

**Five-year Rolling Work Plan for  
Development of the Indicative  
TEN-T Extension**  
of the Comprehensive and  
Core Network in Western Balkans

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# Why a Five-year rolling work plan for TEN-T?

From a patchwork to a network: Need to improve regional level planning and prioritisation



# Five-year rolling work plan mirrors:



The TEN-T compliance conditions and deadlines

The Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans

Single Project Pipelines

Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy

# TEN-T in Western Balkans – where are we now?

TEN-T standards compliance:

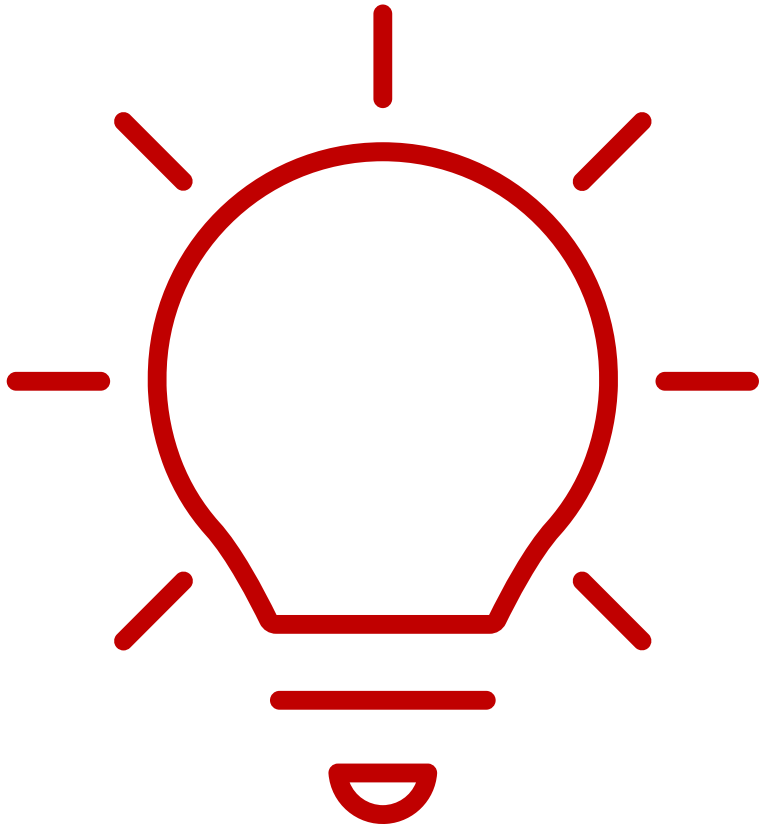
- Varies significantly between transport modes
- Is uneven between various criteria for the same transport mode
- Particularly low for key criteria like ERTMS, train length, alternative fuels, ITS or road safety



# TEN-T in Western Balkans – where are we now?



## Key challenges:



- Core Network to be completed by 2030, Comprehensive by 2050
- Major infrastructure upgrades and better maintenance needed to reach TEN-T compliance
- Horizontal criteria requiring EU acquis implementation and institutional reforms

# TEN-T in Western Balkans – where are we heading to?



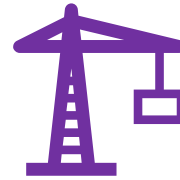
77 TEN-T transport projects in the Single Project Pipelines still lacking funding > € 22.5 billion:



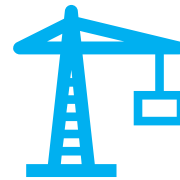
43 Roads (> € 14.28 billion)



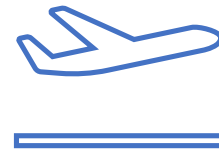
26 Railway (> € 7.84 billion)



