

Western Balkans Cooperation Initiative: Japan's Assistance towards Serbia's EU accession

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	○Project/programme name	year			
	●Areas of reform which Serbia needs to implement (Related negotiation chapters with EU)	2024	2025	2026	2027
Private sector development	○Dispatch of experts and implementation of training for a SME mentoring programme				
	●Chapter 20: Enterprise and industrial policy				
	○Startup Support Project				
	●Chapter 25: Science and research				
	○Dispatch of a JOCV to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Vojvodina.				
	●Chapter 20: Enterprise and industrial policy				
	○Experts training in Japan in the field of private sector development ※1				
	●Chapter 20: Enterprise and industrial policy				
	○Dispatch of an expert and implementation of training for sustainable tourism development in the Western Balkans				
	●Chapter 20: Enterprise and industrial policy				
	○Dispatch of a JOCV to the tourism bureau of Loznica				
	●Chapter 20: Enterprise and industrial policy				
	○Signing of MoC between MEXT of Japan and MSTDI of the Republic of Serbia				
	●Chapter 25: Science and research／Chapter 26: Education and culture				
Environmental protection and energy	○Flue Gas Desulphurization Construction Project for Thermal Power Plant Nikola Tesla (Yen Loan): Fulfilling EU environmental standards				
	●Chapter 27: Environment and climate change				
	○Bistrica pumped storage power plant construction project (Preparatory Survey): Promotion of renewable energy through the project				
	●Chapter 15 Energy／Chapter 27: Environment and climate change				
	○Environmental protection and climate change countermeasures supported by the EBRD (Belgrade Waste Management and Power Generation PPP Project)				
	●Chapter 15 Energy／Chapter 27: Environment and climate change				
	○Enhancement of waste management capabilities of municipalities ※2				
	●Chapter 27: Environment and climate change				
Improve-ment of economic and social services	○Expert training in Japan in the field of environmental protection ※1				
	●Chapter 27: Environment and climate change				
	○Dispatch of JOCVs for supporting social participation and self-reliance of persons with disabilities				
	●Chapter 19: Social policy and employment／Chapter 26: Education and culture				
	○Provision of equipment or construction of facilities for the improvement of educational environment ※2				
	●Chapter 26: Education and culture				
	○Provision of equipments for high quality healthcare services ※3				
	●Chapter 28: Consumer and health protection				
Enhancement of democracy and rule of law	○Expert training in Japan in the field of education ※1				
	●Chapter 26: Education and culture				
Promotion of regional cooperation	○Expert training in Japan in the field of healthcare and social security ※1				
	●Chapter 28: Consumer and health protection				
	○JICA expert Seminars for journalists				
	●Chapter 10: Information society and media／Chapter 23: Judiciary and fundamental rights				
	○Training of the Western Balkans policymakers in Japan ※3				
	●Chapter 35: Other issues				
	○Symposium organised in collaboration with WBF and IVE				
	●Chapter 35: Other issues				
	○Dispatch of experts and implementation of training for a SME mentoring programme ※Repost				
	●Chapter 35: Other issues				
	○Dispatch of experts and implementation of training for sustainable tourism development in the Western Balkans ※Repost				
	●Chapter 35: Other issues				

※ Temporarily closed chapters are shown in blue letters

【List of Abbreviations】SME:Small and Medium Enterprise/ JOCV:Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers/ MEXT:Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology/ MSTDI:The Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation of the Republic of Serbia/ EBRD:European Bank for Reconstruction and Development/ PPP:Public Private Partnership/ WBF:Western Balkans Fund/ IVE:The International Visegrad Fund

【Remarks】※1 Knowledge Co-Creation Program/ ※2 GGP(Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects)/※3 Themes: FY 2021: Air pollution, FY 2022: Smart agriculture, FY 2023: Renewable energy, FY 2024: Tourism