

EBRD GPA Technical Cooperation Facility

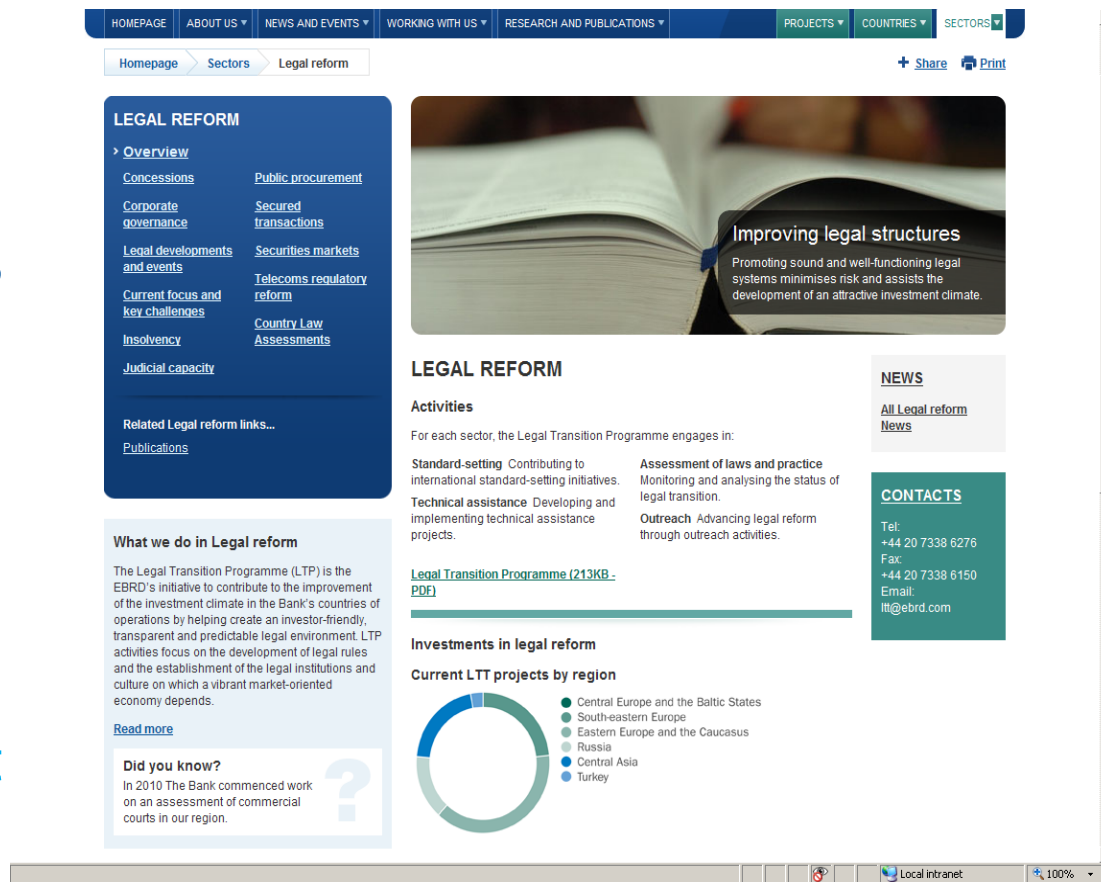
**the EBRD and WTO technical
cooperation in support of facilitating
accession to Agreement on Government
Procurement of the World Trade
Organisation revised in 2012**

Richard Jones, June, 4, 2015



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



The screenshot shows the EBRD Legal Reform website. The navigation bar includes links for Home Page, About Us, News and Events, Working with Us, Research and Publications, Projects, Countries, and Sectors. The main content area is titled 'LEGAL REFORM' and features a sidebar with links to various legal reform areas such as Concessions, Corporate governance, Legal developments and events, Current focus and key challenges, Insolvency, Judicial capacity, Public procurement, Secured transactions, Securities markets, Telecoms regulatory reform, and Country Law Assessments. The main content area includes a section on 'Improving legal structures' with a photo of a book, a 'LEGAL REFORM' section with 'Activities' and 'Investments in legal reform', and a 'What we do in Legal reform' section. A 'Did you know?' box mentions that in 2010, the Bank commenced work on an assessment of commercial courts in the region. The footer includes contact information for the World Trade Organization Centre William Rappard.

