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The water projects of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Implementing projects under extreme affordability constraints - experience and lessons learned

Date: Wednesday, 27 November 2013

Time: 13:00 -14:00

Venue: Storesal

Background:

The improvement of drinking-water and wastewater systems is a key part of the EBRD's mandate, with a strong track record of investment as part of its strategy to promote greater efficiency and higher quality in the provision of local authority services. By the end of 2012 EBRD had financed 132 projects to a total value of € 1.95 billion, bringing benefits to millions of people and widespread health and environmental improvements. The Bank complements these investments with consultancy services to help its clients to build their financial and operational performance and develop corporate governance.

During the side event, the EBRD will highlight the linkages of EBRD work with the Protocol on Water and Health and share its experiences in the poorest countries of its operations, notably in the Caucasus and Central Asia, where many challenges still remain as support is increasingly targeted towards smaller communities.

Programme:

1. EBRD's work in the water sector:
 - ▶ Overview of EBRD
 - ▶ Overview of Municipal and Environmental Infrastructure and mandate
 - ▶ Achievements to date and main investment focuses in the sector
2. How does EBRD work links to the Protocol on Water and Health?
3. Highlights on EBRD projects: capacity building and awareness raising activities:
 - ▶ Examples of our stakeholder participation programmes and what has been achieved and where (including a short movie)
 - ▶ Examples of our company and city support programmes and what has been achieved and where
4. How and when to request assistance from the EBRD:
 - ▶ Forms of assistance that EBRD can offer
 - ▶ Highlight network of resident offices in country with local knowledge
 - ▶ Project driven process requiring strong client counterpart

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