

An aerial photograph of a forest with a road at the bottom. The forest is composed of various types of trees, including evergreens and deciduous trees with autumn-colored foliage. The road is a two-lane asphalt road with white lane markings, running diagonally across the bottom of the image.

WE INVEST IN CHANGING LIVES

We seek to ensure that the projects we finance are socially and environmentally sustainable, respect the rights of affected workers and communities, and are designed and operated in compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and international good practices.

The EBRD is investing in changing people's lives and environments from central Europe to Central Asia, the Western Balkans and the southern and eastern Mediterranean region. With an emphasis on working with the private sector, we invest in projects, engage in policy dialogue and provide technical advice that fosters innovation and builds sustainable and open-market economies.

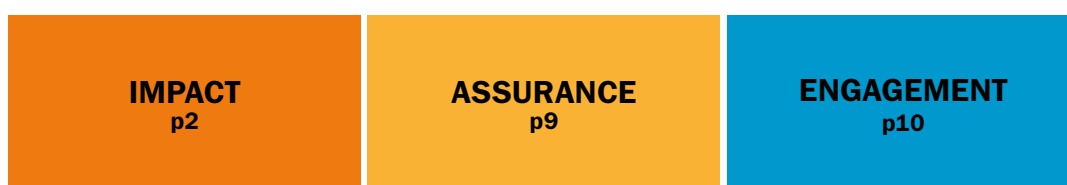
OUR APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

Our approach to sustainability is multifaceted and involves:

- incorporating environmental and social requirements into the appraisal and implementation of all Bank-funded projects based on European Union standards and international good practice
- providing finance and technical assistance specifically aimed at addressing environmental and social issues
- promoting economic inclusion and access to community services such as water and public transport
- supporting projects that promote gender equality
- encouraging public participation through pre-investment consultation and information disclosure, and maintaining regular strategic dialogue with civil society organisations and other stakeholders.

In this report you will find detailed information about our sustainability projects and initiatives over the last year. Measuring and reporting on the impacts of our projects is an important objective for the EBRD and we pride ourselves on monitoring our work in a transparent and accountable way.

The report focuses on three key aspects of sustainability at the EBRD:



The EBRD's full *Sustainability Report 2015* can be found on our website at sr-ebrd.com