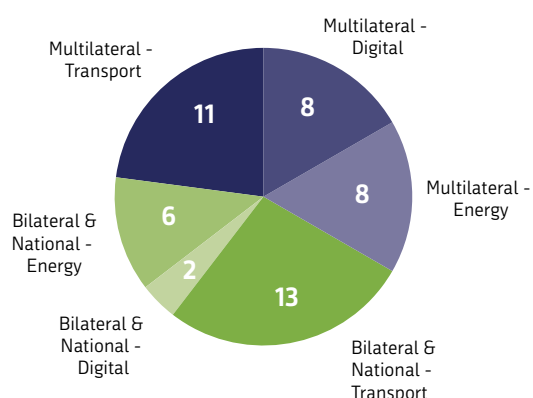




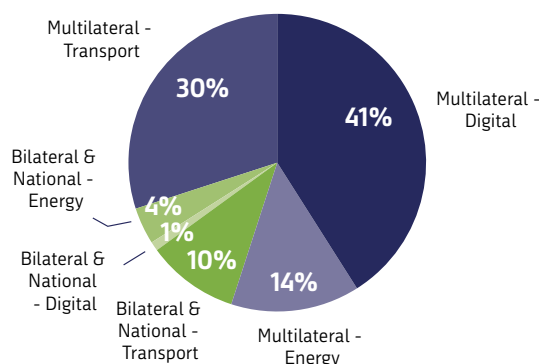
Priority Interconnection Projects, 2019 Status Report

The **List of Priority Interconnection Projects** was one of the main outcomes of the third Three Seas Initiative Summit, which was **held in Bucharest in 2018**. It encompasses 48 projects focusing on three fields: energy, digital and transportation. By implementing these projects, we aim to answer the needs and priorities of the participating states and provide a substantial contribution to the overall objective of the Three Seas Initiative.

Structure of all projects

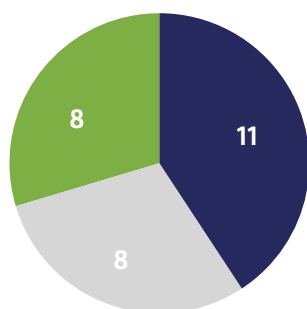


Number of Participating Countries in projects (inc. entative)

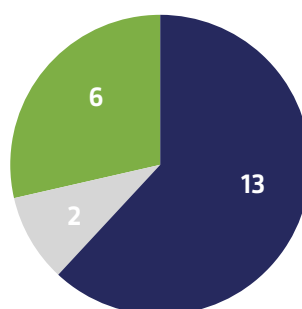


As the host of the fourth Three Seas Initiative Summit in 2019, Slovenia has launched the drafting of a progress report, inviting all 3SI countries to provide updated information on progress achieved and project implementation status.

Structure of Multilateral Projects



Structure of Bilateral and National Projects



● Transport ● Energy ● Digital

Analysis shows that some progress has been made in both the implementation stage and in securing financial sources.

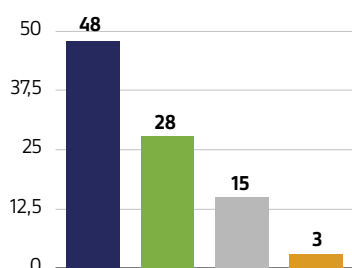
Due to the very diverse projects, defining the common denominator to present the progress achieved was a challenging task. Progress was defined in terms of the following stages:

- Registered
- Activity Reported
- Substantial Progress
- Completed

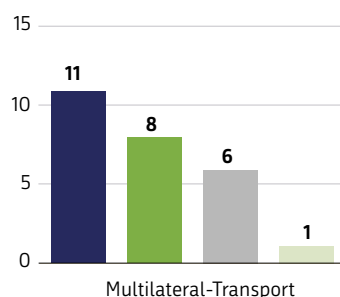
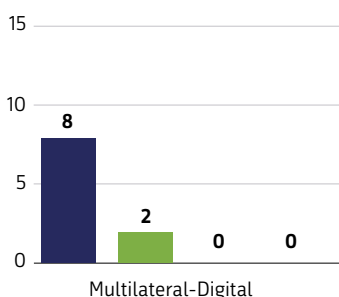
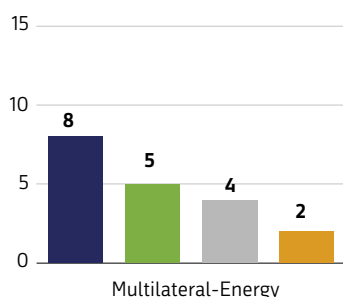
The categories »Registered« and »Completed« need no further explanation, whereas the categories »Activity Reported« and »Substantial Progress« in the graphs below might require some clarification.

