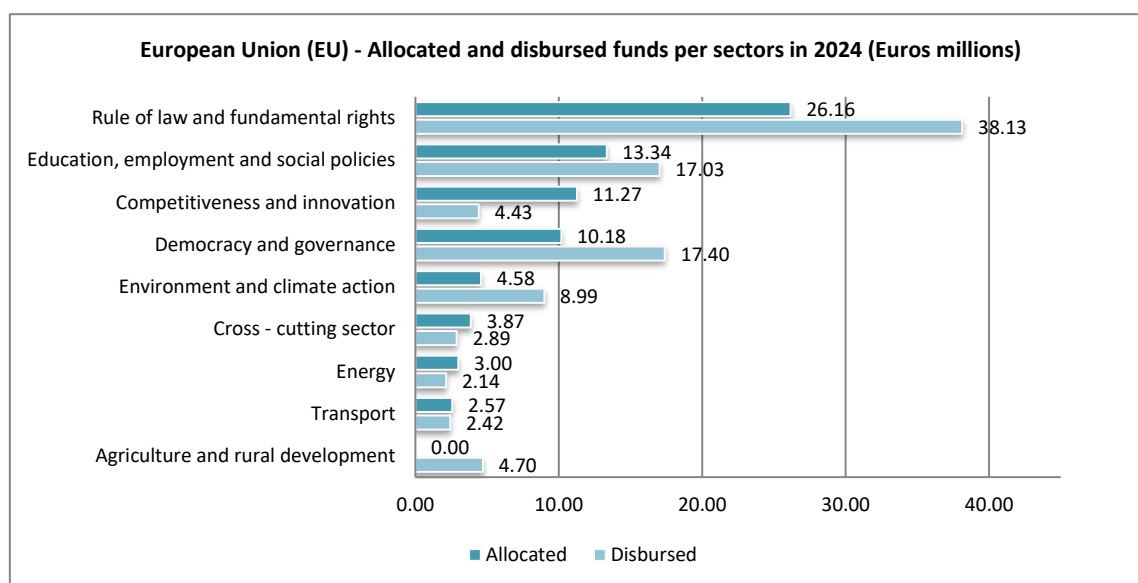
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European Union (EU)

Policy approach and Key activities in 2024

The European Union (EU) allocated **€ 74.97 million and disbursed € 98.13 million in 2024 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Rule of law and fundamental rights, Education, employment and social policies, Competitiveness and innovation, Democracy and governance, Environment and climate action, Cross - cutting sector, Energy, Transport and Agriculture and rural development.



Bosnia and Herzegovina is a candidate country for EU accession since December 2022. The European Council decided in March 2024 to open accession negotiations with Bosnia and Herzegovina. The European Council invited the Commission to prepare the negotiating framework with a view to its adoption by the Council the moment all relevant steps set out in the Commission's recommendation of 12 October 2022 are taken by Bosnia and Herzegovina.

During 2024 IPA 2020 programme came to the contracting deadline in May: out of the allocated EUR 64,52 million, EUR 57,35 million were contracted (89%) and EUR 25,94 million have been paid.

Overall under IPA II (2014-2020) EUR 434 million has been contracted (94%) and EUR 369 million (80%) paid.

Under IPA III (2021-2027), EUR 309,8 million have been programmed, covering the allocations under the annual programmes for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (EUR 239,2 million), the allocations for civil society and media (EUR 9,8 million), for participation in Union programmes (EUR 3,9 million) and for addressing migration-related challenges (EUR 56,9 million).

The Commission Decision on the financing of the 2024 Annual Action Plan in favour of Bosnia and Herzegovina was adopted on 20 May 2024. It includes 5 Actions with the total EU financing of EUR 50,7 million. The Financing Agreement was signed by the Commission in September 2024, while signed and ratified by Bosnia and Herzegovina authorities on 18 August 2025.



Programming of IPA 2025-27 Actions was undertaken in 2024 and continued throughout 2025. It includes 7 multi-annual fiches with the EU financing of EUR 140,5 million.

During 2024 the EU Delegation was intensively involved in support of Bosnia and Herzegovina authorities in the design of the Reform Agenda, key pillar of the Growth Plan for the Western Balkans to be supported by EUR 1,04 billion through the Resilience and Growth Facility. The development of the Reform Agenda has anyway offered a broad and relevant venue for a comprehensive policy dialogue on the necessary socio-economic reforms for the country and the alignment with the EU Acquis.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is one of the largest recipients of EU grants allocated through the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), with 21 approved investment and technical assistance projects in transport connectivity worth more than EUR 878 million. TEN-T Corridor 5c contract for works on one of the sub-sections started, while works were completed on another one. The 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. In 2024 an additional grant for investments was approved in the environment sector in the Republika Srpska entity in the amount EUR 17,3 million.

