

**Azerbaijan Rapid Technical Assistance Facility (AZTAF)****Period of implementation:** 03.12.2021 - 03.04.2025**EaP countries:**

Azerbaijan

**EU contribution:** € 5 250 000**Total budget:** € 5 250 000**Implementing organisation(s):**

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Azerbaijan Rapid Technical Assistance Facility (AZTAF) is a technical assistance program for the Republic of Azerbaijan financed by the European Union and implemented by the World Bank. The AZTAF program is aligned with Azerbaijan's 5 National Priorities and goals of Socio-economic development Strategy for 2022-2026. The Ministry of Economy of Azerbaijan is the leading counterpart for the AZTAF program.

**Expected results:**

- Enhanced capacity of the government to strengthen corporate governance of SOEs;
- Improved basic pre-conditions for strategic procurement and e-procurement;
- Improved knowledge of inputs necessary for sound water management planning and water security;
- Improved enabling environment for implementing 'smart village' pilots;
- Strengthened analytical, policy, legal, and regulatory foundations to expand digital access and improve digital use for society-wide digital transformation and greater integration with the global digital economy;
- Improved regulatory and institutional framework to achieve national energy efficiency targets, and a national renovation program for buildings;
- Improved human resources policies and practices by at least two SOEs to address gender gaps in their respective workforce;
- Increased awareness of communities and public and private sector representatives of the importance of addressing gender-based occupational segregation in the labor market;
- Enhanced digital and other business skills of women entrepreneurs in rural areas;
- Strengthened disability assessment system.