



South East Europe, Western Balkan 6 (WB6) countries:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia

Regional Consultancy Fund for Quality Infrastructure

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| Objective | The Regional Consultancy Fund for Quality Infrastructure (SEE QI Fund) is a new, demand-driven project type that supports initiatives that foster the integration of the Western Balkan (WB6) countries into the European Union (EU) common market and other markets, as facilitated by increased recognition of QI services. | |
| Approach | The SEE QI Fund is available for joint QI-related initiatives by and for WB6 countries. These initiatives may comprise joint training sessions and exchanges of experience as well as more complex projects producing an innovative regional output. As a precondition for funding, a clear reference to Chapter 1, “Free Movement of Goods”, of the WB6 EU accession process must be evident. QI shall either be part of the problem or part of the solution. The SEE QI Fund can be of use where joint solutions to identified challenges will result in greater efficiency or effectiveness. | |
| | A minimum of three countries from the WB6 region must share the given demand and submit a joint initiative to PTB. Ideally, all six WB6 countries will be included in the initiative – provided that a clear relevance is given for each country. Innovative partnerships linking stakeholders from various sectors and institutions are encouraged. The partner organizations will actively participate in the development of the joint initiative as well as the implementation of the approved SEE QI project in collaboration with PTB. | |
| Impact | The capacity development strategy of the SEE QI Fund targets different levels: people, organizations, regional networks and/or the policy level. Joint initiatives with participants from at least three WB6 countries will ensure that regional synergies are used and that QI stakeholders from different countries learn from each other. | |
| | This approach will be beneficial to the long-term, inclusive and sustainable economic growth of the WB6 countries as well as to future cooperation with neighboring countries and, at a later stage, within the EU. | |
| Cooperation | Close collaboration with WB6 ministries responsible for Chapter 1 negotiations with the EU will ensure that the QI initiatives are embedded into the larger reform process of WB6 countries. | |
| Financing | German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) | |
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