Europe And Central Asia

Albania

Environment & Natural Resources

Environmental Services Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to support sustainable land management practices and increase communities’ monetary and non-monetary benefits in targeted Project areas which are mainly in erosion prone rural upland areas.

This PDO is to be achieved through the support of alternative livelihoods and provision of environmental services and through sustainable utilization of wood and pasture products in the long term. The Project will particularly focus on enhancing the financial, economic, and institutional sustainability of land use and natural resources management, and will help build capacities of Albania farmers, community organizations and government institutions to efficiently use EU funding. Approval completed on 8 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.6 (FSCO). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Contact: Ardiana Sokoli, Director.

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(R) Integrated Land Management Project: The proposed project’s development objective would be to contribute to an increase in the efficiency, transparency, reliability and availability of an integrated land management system through integration of key IT systems, and geo-spatial and immovable property information.

The project would achieve these goals by (i) supporting the development of an integrated land management policy and harmonized legal framework; (ii) improving the regulatory environment, business processes, staff capacity and customer orientation in the IPRO; (iii) updating, upgrading and digitizing the paper-based registration information for priority areas of the country; (iv) improving transparency of immovable property ownership and transactions by increasing digital information and on-line access; (v) facilitating spatial data access, exchange and sharing; and (vi) developing a new methodology for value-based property tax and piloting new approaches for enhancing property taxation. Identification completed on 4 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152094. US$45.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Government of Albania Tel: 35542259898, E-mail: erjon.luci@financa.gov.al, Contact: Erjon Luci, Deputy Minister; Immovable Property Registration Office Tel: 35542403375, E-mail: Ilirjan.Muho@zrpp.gov.al, Contact: I. Muho, Chief Registrar; ASIG Tel: 0035542269280, E-mail: info@asig.gov.al, Contact: Lorenc Cala, General Director; Ministry of Innovation and Public Administration Tel: 35542277355, E-mail: info@inovacioni.gov.al, Contact: Milena Harito, Minister.

Project for Integrated Urban and Tourism Development (PIUTD): The PDO of the proposed project is to improve urban infrastructure, enhance tourism assets, and strengthen institutional capacity to support tourism related local economic development in selected areas in the south of Albania. Negotiations authorized on 17 August 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P155875. US$71.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Contact: Erjon Luci, Deputy Minister; Ministry of Urban Development, Contact: Nertil Jole, Mr..

Armenia

Energy & Extractives

Utility Scale Solar Power Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 11 May 2015. Environmen-
tal Assessment Category B. US$ 9.0/38.5 (CSCC/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Water**

**Additional Financing Irrigation System Enhancement Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 26 August 2016. US$2.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Azerbaijan**

**Energy & Extractives**

**(R) Azerbaijan Power Distribution Modernization:** To improve the quality and reliability of power supply in select rayons in Azerbaijan, and enhance the commercial systems and operations and maintenance practices of Azerishig. **Identification completed on 27 May 2015.** Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P155983. US$300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Republic of Azerbaijan, Contact: Ilgar Fatizade, First Deputy Minister of Finance; Azerishig Open Joint Stock Company, Contact: Baba Rzayev, Chairman.

**Environment & Natural Resources**

**(R) Absheron Lakes Cleanup and Rehabilitation:** The objective of the proposed project is to support the GoA in its efforts to reduce the Greater Baku population’s exposure to and health risks from pollution hazards in and around selected project lakes. This will be accomplished by (a) developing an innovative, area-based plan and mechanisms for land redevelopment that could be scaled up and sustained in the future, (b) implementing the cleanup and ecological revitalization measures of water bodies and adjacent lands in a sustainable and cost-effective manner, and (c) strengthening the capacity of implementing agencies. **Identification completed on 2 September 2015.** Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P157091. US$85.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Republic of Azerbaijan, Contact: Sahil Babayev, Deputy Minister; Ministry of Economy, Contact: Sahil Babayev, Deputy Minister.

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**Second Rural Investment Project Additional Financing:** The AzRIP projects, under implementation since 2005, have garnered widespread recognition for delivery of solid, tangible and dynamic results on the ground in improving people’s lives though the upgrading of rural communities’ access to infrastructure services, improved mobility, and increased farmers’ incomes. A keen emphasis on sustainable infrastructure, maintenance contracts, and accountability has helped ensure that over 90 percent of infrastructure rehabilitated under the purview of AzRIP is operational. The income of over 600,000 farmers has increased, and 150,000 rural poor now have access to safe water. AzRIP-2 is a multisector investment loan targeting 600 communities in 56 rayons for community-driven rural infrastructure investments and livelihood support. The proposed Additional Financing would continue to prioritize provision of improved access to and use of community-driven rural infrastructure and expand economic activities for rural households through financing of priority rural infrastructure investments, strengthening the capacity of communities in partnership with municipalities and local support institutions to effectively identify, plan, and implement their development priorities; and building opportunities for rural employment and livelihood support services. The AF would comprise three components - one to extend delivery of community rural infrastructure (additional rounds of grants to participating communities and service to new coverage areas), the second to scale up the livelihood pilots, expanding the productive investment livelihoods component and the third to pilot a lifeline roads concept (with clusters of communities and a focus on local connecting roads) . Approval completed on 9 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147861. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. AZRIP PMU in State Agency on Agricultural Credit Tel: /Fax: (994-12) 493-4813, E-mail: subhan@azarip.org, Contact: Soubhan Asergov, Project Director.

**Additional Financing to IDP Living Standards and Livelihoods Project:** The objective of the Project is to improve living conditions and increase the economic self-reliance of targeted internally displaced persons. Approval completed on 17 June 2016. Project: P155110. US$66.7 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Azerbaijan Third Rural Investment Project:** To improve access to and use of community-driven rural infrastructure and expand economic livelihood opportunities for rural households. Identification completed on 14 April 2016. Environ-
Transport & ICT

**Azerbaijan Highway 3 Additional Financing:** “To contribute to a more efficient and safer Baku-Shamakhi and Yenikend-Shorsulu roads and higher quality road services as part of the general network upgrading to motorway standard, and to improve the management of the nascent motorway network.” Approval completed on 28 March 2016. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P156377. US$140.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) REGIONAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:** The proposed Project development objectives are (i) to improve access to markets and services through the reconstruction and rehabilitation of project roads and (ii) to progress towards maintenance sustainability of the Borrower’s road network. Identification completed on 20 May 2010. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122200. US$250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. AzerRoadService (ARS) Tel: (994-12)493-0045, E-mail: info@piu-ahp.az, Contact: Adil Gojayev, Director, Project Implementation Unit.

Belarus

**Health, Nutrition & Population**

**(R) Belarus Health System Modernization Project:** The proposed project development objective (PDO) is to contribute to improving selected aspects of the quality of health care delivery in the Republic of Belarus. This PDO is expected to be achieved by the: (a) establishment of e-Health system and adoption of ICT-based clinical decision-support tools for quality improvement; (b) improvement of clinical competencies of health care providers in NCD management; and (c) modernization of neonatal care provision at the RCMC. Negotiations authorized on 22 June 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P156778. US$125.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Contact: Vasily Ivanovich Zharko, Minister of Health; Republic of Belarus.

