

# EBRD Sets New Investment Record in Central Asia

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**The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) today announced a record year of investment in Central Asia, exceeding €2.26 billion across 121 projects in six regional economies. This represents a significant increase compared to 2023 and demonstrates the Bank's continued commitment to supporting economic growth and development in the region.**

Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan emerged as leading recipients of EBRD funding, attracting €938 million and €913 million respectively. Notably, Kazakhstan surpassed the €10 billion mark in cumulative EBRD investment, while Uzbekistan reached a milestone of €5 billion.

The Bank's investments were strategically focused on key areas, with 61% allocated to sustainable infrastructure projects and 24% supporting local banks for on-lending to SMEs, women, young entrepreneurs, and climate-related initiatives. The remaining 15% of loans were directed towards corporate sector clients.

"This record year of investment in Central Asia underscores the EBRD's commitment to supporting the region's economic growth and development," said [Name and Title of relevant EBRD official]. "We are proud to have contributed significantly to the region's progress and to have mobilized over €3 billion in total financing, including co-financing from other partners."

The EBRD remains a leading green lender in the region, with 58% of its investments aligned with the Paris Agreement. This commitment to sustainable development is crucial for addressing climate change and building a more resilient future for Central Asia.