2 Seaports (> € 26.3 million)



4 Inland Waterways (> € 245.9 million)



2 Airports (> € 138.4 million)

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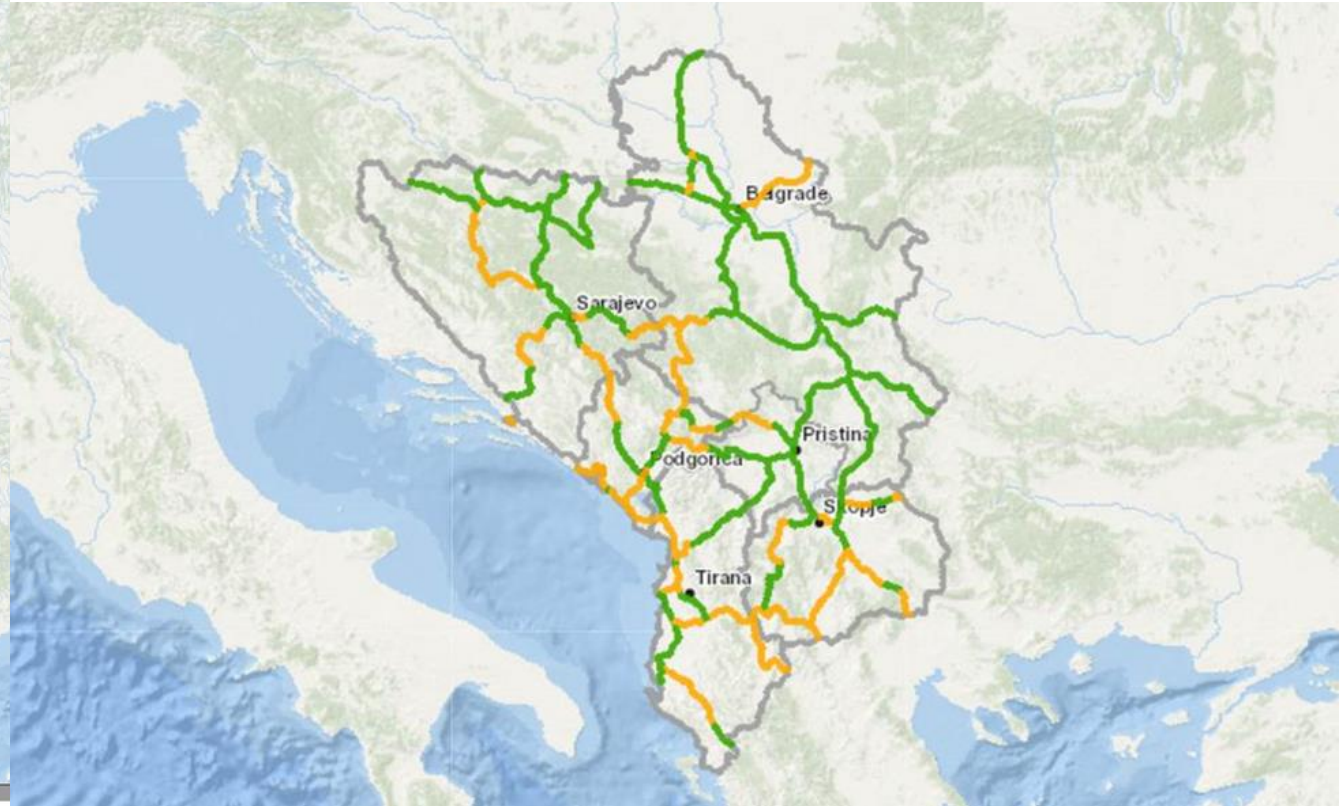
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Indicative Extension of TEN-T Core and Comprehensive Network to Western Balkans  
Road network compliance (profile and conditions)



Indicative extension of TEN-T Core and Comprehensive Network  
Road condition forecast 2027





# TEN-T in Western Balkans – where are we heading to...?



The 2030 perspective: not just more concrete, asphalt, and money spent but...



A high-quality network uniting people and communities in a smart, safe, green, resilient and sustainable manner!

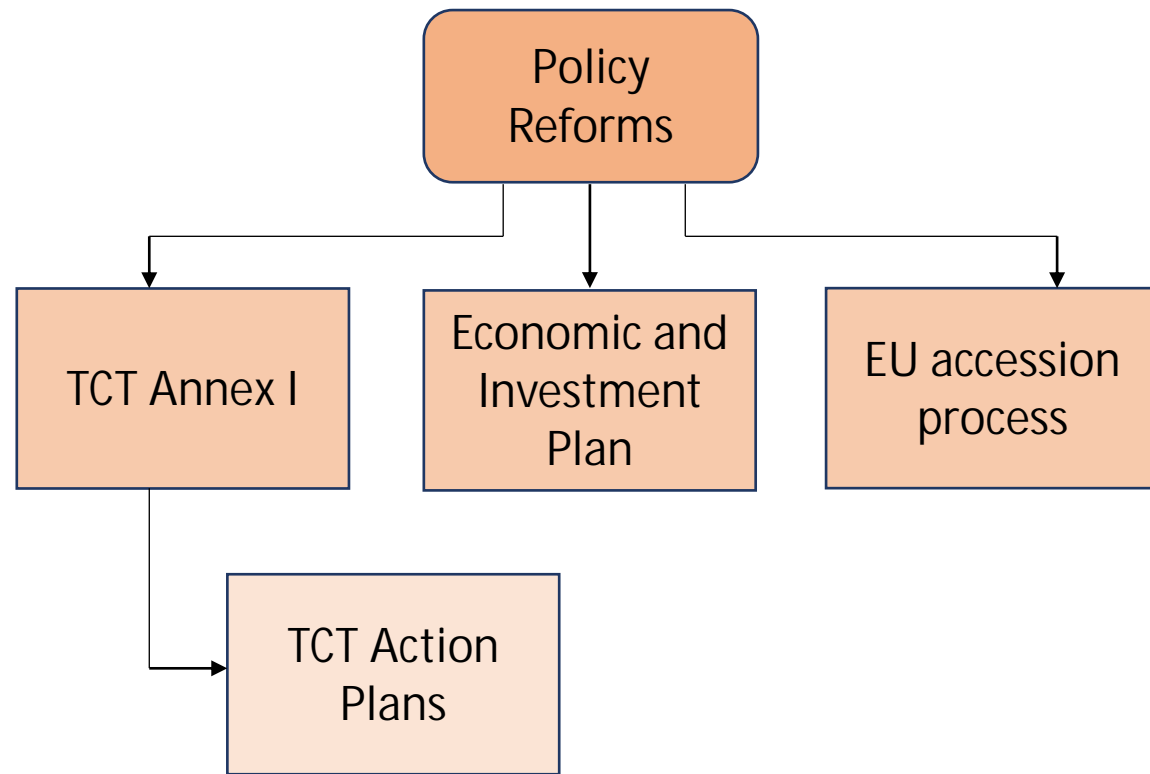
# TEN-T in Western Balkans – the challenges