**Trade & Competitiveness**

**(R) Belarus Competitiveness Enhancement Project:** The PDO is to strengthen conditions for private sector led growth by: improving the business environment, upgrading innovation capacity of SMEs, strengthening institutional capacity to promote private investment and improving MSME access to finance. Identification completed on 25 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152276. US$86.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy; Development Bank of Belarus; Ministry of Finance; National Agency for Investment Promotion and Privatization.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Finance & Markets**

**Banking Sector Strengthening Project:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to help strengthen the banking sector in BiH and maintain confidence of depositors. Concept completed on 31 August 2016. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P158387. US$80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury; Republika Srpska Ministry of Finance; FBrH Ministry of Finance; Deposit Insurance Agency; FBrH Banking Agency; RS Banking Agency.

**Health, Nutrition & Population**

**(R) Health Sector Project:** The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to help improve efficiency and quality of health service delivery by strengthening systems for quality assurance, monitoring, and integration of care, improving hospital efficiency, and strengthening strategic purchasing of health care. Identification completed on 26 March 2014. Envi-
ronmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149920. US$22.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. RS Ministry of Health and Social Welfare; FBiH Ministry of Health, Contact: Vjekoslav Mandic, Minister of Health; Republic of Bosnia & Herzegovina, Contact: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Health.

Social Protection & Labor

Bosnia and Herzegovina Employment Support Program: The project development objective is to increase formal private sector employment among targeted groups of registered job seekers. The project will achieve this by financing a menu of active labor market programs, supporting strengthening of job intermediation, and by modernizing monitoring and evaluation practices of the public employment services. Negotiations authorized on 20 July 2016. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P152347. US$57.5/9.6 (IBRD/SWTZ). Consulting services to be determined. FBH Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Contact: Azra Jahic, Advisor to Minister; RS Ministry of Labor and Veteran Affairs, Contact: Mira Vasic, Assistant Minister; FBH Ministry of Finance, Contact: Mirjana Vucic, Advisor to the Minister.

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Second Solid Waste Management Project Additional Financing - EC IPA: The objective is to improve the availability, quality, environmental soundness, and financial viability of solid waste management services in participating utilities/regions. Approval completed on 18 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.0 (F7U4). Consulting services to be determined. FBiH Ministry of Environment and Tourism Tel: (387-33) 726-374, E-mail: sswmp@fmoit.gov.ba, Contact: Mr. Anto Covic, Team Leader; RS Ministry of Spatial Planning Tel: (387-51) 339-504, E-mail: s.cvijic@mgr.vladars.net, swmp2@mgr.vladars.net, Contact: Mr. Sveto Cvijic, Team Leader.

Trade & Competitiveness

BiH Business Environment Strengthening Project (BESP): The Project Development Objective is to enhance competitiveness and strengthen the environment in which enterprises operate. Identification completed on 30 June 2016. US$60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transport & ICT

(R) Railways Modernization Project: The objective of the project is to improve the operational efficiency and financial sustainability of the railways in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Identification completed on 21 July 2016. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Bulgaria

Bulgaria Corridor Upgrade Project: Upgrade the Hemus Corridor between Sofia and the Port of Varna in Bulgaria. Identification completed on 19 November 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$450.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Regional Development; Road Infrastructure Agency.

Croatia

Modernization and restructuring of the road sector: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 11 June 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$350.0/279.3 (IBRD/EBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Georgia

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Second Regional Development Project Additional Financing: The Project Development Objective is to improve
infrastructure services and institutional capacity to support increased contribution of tourism in the local economy of the Imereti Region. Approval completed on 4 April 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P157465. US$9.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transport & ICT**

**East West Highway Corridor Improvement Project Additional Financing:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 14 June 2016. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Kazakhstan**

**Education Modernization Project:** The project development objective (PDO) is to support the GoK’s program to improve the quality and equity in primary and secondary education, in particular in underperforming and disadvantaged schools


**Environment & Natural Resources**

**Kazakhstan Solid Waste Management Project:** Kazakhstan is facing a serious problem to effectively manage its solid waste. According to the country’s environmental authorities, Kazakhstan has accumulated 23 billion tonnes of solid waste and the amount is increasing at an alarming rate of 700 million tonnes each year. Currently, municipal waste is placed in landfills without pre-sorting or neutralization. Most landfills do not meet sanitation requirements and need remediation. Little effort is put in separating municipal waste at source. The country recycles only 3-5% of all garbage. About half million tonnes of paper and cardboard, 300,000 tonnes of glass, 200,000 tonnes of metal and 500,000 tonnes of plastic are disposed of as trash each year. The Kazakh Government has recently approved a long-term waste management program for the modernization of solid waste management for 2014-2050. The government is committed to improving municipal SWM services with a range of activities from improving waste collection and disposal facilities, to increasing waste recycling and reduction efforts, to legal and institutional strengthening and public awareness and participation. Solid waste management is an area highlighted the Partnership Framework Arrangements between the Kazakh Government and international development and financing institutions including the World Bank. A SWM project is included in the pipeline of PFA for the World Bank. The proposed project aims to assist the government to modernize and improve SWM systems in selected municipalities in Kazakhstan namely Almaty and Astana as suggested in the PFA. The investment activities, subject to further discussion with the government, may cover waste collection, disposal, separation and recycling, as well as technical support to institutional and implementation capacity strengthening and public-private participation. Identification completed on 18 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**R) CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR ARAL SEA BASIN SOP II:** The proposed Development Objective of this second project in the series is to support Kazakhstan’s participation in CAMP4ASB for the country to benefit from enhanced, regionally-coordinated access to improved climate change knowledge services for key stakeholders(e.g., policy makers, communities, and civil society), as well as to increased investments and capacity building that, combined, will address climate challenges common to Central Asian countries.

CAMP4ASB seeks to help Central Asian countries build upon the benefits of cooperation while pursuing national priorities for climate-smart development. The Program will lay the foundation for an institutional platform for regional cooperation on climate change across a broad range of sectors. This will be the first such platform in Central Asia that will provide access to improved climate change knowledge services for climate change assessment and decision-making and to increased financing and technical assistance for climate investments in priority areas common to Central Asian countries.
Given the scope of the Program, it is processed as an interdependent Series of Projects, or SoP, involving multiple borrowers. The split between the first and second project in SoP is mostly linked to a different pace of processing instruments and countries’ own project cycles (e.g., Kazakhstan's requirement for Feasibility Study prior to completing preparation and preparing RAS support for Turkmenistan). The SoP approach provides here the framework to establish a platform for high-level policy and regulatory harmonization, cooperation, and coordination between countries aiming towards achieving benefits that will go beyond each country's boundaries. This approach is designed to allow borrowers to tackle issues shared regionally (e.g., common and shared climate change challenges, as in the present instance) and to generate positive externalities/public goods (e.g., in the case of CAMP4ASB: economies of scale through shared research and knowledge efforts, faster learning through experience-sharing for replication and scaling-up across countries of successful climate innovation, increased mobilization of resources through concerted action, scaling up through complementarity). Expected benefits from such a SoP approach (as opposed to a succession of individual national projects) include greater impact from coordination as explained above, higher visibility and attention (e.g., in terms of attracting resources), and stronger identity, creating synergy and learning across individual country operations (e.g., opportunities for building on CAMP4ASB’s climate knowledge services, including lessons from the Program-financed climate investments, to develop climate-smart plans and programs). These benefits will be measured as key results from the Program.

