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Quick Facts

Countries	Kazakhstan
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2026-03-11
Borrower	Bank CenterCredit JSC
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 50.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 50.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 50.00 million

Project Description

According to the EBRD, the project consists of the provision of a senior secured loan of up to US$ 50 million in KZT equivalent to Bank CenterCredit JSC (BCC) (MSME loan) under the Financial Intermediaries Framework (FIF). The financing will be used for on-lending to eligible private micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Kazakhstan. The MSME loan will be provided in two equal tranches, of which the second will be uncommitted.

The project will support local currency lending to the MSME sector in Kazakhstan by providing term-financing to BCC, one of the largest lenders in the country. A special focus will be given to the distribution of funds in regions outside the cities of Astana and Almaty.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The EBRD categorized the project E&S risk as 'FI'.

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- 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.

- Bank CenterCredit JSC (BCC) (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

As stated by the EBRD, BCC is the third largest bank (out of 23) in Kazakhstan with total assets of US$ 14.4 billion, equity of US$ 1.4 billion, and market shares of 11.7 per cent in total assets, 11.1 per cent in customer loans and 12.7 per cent in deposits as of 3Q2025. BCC's principal shareholders are Mr. Bakhytbek Baiseitov (with a stake of 53.1 per cent), a well-known local businessman, and Mr. Vladislav Lee (with a stake of 12.2 per cent), a former CEO of BCC and a member of the bank's Board of Directors at the moment. The bank is currently rated "BB/positive" by Standard & Poor's and "Baa3/ stable" by Moody's.

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Bank Documents

- PSD Translation (Kazakh)
- PSD Translation (Russian)

Other Related Projects

- EBRD-50056 FIF - Bank CenterCredit MSME Loan III
- EBRD-50867 FIF - Bank CenterCredit MSME IV Loan
- EBRD-52660 FIF - Bank CenterCredit MSME V Loan
- EBRD-53446 FIF - Bank CenterCredit MSME VI Loan
- EBRD-55479 FIF - Bank CenterCredit MSME VII Loan