Aid Transparency Index 2022

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) – Sovereign Portfolio

SCORE: 66.6
POSITION: 24/50
2022
GOOD

OVERVIEW

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is a multilateral development bank that aims to promote transition in central and eastern Europe, central Asia, and the southern and eastern Mediterranean. Its sovereign portfolio provides loans and guarantees as well as business advisory services primarily to public institutions. EBRD is accountable to its shareholders, which include countries from the region and the rest of the world, plus the European Union and the European Investment Bank. EBRD is not an IATI member but started publishing to the IATI Registry in May 2015.

ANALYSIS

EBRD Sovereign was assessed separately for the first time in the 2022 Index. It scored in the middle of the ‘good’ category with a similar score to the joint EBRD assessment in 2020. It publishes monthly updates and has done since 2018.

EBRD did well in the performance and joining-up development data components where it scores above average and retained consistency in its IATI data. It made improvements in the disclosure of tenders, adding these to its IATI data for the first time and improved disclosure of its implementor names. But it has not yet started to publish results, and reviews and evaluations nor does it make contract information available its IATI data.

For the project attributes component, it scores above average but has also not built on gains made in the 2020 Index with this component. Instead, it saw a slight decrease in the coverage of basic project information.

EBRD sovereign portfolio also lost scores for organisational planning and commitments data because up to date documentation such as the annual report and the allocation policy were not present in the IATI file, although they were found on the organisation’s website with a manual search.

EBRD has also not made any improvements to its online data portal, so it retains the same low score; not making this data available for bulk download or offering it under an open license.

However, EBRD’s largest drop was in the finance and budgets component. This was its worst performing component in 2020 and EBRD - Sovereign has one of the lowest-ranking scores for this component among donors in the ‘good’ category. It does not provide any project budget or disaggregated budget data and has seen its score decrease for the total organisational budget indicator, where it now provides only one year forward-looking data. Activity disbursements and expenditures data was present across 79% of activities in the IATI Registry.
RECOMMENDATIONS

- EBRD should make its procurement contract data more accessible and searchable online, as well as making the full data set available across its IATI activities.
- EBRD should ensure its organisational file contains up-to-date planning documentation and should ensure that its data portal is user-friendly by offering it under an open license and allowing users to bulk download data.
- It should improve the publication of its financial and budget data by including project budgets and documents, as well as publishing full forward-looking total organisational budgets.
- It should commit to publishing performance-related information including results, and reviews and evaluations for relevant activities.
- EBRD should start to publish recognised organisation references for its partner governments using the latest guidance from the IATI community.

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Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 9.6 / 15

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component looks at the overall aims and strategy of an organisation. We check for any public commitments to aid transparency. We also make sure audits are published and if planning documents have been published, including by parent organisations (including national governments) where applicable. We make note of any Freedom of Information laws and critically, we make sure that organisations have tried to make their information easy to access and understand. You should not have to be an expert in open data to be able to find and use this information.
## Finance and budgets

**Score: 10.2 / 25**

### ABOUT COMPONENT

This component is critical to allow you and anyone else to follow the money. We expect to find the total budget of the organisation being assessed, right down to individual transactions for each development activity. In particular, forward-looking budgets from donors are important for partner country governments to be able to plan their own future finances.

### Scores

- **Total organisation budget**: Score: 2.31
- **Disaggregated budget**: Score: 0
- **Project budget**: Score: 0
- **Project budget document**: Score: 0
- **Commitments**: Score: 3.33
- **Disbursements and expenditures**: Score: 2.87
- **Budget Alignment**: Score: 1.69

## Project attributes

**Score: 18.8 / 20**

### ABOUT COMPONENT

This component refers to descriptive, non-financial data, including basics like the title and description of a project. Information like this is important as it is often the entry point for data users to quickly understand what a project is about. We also look for other information that helps to put a project in context, such as its sub-national location or the sector that the project deals with, for example, education or agriculture.

### Scores

- **Title**: Score: 1
- **Description**: Score: 3
- **Planned dates**: Score: 1
- **Actual dates**: Score: 1
- **Current status**: Score: 1
- **Contact details**: Score: 1
- **Sectors**: Score: 2.5
- **Sub-national location**: Score: 3.5
- **Conditions**: Score: 2.33
- **Unique ID**: Score: 2.5
Joining-up development data
Score: 18 / 20

ABOUT COMPONENT
This component looks at how well an organisation's data is able to be linked and connected with other bits of information. There is a diverse nature of flows, activities and actors within the development sector. Aid and development finance data needs to be effectively linked and connected with the rest to provide a full picture for the user. This can be particularly important for partner country governments, which need to integrate information on aid with their own budgets and systems.

Performance
Score: 10 / 20

ABOUT COMPONENT
This component refers to the essential data and documents that assess whether a project is on track or has been achieved. This includes things like baseline surveys, progress against targets, mid-term reviews and end of project evaluations. This information is important to hold aid organisations to account and also to share knowledge with others on what worked and what did not during a project.