Depending on the information provided, some liberty was taken in assessing whether a project should be classified as one in an initial phase (launching activities, preparation of the documentation or the legal basis, search for financing, etc.) or whether concrete measures and tangible results have already been achieved for its implementation (results in preparation, one or several phases completed, clear timeline to finalisation, etc.).

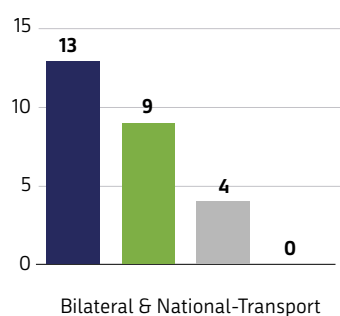
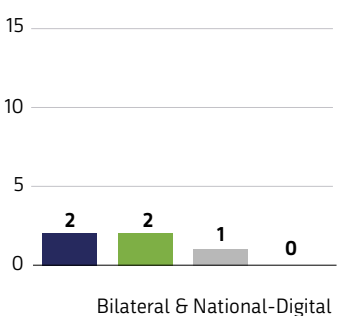
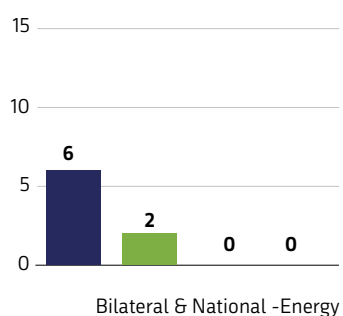
Status of all projects



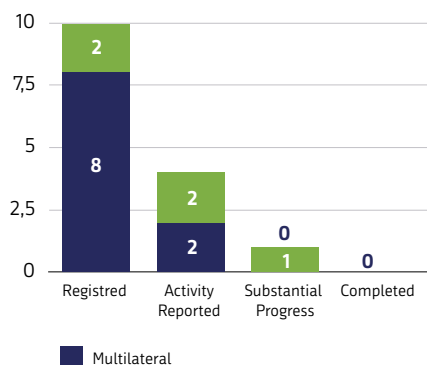
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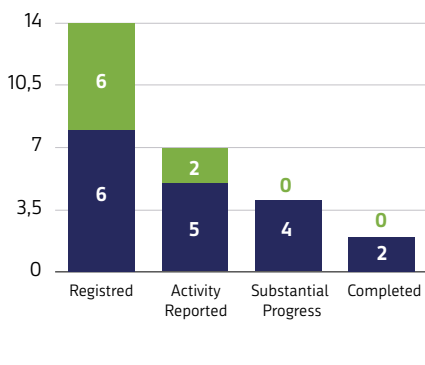
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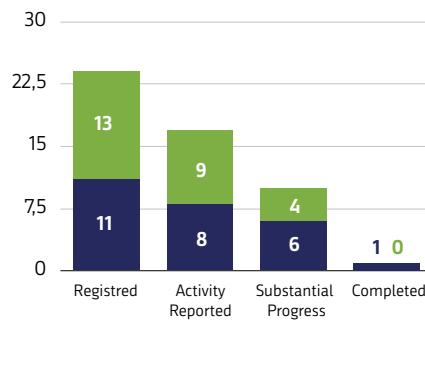
Status of Digital Projects



Status of Energy Projects

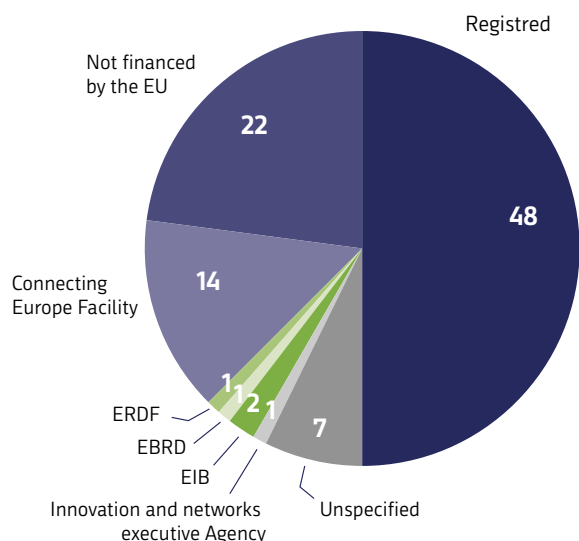


Status of Transport Projects



The financial structure of registered projects is rather complicated and, in some cases, even partially tentative or unclear. Therefore, the following analysis refers only to the number of registered projects and not to the financing.

