

# EBRD in Georgia

EBRD finances improvements in public transport

## Sustainable infrastructure and municipal services

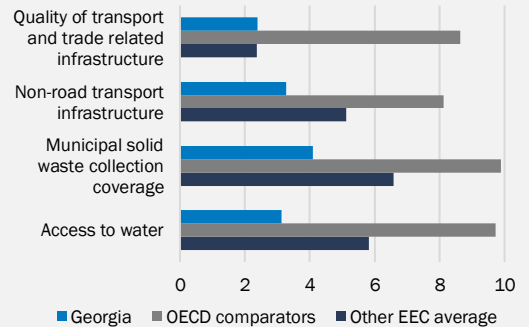
2016-2021

### SDG alignment



Georgia's geographic location makes it a prime transit region in Eurasia. However despite improvements, the country's relatively poor transport and logistics infrastructure constrain integration with external markets as well as internal connectivity. The country is especially lagging behind in terms of efficiency of seaport and transport services, the quality of roads, airport connectivity, logistics competence, and tracking and tracing. Investment for maintenance and new projects in the transport sector, especially in rural areas, are key to accelerating growth and diversifying the private sector. There are clear needs in water supply and sanitation facilities, particularly in rural areas. There is also room for improvement in waste management as landfill disposal is still the predominant method of handling waste.

EBRD score (1 - worst, 10 - best)



### How we work

The EBRD focuses on enhancing the quality and connectivity of Georgia's infrastructure for efficient economic interactions, while promoting inclusion and gender equality and building climate resilience. We help ensure the operational and financial sustainability of municipal service providers through better revenue collection and higher cost efficiency. Our projects also aim at strengthening public awareness about environmental and climate threats. We support Georgian cities in addressing their most pressing environmental challenges through targeted sustainable infrastructure investment, policy dialogue and capacity building under the Bank's flagship programme, EBRD Green Cities.

### EBRD in Georgia

Total	2016-2021
<b>€1.3 billion</b>	<b>€766 million</b>
<b>Net cumulative investment in sustainable infrastructure</b>	
<b>€319 million</b>	<b>€297 million</b>
<b>Net cumulative investment in municipal and environmental infrastructure</b>	
<b>€184 million</b>	<b>€114 million</b>
<b>Net cumulative investment in transport</b>	

### Quick links

- ▶ EBRD Green Cities (Tbilisi and Batumi)
- ▶ EBRD Green Economy Transition
- ▶ Green Climate Fund

**EBRD GREEN CITIES**

[EBRD Green Cities](#) strives to build a sustainable future for cities and their residents. The programme achieves this by connecting cities' environmental challenges with sustainable infrastructure investments and policy measures.



# Achievements and results: Sustainable infrastructure and municipal services

We help improve and develop inclusive and sustainable urban and municipal infrastructure by:

- ▶ Addressing key environmental challenges through tailored Green City Action plans (GCAPs) for Tbilisi and Batumi, as part of the EBRD Green Cities programme.
- ▶ Increasing access to greener public transport, e.g. via electric and compressed natural gas (CNG) bus programmes in Tbilisi and Batumi, or financing buses for public transport in six regional cities.
- ▶ Enhancing solid waste collection across more than 60 municipalities and supporting construction of new landfill sites.
- ▶ Ensuring that urban infrastructure takes into account the needs and perspectives of disadvantaged groups, e.g. safety, security, accessibility, affordability.

We help improve infrastructure connectivity by:

- ▶ Mobilising expertise to develop a new best-practice, public-private partnership (PPP) law, which aims to scale up private infrastructure investment in multiple sectors (e.g. energy, healthcare, road rolling)
- ▶ Supporting development of the North-South (Kvesheti-Kobi) Corridor.

## First electric public transport buses in the country

The EBRD supported acquisition of 10 low-floor electric buses in Batumi, Georgia's largest coastal city. These are the first electric buses in the country, generating around 80% of its electricity from renewables.

## Improved municipal transport

The EBRD is supporting Tbilisi to improve the reliability, safety and efficiency of public transport and encouraging a modal shift from private to public transport.

*As a mother of two, I find clean air and the environment very important. That is why these new buses that are 'green' are very welcome. I use them almost every day.*

Natalia Maziashvili, a resident of Tbilisi

### Results case study

See how we enhance municipal transport across Georgia



[Read](#) how the EBRD helped improve public transport in Tbilisi while promoting gender equality, and [watch](#) what people in Tbilisi think about the new 'green' buses.



## Better waste management

EBRD investments assisted more than 60 municipalities to increase waste collection coverage in some cases by more than 50%.



[Read](#) about EBRD's first-ever project to introduce electric buses into a municipal fleet.



### Better solid waste collection and utilisation

The EBRD Georgia Solid Waste Management Project supplied 66 municipalities of Georgia with 146 modern, rear loaded compaction solid waste trucks and 8,763 solid waste containers.

### Better municipal transport

The EBRD financed acquisition of more than 500 new low-floor buses in Tbilisi, Gori, Kutaisi, Poti, Rustavi, Telavi and Zugdidi. This increased the reliability, safety and efficiency of public transport, while benefitting the environment by reducing emissions up to an estimated 34 per cent.

### Electric buses for Batumi

We supported acquisition of 8 battery-electric buses, the first ones in Georgia, and 40 new low-emitting buses with Euro V engines. The vehicles are estimated to improve service for the city's 169,000 population and its tourists.

### EBRD Green Cities programme in Tbilisi and Batumi

The cities of Tbilisi and Batumi joined the EBRD Green Cities programme, which helps municipal governments identify, prioritise and develop interventions to address local environmental challenges. The Tbilisi bus and solid waste projects, as well as the Batumi bus project, were implemented under the Green Cities programme.

