

How do we implement our policies?

We are committed to ensuring that the projects we finance are socially and environmentally sustainable, designed and carried out with the principles of good governance and due diligence, and compliant with both relevant laws and international best practice. All projects are appraised against the Bank's Environmental and Social Policy and Performance Requirements. Throughout the investment cycle, the environmental and social performance of all EBRD projects is closely monitored. This monitoring involves a combination of client reporting, regular site visits by Bank staff and independent audits. We conducted environmental and social monitoring visits to 84 projects in 2015.

Financial intermediaries

Our Environmental and Social Requirements for financial intermediary (FI) projects are set out in Performance Requirement 9 of our Environmental and Social Policy (ESP). They focus on ensuring that banks, private equity funds and other financial institutions receiving our financing have appropriate environmental and social risk management systems in place.

Financial Intermediary Sustainability Index

In November 2015 we launched the Russian language version of the EBRD Financial Intermediary Sustainability Index (SI). The SI was designed to help our partner financial institutions understand how they are responding to sustainability issues and the extent to which they are implementing a systematic approach to managing them.

The Index will allow financial institutions to periodically self-assess and potentially compare their progress in implementing effective arrangements for sustainability risk management. The SI will also allow us to compare financial institutions in this area over time and to monitor progress at the portfolio level. Over 250 partner financial institutions are using the SI.

Training and capacity building

Our environmental and social e-learning programme for FIs was launched in 2013 and had over 1,000 users at the end of 2015.

The course provides FIs with a strong understanding of relevant environmental, social and health and safety issues, the risks these can present to financial institutions, and our recommended policies and procedures for managing these risks. The e-learning course is available free of charge. For further information, visit ebrd.coastlinesolutions.com

Environmental Sustainability Bonds

We established the Environmental Sustainability Bond Programme (ESBP) in response to clear investor demand for this type of bond product. The projects financed by the ESBP achieve specific environmental benefits and, collectively, comprise our Green Project Portfolio (GPP).

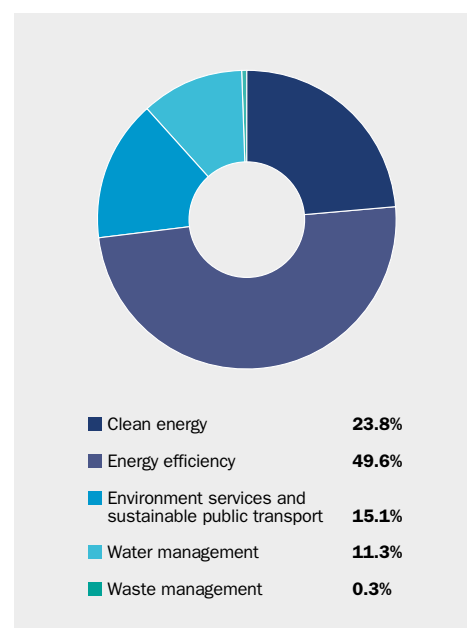
In 2015 we issued 20 Environmental Sustainability Bonds totalling €257 million. Since 2010 we have issued 39 sustainability bonds worth €787 million. Not only do green bond issues attract a new investor base but they allow us to highlight the importance placed by the EBRD on environmentally sound and sustainable development to a wider audience while fulfilling core elements of our mandate.

Green Project Portfolio

Our ESBP is directly linked to the disbursed amount of the GPP. This is a replenishing portfolio with strict eligibility criteria that ensure that the proceeds of our Green Bonds are immediately directed towards projects with positive environmental impacts.

As at 31 December 2015, the GPP comprised 341 loans across 31 countries, totalling €5.73 billion of which €3.65 billion was drawn down.

Green Project Portfolio sector split



Green Project Portfolio country split