In the judicial domain, two grants (EUR 5,8 million and EUR 1 million) have significantly enhanced the institutional capacities of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina. These efforts have harmonized case law, improved public access to court decisions, and bolstered strategic planning and communication, thereby advancing digital transformation within the judiciary. The second phase of the EU for Justice programme (EUR 4,5 million) has further supported justice reform, reinforcing independence, transparency, efficiency, and accountability, creating a favourable environment for EU integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In combating corruption, a twinning initiative (EUR 1 million) was launched to strengthen the institutional and managerial capabilities of the Agency for the Prevention of Corruption of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Regarding war crimes, grants (EUR 4,5 million and EUR 1,5 million) have supported transitional justice and the objectives of the Revised National War Crimes Strategy, facilitating the processing of complex war crimes cases. Additionally, EU assistance to the International Commission on Missing Persons (EUR 3 million) has bolstered the efforts of the Missing Persons Institute and prosecutors' offices.

In home affairs, the European Union Police Assistance for Bosnia and Herzegovina (EUPA4BiH) was initiated with a EUR 10 million funding to address transnational organized and serious crime.

Within migration, a measure of EUR 39,5 million has enhanced reception capacities for both voluntary and involuntary returns, while a new EUR 6,4 million initiative for integrated border management has been established. EU Delegation has initiated the transition of migration assistance to a country-owned system, with an additional EUR 13,5 million allocated for reception capacities and integrated border management.

In Public Administration Reform (PAR), EU Delegation has facilitated the finalisation and adoption of the Strategic Framework, extended to 2027, with a strong emphasis on digital transformation. A technical assistance initiative of EUR 1 million has been launched to study the legal environment, interconnectivity solutions, registries, and sectoral policies, paving the way for future IPA programming

and supporting the Green and Digital pillars of the Growth Plan. Furthermore, EU Delegation has initiated a new EUR 3 million support programme for digital transformation, encompassing e-government, e-wallets, and the utilisation of Digital Europe programme.

In the area of statistics, 3 Technical Assistance projects (total value of EUR 5 million) continued in 2024. Technical Assistance was provided for the preparation and implementation of Agricultural census planned initially for October 2025. Assistance of EUR 1,9 million was provided for the preparation of the Economic Reform Programme of Bosnia and Herzegovina and it included the assistance to the working group created for the drafting of the Reform Agenda of the Growth Plan.

Regarding employment sector, under the policy dialogue with the employment institutions, the EU Delegation provided the Technical Assistance for drafting the countrywide Employment Strategy in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The draft Strategy is currently under public consultation process and is expected to be adopted in 2025. During 2024, both entities and Brcko District completed their Action Plans for the draft Youth Guarantee Implementation Plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is under development.

In the Trade sector, the EU funded project on intellectual property rights (EUR 1,8 million) focused on three key areas: aligning the legal framework with the EU acquis, strengthening the capacity of local institutions, and raising public awareness of the importance of intellectual property rights. The EU funded project supporting the state aid legislation (EUR 1,8 million) supported the harmonisation of the state aid legislation with the EU acquis, by aligning the relevant state aid rules with EU rules, building and strengthening the institutional and administrative capacities, and raising awareness on state aid rules among relevant actors.

In the area of agriculture, including food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary, the ongoing EU assistance continued throughout the year. It included the EU4AGRI project that distributed EU funds (EUR 14,8 million) via a number of supplies and/or services to the sector operators. In addition, three twinning projects (EUR 6 million) assisted state level and other competent authorities in food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary in capacity building and acquis alignment.

In the energy sector, the EU funded project "EU4Energy" assisted the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations to prepare the National Energy and Climate Plan, that were submitted to the Energy Community Secretariat. In December 2024 a new contribution agreement was signed with GiZ (EUR 3 million) to support local energy communities and the negotiation of the first NEAR "result-based financing" pilot project with UNDP (EUR 6 million) were finalised. During 2024, the implementation of Energy Budget support to mitigate the immediate socio-economic impact of the energy crisis continued. While energy efficiency measures were implemented for households and small- to medium-sized enterprises, there was limited progress in implementing policy and regulatory framework.

In the area of private sector development, the "EU4SME programme" for the digital transformation of SMEs contributed to Bosnia and Herzegovina's implementation of Multi-annual Action Plan for a Regional Economic Area/Digital Innovation Pillar and the Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans. The programme aims to support economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis, by accelerating technological (digital) transformation and innovation of SMEs. The programme also promotes use of innovative business models following the EU best practice, such as Digital Innovation Hubs. The European Union provided EUR 16,5 million to the EU4SME programme.

In the area of environment, technical assistance in support to water management has been finalised (EUR 2,6 million). This addressed development of the masterplan of agglomeration for implementing the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive, as well as further support to the River Basin Management Planning in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Further support to water management is ongoing through infrastructure investments in water supply for the cities of Sarajevo and Banja Luka (Contribution Agreements with EBRD, EUR 8.0 million), continuation of the water and sanitation programme (Contribution Agreements with EIB, EUR 6.0 million), as well to sustainable management of water services (Contribution Agreement with UNDP, EUR 1.9 million). The assistance is ongoing in support to waste management in the context of circular economy and for developing a countrywide system for environmental data reporting according to the international obligations (EUR 4,5 million).

