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Quick Facts

Countries	North Macedonia
Specific Location	Skopje
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2019-09-18
Borrower	North Macedonia Sovereign
Sectors	Construction, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 67.48 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 134.96 million

Project Description

According to the Bank's website, this project provides financing to the Republic of North Macedonia for the construction of a large-scale Wastewatwer Treatment Plant in the city of Skopje in order to end the current practice of discharging untreated sewage into the Vardar River.

The Project has two phases: The first phase is the construction of pre-treatment and biological treatment units, to be concluded by 2030. The second phase is the upgrade of biological treatment processes to include removal of nitrogen and phosphorus, to be completed by 2045. The treated effluent will be discharged into the Vardar River.

The wastewater will be transported to the treatment plant through two wastewater collectors on the left and right bank of the Vardar River, which are being financed by the EU and the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia.

According to the Bank, a public meeting was organised on 5 February 2019 as part of the information disclosure processes at which no substantive questions or comments were received. One private land plot will be acquired through a negotiated settlement to facilitate construction of this project. During the operation of the project there will be emissions from generators, sludge digestion and incineration, some increased noise and visual impacts from the new facility.

Investment Description

- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- European Investment Bank (EIB)

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development will provide a loan of up to EUR 60 million. The European Investment Bank will also provide a loan of up to EUR 60 million.

Private Actors Description

The loan will be in favour of the Ministry of Finance.

JP Vodovod i Kanalizacija Skopje will be the final beneficiary of the investment and is owned entirely by the City of Skopje.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
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Bank Documents

- Environmental and Social Action Plan [Original Source]
- Non-Technical Summary [Original Source]
- Translated version of Project Summary Document: Macedonian [Original Source]

Other Related Projects

- EBRD-50083 GrCF2 W2 - Craiova Urban Rehabilitation
- EIB-20170232 SKOPJE WWTP