## WE INVEST IN **CHANGING LIVES**

We seek to ensure that the projects we finance are socially and environmentally sustainable, respect the rights of affected workers and communities, and are designed and operated in compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and international good practices.

The EBRD is investing in changing people's lives and environments from central Europe to Central Asia, the Western Balkans and the southern and eastern Mediterranean (SEMED). Working together with the private sector, we invest in projects, engage in policy dialogue and provide technical advice that fosters innovation and builds sustainable and open market-oriented economies.

## **OUR APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY**

Sustainable development is central to the EBRD's mandate. Our approach to sustainability is multifaceted and involves:

- incorporating environmental and social requirements into the appraisal and implementation of all Bank-funded projects
- providing finance and technical assistance specifically aimed at addressing environmental and social issues
- promoting social inclusion and access to community services such as water and public transport
- supporting projects that promote gender equality
- encouraging public participation through pre-investment consultation and information disclosure, and maintaining regular strategic dialogue with civil society organisations and other stakeholders.