In the area of transport sector, technical assistance supported the preparation of the Preliminary and Main Designs and related Studies for the construction of new railway section Visoko–Konjic (40.5 km), and new railway section Mostar–Mostar International Airport (indicatively 1 km), both on the Mediterranean Corridor/Corridor Vc, an extension of the Trans European Network – Transport. Moreover, the conceptual design and preliminary studies for railway on South East Europe Transport Observatory Route 9a, Tuzla–Zvornik was completed.

Regarding Civil Society, the development of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Civil Society Organization (CSO) Strategy (2024-2028) was supported by the EU4CivilSociety project (over 900,000 EUR). The resulting CSO Strategy outlined clear priorities for strengthening the sector, improving the legal and financial framework for CSOs, enhancing public trust, and fostering a more active role in policy-making and social development.

Civil Society Facility 2021-2023 amounted to EUR 7,8 million resulting in 14 signed contract for projects ensuring policy dialogue, capacity building and awareness raising of civil society organisations in the areas of health, social inclusion, social entrepreneurship, environment, youth, culture, local economy, women's rights, freedom of expression, anti-corruption and election integrity.

Regarding Human Rights, 12 projects were funded through the Thematic Programme for Human Rights and Democracy (EUR 2,3 million) and made significant strides in advancing the rights of marginalized groups, including women victims of violence, LGBTIQ persons, children, Roma women and girls.

On Gender equality through the EU4HR contract (EUR 880,000), significant progress was made in the sector. Eight local communities were supported to develop and adopt gender action plans, while 1,281 service providers received training to combat gender-based discrimination, including judges, lawyers, police officers, social workers, and ministry representatives.

Over EUR 2 million was invested in the reconstruction of sports halls in 16 primary schools. This initiative not only enhanced personal, social, and educational development but also fostered social inclusion and integration. By promoting sports and physical activity, the project contributed to the values of tolerance, solidarity, inclusiveness, and other key European Union principles.

In the territorial cooperation (Cross Border Cooperation), five 5 grants worth over EUR 2 million have been signed within the directly managed IPA CBC Bosnia and Herzegovina–Montenegro, for further improvement of a sustainable cross border tourism based on natural and cultural resources.

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 aim to further enhance independence, effectiveness, accountability and efficiency of the BiH justice sector, as well as to improve its quality, integrity and access to justice for all citizens. Enhancement of the capacities of Constitutional Court BiH (CCBiH) will contribute to enforcement of Constitutional Court decisions particularly in the area of protection of human rights. It will continue to ensure increased domestic ownership of the missing persons process and continuity in resolving missing persons' issue, including the active engagement of civil society. Also, the EU assistance will improve the application of international standards in BiH so that children are better served and protected by the BiH justice system, including the security and social welfare sectors.

The EU assistance will continue to reinforce institutional capacity for the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) implementation and acquis alignment, as well as for absorption and management of pre-accession funds through the standard facility - EU integration facility. As Bosnia and Herzegovina is at the early stage of the digitalisation and additional efforts have to be put to pave the way to modernization and efficiency of public services delivery, the EU assistance will support establishing administrative and legal environment for further development of interoperable digital infrastructures in accordance with the requirements imposed by the accession process as well as corresponding EU regulations and directives.

As far as the Energy sector is concerned, the EU assistance envisages to pave the way for a just transition to a green economy in BiH by supporting energy transition in coal and mining areas, strengthening private sector capacities for the introduction of circular business models, promoting public-private partnerships in waste management at the local level. As such, the overall objective of this assistance is to advance energy transition and improve business environment for low carbon and circular economy in BiH.

As for the Employment sector, the EU assistance will support public institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina in improving the employment of young people. It will invest in development of public employment system that will target youth inside and outside of the institutional reach (NEET) through pilot initiatives. Further, this assistance envisages the smooth transition from school to work, through implementing a Youth Guarantee scheme for young people, neither in employment, nor in education or training, and will result in increased employment rate for young women and men. By supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina's in addressing the challenge of youth employment and promotion of human capital and skills, this assistance will contribute to integration of youth issues in sustainable development processes.

As for the 'soft' sectors, the EU assistance aims to enhance cultural and creative sectors capacities for fostering cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue in BiH, which will be accomplished through the creation and utilisation of the cultural facilities. These facilities would serve as cultural hubs for young creative people, enabling interaction among young people and in such a way eventually advance reconciliation process. Furthermore, through reconstruction and construction of cultural facilities, the City of Sarajevo, Banja Luka and Mostar will gain greater institutional and professional resources, tools, and capacities for the protection and promotion of contemporary arts and cultural diversity,

strengthening its international presence in the artistic and cultural field and contributing to the socio-economic development of the country. This will serve as a positive promotion of the cities, BiH and the Balkan region.