There are three broad categories of benefits to Kazakhstan from its participation in the Program:

• Greater climate resilience for investments in critical sectors. The Program will provide grants and technical assistance to communities and villages to improve productivity and safeguard key economic sectors facing climate change risks. Evidence from similar activities implemented in comparable agro-ecozones of other Central Asian countries show such measures can yield substantial increase in agriculture productivity and income, in a very cost-effective manner and within just a few years. Finally, experience from community-driven approaches, which combine direct support for rural economic production and resilience coupled with awareness raising and capacity building activities, indicates that such approaches engender cost-effective investments, local ownership, improved operation and management skills, thereby enabling sustainability of investments and their replication and scaling-up.

• Enhanced capacity for country’s long-term, climate-smart development. The Program will also ensure that national stakeholders (e.g., government agencies overseeing climate-sensitive sectors, civil society, academia) have access to improved climate knowledge services (e.g., data, information, and tools for climate assessments and decision-making) and participate in regional knowledge and experience sharing (e.g., on lessons from climate investments financed under the Program in all countries). Through this collaborative mechanism, there is potential for Kazakhstan to learn (faster) from climate-smart practices and technologies that worked well in similar context in other Central Asian countries as well as from policy and institutional frameworks (e.g., to prepare an adaptation strategy and to strengthen multi-sector coordination on adaptation).

• Increased potential to attract resources for climate action. The development partners have been closely associated with the Program’s preparation and are showing increased interest for the regional platform it is building in order to scale up support for climate action in Central Asia. Given its regional ambit, the Program has high potential for attracting additional donor resources and international visibility to the region. A funding proposal for the Green Climate Fund (GCF) is under preparation as per which about $7 million in concessional resources are envisaged for Kazakhstan, virtually all to support and scale-up climate investments. Identification completed on 25 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P153748. US$10.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, Contact: Sultanov, Bakhyt; Ministry of Energy, Contact: Gulmira Sergazina, Director, Climate Change Department.

(R) Hazardous and Persistent Organic Pollutants Waste Management Project: The proposed Development Objective is to create a hazardous and POPs waste treatment facility with appropriate environmental controls and to remediate selected PCB contaminated sites, reduce public and environmental exposure to these now contaminated lands

The Project will achieve its objective through: (i) creation of a facility to treat hazardous and POPs waste with appropriate environmental controls; (ii) remediation of selected historic PCBs contaminated waste disposal sites; and (iii) disposing the PCBs waste, PCB equipment and PCBs contaminated soil with hazardous waste classification from these sites, remediated under the Project, in the constructed facility in line with the Stockholm Convention. Identification completed on 9 September 2009. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P114830. US$34.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy Tel: 77172740257, E-mail: b.shakhanov@energo.gov.kz, Contact: Beibut Shakhanov, Director, Waste Management Department.

Hazardous and POPs Waste Management Project: The proposed Development Objective is to create hazardous waste treatment capacity in compliance with international environmental standards and to reduce contamination of Kazakhstan's
natural resources and public health risks of exposure to this contamination from selected PCB contaminated sites. The overall Global Environment Objective of the proposed project is to reduce the environmental and health hazards associated with stockpiles of PCBs-containing materials and waste and POPs-based pesticides, by eliminating stockpiles, establishing a treatment facility and safeguarding sites contaminated with these materials consistent with the country’s obligations under the Stockholm Convention. For this purpose, the Global Environmental Facility has in principle approved a US$10.35 million Grant. The Project will achieve its objective through: (i) development of a treatment/destruction facility for POPs/PCBs waste and extending the use of this facility for the destruction of other suitable categories of hazardous waste including old stocks of pesticides; (ii) remediation of selected historic PCBs contaminated waste disposal sites; and (iii) related to the site remediation investment program, disposing the PCBs waste, PCBs equipment and PCBs contaminated soil with hazardous waste classification from these sites in the constructed facility in line with the Stockholm Convention. The proposed project would have four components: (1) development of a treatment/destruction facility; (2) remediation of selected historic PCB contaminated sites, including treatment of present PCB waste/equipment and PCB contaminated soil; (3) development of regulatory framework for industrial hazardous waste management and institutional capacity building; and (4) project management. Identification completed on 16 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$10.4 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Forestry Development Project: The project development objective is to enhance forest management and environmental rehabilitation in targeted areas, while contributing to the sequestration and reduced emissions of carbon, and increasing local livelihood opportunities. Identification completed on 23 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P153673. US$30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Contact: Ermek Kosherbayev, Vice-Minister; REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, Contact: Ruslan Dalenov, Vice Minister.

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(R) Center South Road Corridor Project: To make safe and sustainable improvements to road infrastructure between Zarechny and Burylbaital, and to enhance freight connectivity at a national level through trade facilitation improvements. Identification completed on 12 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P153501. US$645.2/645.2 (IBRD/ZMUL). Consulting services to be determined. KazAutoZhol JSC; KazAutoZhol JSC.

Center West Regional Development Corridor: The Project Development Objectives are to improve the transport connectivity within the regions along the Kazakhstan Center West Corridor and strengthen the capacity of selected agencies for the effective implementation of the corridor development, and road asset preservation policies. Approval completed on 9 June 2016. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P153497. US$977.9 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Committee for Roads, Contact: Satjan Ablaliev, Deputy Chairman; Ministry of Finance, Contact: Mr. Ruslan Beketayev, Vice Minister; JSC KazAvtoZhol, Contact: Ermek Kizatov, Chairman.

Digital Kazakhstan Project: The project development objective is to support the government of Kazakhstan with their national initiative Digital Kazakhstan aimed at establishing a platform for greater private sector participation in development and operation of ICT enabled services across Kazakhstan. Identification completed on 17 February 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water

Kazakhstan Third Irrigation and Drainage Improvement Project: The objective of the Project is to improve irrigation and drainage service delivery to support farmers in the Project areas. Identification completed on 10 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$350.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Syr Darya Control and Northern Aral Sea Project, Phase 2: The project development objectives (PDOs) are to improve flood management capacity and improve water provision for developing aquaculture and other socioeconomic activities in the project areas along the lower Syr Darya. Identification completed on 30 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152001. US$107.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Committee for Water Resources, Contact: Islam Abishev, Chairman.
**Kosovo**

**Agriculture**

**Additional Financing Agriculture and Rural Development:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 25 March 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0/1.9 (IDA Credit/DANI). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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**Kosovo Power Project:** IDA partial risk guarantee in support of a private sector independent power producer and lignite mining company, to be selected under the Lignite Power TA Project (P097635). Concept completed on 4 August 2011. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P118287. US$ 40.0/725.0/725.0 (GUID/ZBIL/ZEXP). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economic Development Tel: (381-38) 2002-1505, E-mail: agron.dida@ks-gov.net, Contact: Mr. Besim Beqaj, Minister.

