

THE EBRD IN KAZAKHSTAN

Transport infrastructure and municipal utilities

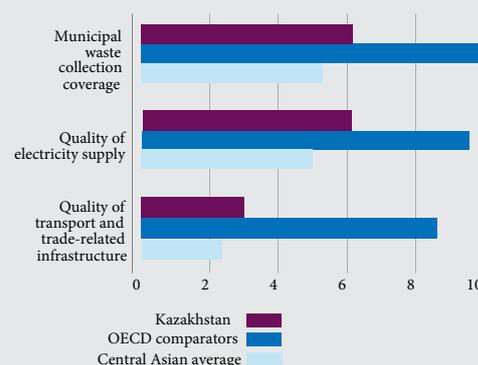
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As the world's largest landlocked country, Kazakhstan needs good transport links to unleash its full economic potential. The country faces large infrastructure needs to keep up with its expanding economy and population. In addition to traditional sovereign and sub-sovereign financing, major infrastructure projects have attracted private investments, including through public-private partnerships. Despite progress, the current state of physical infrastructure and institutional arrangements in the transport and municipal sectors remains a bottleneck to Kazakhstan's economic development and requires further capital investment and greater sustainability.

EBRD score (1-worst, 10-best)



How we work

The EBRD promotes connectivity, regional integration and economic inclusion by investing in transport infrastructure and attracting private investment to the sector. The Bank also invests heavily in municipal services, such as water, wastewater, electricity and gas. Most of the Bank's projects in the municipal infrastructure sector are associated with policy advice and technical assistance aimed at improving the efficiency of public utility companies. The Bank's flagship programme, EBRD Green Cities, offers more than €2.5 billion of EBRD and donor support to cities to address their pressing environmental challenges through targeted sustainable infrastructure investments, policy actions and capacity building.

In numbers

€1.40 billion
Net cumulative EBRD investment in sustainable infrastructure

€248 million
Net cumulative EBRD investment in municipal and environmental infrastructure

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> [Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility \(IPPF\)](#)



The EBRD's Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility focuses on project preparation, policy dialogue and institutional strengthening both public-sector infrastructure projects and PPPs.



Achievements and results: Transport infrastructure and municipal utilities

We helped to improve the quality and management of roads by:

- ▶ developing PPPs and improving the PPP legal framework, leading to the success of the country's first ever road concession project, the 66 km ring road in Almaty (BAKAD), the largest PPP in Central Asia
- ▶ supporting the national road agency with a view to better managing road construction, maintenance and repair; supporting road-sector reform, such as tolling, better procurement and planning for new funding sources
- ▶ increasing road capacity and safety standards by financing the reconstruction of the Atyrau-Astrakhan road, as well as sections of the corridor connecting Nur-Sultan to Almaty.

We helped improve the quality and sustainability of municipal services by:

- ▶ supporting the modernisation of water and wastewater, district heating and electricity distribution infrastructure in eight regional capitals across Kazakhstan (Aktau, Aktobe, Kostanay, Ust-Kamenogorsk, Semey, Petropavlovsk, Kyzylorda, Taraz and Shymkent) to enhance operational efficiency and service quality
- ▶ supporting the modernisation of street lighting in East Kazakhstan (Ust-Kamenogorsk) to reduce power consumption, by installing more energy-efficient equipment and introducing new management systems.

Improved procurement transparency

EBRD advice led to an improvement in procurement standards for construction and investment in road maintenance equipment.

Better connectivity

The EBRD supported the rehabilitation of more than 220 km of road connecting Nur-Sultan and Almaty.



[See how the EBRD promotes safe and sustainable roads in Kazakhstan.](#)



[Read how the EBRD works to improve and renovate water supply systems across the country.](#)



More sustainable water sector

Average water rates increased by 161 per cent and wastewater costs soared by 309 per cent between 2010 and 2018 in Shymkent, generating resources for investment and improving services.

Water efficiency

EBRD water projects have saved 127.5 million m³ of water per year, equivalent to 50,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