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 140.5 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

The European Investment Bank (EIB Global) has invested nearly €3.5 billion to date in Bosnia and Herzegovina’s vital infrastructure and services. Its financing aims to foster greater prosperity and connectivity in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Its investments are focused on supporting key areas, such as energy, transport and healthcare, as well as aligning with the EU’s Global Gateway strategy to improve quality of life.

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

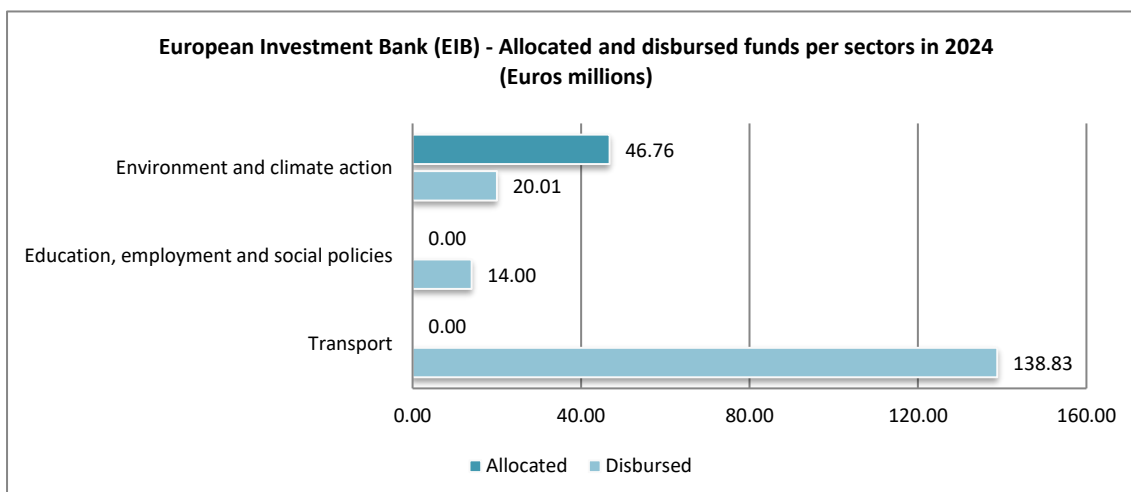
Private sector development: The EIB has supported private-sector growth and employment by increasing access to favourable financing for small businesses and mid-caps, making them more competitive. Our impact-incentive loans have also encouraged greater diversity, equity and inclusion at small businesses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

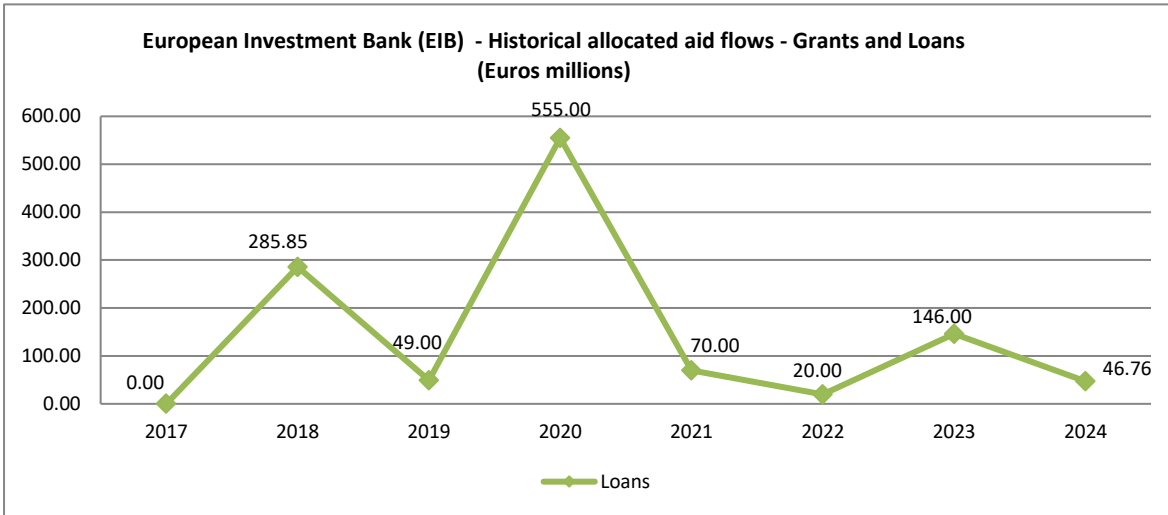
Transport: The EIB financed the modernisation and improvement of key roads in Bosnia and Herzegovina, facilitating safer and faster commutes for the country’s population. The EIB has also helped rehabilitate parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina’s railway network and modernise public transport in Sarajevo, 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 infrastructure development.

Healthcare: The EIB has helped strengthen Bosnia and Herzegovina’s healthcare system by financing the modernisation of healthcare facilities and supporting the construction of a new hospital.

Key activities in 2024

The European Investment Bank (EIB) allocated **€ 46.76 million** and disbursed **€ 172.84 million** in 2024 in the form of loans and grants to the following sectors: Environment and climate action, Transport and Education, employment and social policies.





