

 Early Warning System

EBRD-54158

Project Guelmim - Oued Noun Region



Quick Facts

Countries	Morocco
Specific Location	Guelmim-Oued Noun Region
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2023-11-21
Borrower	Government of Morocco
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 12.84 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 12.84 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 26.69 million



Project Description

As stated by the EBRD, the project consists of the provision of a senior loan of up to MAD 130 million (equivalent to EUR 12 million) to Guelmim-Oued Noun Region to finance investments aimed to improve drinking water supply for households in rural areas in the province of Guelmim and to upgrade four existing Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTPs), enabling the reuse of treated water for watering green spaces in the Region.

The Bank's loan will be supplemented by an investment grant of USD 1 million from the Global Environment Facility under the Financing Advanced Environmental Technologies in the Mediterranean Sea Region for Water Systems and Clean Coasts Programme for the upgrade of four existing WWTPs. The Bank's loan benefits from first-loss risk cover from the European Fund for Sustainable Development.

The Project's objectives are to reduce climate impacts, guarantee water security and promote circular economy as an effective framework for sustainable water management. The Project will address regional disparities in human capital development by increasing access to water and wastewater services to households living in the Region.

The transaction will also support the Region through Technical Cooperation to develop an Operational Performance Improvement Plan (OPIP). The OPIP will cover the development of (i) a sustainable Operation & Maintenance governance framework for rural water supply that will professionalise rural service delivery and improve service quality as well as (ii) a practical management and governance model for the use of recycled water that will ensure investment sustainability.

The Borrower is the Region of Guelmim-Oued Noun, one of the twelve Moroccan regions established by the territorial division of 2015. Main drivers of its economy are fishing and tourism. Guelmim-Oued Noun is expected to experience an economic boom in the medium-term leveraging on its significant renewable energy potential, both solar and wind.



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Community Documents

- [RFI to EBRD + Response 28.11-08.12.23](#)

Media

- [Green Hydrogen in Morocco: Just transition or Greenwashing Neocolonialism? The case of Guelmim-Oued](#)



Other Related Projects

- EBRD-53170 Green Cities 2 - Window II Extension 2