

 Early Warning System

# EBRD-43170

## Mersin Wastewater Project

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### Quick Facts

Countries	Turkiye
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2012-05-29



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## Project Description

TRANSLATED VERSION OF THIS PSD:TURKISH

Turkish

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The EBRD is considering extending a loan of up to EUR20 million to the Mersin Water and Sewerage Administration ("Meski") to finance the construction of the greenfield Mezitli Wastewater Treatment Plant (the "Project"). The loan will be guaranteed by the City of Mersin (the "City").

### TRANSITION IMPACT

The Project will support environmental improvements and continued commercialisation of Meski. It will also have the potential demonstration effect of a direct loan to a Turkish water utility by an international financial institution without a sovereign guarantee. Performance improvements and further commercialisation of Meski are expected via a public service contract which will bring greater transparency on financial management, investment planning, unaccounted-for water, organisational efficiency, and customer relations. The preparation of a draft public service contract and recommendations for corporate restructuring to help achieve the objectives of such a contract will be supported by a TC. Furthermore, the Project will enable the City, which is located directly on the Mediterranean Sea, to treat all municipal wastewater in accordance with EU and Turkish standards. Encouraging investment in new technology (e.g. biogas capture for power and heat co-generation) that exceeds national requirements is also intended to have a demonstration effect.

### THE CLIENT

Meski is the water and wastewater utility owned by and serving the City of Mersin. It will be the borrower of the proposed loan and the owner and operator of the Mezitli Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### EBRD FINANCE

Up to EUR20 million for the construction of the Mezitli Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### PROJECT COST

The total project cost is estimated at approximately EUR25 million including taxes, duties and technical co-operation support.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Project has been categorised B in accordance with the EBRD Environmental and Social Policy, following an initial environmental and social examination (IESE). The IESE, including a site visit, conducted by independent consultants showed that the potential environmental and social (E&S) impacts of construction/rehabilitation of wastewater treatment plants and extension and rehabilitation of sewerage networks are site-specific, readily identified and addressed through adequate



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### **Investment Description**

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### Contact Information

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### Other Related Projects

- IFC-49087 Mersin Water and Sewerage Administration (MESKI)