

 Early Warning System

EBRD-56293

FIF - Bank Respublika MSME Loan IV (EFSD+P3)



## Quick Facts

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| Countries               | Azerbaijan  |
| Financial Institutions  | European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) |
| Status                  | Approved  |
| Bank Risk Rating        | U   |
| Voting Date             | 2025-04-08  |
| Borrower                | OJSC Bank Respublika                                    |
| Sectors                 | Finance, Industry and Trade                             |
| Investment Type(s)      | Loan  |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 10.00 million  |
| Loan Amount (USD)       | \$ 10.00 million  |
| Project Cost (USD)      | \$ 10.00 million  |



### Project Description

As stated by the EBRD, the project consists of a senior unsecured synthetic AZN loan, denominated in USD, of up to USD 10 million, to be provided under the Financial Intermediaries Framework ("FIF") in a single tranche, for on-lending to private MSME clients of BR operating in Azerbaijan.

Pursuant to the FIF objectives, the proposed sub-operation will provide medium-term local currency funding to private MSMEs in Azerbaijan, with a specific emphasis on rural areas. In line with EFSD+ requirements, at least 65% of the sub-borrowers will operate outside of the capital.



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## Early Warning System Project Analysis

The EBRD categorized the project environmental and social risk as 'FI'.



## Investment Description

- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

## Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- [OJSC BANK RESPUBLIKA](#) (Financial Intermediary)



### Private Actors Description

As stated by the EBRD, OJSC Bank Respublika ('BR') is a private medium-sized bank in Azerbaijan ranking 4th out of 20 private banks (or 5th out of all 22 banks) by assets with market share of c. 4.1% as of YE24. It became a Systemically Important Bank ("SIB") since March 1, 2024, sharing this status with Top 4 banks. Headquartered in Baku, BR has a network of 35 branches and 1 outlet, and employs ca. 1,805 people. It is rated by Moody's, with the baseline credit assessment rating affirmed at B2 (outlook "N/A") and long-term deposit rating upgraded from B2 to B1 (outlook "positive") in July 2024.



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[http://www.ebrd.com/eform/pcm/complaint\\_form?language=en](http://www.ebrd.com/eform/pcm/complaint_form?language=en)

You can learn more about the PCM and how to file a complaint at: <http://www.ebrd.com/work-with-us/project-finance/project-complaint-mechanism.html>



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## Bank Documents

- [PSD Translation \(Azeri\)](#)