Medium and long-term approach

The EIB is committed to remain the lead financing partner for Bosnia and Herzegovina by continuing to support the development of its vital infrastructure and key economic sectors.

Climate and Energy: As the EU’s Climate Bank, the EIB plans to scale up its financial and technical support for energy security and green transition in BiH with investments in renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and resilient power distribution. The EIB as well plans to further invest in water and sanitation projects, wastewater treatment, solid waste management and flood protection with focus on climate adaptation.

Private sector development: The EIB will continue supporting small and medium businesses in BiH, most typically through local commercial banks by providing financial and technical support. The EIB will specifically support sustainable development and innovative projects, engage in social impact lending as well as assist financial institutions to develop robust climate risk management frameworks.

Transport and mobility: the EIB remains committed to supporting investments in the remaining motorway sections along Corridor Vc, part of TEN-T Mediterranean Corridor extension to the Western Balkans. The priority for the EIB is also to rehabilitate the existing road infrastructure to make it safer and more climate resilient. The EIB will also seek to support development of safer and climate-friendly transportation modes in BiH, such as for instance the modernisation of railways and sustainable urban transport.

Social infrastructure: The EIB plans to support Bosnia and Herzegovina in the development of key social infrastructure, in particular the healthcare and education sectors, as well as affordable housing solutions for vulnerable groups.

Development partners coordination efforts

The EIB takes part in the Water Alliance initiative with a group of donors and financial institutions in BiH with the aim to support the country in reforming its water and sanitation infrastructures. The EIB has also been attending donor coordination meetings organized by the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, aimed to steer the contributions of international institutions in BiH’s green energy transition.

On the level of investments, the EIB is cooperating with other financiers, domestic and international organisations in supporting BiH with regards to implementation of projects in line with relevant EU policies.

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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 (December 2020) and the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (March 2021). 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 21st 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 UNDCF 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.

Sustainable, Resilient and Inclusive Growth

The UN in Bosnia and Herzegovina advanced broad socio-economic, environmental, and governance initiatives in 2024, focusing on inclusive employment, social protection, climate resilience, and sustainable development. Efforts expanded access to labour markets through training, placements, and entrepreneurship in new regions, while promoting gender-sensitive employment plans and family-friendly workplace policies. Significant progress was made in care services, disaster preparedness, and social protection, including the first locally funded emergency cash assistance scheme. The UN also supported green transition efforts, renewable energy access, sustainable agriculture, waste management, and disaster risk reduction. Over 71,000 people gained clean energy access, while hundreds of companies adopted sustainable business models, creating and safeguarding jobs. Partnerships advanced cultural and tourism strategies, biodiversity and land management frameworks, and agricultural innovation, including

new cherry varieties. Additionally, alignment with EU standards was strengthened through the adoption of rural and agricultural development strategies, while cultural, creative, and environmental sectors benefited from new methodologies, financial support, and data-driven tools to foster resilience, sustainability, and inclusive growth.

Quality, Accessible and Inclusive Health, Education and Social Protection

The EU–UN Dialogue, together with national stakeholders, advanced Bosnia and Herzegovina’s Human Capital Vision 2040 by strengthening education, health, social protection, and gender equality systems. Key progress included drafting 10-year education sector plans across the country, introducing digital transformation coordination, expanding STEM, green skills, and entrepreneurship opportunities, and launching a new data science and AI programme at the University of Sarajevo. The UN supported school enrolment of displaced children, vocational training for refugees and asylum seekers, and provided transport and protection services for thousands of children on the move. Social protection services were expanded in underserved municipalities, while health interventions included psycho-social support, maternal care, strengthened mental health services, and SGBV prevention and response. Authorities were assisted in building inclusive health and social systems, with reforms to child and disability benefits, deinstitutionalization, and family support services. Public health capacity was bolstered through immunization campaigns reaching over 200,000 people, HPV vaccine rollout, crisis communication training, and progress toward ISO certification for laboratories. Gender equality initiatives gained momentum through community engagement and partnerships, driving long-term behavioural change to prevent GBV and contributing to more resilient and inclusive human capital development.

People-centered Governance and Rule of Law

In 2024, despite political challenges around local elections, the UN advanced Bosnia and Herzegovina’s progress on SDG implementation, good governance, and human rights. It supported BiH’s fourth Universal Periodic Review, promoted gender-responsive planning, and facilitated adoption of an SDG financing framework. Local and entity-level strategies were aligned with SDGs, benefiting tens of thousands of citizens, while civic participation in governance and trust in local institutions increased. The UN improved water supply for 79% of people in partner municipalities, strengthened justice and security institutions, and advanced cybersecurity through new university programmes and response teams. Gender equality was promoted with BiH’s High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council earning Europe’s first Gender Equality Seal, increased women’s political participation, and stronger responses to ICT-facilitated GBV. Digitalization efforts enhanced governance, social services, and business models, including automated subsidies for 16,000 mothers. In migration management, the UN supported over 34,000 people with shelter, food, WASH and legal aid, while helping authorities transition to a state-led asylum system. Legislative reforms strengthened border control, anti-trafficking efforts, and security alignment with EU standards. The UN also supported cultural heritage protection, disaster risk reduction, and climate resilience, underscoring its role in sustainable development, human rights, and gender equality in BiH.

