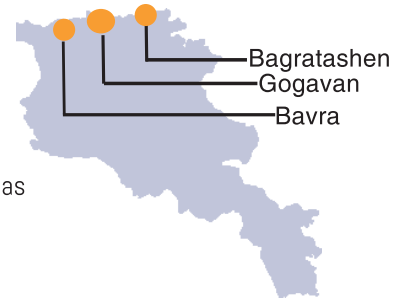


Modernising Armenia's Border Crossing Points

Three border crossings link Armenia with Georgia: Bagratashen, Bavra, and Gogavan. In a country in which two of its four borders are closed, these crossing points are critical – an estimated 80% of Armenia's trade passes through them, as well as an ever-increasing number of people: in 2008-2012 the figures increased almost threefold, from 3,100 to 8,020 on average per day.

However, in these remote, mountainous areas, the lack of infrastructure for transport and border control makes trade and the movement of people challenging. With the financial support of the European Union and its financial institution the European Investment Bank, the Armenian Government has partnered with UNDP to modernise these three border crossing points to facilitate the movement of people and goods.



Bavra Border Crossing Point

Before



After



European Union EU grants

- Providing funds for establishment of modern infrastructure and improvement of security at the borders in the three sites;
- Contributing for simplification and transparency of cross border movement of people and goods, and creation of favourable conditions for business.

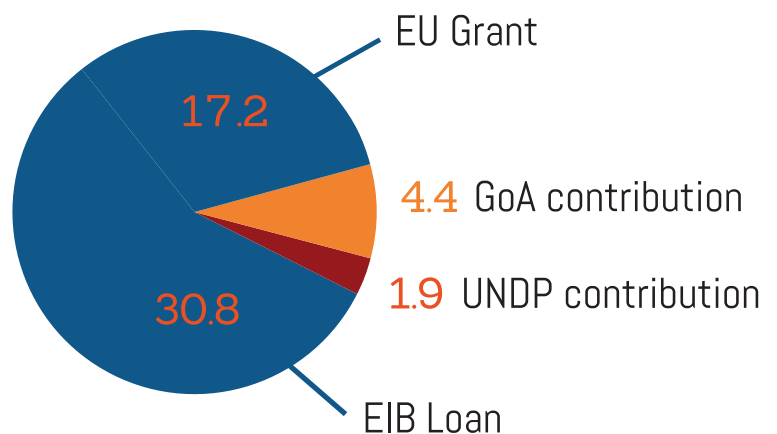
EIB lending

- Providing loans with a tenor matching the long-life financed assets with attractive interest rates;
- Sharing long standing experience in mobilizing and structuring of the financing of the project;
- Delivering support to coordinate the involvement of several donors and project financiers;
- Assistance for implementation of EU procurement, environment and social standards.

UNDP

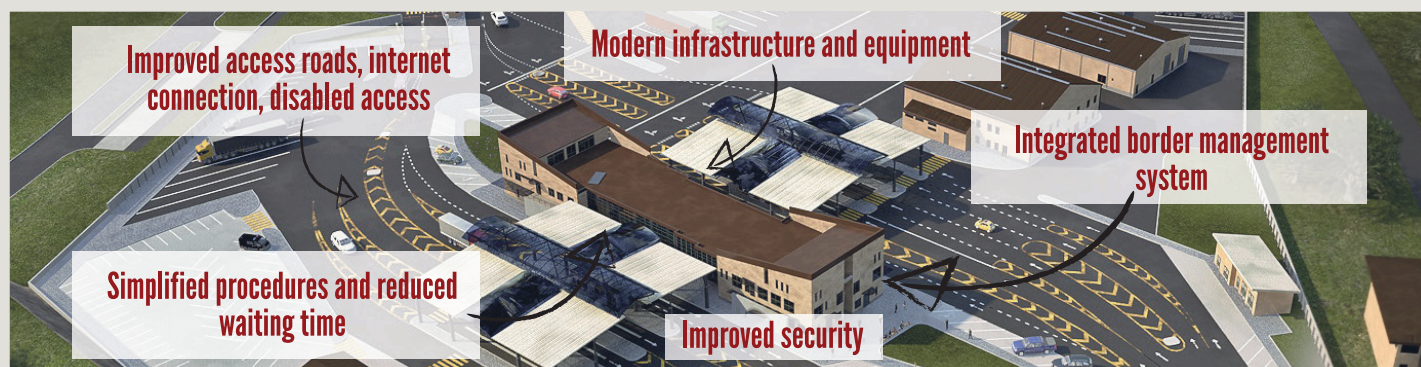
- Assistance in development of Integrated Border Management Strategy and Action Plan, project design and implementation;
- Transparency and integrity in procurement;
- Cross-sectoral expertise in project management, construction, energy efficiency, legal and procurement, monitoring and reporting;
- Timely loan disbursement and prob and resolution;
- Training for all stakeholders and pub campaigns.

