

EBRD-CSO Newsletter

Keeping you up to date with the EBRD

Welcome to the
CSO Newsletter

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Foreword

Dear readers,

Welcome to the 75th edition of our CSO newsletter – a milestone that reflects the growing momentum of community-led action and inclusive dialogue across the EBRD regions.

This issue highlights how community-driven initiatives such as a recent Let's Recycle event in Mongolia are driving environmental awareness and behavioural change.

It also reflects the spirit of engagement that defined the Board of Directors' visits to various EBRD investee economies this year, when

CSO voices shaped discussions on issues including governance, inclusiveness and sustainability.

These meetings showed that the appetite for collaboration with the Bank is stronger than ever – and this feeling has been underlined by the more than 80 applications we received following our recent call for new members of the EBRD Civil Society Steering Committee.

We hope this newsletter helps you to continue exploring, reflecting and discovering ways to shape a greener, fairer and resilient future for all.

Happy reading!

The CSE team

MAIN ACTIVITY

Let's Recycle: Mongolia community-driven awareness event



The Ulaanbaatar community came together in September for a special event called Let's Recycle. Part of a project named Ulaanbaatar City Solid Waste Facilities Improvement Project – Capacity Development in the Solid Waste Sector, the event was organised with the 16th khoroo of Bayanzurkh District to improve solid waste management and help people understand how everyday choices can make a real difference.

Residents of all ages rolled up their sleeves to sort through waste from a local storage facility. What they discovered was eye-opening – over half of the rubbish from homes, businesses and organisations that was set for landfill could actually be recycled. This simple act showed everyone how much impact sorting waste at home can have.

More than **300 locals took part in the event**, playing educational games that taught them easy ways to separate their recyclables. They also handed in their own plastic bottles, cans and cardboard after staff from the khoroo and household association gave hands-on demonstrations at apartment buildings, helping people to see what can be recycled and what has to go to landfill.

A video of the day will be shown around Ulaanbaatar to spread the message: sorting waste protects the city and turns trash into an opportunity. By working together, residents discovered that small changes can lead to a cleaner, greener future for everyone.

EBRD Board engages with CSOs across three continents



In 2025 the EBRD Board of Directors has engaged with CSOs during visits to Kazakhstan, Romania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Morocco, as well as at the Bank's Annual Meeting in London.

In **Almaty**, discussions centred on governance, inclusion, digital transformation and the green transition. CSOs called for stronger environmental safeguards and community-based conservation. In **Bucharest**, the focus was on transparency, renewable energy and equitable growth. Dialogue in **Sarajevo** highlighted political reform, social cohesion and sustainable development, while in **Rabat**, CSOs addressed systemic inequalities and cultural barriers, advocating for inclusive reforms and gender equality.

Across all meetings, Board members welcomed the insights shared and reaffirmed the Bank's commitment to good governance, sustainability and inclusive development. These exchanges provided a vital platform for dialogue on civic space, institutional reform and regionally balanced progress.

The EBRD remains dedicated to partnering with CSOs and integrating their perspectives to shape impactful, inclusive policies across its regions.

Update on Steering Committee applications and next steps



We received more than 80 applications for the new cycle of the [EBRD Civil Society Steering Committee](#) from a diverse range of CSOs across our investee economies, reflecting strong interest in advancing inclusive dialogue and policy engagement.

Applications are now under eligibility review, focusing on alignment with EBRD values, regional and thematic representation, and demonstrated commitment to civil society priorities.

The evaluation and shortlisting phase will run through November and December, with input from relevant EBRD departments and the current committee members. Final selections will be communicated by early January 2026.

Selected members will serve a two-year term, supporting consultations, Annual Meeting planning and ongoing stakeholder engagement.

For more information on the selection process and the role and responsibilities of the Steering Committee, please refer to the Terms of Reference for the 2026-27 cycle.



Civil Society Steering Committee Terms of Reference 2026-27



OVERVIEW OF CSE ACTIVITY

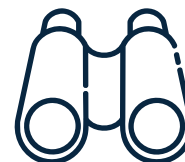
From January to September 2025, the CSE team held the following activities:

Five country/sector strategy consultation meetings

Five presidential CSO meetings

Five Board meetings with CSOs

LOOKING AHEAD



- The updated green finance attribution methodology is open for public consultation until 21 November. To access the document, please visit the [Green Economy Transition \(GET\) and Paris alignment](#) page or scan the QR code below. Your input is invaluable as we work to further enhance our green finance framework, and we welcome feedback from all stakeholders. Kindly submit your comments to: GreenFinanceAttributionMethodology@ebrd.com.
- Our [current and upcoming country and sector strategies](#) will be available on our dedicated consultation page.

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