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What we do in Legal reform

The Legal Transition Programme (LTP) is the EBRD's initiative to contribute to the improvement of the investment climate in the Bank's countries of operations by helping create an investor-friendly, transparent and predictable legal environment. LTP activities focus on the development of legal rules and the establishment of the legal institutions and culture on which a vibrant market-oriented economy depends.

[Read more](#)

Did you know?

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LEGAL REFORM

Activities

For each sector, the Legal Transition Programme engages in:

Standard-setting Contributing to international standard-setting initiatives.

Technical assistance Developing and implementing technical assistance projects.

Assessment of laws and practice Monitoring and analysing the status of legal transition.

Outreach Advancing legal reform through outreach activities.

[Legal Transition Programme \(213KB - PDF\)](#)

Investments in legal reform

Current LTT projects by region

Central Europe and the Baltic States
South-eastern Europe
Eastern Europe and the Caucasus
Russia
Central Asia
Turkey

NEWS

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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



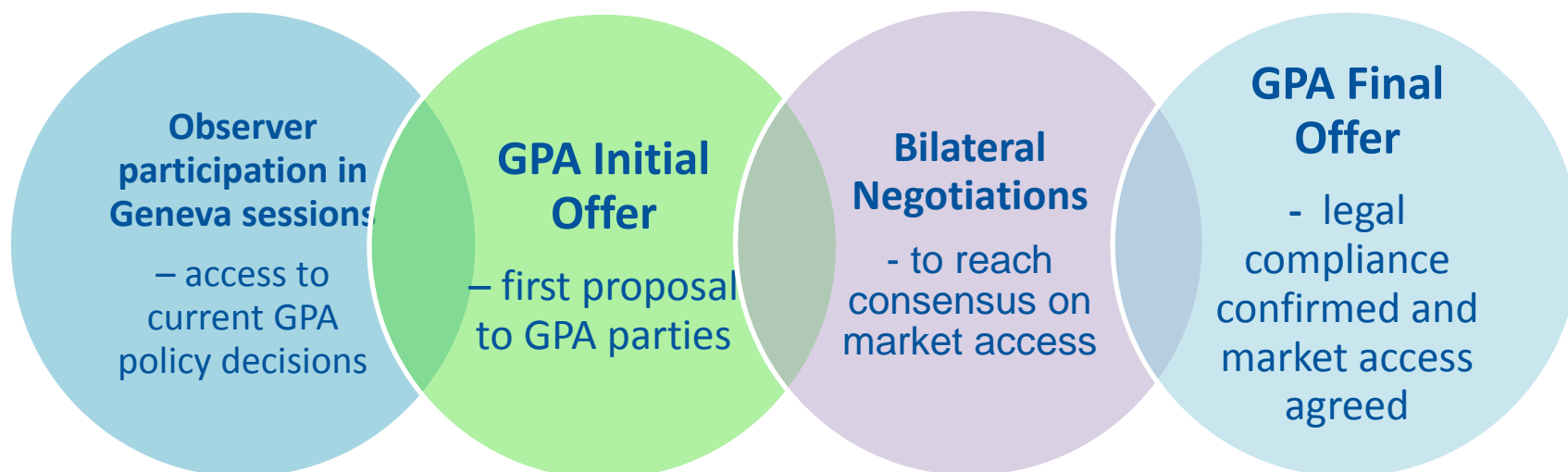
What we do

- 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





GPA accession process – we assist along the way!





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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