Budget (EUR million)



The project is part of a programme of the Republic of Armenia aiming to modernise the Armenian border crossing points and involving other financing from the Government of Armenia and its partners.

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Eastern Partnership Countries



Armenia



Georgia



Moldova



Ukraine

826 respondents



Bagratashen BCP



Zvartnots International Airport BCP

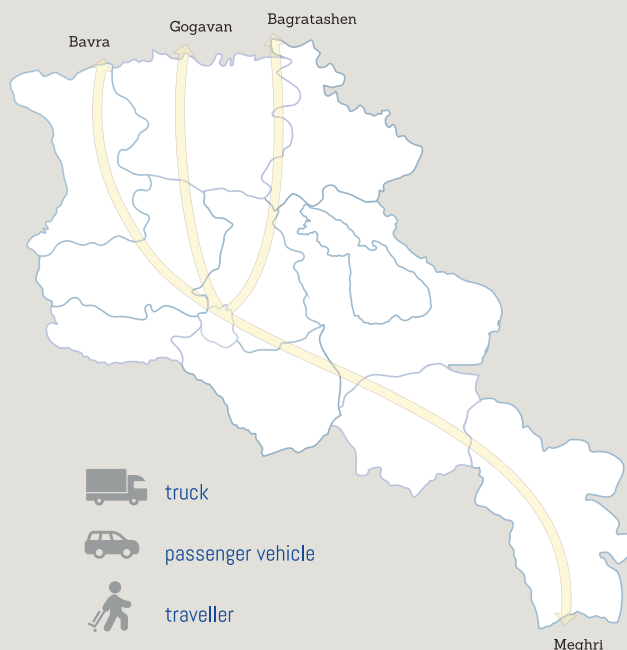


Highest Score

very positive

very satisfied

- ☒ Infrastructure
- ☒ Safety
- ☒ Facilities for children and elderly
- ☒ Access to additional information
- ☒ Professionalism of border officers



"MBBG project contributes to considerable progress in the areas of regional integration and connectivity for Armenia, facilitating cross border trade, economic and social development".

Ambassador Piotr Antoni Świtalski, Head of the European Union Delegation to Armenia

"The European Investment Bank financed the modernization of the crucial border crossing infrastructure being of importance for Armenia to meet successfully the increased demand for exchange of people and goods".

Alexander Stubb, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank

"Sound border management contributes to secure borders and increased trade and transit - key prerequisites for economic growth and poverty reduction".

Vardan Harutyunyan, Chairman of the RA State Revenue Committee



700

Number of border officials trained in search techniques, profiling, dealing with refugees, fighting drug trafficking.

Infrastructure

Gas, electricity, fiber-optic cables, IT and security systems at Bagratashen and Bavra border crossing points

56,000 people could benefit from high-speed internet in neighbouring communities

1,200 households could connect to the new gas network



Republic of Armenia



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