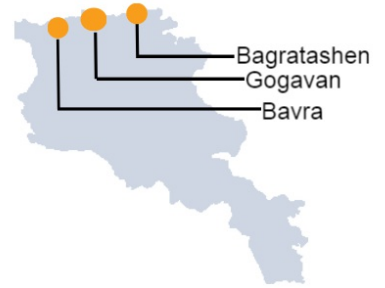


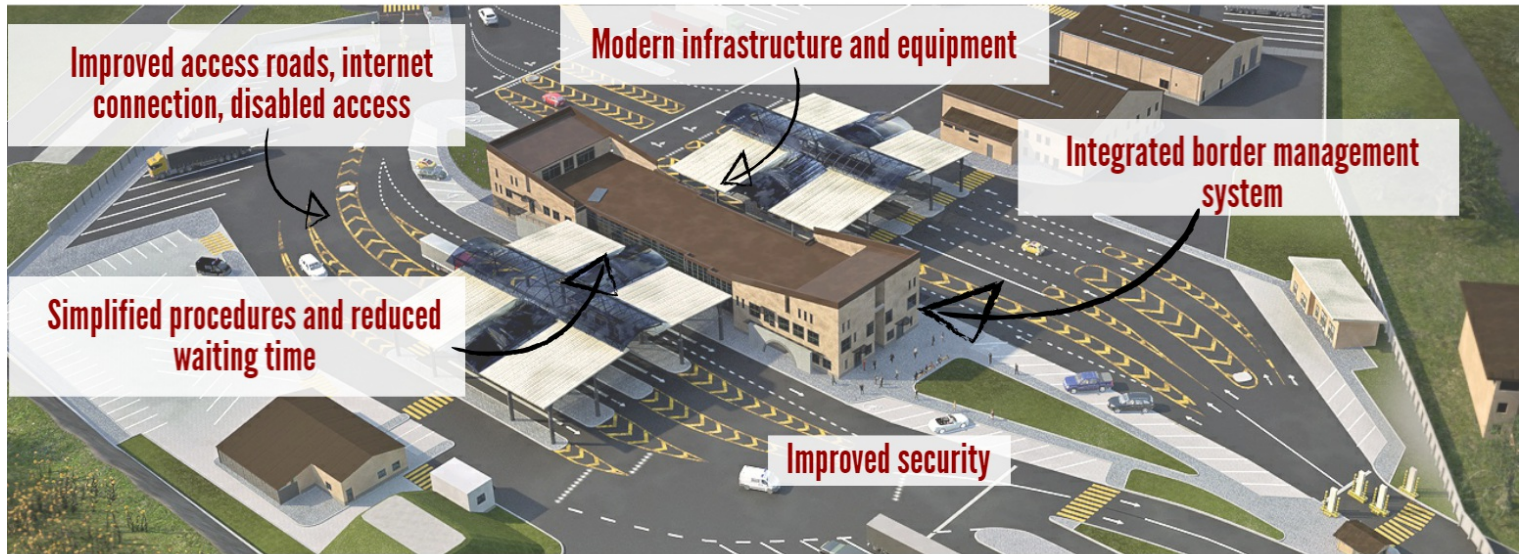
Modernising Armenia's Border Crossing Points

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 affiliate 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.



Programme Objectives

The project began in 2012 and by the end of 2016, citizens crossing this border by road will find:



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.