Building the TEN-T Network of the future requires:

- Planning/prioritization
- Capacity
- Policy reforms
- Shift to safe, green and digital



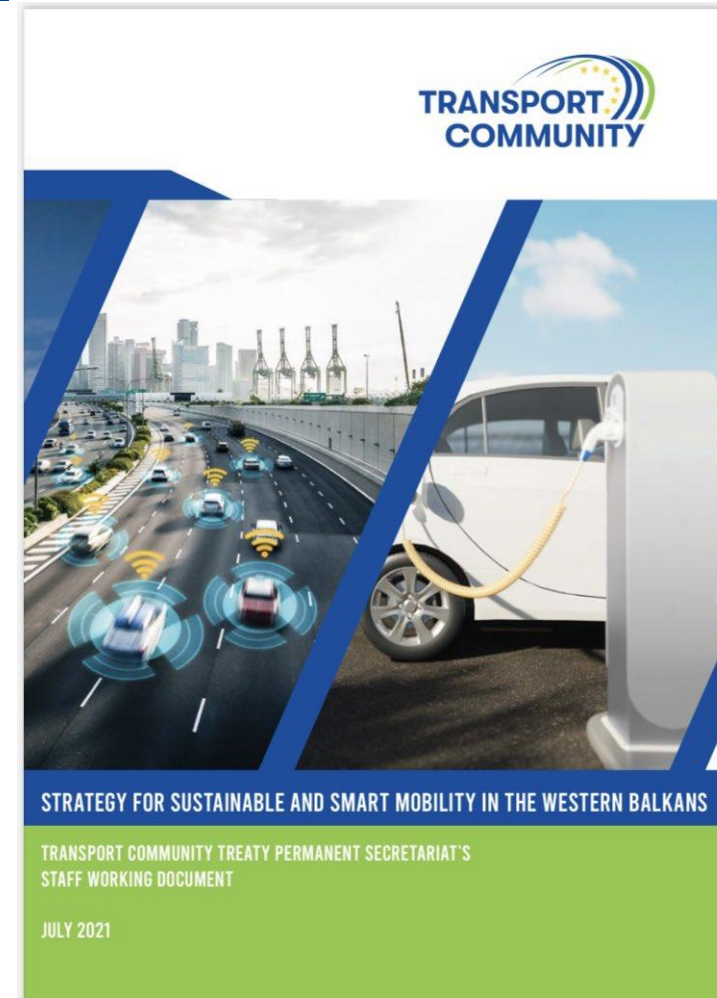
# Institutional and policy reforms



# Green & digital transformation

Need to:

- Take actions to stimulate shift towards eco-friendly transport modes and de-carbonize road transport
- Update SPPs in order to reflect green and digital elements
- Align national transport strategies to the green & digital transition



# Safe and sustainable transport program



Small scale projects identified as regional priorities in TCT 5 year rolling plan

€ 80 million earmarked by the EC for small scale projects tackling:

- Border crossings on the TEN-T Network
- Safety improvements on level crossing and high-risk road sections
- Deployment of Sustainable and Smart Mobility solutions in the Western Balkans





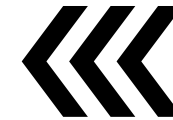
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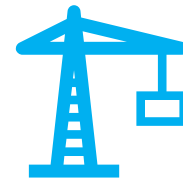
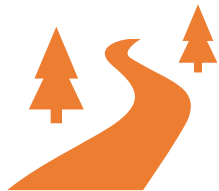
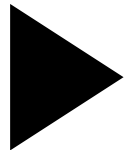
Request for expression of interest and project proposals sent by EC in early May



5 of 6 Regional Partners have already replied positively



88 project proposals > € 400 million





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