
2026 EBRD Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors**Statement of the Temporary Alternate Governor for the Hellenic Republic, Mr Dimitris Metaxas-Trikardos**

Dear Governors, dear President,

I would like to begin by warmly commending the President, Management, and the Bank's staff for their demanding work and the results achieved during another challenging year. At a time when the Bank's mandate continues to prove crucial in addressing instability and uncertainty across our countries of operation and in supporting our clients, Greece welcomes the Bank's continued focus and support for Ukraine in the face of the unprovoked invasion by the Russian Federation, a clear violation of international law, which Greece once again strongly condemns.

The past year also marked the conclusion of the Bank's mandate in Greece, following a decade of unwavering support. During this time, the EBRD contributed to Greece's economic recovery and transformation. Across 129 projects and EUR 8.9 billion in cumulative investments, all in the private sector, the Bank has supported capital markets strengthening, banking sector sustainability, and private sector competitiveness, resilience, and innovation, while also bringing valuable expertise in the green transition and sustainability. We welcome the continued support from the Regional Office in monitoring and implementing the final projects and are confident that the Bank's impact in Greece will be long-lasting.

I would also like to note the Bank's first year of operations across sub-Saharan Africa, where our private sector focus and transition mandate provide a strong edge for addressing the region's challenges, especially in promoting economic governance reforms in line with the new Strategic and Capital Framework. Our impact is already visible, and we would like to commend the staff on the ground for their hard work.

We are pleased to see the EBRD's continued additionality, as well as the innovative instruments, tools, and expertise the Bank brings to promote market transition through private sector development. In this context, we would like to emphasize the value added and strategic importance of the Bank's equity projects, which allow the Bank to engage more closely with companies and exert greater influence on their governance, while supporting the implementation of targets and measures under the newly approved Economic Governance Strategy. By combining financing with expertise, high standards, and long-term engagement, this remains a key area where the Bank can deliver particularly strong impact, and we look forward to its implementation. We also welcome the Bank's strong ambition in the areas of Green Economy Transition and Gender and Human Capital development, which remain essential to ensuring sustainable and inclusive impact in our countries of operation.

Looking ahead, as the Bank proceeds with the implementation of the new strategies, we would welcome a sustained focus on deepening impact and maintaining ambition. Finally, Greece thanks the Bank for its demanding and impactful work and looks forward to its continued success.