Citizen and Community Engagement for Social Cohesion

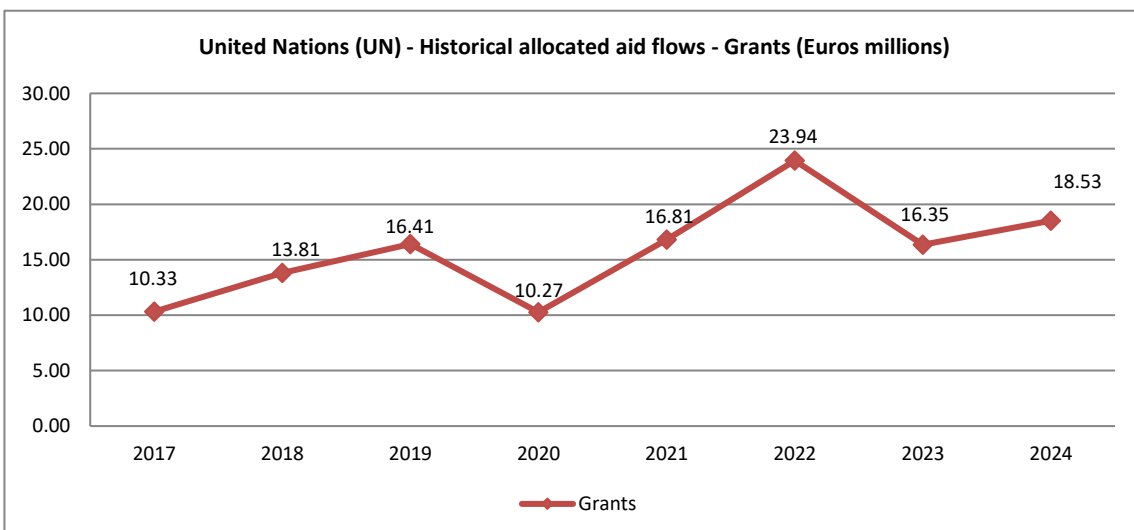
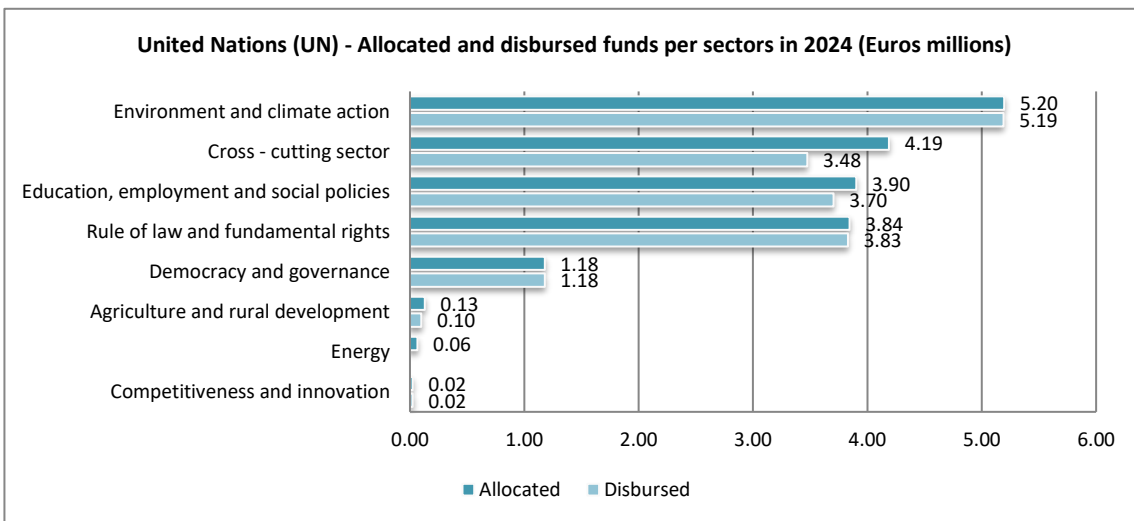
In 2024, the UN strengthened social cohesion and inclusivity in Bosnia and Herzegovina through 76 interventions with CSOs, youth and women’s groups, local authorities, and media, fostering dialogue, trust, and sustainable peace. These efforts delivered 65 small-scale infrastructure projects benefiting over 208,000 people, supported reconciliation, and engaged 330 young people in intercultural dialogue. The UN helped 41 local governments define new community roles, facilitated inter-municipal cooperation with UN Volunteers, and improved social cohesion for 2,000 people through events and networking. Media

partnerships advanced ethical journalism, freedom of expression, and resilience against harmful online content. Progress on the Women, Peace and Security Agenda included a national assessment of women’s security concerns, new partnerships to promote dialogue through arts and film, and the Gender Equality Barometer to guide future action. Social cohesion activities also promoted coexistence between local and displaced populations, empowering children as inclusion champions, supporting institutions in migrant-hosting areas, and fostering integration through preparatory schooling, vocational training, and community initiatives involving 1,200 migrants and local citizens.

