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Fraternité*



AFD AND

# Gender equality in Eurasia



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Financing initiatives that promote gender equality, women's rights and their empowerment is at the very core of Agence française de développement commitments, in line with France's International Strategy for Gender Equality.

AFD is committed to taking gender into account in all the projects it finances and all its countries and sectors of operation. We defend gender equality as part of our 100% social link strategy.

In Eurasia, AFD finances projects to increase women's access to basic services, combat violence against women, improve women's access to the labor market, and promote their participation in governance.

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# MAINSTREAMING GENDER IN EVERY ACTIVITY

AFD has committed that 100% of its funded projects will seek to reduce inequalities between women and men by mainstreaming a gender approach from the design phase through implementation.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

### 1 *Identification phase*

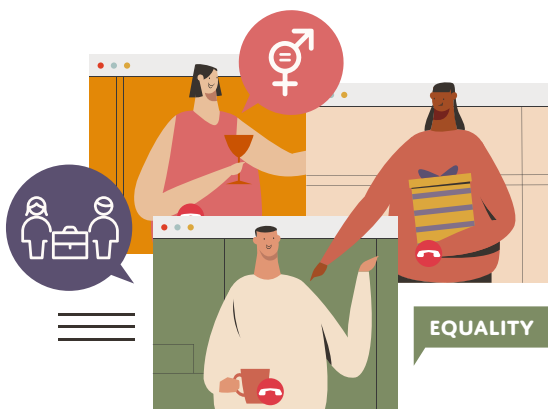
We identify each project initially by assessing its gender implications and then select the best financing tool to make it happen.



### 2 *Financing Appraisal Phase*

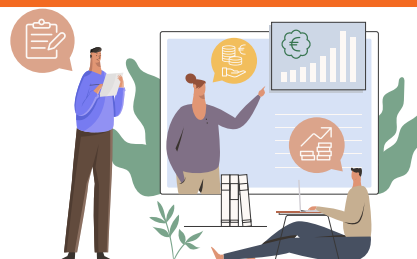
Then, we commence a partner-to-partner dialogue, with the help of complementary technical studies, to maximize gender impacts; we then decide together which actions we will carry out to improve gender equality. To effectively assess gender integration in our projects, we have set up a rating system with classifications established by the following OECD (DAC markers):

- DAC 0: the project does not aim to further gender equality,
- DAC 1: gender equality is an important and deliberate objective of the project,
- DAC 2: gender equality is the main objective of the project.



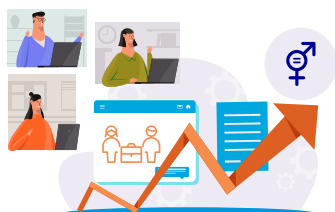
### 3 *Agreement and implementing phase*

Once everything is settled, we sign financing agreements and launch the project. We provide support, through financing and technical support, to the partner responsible for implementation throughout the project to ensure everything runs smoothly.



### 4 *Evaluation*

Once the project is delivered, AFD and its partner proceed to a detailed evaluation to assess the project's impacts on reducing gender inequality and promoting women's empowerment.





# OUR GENDER PROJECTS IN EURASIA

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In Eurasia, our network of country offices and our regional office communicate with our local partners to identify adapted financing solutions and areas that require technical assistance to promote gender equality in various development projects.

**Fostering national policies to strengthen gender equality in terms of access to economic opportunities in Albania**



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**Albanian Government**  
Beneficiary



**Governance**  
Sector



**Public policy budget loan (€51.5 million)**  
Financing tool

**DAC 2**  
Gender rating

**World Bank**  
Co-financier

**Supporting companies to promote greater integration of women into the labor market and equality in the workplace in Turkey**



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**TSKB Development Bank**  
Beneficiary



**Financial systems, decent work**  
Sectors



**Credit line (€185 million)**  
Financing tool

**DAC 2**  
Gender rating

**Strengthening the capacities of civil society in the fight against gender-based violence in Central Asia**



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**ACTED**  
Beneficiary



**Gender-based violence, civil society**  
Sectors



**Grant (€800,000)**  
Financing tool

**DAC 2**  
Gender rating

**Supporting gender equality when it comes to urban transport in Turkish cities**



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**Izmir and Ankara Metropolitan Municipalities**  
Beneficiaries



**Urban mobility**  
Sector



**Grant (€300,000)**  
Financing tool

**DAC 2**  
Gender rating

AFD supports and promotes more inclusive and equitable growth in the country by ensuring equal access to economic opportunities for women and men.