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**Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Mining Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 27 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Trade & Competitiveness**

**(R) Kosovo: Competitiveness and Jobs:** Enhance Kosovo’s competitiveness and impact on employment by facilitating trade, fostering SME growth, and improving labor market intermediation and relevance of vocational training. Identification completed on 17 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P152881. US$ 24.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Trade and Industry, Contact: Ilir Salihu, Chief of Staff; Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, Contact: Selatin Kllokoqi, Political Advisor of the Minister; Ministry of Education Science and Technology Tel: 38138212185, E-mail: zenun.halili@rks-gov.net, Contact: Zenun Halili, Senior Advisor of the Minister; Republic of Kosovo, Contact: Avdullah Hoti, Minister of Finance.

**Water**

**Kosovo Water Security and Canal Protection Project:** The objective of the Project is to contribute to restoring the Ibër Canal to its original capacity to improve water resource management for various canal water users in Central Kosovo. Approval completed on 30 September 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133829. US$ 24.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Hydro Economic Iber-Lepenc JSC, Contact: Arberor Prekazi, Technical Director; Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Contact: Ferid Agani, Minister; Republic of Kosovo, Contact: Dushi, Media Advisor.

**Kyrgyz Republic**

**Agriculture**

**Integrated Dairy Productivity Improvement Project:** The Development Objective of the Project is to enhance dairy animal productivity and milk quality on beneficiary farms. Negotiations authorized on 15 July 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P155412. US$ 2.8/2.3 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Kyrgyz Republic, Contact: Mirlan Baigonchakov, Deputy Minister of Finance; Ministry of Finance, Contact: Mirlan Baigonchakov, Deputy Minister of Finance; Ministry of Agriculture, Food Industry and Melioration, Contact: Talaibek Aidaraliev, Minister.
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Heat Supply Improvement Project: The Project Development Objective is to improve access to reliable and efficient heat supply in the project target areas. Identification completed on 21 August 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 13.8/11.3 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy; Ministry of Finance; Bishkekteploset JSC.

Environment & Natural Resources

Integrated Forest Ecosystem Management: The Project Development Objective is to strengthen the capacity of government institutions and communities to improve sustainable forest ecosystem management through investments in management planning, ecosystem restoration, and infrastructure.

Approval completed on 24 November 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 4.1 (GEFU). No consultants are required. State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry of the Kyrgyz Republic, Contact: Atajanov Sabir Sadykjanovich, Director of the SAEPF; Ministry of Finance.

Governance

Judicial Development Project: The objective of the Judicial Development Project is to: (1) provide the Kyrgyz judiciary with the administration, facilities and expanded capacity necessary to improve the efficiency and quality of judicial operations and services; and (2) to improve access to and awareness of judicial services. The Project will support the Kyrgyz authorities with the implementation of their justice sector priorities based on their Judicial Reform Strategy. Identification completed on 28 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Capacity Building in Public Financial Management 2: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve budget predictability, control and transparency. Allocative efficiency entails the ability of government to prioritize public spending in accordance to economic and social needs. Thus allocative efficiency is directly linked to the composition of public expenditure, adequate flexibility of the budget to respond to spending priorities and the alignment of budget outturns with policy objectives as laid out in the budget and expenditure plans. Identification completed on 10 November 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P155148. US$ 6.0 (FSSP). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Contact: Mr. Mirlan Baigonchokov, Deputy Minister of Finance; Project Implementation Unit, Ministry of Finance, Contact: Bermet Musakozhoeva, Head of PIU.

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(Kyrgyz Republic Disaster Risk Management Program: The development objective of the Project is to support the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic to strengthening disaster risk management capacities. Identification completed on 18 November 2016. US$ 11.0/9.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of

Energy & Extractives

Macedonia Energy Efficiency Fund for Public Buildings: The project would develop and capitalize a revolving fund to finance energy efficiency improvements in public buildings. The fund would directly support the Government’s National Program for Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings and meet its energy savings targets for the building sector as committed under the Energy Community Treaty. Identification completed on 19 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$20.0/10.0 (IBRD/ECSE). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy Tel: (389-2) 309-3489, E-mail: neriman.dzeladini@economy.gov.mk.

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Digital Macedonia: The development objective of this project is twofold: (1) to support GoM in its transformation of public service delivery through a shared public sector infrastructure platform and innovative applications with particular focus on poor communities in targeted areas; and (2) to increase FYR Macedonia’s competitiveness and support income generation and poverty reduction for under- and unemployed by extending broadband Internet connectivity to vulnerable groups, and building on this connectivity by leveraging and catalyzing the growth of ICT-enabled jobs. Identification completed on 14 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$11.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Moldova

Agriculture

Moldova Agriculture Competitiveness Project Additional Financing: The Project Development Objective is to enhance the competitiveness of the agro-food sector by supporting the modernization of the food safety management system, facilitating market access for farmers, and mainstreaming agro-environmental and sustainable land management practices. Approval completed on 19 May 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P154238. US$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Moldova Agriculture Competitiveness Project and Additional Financing: The Project Development Objective is to enhance the competitiveness of the agro-food sector by supporting the modernization of the food safety management system, facilitating market access for farmers, and mainstreaming agro-environmental and sustainable land management practices. Approval completed on 7 July 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P157765. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

Moldova Education Reform Additional Financing: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 13 July 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$3.7/11.3 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy & Extractives

Moldova Transparent Power Market Project: The Development Objective of the Project is to improve the security and reliability of the electricity transmission system through interconnections with Romania, and therefore, enable the creation of a transparent and competitive electric power market in Moldova and its integration into the regional electric power market. Identification completed on 18 July 2016. US$40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
IDA countries. Such proposals have been discussed at CODE and have received positive response from all stakeholders. It is expected that the revised Guarantee policy paper and associated OP/BPs for the use of IBRD and IDA Guarantees would be presented to CODE in December 2012, and to the Board in Q3FY13. It should be noted that only 25% of guarantee exposure would be counted against the country exposure limit - such leverage for IDA guarantees was approved in 2004. Therefore, for the proposed IDA PCG operation of $40 million, only $10 million would be counted against the country limit. Concept completed on 1 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143870. US$ 80.0/138.0 (GUAR/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy Tel: (373-22) 250-554, E-mail: vladim.ceban@mec.gov.md.

**Environment & Natural Resources**

**Moldova Climate Adaptation & Forestry Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 11 June 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 2.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Moldova Climate Adaptation Project:** To (i) enhance adoption of climate-smart forestry and agriculture practices in targeted landscapes, (ii) strengthen national disaster management systems, and, (iii) in the event of an eligible crisis or emergency, provide immediate and effective response to said eligible crisis or emergency. Identification completed on 11 June 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 47.8 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Governance**

**(R) Modernization of Government Services in the Republic of Moldova:** The proposed project development objective is to improve the access to, efficiency of delivery, and quality of selected government administrative services. *Identification completed on 14 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P148537. US$13.0/7.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. State Chancellery, Contact: Lilia Palii, General Secretary of the Government; Republic of Moldova, Contact: Anatol Arapu, Minister of Finance.