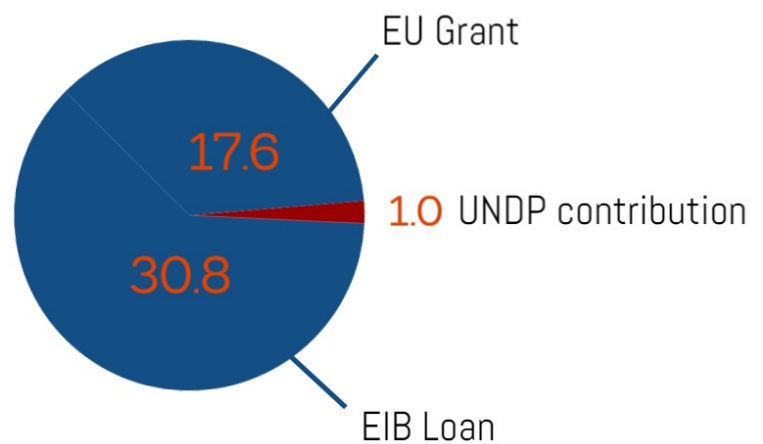
EIB lending

- 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 problem reporting and resolution;
- Training for all stakeholders and public awareness campaigns.

Budget (EUR million)



The project is part of a program 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.



Republic of Armenia



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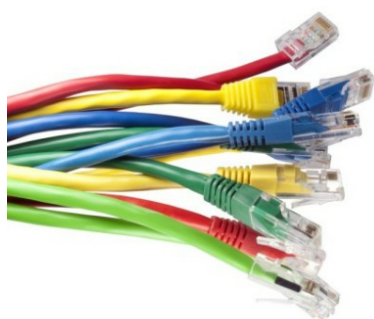
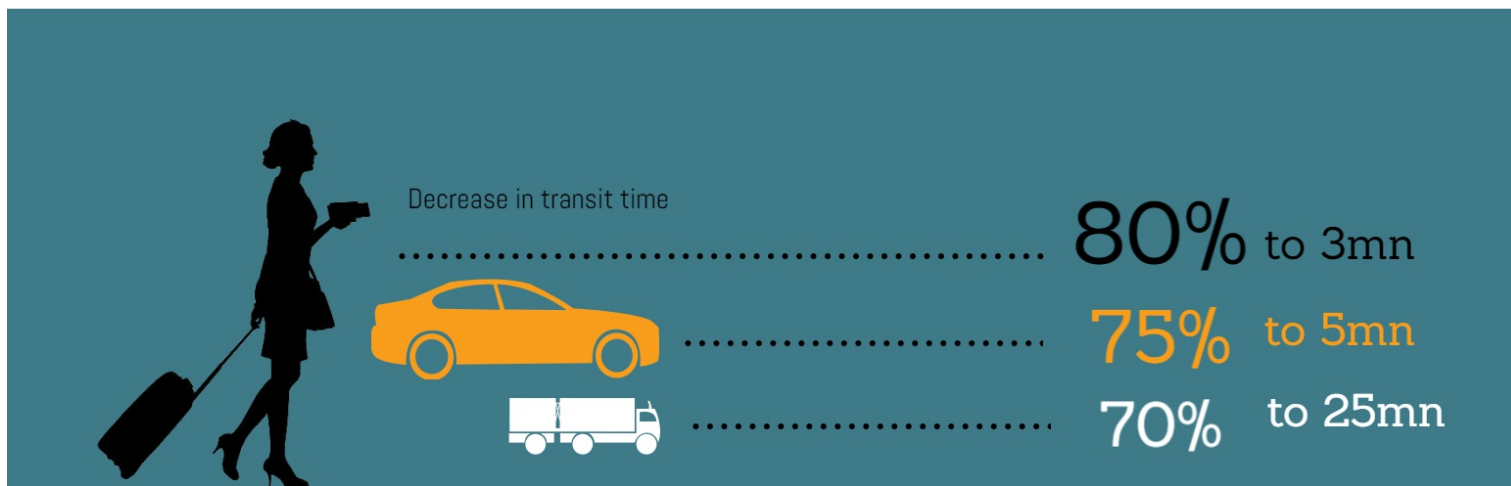


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Expected Results in Numbers



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

"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

"I witnessed first-hand how the EIB loan and other EU funding is helping to modernise this critical border crossing."

Mr. László Baranyay, EIB Vice-President



700

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

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

Government of Armenia



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