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AFD GROUP AND

The Western Balkans

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**17 active
projects**

in the Western Balkans
region

€ 1 billion

committed since 2019

**100% Paris
Agreement**

To support a low-carbon
transition and increase
the region's resilience to
climate change

AFD Group's mandate is to support the convergence of Western Balkans countries towards European Union standards and the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement. Composed of AFD, Proparco and Expertise France, the group finances development projects with public and private partners, as well as technical cooperation programs, in support of an inclusive growth and low-carbon trajectory.

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OUR INITIATIVES IN THE Western Balkans

In the region, AFD Group works with local partners from public institutions, private companies and civil society organizations. Mobilizing a uniquely diverse financial and technical offer, we support projects and reforms to combat climate change and to support just and inclusive transitions.

1

Sustainable and Inclusive Economic and Political Models

Environmental and social sustainability is at the heart of AFD's mandate. In the public sector, we support Montenegro's efforts in the area of low-carbon transition via a **€50.4 million credit line and a technical assistance program to the Montenegro Investment and Development Fund**. In Serbia, AFD initiated a **program of support to the government's Green Agenda roadmap**, in partnership with the World Bank (**AFD's sovereign financing of €185.5 million**), joined by KfW. Also in Serbia, an **additional €69.6 million programme covering the challenges of green fiscal transition** has been granted, in partnership with the World Bank. In Albania, also with the World Bank, AFD is supporting public policies in order to **reduce gender-based inequalities via a €50 million sovereign loan and €1.5 million technical assistance**. In 2021, Proparco granted a credit line of **€50 million to ProCredit Bank in Serbia** to support SMEs and green projects. Through its partnerships with civil society, AFD is funding RISE, a regional project that aims to open new spaces for reconciliation for the youth of the Western Balkans through social entrepreneurship.

2

Urban Resilience and Adaptations

Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development Project (LIID), **€ 176.8 million granted by AFD**, in co-financing with the World Bank, **supports Serbian municipalities in their rehabilitation of urban mobility infrastructure**. Improving the resilience of cities by adapting urban transport to climate change and social issues is at the heart of this project. In the private sector, **Proparco has been involved in the Belgrade airport expansion project** since 2018 through a public-private partnership, to the tune of **€33.6 million**.

3

Integrated and Sustainable Management of Territories and Preservation of Natural Resources

AFD signed a sovereign loan of €51 million, as part of a program co-financed with the World Bank, for the **modernization of the rail sector in Serbia**. Reducing the environmental and sanitary impact of waste is at the heart of the European Union accession agenda as well and plays a major role in improving the people's living conditions. Therefore, AFD is financing **in Serbia a national solid waste management program through a €75 million sovereign loan, in partnership with EBRD**. AFD is also committed to the sustainable and optimized use of water resources. **The rehabilitation and extension of drinking water network for Durrës city in Albania is supported through a €61 million sovereign financing**, including a technical assistance component.

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Supporting the Energy Transition

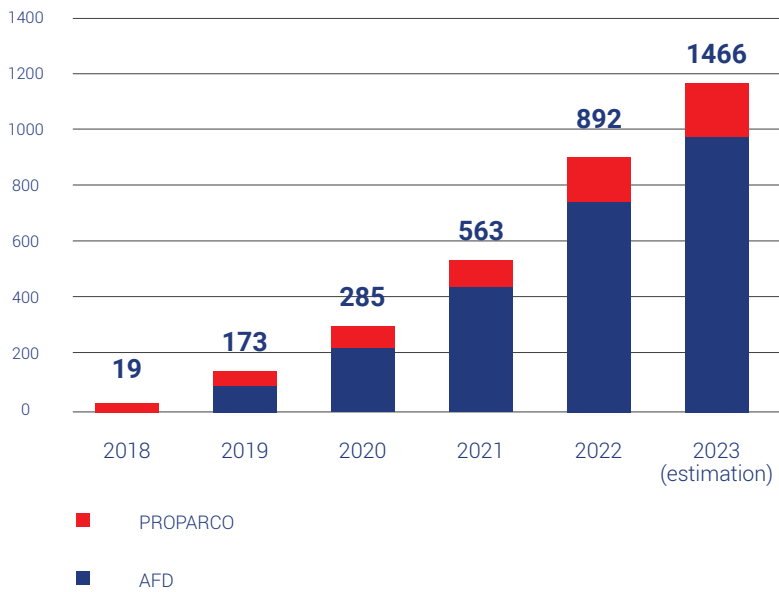
The energy sector has a central place in achieving the objectives of the Paris Climate Agreement. AFD is supporting the Western Balkans countries in their efforts to structure and decarbonize the electricity market in line with the European Union's 3rd Energy Package. In this context, in partnership with KfW, AFD has been supporting **Albania's electricity sector reforms** for the past three years through a **€ 100 million budget support programme and € 2.4 million of technical assistance**. Furthermore, in 2015 Proparco granted a **€17 million loan** to support the construction and exploitation of a **wind farm (72 MW)** in Montenegro.

KEY FIGURES FOR AFD GROUP IN THE Western Balkans



Portfolio amount at the end of May 2023
€ 1 billion

Cumulative amount of projects (in millions EUR)



12
projets AFD

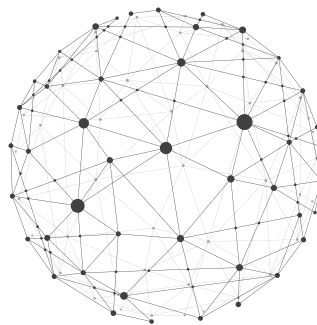
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A wide range of tools:

Sovereign, non-sovereign and sub-sovereign loans

Credit lines

Participation in the capital of companies



Guarantees

Grants

Technical assistance



Connecting the actors of development

- AFD is a member of WBIF since 2018
- Partnerships with the World Bank, KfW, EBRD, EIB and SDC, in the form of co-financing and expertise



Access to multisectoral expertise

- Expertise France
- Our partners
- Our access to specialized international organizations

AFD Group implements policy of France in the areas of development and international solidarity. The Group includes French Development Agency (AFD), which finances the public sector and NGOs, as well as research and education in sustainable development; Proparco, which is dedicated to private sector financing; and Expertise France, a technical cooperation agency. The Group finances, supports and accelerates transitions towards a fairer, more resilient world.

With our partners, we are building shared solutions with and for the people. Our teams are at work on more than 4,000 projects in the field, in the French Overseas Departments and Territories, in 115 countries and in regions in crisis. We strive to protect global public goods – climate, biodiversity and peace, as well as gender equality, education and healthcare. In this way, we contribute to the commitment of France and the French people to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Towards a world in common.

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