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**Land Registration, Valuation and Local Taxation Project:** To improve the efficiency of the property registration and valuation, and property taxation systems in the Republic of Moldova for strengthening local revenue. Identification completed on 17 August 2016. US$ 35.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Disaster and Climate Risk Management Project Additional Financing:** The Project development objective (PDO) is to strengthen the State Hydro meteorological Service's ability to forecast severe weather and improve Moldova's capacity to prepare for and respond to natural disasters. Approval completed on 19 May 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148125. US$ 2.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Montenegro**

**Agriculture**

**Additional Financing to MIDAS:** The new objectives of the Project are: (i) to improve delivery of government assistance for sustainable agriculture and rural development in a manner consistent with the EU's pre-accession requirements; (ii) to increase the experience of Montenegrin authorities in administering rural development grants in accordance with EU-IPARD core rules, and (iii) to support a selected number of agricultural holdings and food establishments in upgrading towards EU standards. Approval completed on 9 September 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P159115. US$3.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Governance**
(R) Revenue Administration Reform: The development objective of the project is to improve effectiveness of operational functions of the tax administration and to reduce the compliance costs on corporate taxpayers.

The long-term vision is a tax administration that operates with a higher capacity to streamline risk-based business processes that contribute to the efficient collection of taxes and social contributions that are owed from all sources of economic activity. Increased compliance will generate a more robust revenue stream to provide essential services to citizens. Improvements in capacity will also support the country's goal for EU accession and economic integration with EU member states. Identification completed on 14 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P149743. US$11.3 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Contact: Radoje Zugic, Minister of Finance; Montenegro Tax Administration Tel: +382 206 58 063, E-mail: veljko.blagojevic@tax.gov.me, Contact: Milan Lakićević, Director of Tax Administration.

Health, Nutrition & Population

(R) Health System Efficiency and Quality Improvement Project: The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to support activities to increase efficiency of health expenditures and improve quality of care for priority NCDs. Identification completed on 11 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149752. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Republic of Montenegro; Ministry of Health Tel: 38278113127, E-mail: mensud.grbovic@mzd.gov.me, Contact: Mensud Grbovic, Assistant Minister of Health.

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(N) Montenegro Tourism Based Local Development Project: The objective of the Project is to improve local infrastructures, tourism assets; and institutional capacity to support tourism related local economic development in the central and northern regions of Montenegro. Identification completed on 18 October 2016. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Trade & Competitiveness

Montenegro Competitiveness and Job Creation: Investment Lending Operation to support Competitiveness and Job Creation in Montenegro Identification completed on 29 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Romania

Environment & Natural Resources

Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project - Additional Financing: The development objective of the project is to support the Government of Romania towards meeting EU Nitrate Directive requirements at a national scale. Approval completed on 28 March 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P155594. US$52.4 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Governance


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RO Bucharest Urban Redevelopment Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 29 September 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Russian Federation
Education

Enhancing Workforce Skills for Regional Development: The project development objectives (PDO) are to increase the relevance of the skills of technical and vocational education and training graduates to the needs of the labor market in selected pilot regions and to expand best practices to other selected dissemination regions in the Russian Federation. This will be achieved through developing, pilot testing and disseminating modern models of efficient training of skilled workers and technicians in the regional vocational education systems to support the social and economic development of the regions of the Russian Federation. Negotiations authorized on 27 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144167. US$330.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Science Tel: (7-495) 629-2425, E-mail: klimov-aa@mon.gov.ru, Contact: Alexander Klimov, Deputy Minister.

Innovative Dev-t of Preschool Educ. of Rep. of Sakha (Yakutia) Project: The Project Development Objective is to improve the quality of preschool education and increase access to kindergartens in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). Negotiations authorized on 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127405. US$117.7 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Consultants will be required for an architect's assistant, permafrost engineer, ECD specialists' assistant with background in Russia and CIS. Ministry of Education of Sakha (Yakutia) Tel: (7-4112) 422-921, E-mail: nsit-ni@yandex.ru, Contact: Natalia Sitnikova, Head of General Education Department.

Energy & Extractives

(R) RUSSIA ENERGY EFFICIENCY (GEF): The objective is to support the institutional, regulatory and market barriers facing commercial financing of Energy Efficiency projects across Russia. Identification completed on 16 December 2010. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123692. US$ 22.7 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Gazprombank and Ministry of Energy, Russian Energy Agency Tel: (7-495) 789-9292, E-mail: Ivanov@rosenergo.gov.ru, Contact: Ms. Tatiana Yurlova, First Vice President.

(R) Russia Energy Efficiency Financing Project: The Project Development Objective is to improve the efficiency of energy use in Russia by scaling-up commercial lending by banks for EE investments in the industrial and public sectors. The global environmental objective is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) by scaling-up EE investments. The PDO will be achieved through combined financial and technical assistance (TA), supported by a US$500 million IBRD loan and a US$9.71 million GEF grant to GPB, and a US$13.02 million GEF grant to REA.

The Project will provide assistance to three key groups of stakeholders. International experience shows that the success in enabling investments in EE depends on participation of and interactions among three groups: banks, project owners, and service and equipment providers. The Project will directly target selected representatives from all three groups. Several Russian banks will receive training and some technical assistance to develop their EE lending business, so that they could enter the market to finance EE projects. The GPB, the third largest bank in Russia, will receive an IBRD loan that will co-finance its EE credit line. A visible presence of GPB in the market of EE financing, demonstration of a viable EE lending business, and dissemination of experiences will encourage EE lending uptake by other banks.

The Project will help several regions improve their EE plans and develop bankable EE subprojects. In five regions: Kaluga, Novosibirsk, Samara, Yaroslavl and Yekaterinburg, GEF will support REA TA efforts to regional and municipal authorities in improving their EE programs and to several project owners in the regions in preparing bankable projects. This should boost the demand for EE services and equipment providers, while demonstrating viable procurement, contracting and financing models. National dissemination of results and lessons learned will spur on other regions, municipalities, and energy consumers to follow the example, which could help address a critical issue facing commercial financing of EE projects, the shortage of EE investment projects that are acceptable to commercial banks. Identification completed on 8 July 2010. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P122492. US$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Gazprom bank and Ministry of Energy, Russian Energy Agency Tel: (7-495) 789-9292, E-mail: Ivanov@rosenergo.gov.ru, Contact: Ms. Tatiana Yurlova, First Vice President.

Environment & Natural Resources

Integrated Environmental Monitoring Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve the national and selected regions’ capacity to generate environmental monitoring data and provide accessible, quality and reliable environmental monitoring information to various users from the public and private sectors.
Specifically, the Project will facilitate improved efficiency of state environmental monitoring through introducing international standards of environmental monitoring, developing the existing subsystems of state environmental monitoring and integrating them into a unified information and analytical system. Negotiations authorized on 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143159. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Tel: 749-9254-1560, E-mail: vatletsov@mnr.gov.ru, Contact: Gleb A. Vatletsov, Director of the Department.

