

State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO

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European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

A Multilateral Development Bank, European in Character and Global in Membership

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) supports the economic transition of countries in Central and Eastern Europe. Its mandate has a political element, as the EBRD's support is conditional on its countries of operations applying the principles of multi-party democracy. In 2012, the EBRD expanded the geographical scope of its operations to the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean region (SEMED) and an incremental and limited expansion to Sub-Saharan Africa is planned, starting in 2025.

The EBRD contributes to the transition of countries into market-oriented economies.

Its focus is on private sector development. The EBRD invests in areas where commercial finance is not available and based on the principles of sound banking and transition impact. Safeguarding the environment and a commitment to sustainable energy are central to the EBRD's activity.



Focus

Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Southern & Eastern Mediterranean, Sub-Saharan Africa

Headquarters

London, United Kingdom

Established in

1991

Member countries

75, in 23 voting groups

Number of countries of operations

38

Lending volume 2023 (EUR)

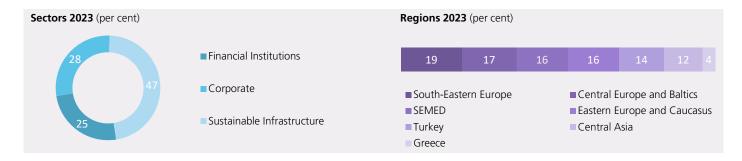
13.1 billion

Total portfolio 2023 (EUR) 50 billion

Strategic Priorities



Portfolio



EBRD: An Important Multilateral and Co-Financing Partner for Switzerland

With over EUR 200 million contributed to projects since 1991, the Swiss Confederation is among the largest bilateral donors to the EBRD. Grants are primarily provided for technical cooperation, investment co-financing, and risk-sharing. As a member of a voting group in the governing body of the EBRD, Switzerland actively participates in the discussions and decisions of the EBRD to fulfil its supervisory role as a shareholder. Switzerland is committed to:

- promoting results-orientation, effectiveness, and targeted financing of development projects according to EBRD's core expertise and strategic priorities;
- supporting the Bank's commitment to implementing and complying with international environmental, social and governance standards;
- encouraging the Bank to focus on renewable energy projects and to support countries to transition away from fossil fuels;
- encouraging the EBRD to systematically coordinate and collaborate with other development partners, including other multilateral development banks and the private sector;
- ensuring an adequate capitalisation and maintaining the EBRD's AAA credit rating.

Swiss accession

1991 (founding member)

Swiss voting group

Ukraine, Serbia, Uzbekistan, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Turkmenistan, Switzerland

Swiss voting share

2.3 %

Swiss paid in capital up to 2023 (EUR)

142.7 million

Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership (E5P)

Since 2016, Switzerland has participated in the EBRD's Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership (E5P) multi-donor trust, with a specific focus on Ukraine. The E5P addresses the modernisation and restoration of urban infrastructure and improving energy efficiency.

So far, it has achieved an annual emissions reduction of 137,592 tons of CO2 and 32 tons of nitrogen oxides, and annual savings of 114,720 MWh of electricity. In 2024, SECO reaffirmed its commitment to Ukraine and to the EBRD by contributing CHF 20 million to the E5P. By leveraging loans from international financing institutions, E5P grants will enable the restoration of infrastructure damaged by the war, the modernisation of infrastructure services such as district heating and public transport, and the thermal rehabilitation of public buildings. These interventions will also reduce energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and pollution in Ukrainian towns and cities.



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