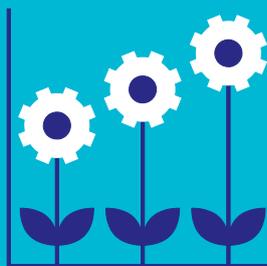


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New Head of Regional Programme in Central Asia

We would like to introduce Neil Taylor, our newly appointed Head of Regional Programme for Central Asia. Neil will be based in Bishkek with responsibility for EBRD Small Business Support in the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. Neil Taylor has been with the EBRD for the last 5 years as a Manager in SBS based in London, UK. Prior to the EBRD, he worked as adviser to the Government of Indonesia and then the Government of Iraq on public sector reform and aid management with the UN. He also held a position of Strategy Consultant at Accenture with a range of corporate clients. Neil holds a B.A. from Oxford University and an M.A. from University College London.



First Consulting services trade fair held in Osh

The EBRD, together with the local community of consultants, headed by IMC Osh Chapter, organised the inaugural consulting trade fair in Osh. Over 200 participants attended the event, which generated considerable media attention. During the fair, consultants organised master classes and presentations about their services, helping explain to local SMEs the benefits that external advice can bring and the range of services available. Among the guests at the event were Abdyrahman Uulu Kutmanaly, Vice Mayor of Osh and Yusupov Zamir, Head of the Agency's directorate of external relations and business environment in the city of Osh.



Issyk-Kul resort leads the way in wastewater treatment

EBRD study tour to Ak-Bermet wastewater plant shares best practice for 60 Issyk-Kul resorts

The event was co-hosted by the Issyk-Kul regional administration and Ak-Bermet resort, an EBRD client. The Ak-Bermet resort had received business advice through the EBRD's Small Business Support team to help install the wastewater treatment plant and was financed under the EBRD's risk-sharing programme with KICB to support the modernisation of its wastewater treatment facility, reduce energy consumption, build a swimming pool, improve the resort's beach area and redesign the grounds. Now we hope to see more resorts coming to EBRD for solutions to save the Lake Issyk-Kul for future generations.



“Changing lives” videos

Series of short videos highlight the impact of EBRD support on several clients from the Kyrgyz Republic.

- With donor funding from the United States, we helped Kulikovskiy Tort, a confectionery manufacturer, significantly increase its export sales. We helped improve the quality of their cakes and pastries, introduce new lines of products, and facilitated an in-depth study of potential new markets. These efforts led to the opening of new stores internationally (Almaty and Moscow) as well as a significant rise in export sales. <https://youtu.be/ONJdmINMb2o>
- The EBRD has helped a big brewery in the Kyrgyz Republic modernise the premises and install cutting-edge, climate-friendly technology. <https://youtu.be/q5fa8UJGcEg>

Another step towards ICMCI

Despite the growing number of local consultants and consulting firms in the Kyrgyz Republic, the level of professionalisation and recognition of the sector among stakeholders remains poor. In order to address this, we supported the qualification of selected local consultants who will become the standard bearers for the industry in the Kyrgyz Republic. We asked IMC KR to cooperate with IMC Ukraine for certification of CMC consultants in the Kyrgyz Republic. A wide information campaign was delivered and recruitment was accomplished. This included interviews, trainings on business processes and innovative models for the clients, as well as coaching on sophisticated application process during 2 months. As a result, out of 15 consultants, 9 reached the final public defense and 8 were awarded CMC designation: Olga Kan, Bakyt Shamkeev, Azamat Attokurov, Mikhail Munkin, Larisa Podgornaya, Klara Sheyshekeeva, Talant Sakishev and Samira Samadova. Hearty congratulations!

EBRD helps Kyrgyz city Batken make water and wastewater services safer

The new investment in Batken will address huge water losses and the urgent need to modernise water and wastewater infrastructure. The EBRD is supporting the water infrastructure modernisation with a financing package of up to €4 million. The package consists of an EBRD loan of up to €1.5 million and capital grants of €2.5 million from the multi-donor EBRD Shareholder Special Fund.

In addition, the municipal water company of Batken will receive technical cooperation support – funded by international donors – to help it implement the project and a corporate development and stakeholder participation programme.

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