Finance & Markets

Microfinance Development Project: The objectives of the project are to: (i) develop a proper legal, regulatory, and supervisory framework to enable safe and sound growth of the microfinance and credit cooperative sectors; and (ii) develop the industry’s capacity to meet sectoral regulations and institutional standards. Approval completed on 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P095554. US$20.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance Tel: (7-495) 648-3541, E-mail: p0530_ka@minfin.ru, Contact: Alexey Savatyugin, Deputy Minister.

Health, Nutrition & Population

Regional Cancer Care Modernization Project: The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to contribute to Regional government’s effort to improve early access to detection and quality treatment of cancer care services in Tyumen Oblast. Concept completed on 6 July 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151953. US$250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Health, Contact: Mikhail Kramorov, Head of Division, Dept. of Organization of Medical Care; RUSSIAN FEDERATION, Contact: Andrei A. Bokarev, Director, Dept. for International Financial Relations, MOF.

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Additional Financing for St. Petersburg Economic Development Project: To support St. Petersburg in (i) promoting conducive policy and the regulatory environment for the expansion of private sector enterprises; (ii) facilitating a larger and more efficient private market for land and real estate; (iii) strengthening City fiscal management capacity; and (iv) preserving and enhancing cultural assets in St. Petersburg. The higher level objective is to enhance St Petersburg’s prospects for economic diversification and growth. The AF will contribute to these objectives by leveraging the city’s cultural assets to sustain tourism, generate jobs and create opportunities for local businesses. Negotiations authorized on 26 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146463. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, Contact: Mr. Artem Novikov, Deputy Director of Estate and Investment Policy Department.

Trade & Competitiveness

(R) Local Economic Development of Small Towns: The proposed objective of the project is to support the economic development of selected small towns. This will occur through leveraging their economic assets, particularly cultural heritage assets. Identification completed on 24 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126283. US$70.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Sports, Tourism and Youth Policy Tel: (7-495) 601-9440, E-mail: varaksin@minstm.gov.ru, Contact: Mr. Pavel Varaksin, Lead Expert.

(R) Russia Special Economic Zones Enhancement Project: The project development objective is to attract investors to, and increase investment in, select pilot zones in the Russian SEZ program. Identification completed on 14 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147011. US$132.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Development Tel: (7-495) 694-0353, E-mail: mineconom@economy.gov.ru, Contact: Dimitriy V Skripichnikov Ministry of Economic Development, Contact: Evgeny Elin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development of the Ru.
Improvement of Urban Transport Systems Project: The project aims to improve urban mobility, accessibility, safety and environmental sustainability of transport systems in selected cities of the Russian Federation. Negotiations authorized on 27 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133201. US$117.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport Tel: 7-495-626-10-88, E-mail: asaulna@mintrans.ru, Contact: Mr. Nikolay A. Asaul, Deputy Minister.

(R) Improvement of Urban Transport Sys (GEF): The proposed project aims (i) to improve the quality and condition of urban transport while reducing adverse environmental impacts of transport in three pilot cities, through physical investments and operational and technological improvements, and (ii) to strengthen the institutional and technical capacity in several Russian cities in planning and managing urban transport systems. Identification completed on 17 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 9.1 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport Tel: 7-495-626-10-88, E-mail: asaulna@mintrans.ru, Contact: Mr. Nikolay A. Asaul, Deputy Minister.

Russian Development Bank Infrastructure Financing Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 19 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Vnesheconombank (Russian Development Bank) Tel: (7-903)798-0107, E-mail: Pavlov_AV@veb.ru, Contact: Mr. Alexander Pavlov, Deputy Director.

Serbia

Education

(R) Serbia Inclusive Early Childhood Education and Care: The PDO is to expand access to quality Early Childhood Development services, in particular for children from socially disadvantaged backgrounds. Identification completed on 25 August 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P157117. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Serbian European Integration Office, Contact: Srdjan Majstorovic, Deputy Director, SEIO; Minister of Education, Science and Technological Development, Contact: Srdjan Verbic, Minister.

Finance & Markets

Financial Sector Results Based IPF: The Project Development Objective is to better target the role of the state in providing access to financial products to underserved segments of the economy and improve the governance and efficiency of state owned financial institutions Identification completed on 10 August 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance of Serbia; Deposit Insurance Agency.

Transport & ICT

(R) Corridor X Highway Additional Financing: The Project Development Objective is to increase transport efficiency and improve traffic safety on the three project sections of Corridor X, between Nis and Dimitrovgrad and Grabovnica and Donji Neradovac respectively, and to improve road management and road safety in Serbia. Approval completed on 25 October 2016. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P158413. US$38.9 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance.

(N) Transport Sector Governance Project: Increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the transport sector through governance reforms, institutional capacity and targeted investments Identification completed on 27 October 2016. US$117.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Tajikistan

Agriculture

ACP Additional Financing: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 15 December 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Energy & Extractives

(R) Nurek Hydropower Rehabilitation Project Phase I: The project development objective is to increase the generation capacity of the Nurek HPP and strengthen dam safety. Identification completed on 9 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150816. US$ 170.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, Tajikistan, Contact: Usmonali Usmonzoda, Minister; Ministry of Finance, Tajikistan, Contact: Abdusalom Qurboniyon, Minister; OJSHC Barqi Tojik, Contact: Mahmadumar Asozoda, First Deputy Chairman.

Environment & Natural Resources

Environmental Land Management and Rural Livelihoods - Additional Financing: The overall Project Development Objective (PDO) and Global Environmental Objective (GEO) is to enable rural people to increase their productive assets in ways that improve natural resource management and resilience to climate change in selected climate vulnerable sites. Approval completed on 30 June 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P153709. US$ 1.8/2.0 (IDA Grant/CSCF). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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Strengthening Critical Infrastructure against Natural Hazards: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 23 November 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transport & ICT

Road Sector Investment Project: The Project Development Objective is to: (i) to reduce road users costs and increase regional connectivity by improving conditions and safety in priority sections of country’s national roads and (ii) strengthen institutional capacity in planning, budgeting, managing large infrastructure investments. Identification completed on 29 March 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0/100.0 (IDA Credit/ISDB). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport; Ministry of Finance.

(R) Tajikistan Railways Project: To improve the competitiveness, financial sustainability, operating and cost efficiency and capacity of Tajikistan Railways

Identification completed on 8 March 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Republic of Tajikistan; Tajikistan Railways.

Water

Additional Financing for Tajikistan PAMP II: The project development objectives for PAMP II are to: (i) provide access to temporary employment to food-insecure people through the rehabilitation of irrigation and drainage infrastructure, (ii) increase yields of selected crops in response to improved irrigation and infrastructure, and (iii) strengthen the capacity of Tajikistan to introduce integrated water resource management. By improving food access and food availability these measures improve the food security of low-income people in the poor rural areas supported by the project. Approval completed on 22 June 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P154327. US$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Tajikistan Second Dushanbe Water Supply Project - Additional Financing: The project development objective is to improve water utility performance and water utility services in selected areas of Dushanbe. Approval completed on 30 June 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P154729. US$ 5.5/4.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project: The project development objectives (PDO) are to assist the Tajikistan government to: (i) strengthen capacity of recipient institutions in the water supply and sanitation sector; and (ii) improve access to sustainable water supply and sanitation services. Identification completed on 18 November 2016. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Turkey

Energy & Extractives

Gas Sector Development Additional Financing: Objective to be Determined. Approval completed on 2 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133565. US$400.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. BOTAS Turkish Pipeline Company Tel: (90-312) 297-2018, E-mail: mgazi.dulger@botas.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Mehmet Gazi Dulger, Project Director.

