EBRD GPA Technical Cooperation Facility

the EBRD and WTO technical cooperation in support of facilitating accession to Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organisation revised in 2012

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The EBRD Legal Transition Programme

- First steps in 1991
- Legal Transition Programme established in 1995
- Funded by Bank budget and donors
- Covers sectors crucial for market economy development
- Public procurement included in 2009
Why EBRD works with WTO to encourage joining the GPA?

- New 2012 GPA is modern, flexible and user-friendly
- Promotes value for money in national procurement system
- Allows for transition measures for less developed countries
- Provides important political and economic incentive for a government to modernize national economy
- Encourages global economic integration
- GPA membership gives access to the EU and US market opportunities on equal level with national suppliers
What we do

- The EBRD GPA TC Facility covers regional and country-specific technical cooperation projects providing assistance with negotiating WTO GPA accession
- Assistance to governments focuses on addressing the institutional, regulatory and trade challenges of the GPA negotiations
- Support is available to all countries where EBRD operates who are interested in GPA accession
- Country-specific technical cooperation projects are undertaken at the request of the interested governments
Observer participation in Geneva sessions – access to current GPA policy decisions

GPA Initial Offer – first proposal to GPA parties

Bilateral Negotiations - to reach consensus on market access

GPA Final Offer - legal compliance confirmed and market access agreed

GPA accession process – we assist along the way!
**GPA TECHNICAL COOPERATION FACILITY**

**How we work**

**GPA COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT:**
Independent review of compliance with GPA requirements
Support in aligning primary and secondary legislation on public procurement with mandatory GPA standards, if necessary

**INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING:**
Training on trade matters for national public procurement authorities
Training on procurement policies for national trade officials

**SUPPORT WITH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH GPA PARTIES**
Developing negotiation strategy with national stakeholders
Providing dedicated technical advisor to assist delegates in Geneva during negotiations
Facilitating negotiations calendar and addressing negotiation bottlenecks
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