There are currently six active public-private partnerships (PPP) in infrastructure in the region. Southern Europe and Central Asia has been hard hit by the global economic turmoil. IFC’s strategy is to improve the business enabling environment by modernizing the region’s infrastructure and helping governments strengthen regulatory frameworks.

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BULGARIA  

BULGARIA WATER  
As Lead Advisor to the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, IFC is helping the Government of Bulgaria implement a pilot public-private partnership to restructure the water sector and improve the management of water and sanitation services. Expanding the access to quality drinking water and improved sewage collection and treatment are Government priorities.

KOSOVO  

KOSOVO POWER DISTRIBUTION  
The government has appointed IFC as the lead advisor for the privatization of retail electricity distribution. IFC is assisting with the separation of distribution activities and assets of KEK, the national electricity utility, and the design and implementation of the privatization of KEDS, the electricity distribution and supply company. The project will significantly reduce technical and non-technical losses by upgrading the distribution networks in accordance with international standards and improving the efficiency of billing, collection, and customer service.

MACEDONIA  

HYDRO POWER  
IFC is helping the government of Macedonia attract private foreign investors for a 526 MW hydroelectric power project that includes six generating units on two sites: Cebren and Galiste. Development of the country’s hydro potential is a government priority, since the country currently imports about 40 percent of the electricity it needs.

MONTENEGRO  

BERANE SOLID WASTE  
IFC is assisting the Municipalities of Berane, Rozaje, Plav and Andrijevica in Montenegro to select a private partner to develop and operate a new regional landfill. Most waste disposal sites in Montenegro do not comply with best practices and pose a risk to the environment, food production and human health, as well as the economy which depends largely on tourism. Waste collection and disposal is currently managed by the municipalities and/or national authorities which lack funds to improve solid waste infrastructure and services. This project is a continuation of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Program developed on the basis of experience gained through the IFC’s Recycling Linkage Program in the Western Balkans.

MORACA RIVER HYDROPOWER  
IFC is serving as the lead advisor to the government on a public-private partnership to develop the Moraca River Hydropower plant. The project will entail the construction of four dams, which are expected to supply enough power to meet 50 percent of current household consumption in the country. The country is currently dependent on fossil fuel imports to meet domestic demand, and the creation of new power generation capacity is a critical development priority. The new plants will cut GHG emissions by an estimated 26 million metric tons over 50 years.

TAJIKISTAN  

KONIMANSUR SILVER MINE  
IFC is advising the government of Tajikistan on the selection of a private investor to develop the Bolshoi Konimansur mine’s silver deposits. Although the country has rich mineral deposits, its remote geographic location and low foreign investment levels have hampered the development of the mining sector. The agreement is the first of its kind in Central Asia.

UZBEKISTAN  

MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC CENTERS  
IFC is advising the government of Uzbekistan on a public-private partnership to design, construct, equip, finance, and operate four medical diagnostic centers in Tashkent City and the regions of Samarkand, Fergana, and Navoi. The centers will offer diagnostic imaging, lab tests, specialist outpatient care, and day surgery to an estimated 300,000 patients, with an emphasis on the poor. This is the first public-private partnership in the country and supports the government’s health sector reform program.