(R) Turkey Geothermal Development Project: The Project Development Objective is to scale up private sector investment in geothermal energy development in Turkey. Approval completed on 1 November 2016. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P151739. US$250.0/39.8 (IBRD/CTF). Consultants will be required. Türkiye Sinai Kalkınma Bankası A.S. (TKB), Contact: İnce Suat, CEO; Türkiye Sinai Kalkınma Bankası A.S. (TKB), Contact: Suat İnce, CEO; Türkiye Kalkınma Bankası A.S. (TKB), Contact: Ahmet Buğuroğlu, CEO.

Social Protection & Labor

Turkey Refugees Employment Support Program: The development objective of the proposed project is to: (a) improve labor market outcomes of work-able refugees; and (b) adapt public employment services to address the needs of workable refugees. Identification completed on 5 September 2016. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 51.4 (F7U6). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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National Disaster Risk Management Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 4 January 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

SUSTAINABLE CITIES: The Project Development Objective is to improve the planning capacity of and access to targeted municipal services in participating municipalities. Negotiations authorized on 7 June 2016. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P128605. US$158.7/25.8 (IBRD/F7U6). Consultants services to be determined. ILLER Bankasi-AF P11070, Contact: Necla Akca, Project Manager; ILLER BANKASI ANONIM SIRKETI, Contact: Necla Akca, Project Manager.

(R) Education Infrastructure for Resilience (EU Facility for SuT): The objective of the Project is to support the Government of Turkey maintain long-term goals in education by enhancing infrastructure to provide improved access for Syrians under Temporary Protection (SuT). Identification completed on 30 September 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 159.4 (F7U6). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Sustainable Cities Project 2: The Program and Project Development Objective is to improve the planning capacity of and access to targeted municipal services in participating municipalities. Identification completed on 22 September 2016. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Land Registration and Cadastre Modernization Project - AF: The objective of the Project is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the land registry and cadastre services through: (i) renovating and updating cadastre maps to support digital cadastre and land registry information; (ii) making the digital land registry and cadastre information available to public and private entities; (iii) improving customer services in land registry and cadastre offices; (iv) improving human
resources in TKGM; and (v) developing policies and capacity to introduce best international practices in property valuation in Turkey. Approval completed on 15 October 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P154259. US$90.6 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. General Directorate for Land Registry and Cadastre, Contact: Gungor Guzel, Head of Department; Republic of Turkey, Under-secretariat of Treasury, Contact: Gokben Yener, Head of Department for Economic Relations.

**Trade & Competitiveness**

**Strengthening of the innovation landscape in Turkey:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 27 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transport & ICT**

**Turkey Railways Sector Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 20 November 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Water**

**Turkey Irrigation Modernization Project:** The objective of the project is to improve the irrigation infrastructure and agricultural productivity in selected irrigation schemes in the country. The project will finance irrigation modernization and agricultural/marketing support in 8-10 selected irrigation schemes. The main counterpart DSI (Devlet Su Isleri, which is the state agency responsible for water resources planning, operations and management) would aim to implement innovative technical solutions in the selected subprojects. An early list of these innovative features includes the introduction of volumetric metering, Evapo-Transpiration (ET)- based water allocation systems, and SCADA-based operation systems, and other features may be included as needed. In addition to modernizing the irrigation infrastructure to closed pressurized systems, the project will also finance activities to ensure that the improved water availability translates into higher on-farm productivity and increased farmer incomes. Therefore the project will include a component on agriculture extension (which will finance on-farm irrigation systems, nutrient and pest management, farmer trainings and demonstration pilots, access to better seeds and varieties, soil and water quality monitoring, and improved credit and market linkages). The project will include a component on strengthening the water management capacity at the basin level, through establishment of Basin Water Data Centers in selected basins, and support for the recently constituted Basin Commissions (for which the DSI regional offices serve as the secretariat). Identification completed on 27 January 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Ukraine**

**Energy & Extractives**

**(R) Ukraine Gas Supply Security Facility:** Objective to be Determined. *Approval completed on 18 October 2016.* Project: P155111. US$ 500.0 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Kaniv Pumped Storage Hydropower Plant:** The project will include construction of a new pumped storage hydropower plant in Kaniv. The project will be financed jointly by the Bank, EIB, EBRD and KfW. Identification completed on 30 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$400.0/100.0/500.0/100.0 (IBRD/EBRD/EIB/KFW). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Finance & Markets**

**Access to Long Term Finance:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve access to longer term finance for export oriented small, medium, and large enterprises involved in domestic supply chains. Concept completed on 14 September 2016. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P156766. US$150.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. UkrEximbank; UkrEximbank.

**Social Protection & Labor**
(R) Community Social Support Project: The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve living conditions and services in targeted communities and to enhance capacity of local governments to manage local development needs in a participatory and accountable manner. Identification completed on 23 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151701. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ukrainian Social Investment Fund, Contact: Viktor Miroshnychenko, Director.

Water

Second Urban Infrastructure Project Additional Financing: SIDA Grant: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 6 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.0 (F7VP). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Uzbekistan

Agriculture

Livestock Sector Development Project: Livestock Sector Development Project The Project Development Objective is provisionally to improve the provision of infrastructure, services and finance to the livestock sector in the project area. The Project will include four components: Component 1 Livestock and Veterinary Services Improvement; Component 2 Access to Finance; and Component 3 Pasture Management Improvement; and Component 4 Project Management. Component 1 will finance the development of:(i) state and private veterinary services and implementation of disease control strategies; (ii) livestock breed improvement and (iii) improvement of extension services and integration of smallholder livestock production into the livestock supply chain. Component 2 will finance a credit line to the commercial banks for the livestock sector. Component 3 will finance the improvement of pasture infrastructure and management and strengthening of pasture related institutions. Component 4 will finance project management and operating costs. Identification completed on 18 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Uzbekistan Agriculture Modernization and Competitiveness Project: The overarching PDO will be to improve the overall competitiveness of the agricultural sector. The specific Development Objectives will be to promote a sustainable intensification of agricultural production, to stimulate a private sector-led diversification in high-value, more job-intensive and less water-intensive productions, to support value addition and job creation in agribusiness. Identification completed on 16 March 2016. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

Modernizing Higher Education Project: The project development objectives are to strengthen the Recipient’s higher education system managerial capacity, and to improve both the labor market relevance and the learning environment of selected higher education institutions. Approval completed on 27 April 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128516. US$ 42.2 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Contact: Jamshid Kuchkarov, Deputy Minister of Finance; Ministry of Higher and Specialized Secondary Education, Contact: Alisher, Vahobov.