Key activities in 2024

According to the data you have entered in the Donor Mapping Database, **United Nations allocated € 18.53 million and disbursed € 17.50 million in 2024 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Environment and climate action, Cross - cutting sector, Education, employment and social policies, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Democracy and governance, Agriculture and rural development, Energy and Competitiveness and innovation.

In this regard, it is important to note that United Nations in Bosnia and Herzegovina implemented total amount of **€ 74.44 million** in 2024.



Medium and long term approach

Over the medium-term, the UN in Bosnia and Herzegovina will be finalizing the 2026–2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Bosnia and Herzegovina, ensuring alignment with the adopted SDG Framework in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as country’s EU accession. The 2026-2030 UN Cooperation Framework for Bosnia and Herzegovina is expected to be formally endorsed by the end of 2025 and will define the strategic partnership, including the priority areas and implementation strategies, between the UN Organizations and the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and guide all the UN activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina over the next 5-year period. Broad engagement with government and non-government stakeholders will be central to securing country ownership and evidence-based planning.

In 2025, the UN’s work will center on five priorities: accelerating SDG implementation through reforms and joint programming; strengthening resilience and climate action, including disaster preparedness and a green transition; investing in social protection, education, and workforce development; advancing governance, rule of law, and human rights; and deepening peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts. To achieve this, the UN will enhance coordination, efficiency, and data-driven decision-making, pursue innovative financing and partnerships, and strengthen risk management to remain agile and responsive. Furthermore, the UN will strive to strengthen its convening power to leverage expertise and capacities across various development partners in Bosnia and Herzegovina around key development priorities and in support of the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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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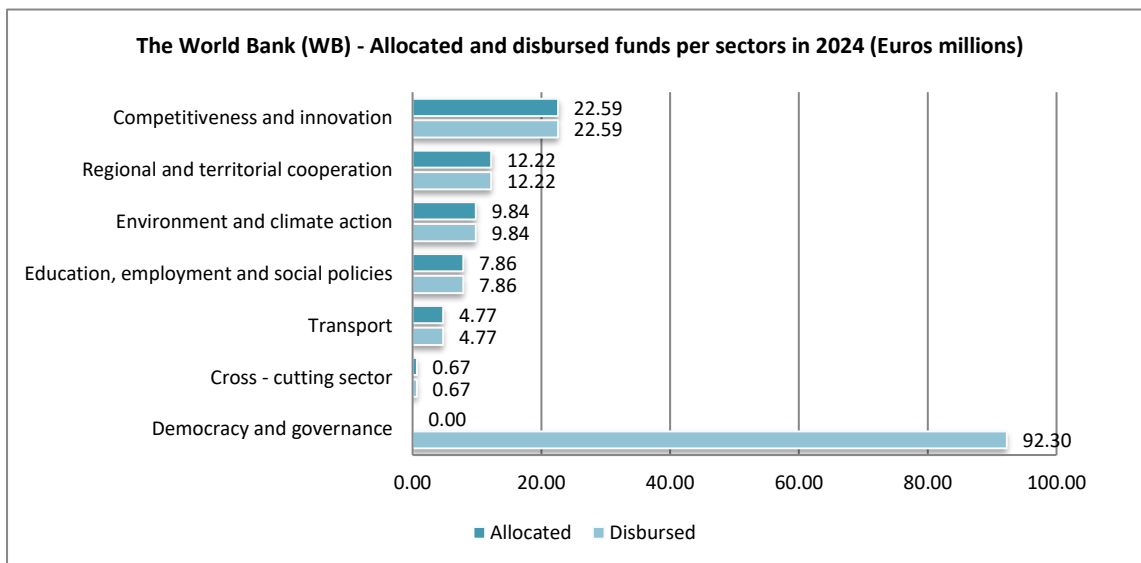
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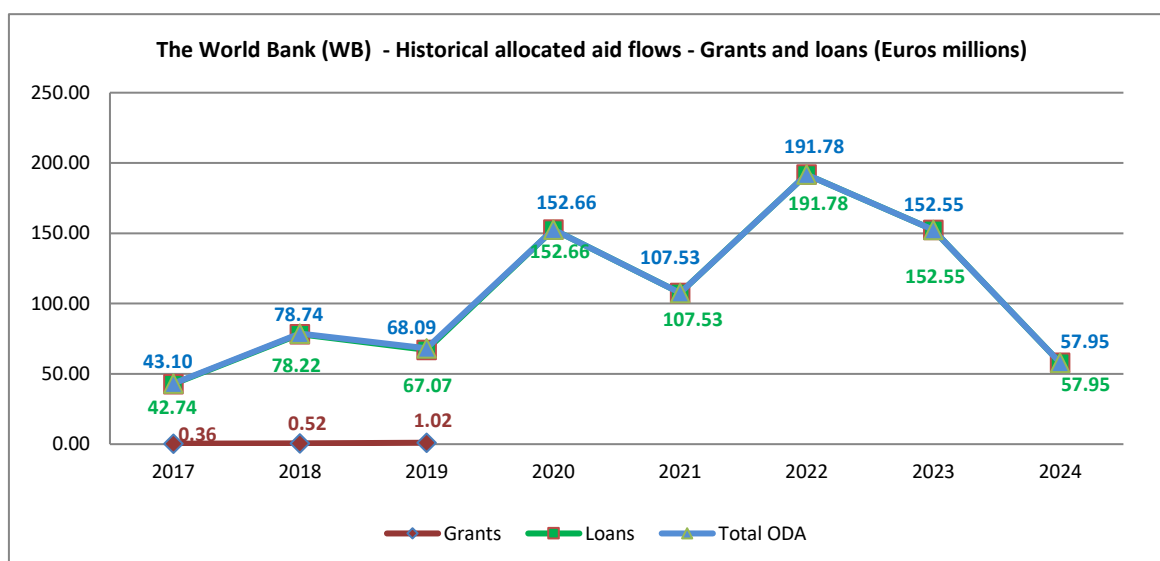
WBG Country Partnership Framework (CPF) for FY23-27 for Bosnia and Herzegovina was presented to the World Bank Executive Board of Directors in July 2022. The CPF program based on the Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) and the emerging impact of COVID19 identified three Higher Level Outcomes (HLO) that 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 2024