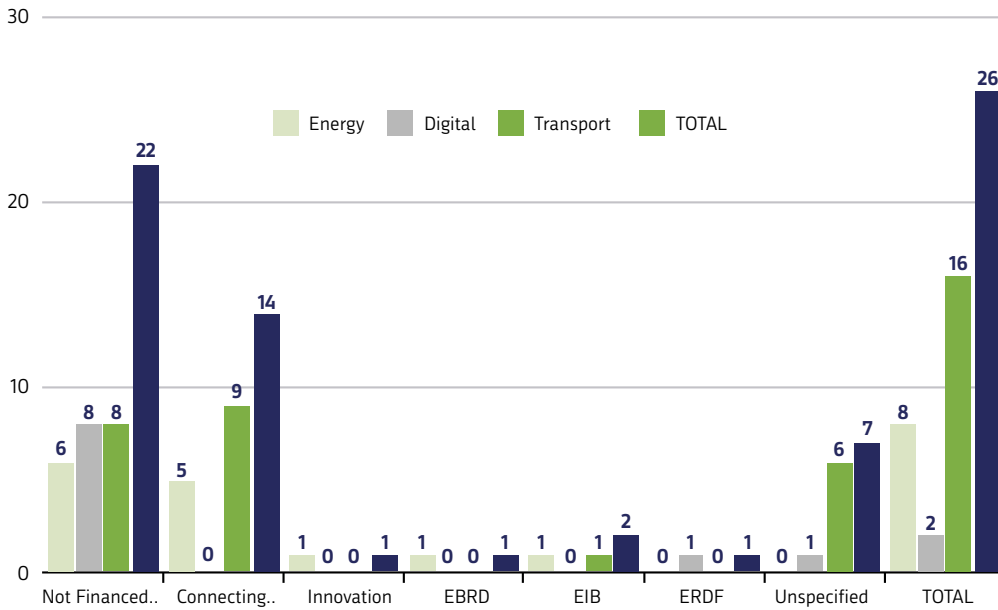
Project Financing - Total



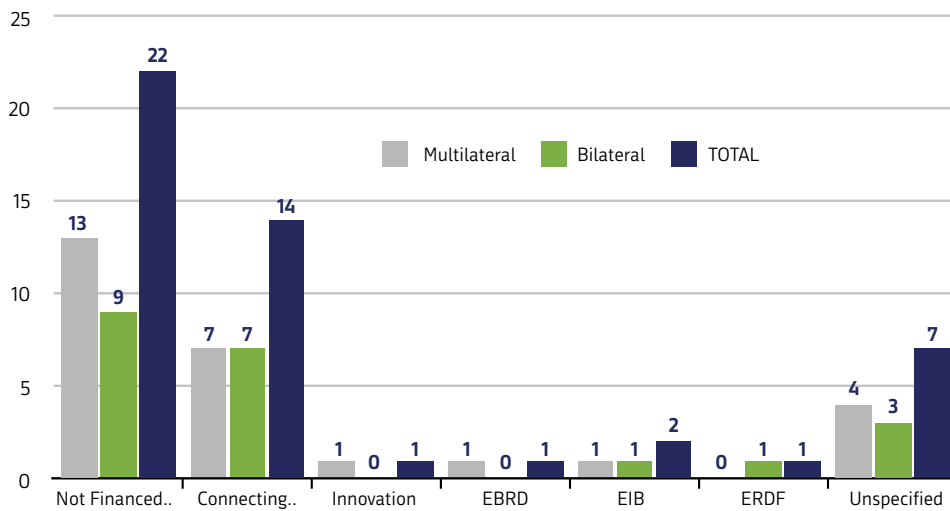
Co-financing by EU instruments, EBRD or EIB has been envisaged for 26 out of 48 registered projects (54%). The highest share of expected EU financing is for multilateral energy projects (7 out of 8, or 88%), while the lowest is for multilateral digital projects (only 1 out of 8 planned unspecified EU financing).

EU financial support is expected for just above one half of the registered projects, both multilateral (52%) and bilateral/national (57%). The highest rate of expected EU financing is planned for transportation (67%), followed by energy (57%) and digital (20%).

Project by Fields, financed by the EU



Multilateral and bilateral/national projects, financed by the EU



The analysis shows that at least one half of the Priority Interconnection Projects are to receive EU financial support, primarily in the transport and energy sectors, while in digitalisation, other or more innovative sources of financing are to be sought.