Energy & Extractives

Modernization and Upgrade of Transmission Substations: The project development objective is to improve the technical efficiency and reliability of the power transmission networks in Uzbekistan. Negotiations authorized on 8 October 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P156584. US$92.0/58.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Republic of Uzbekistan; UZBEKENERGO.

Electricity Distribution Modernization Project: The project will rehabilitate electricity distribution substation systems in selected areas of Uzbekistan to improve their efficiency and reduce losses. Identification completed on 19 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$155.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. UzbekEnergo, Contact: Iskander Basidov, Chairman of the Board.
**District Heating Energy Efficiency Project:** The District Heating (DH) Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency project would reconstruct DH systems in Andijan and Chirchik. The project would include specifically: (i) the reconstruction of heat production facilities, networks and in-house heating systems; (ii) undertaking the significant change in system design from open systems to closed systems; (iii) installing building level individual heat substations (IHS) equipped with heat meters; and (iv) changing from DH to local heating in regions where local heating is the least-cost solution. Identification completed on 18 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 140.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy.

**Health, Nutrition & Population**

**Additional Financing to Health System Improvement Project:** The main project plans to equip with modern medical equipment 100 Rayon Medical Unions out of 157 current ones as well as 76 urban policlinics from 155 ones, that are established on the basis of the existing outpatient establishments. Allocation of additional IDA funds in the amount of up to US$63.0 mln will equip the remaining primary health care units which are not covered by the Health-III Project. Approval completed on 7 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133187. US$ 93.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health Tel: (998-71) 239-4808, E-mail: office@jpib.uz, Contact: Djamshed Djabriyev, Executive Director.

**Social Protection & Labor**

**Jobs and Skills for the Modern Economy:** Improve administration of national labor and social programs through strengthening information management systems and integrating service provision at the district offices. Identification completed on 26 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transport & ICT**

**Navoi-Kanimekh-Misken Railway Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 2 February 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Water**

**Additional Financing for Bukhara and Samarkand Sewerage Project:** The proposed PDOs are to reduce wastewater pollution and improve the performance of utilities responsible for wastewater management in Bukhara and Samarkand. Approval completed on 23 June 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152801. US$ 105.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Uzkommunkhizmat Tel: (998-712) 354-497, E-mail: waterproject@unitech.uz.

**(R) Ferghana Valley Water Resources Management - Phase II:** The project development objective is to improve water productivity in the project area. Identification completed on 4 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149610. US$ 142.4/16.8 (IDA Credit/ECEU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Contact: Hamraev, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources; Ministry of Finance, Contact: Yusupov, First Deputy Minister of Finance.

**Regional**

**Energy & Extractives**

**(R) Trans-Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline Project:** The Project’s Development Objective is to diversify Azerbaijan’s gas export markets and improve the security of Turkey’s and South East Europe’s energy supply. Negotiations authorized on 18 October 2016. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P157416. US$800.0/600.0/500.0/1300.0/2000.0/1000.0 (IBRD/AIB/EBRD/EUIB/ZPCI/ZPCO). No consultants are required. Boru Hatlari Ile Petrol Tasima A.S. (BOTAS), Contact: Emre Engur, Head of Strategy and Int. Projects; TANAP Dogalgaz Iletim A.S. (TANAP), Contact: Yilmaz Ozturk, Manager; Southern Gas Corridor CJSC (SGC), Contact: Afgan Isayev, General Director.
Environment & Natural Resources

Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Aral Sea Basin CAMP4ASB Additional Financing: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 14 October 2016. US$ 19.0 (GCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Trade & Competitiveness

(N) Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation: The project aims to promote deeper economic integration between WB6 countries and with the EU through a reduction in cost and time to trade and transport, strengthened coordination and institutional capabilities, and enhanced harmonization, transparency, and predictability of the trade and transport regimes. Identification completed on 25 October 2016. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$115.0/5.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transport & ICT

Digital CASA - Central Asia: The proposed Regional Program Development Objective is to: increase access to and reduce costs of reliable, high-speed international bandwidth across landlocked countries in Central Asia and South Asia.

The broader development outcomes of the operation at the country level are expected to include: improved public service delivery (including online government services, health and education), increased private sector development opportunities, reduced transaction costs for businesses and individuals, and greater sector revenues for the governments. The proposed project will also support regional integration objectives of improved trade and communications between Central Asia and South Asia countries, and contribute to creating a Europe-to-Asia transit hub for international connectivity. Identification completed on 18 August 2016. US$ 2.8/2.3 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Central Asia Regional Links Program - Phase 3 - Kyrgyz Republic: The development objective of the proposed Third Phase of the Central Asia Regional Links Program (CARs-3) is to increase regional connectivity of Issyk-Kul Oblast by removing physical and institutional bottlenecks to expand market opportunities for trade and tourism. Concept completed on 26 July 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P159220. US$ 11.0/9.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport and Roads; Ministry of Finance.

Water

West Balkans Drina River Basin Management: The objective of the Project is to improve mechanisms and capacity of the Project Countries to plan and manage the transboundary Drina river basin, incorporating climate change adaptation. Approval completed on 9 May 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145048. US$ 4.4/4.4 (GEFU/SCCF). Consultants will be required. Republic of Serbia Ministry of Agriculture and Environment Protection, Contact: Dragana Milovanovic, Head, Dpp. for Int. Coop. in Water Sector, Water Directorate; Bosnia and Herzegovina - Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Contact: Bosko Kenjic, Head, Water Resources Department; Bosnia and Herzegovina - Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Contact: Mirko Sarovic, Minister; RS Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry, Contact: Stevo Mirjanic, Minister; FBiH Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Contact: Semsudin Dedic, Minister; Montenegro Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Contact: Petar Ivanovic, Senior Advisor; RS Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry, Contact: Cedomir Stojanovic, Assistant Minister for Water Management; Montenegro Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Contact: Momcilo Blagoevic, Senior Advisor; Republic of Serbia Ministry of Agriculture and Environment Protection, Contact: Natasa Micic, Head of Water Directorate; FBiH Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Contact: Hazima Hadzovic, Assistant Minister for Water Management.

Central Asia Water Resources Management (CA-WARM) Phase -I Project: The proposed Project Development Objective of the Phase-I CA-WaRM project is to increase accessibility, reliability and analytical capacity to use water resources information for improved water resources planning, monitoring, and management in selected Central Asia water institutions. Concept completed on 12 February 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152346. US$15.0/60.0/10.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit/IDA Grant/GFCO). Consultants will be required. Government of Uzbekistan, Contact: Mr. Mubin Mirzaev, Deputy Minister of Finance; Government of Kyrgyz Republic, Contact: Mr. Mirlanbek Baigon-
chokov, Deputy Minister of Finance; Government of Turkmenistan, Contact: TBD, TBD; Government of the Tajikistan, Contact: Mr. Shahibov Shavkat, Deputy Minister of Finance; Regional Center for Hydrology, Contact: Svetlana Shivarova, Executive Director; Interstate Commission on Water Coordination (ICWC), Contact: TBD, TBD; EC-IFAS, Contact: Sh. Khamraev, Acting Chairman; Republic of Kazakhstan, Contact: Ministry of Finance, Administrator.