The World Bank (WB) **allocated € 57,95 million and disbursed € 150,25 million in 2024 in the form of loan** to the following sectors: Competitiveness and innovation, Regional and territorial cooperation, Environment and climate action, Education, employment and social policies, Transport, Cross - cutting sector, Democracy and governance.

Additional support was extended to advance healthcare reform through a comprehensive program, including an additional development policy loan to strengthen financial sustainability, governance, and service quality. In partnership with the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, two major projects were prepared to facilitate the transition to a low-carbon, clean-energy economy and to enhance road safety and connectivity.





Medium and long-term approach

In 2025, the Bank will focus on supporting the effective implementation of ongoing operations and enabling implementing entities to achieve their development goals. Priority areas include healthcare reform, labor market development, road safety, water sector modernization, agricultural competitiveness, air quality improvement, and mass property valuation. The Bank will also collaborate with counterparts to advance a “just transition” in the energy sector, moving from coal dependency toward affordable, reliable, and clean energy, alongside reforms in solid waste management. Advisory efforts will center on modernizing state-owned enterprises, strengthening and diversifying the financial sector, reforming public sector employment and labor markets, and continuing health sector improvements.

Development partners coordination efforts

The Bank actively participates in quarterly Donor Coordination Forum meetings and sector-specific platforms with key international partners, including the EU, EBRD, EIB, KfW, USAID, IMF, UN, and UNDP. Partnerships with Sida, the British Embassy, and OSCE further strengthen program impact through coordinated action. Jointly with the EU and others, the Bank is advancing the “just transition” agenda, while collaboration with the IMF supports fiscal and financial sector reforms. In the water sector, the Bank works 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

IFC's engagement in BiH is anchored in its Western Balkans strategy, which focuses on accelerating private sector-led growth, improving competitiveness, and fostering climate resilience. The approach emphasizes:

- Creating markets through policy reforms and upstream diagnostics.
- Mobilizing private capital for infrastructure, tourism, and manufacturing.
- Supporting financial inclusion and climate finance.
- Leveraging the One WBG approach for integrated solutions with the World Bank and MIGA.

IFC focuses on financial services, infrastructure, and subnational engagements. This includes financing and support for microfinance institutions, banks, and regulators, including advisory support to the Central Bank. In parallel, IFC continues to finance private sector companies, including retail and distressed asset resolution. IFC commitments in 2025 were at the level of \$92 million.

Medium and long-term approach

IFC's role in BiH is expected to expand significantly over the medium and long term, focusing on driving private sector-led growth. The Corporation will prioritize climate and green finance, supporting renewable energy, energy efficiency, and agribusiness to align with decarbonization goals and EU accession requirements. Structural reforms, including SOE restructuring and PPP development in transport and water infrastructure, will remain central to IFC's advisory and investment agenda. Additionally, IFC aims to strengthen financial inclusion through digital transformation and risk-sharing facilities with local banks, while promoting gender-focused programs for women-owned MSMEs.

In the coming years, IFC seeks to finance initiatives that foster competitiveness and sustainability across key sectors. These include infrastructure projects such as airports, railways and digital connectivity, green building and industrial park developments, and sustainable tourism investments. Manufacturing and agribusiness will benefit from ESG advisory and blended finance solutions, while regional integration will be supported through cross-border projects in the Western Balkans. By combining upstream reforms with innovative financing instruments, IFC will position BiH to attract private capital, accelerate green transition, and enhance resilience in a rapidly evolving economic landscape.

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