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Quick Facts

Countries	Uzbekistan
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	Government of Uzbekistan
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Infrastructure, Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Grant

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the ANORA Platform is a government-led investment platform established to mobilise, coordinate and accelerate climate-smart agrifood investments in Uzbekistan.

Agriculture plays a central in Uzbekistan's economy, accounting for 27% of GDP and 26% of employment. Livestock and crops contribute roughly equally to agricultural value added, although cotton and wheat, despite occupying 30-35% of planted area, generate relatively modest shares of crop value. Since 2017, market liberalisation has accelerated diversification towards higher-value horticulture, greenhouse and more intensive production and export-oriented value chains. At the same time, the sector remains emissions- and resource-intensive: agriculture is the country's second-largest emitting sector after energy. Irrigation is another structural challenge, consuming around 20% of national electricity due to ageing pumping systems and high water losses.

Uzbekistan is also highly vulnerable to climate change, including rising temperatures, water scarcity, land degradation and the legacy of the Aral Sea crisis. The 2020-2030 Agricultural Development Strategy and updated climate commitments, including a target to reduce emissions intensity by 50% by 2035, require sustained investment in climate-smart agrifood systems. Measures such as modern irrigation, renewable-powered equipment, improved livestock practices, storage and cold-chain infrastructure, sustainability standards, traceability, digital agriculture and inclusive value-chain development can reduce emissions, strengthen resilience, lower costs, raise productivity, expand market access and support long-term competitiveness and sustainable growth.

ANORA is designed to accelerate the transformation of Uzbekistan's agri-food system across major value chains, infrastructure and land, with the overarching objective of transitioning toward a low carbon, resilient, and sustainable sector. The Platform also promotes competitiveness, innovation, technology transfer, employment creation and local capacity development throughout core areas.

The Secretariat shall serve as the implementation arm of ANORA and provide a structured mechanism for coordination, project facilitation, stakeholder engagement and partnership development. Its primary role is to support the development of investment opportunities and improving the efficiency with which projects access and are matched with the appropriate preparation support, technical assistance and financing. The Secretariat shall act as a neutral coordination mechanism, bringing together project developers, government institutions, financing partners and development organisations to facilitate collaboration, policy dialogue and investment mobilisation.

Investment Description

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Investment amount not available at the time of disclosure.

Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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