The project strengthens public policies in Albania relating to the issue of gender equality by:

- Recognizing rights acquired by women in real estate and ownership
- Developing policies that increase access to employment, ensure the application of labor laws, and promote the participation of women in the labor market
- Strengthening the institutional mechanisms for gender mainstreaming at the national and local levels through budgetary and statistical levers

French technical expertise to support the Albanian government is also provided to strengthen the regulatory framework and promote exchanges between Albanian and French peers.

By providing financial support to companies committed to gender equality within their structures based on thorough gender diagnosis, this project encourages greater integration of Turkish women into the labor market.

To achieve its objectives, the project aims to:

- Encourage companies to assess the state of gender equality in their workplaces through the Women's Employment Management Tool
- Promote women's access to the labor market and reduce inequality between women and men in the workplace by implementing defined action points to address the weaknesses identified in their evaluation

TSKB Development Bank provides financing to companies that commit to concrete goals of increased gender mainstreaming.

AFD finances this project to strengthen the capacity of civil society to ensure the protection of women at risk and survivors of domestic violence in Uzbekistan, Kirghizstan and Tajikistan.

The project aims to improve the legal framework when it comes to domestic violence, strengthening the capacities of frontline service providers (CSOs, shelters, and crisis centers) to ensure comprehensive services to women and girls who are victims of violence and advance civil society action to promote gender-equitable social norms, attitudes, and behaviors.

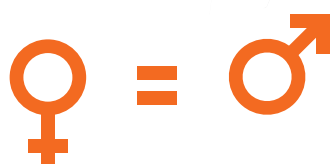
For the implementation of this project, ACTED relies on a network of local NGOs and collaborates closely with local authorities and partners.

In Turkey, AFD supports equality between women and men in the urban mobility sector by integrating a gender dimension into all the transport projects it finances. To support this objective, it provides technical assistance to the municipalities of Izmir and Ankara.

Funded through a grant, this technical assistance aims to support municipalities in addressing key gender issues in the transport sector. It will focus on promoting women's employment, implementing measures to ensure women's safety on public transport, and ensuring equal access to public transport.

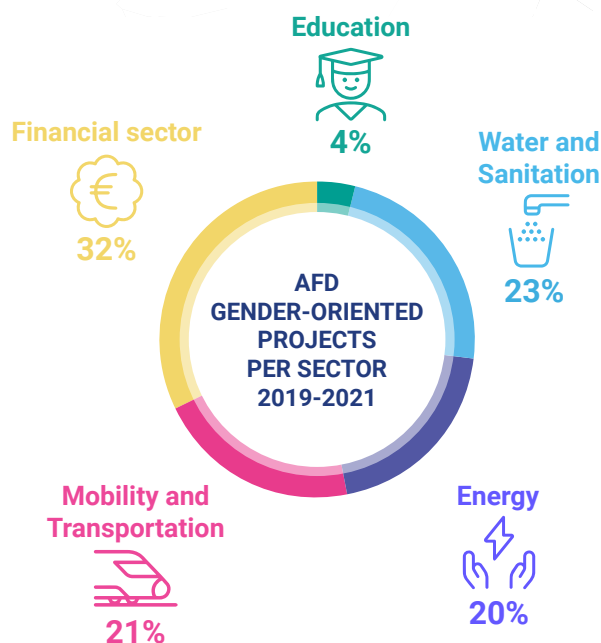
Cross-cutting technical support will be provided to both municipalities, in addition to AFD loans for the financing of transport infrastructure. It will enable the two cities to exchange best practices in terms of gender inclusion.

## OUR KEY FIGURES IN Eurasia



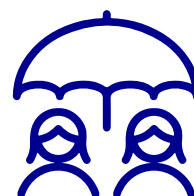
**In 2021, 47% of our commitments included a gender co-benefit**

**€1 billion**  
dedicated to DAC1 or DAC2\*  
projects from 2019 to 2021



**40 companies**

benefited from AFD credit lines in Turkey  
by committing to taking concrete actions  
to develop equality between men and  
women in the workplace



**6000 at-risk women**

beneficiaries of AFD funding to fight violence  
against women in Central Asia

\*DAC 1 project: gender equality is a significant and deliberate objective of the project.  
DAC 2 project: gender equality is the main objective of the project.

Agence Française de Développement (AFD) implements France's policy on international development and solidarity. Through its financing of NGOs and the public sector, as well as its research and publications, AFD supports and accelerates transitions towards a fairer, more resilient world. It also provides training in sustainable development (at AFD Campus) and other awareness-raising activities in France.

With our partners, we are building shared solutions with and for the people of the Global South. Our teams are at work on more than 4,000 projects in the field, in the French Overseas Departments and Territories, in 115 countries and in regions in crisis. We strive to protect global public goods – promoting a stable climate, biodiversity and peace, as well as gender equality, education and healthcare. In this way, we contribute to the commitment of France and the French people to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Towards a world in common.



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