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Municipal Infrastructure Development Fund to enhance municipal infrastructure in Kosovo

The Fund signs its first Risk Participating Agreement in the country

The Municipal Infrastructure Development Fund (MIDF) and TEB Sh.A. are supporting the development of sustainable infrastructure in Kosovo with loans in an amount of €10 million available to municipalities, utility and private companies, providing municipal services.

The proceeds of the loans will be used to finance the building of new and modernisation of essential municipal infrastructure in smaller municipalities which traditionally have limited capacity to prepare sustainable infrastructure projects and are facing difficulties accessing commercial bank funding.

The MIDF is a pioneering €100 million investment fund, launched by the EBRD and KfW with a generous contribution from the governments of Germany and Switzerland and Austria, aimed at stimulating the growth of the municipal lending market and achieve long term sustainability in municipal services in the Western Balkans.

In addition, technical assistance funding is provided by the governments of Austria and Switzerland to support project preparation and implementation and capacity building of the municipal borrowers.

TEB Sh.A is one of the largest commercial banks in Kosovo with a broad national branch network and wide range of customer services.

“We are happy to provide innovative instruments of financing to all type of organisations and companies that provide public services. At the same time we will support the building up of a banking market for public financing, which will benefit the municipalities, banks and subsequently all citizens of Kosovo” said Peter Moelders, Project Manager of the MIDF.

MIDF has been designed for the Western Balkans, and within this group the Fund’s strategy will be to focus on Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia in accordance with local needs.