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KOSOVO: COMPETITIVENESS AND EXPORT READINESS PROJECT (P152881)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Trade and Industry, Republic of Kosovo

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 18-May-2017
Effectiveness Date: 18-May-2018
Planned Mid Term Review Date: 30-Mar-2020
Actual Mid-Term Review Date:
Original Closing Date: 30-Oct-2022
Revised Closing Date: 30-Oct-2022

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

To support product certification for export markets, strengthen the capacity of export-oriented firms and reduce the cost of business inspections.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components Table

Name
Component 1: Enhancing Business Environment and Export Readiness:(Cost $14.72 M)
Component 2: Project Implementation and Coordination Support:(Cost $0.55 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Unsatisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	Substantial	Substantial

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

This is the fifth Implementation Status Report (ISR) for Kosovo Competitiveness and Export Readiness Project (CERP). The Project was approved by the Board on May 18, 2017. The project was ratified by the Parliament in December 2017. However, two Project effectiveness conditions were fulfilled in March 2018: (i) the establishment of the Project Implementation Unit and (ii) the adoption of a Project Operational Manual. The newly appointed Minister took the decision for dislocation of Metrology to the new premises as a precondition for activities under the National Quality Infrastructure Component to commence. In parallel the Government made progress regarding inspection system reform. The law on inspections has been shared for public consultation on 24th of June. Going forward the Project needs to accelerate implementation and speed up activities related to the National Quality Infrastructure, matching grants scheme and inspection system reform.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	High	High	High
Macroeconomic	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Sector Strategies and Policies	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Technical Design of Project or Program	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Fiduciary	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Environment and Social	Low	Low	Low
Stakeholders	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Other	--	--	--
Overall	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Objective 1

IN00743987

►Share of beneficiaries of the matching grants program that increase their export value (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Date	30-Dec-2016	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2020	31-Dec-2021

IN00743988

►Reduction in annual inspection compliance cost per business (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Date	30-Dec-2016	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2020	31-Dec-2021

IN00743989

►Number of products tested and certified at domestic organizations that are accredited by an internationally recognized accreditation agency (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target

Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Date	31-Oct-2016	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2019	31-Dec-2021

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 1: Enhancing Business Environment and Export Readiness

IN00743990

►Kosovo Metrology Agency (KMA) becomes a signatory to Mutual Recognition Arrangement (CIPM MRA) of the international metrology system (Committee on Weights and Measures (CIPM) (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	NO	NO	NO	YES
Date	30-Dec-2016	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2020	31-Dec-2021

IN00743991

►Participations of KMA in international inter-laboratory comparisons (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	30-Dec-2016	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2019	31-Dec-2021

IN00743992

►Private capital mobilized through matching grants program (Amount (EUR)) (Amount(USD), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,340,000.00
Date	30-Dec-2016	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2020	31-Dec-2021

IN00743993

►Number of firms financed through matching grants program (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	31.00	150.00
Date	30-Dec-2016	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2020	31-Dec-2021

Number of firms with female owner financed through matching grants program (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	5.00	15.00
Date	30-Dec-2016	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2020	31-Dec-2021

IN00743995

►Percentage of grievances about the SME grant scheme that were responded to (Citizen Engagement) (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	100.00	90.00
Date	30-Dec-2016	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2020	31-Dec-2021

Comments: The Citizen Engagement mechanism has been set up. The Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) has established a Project website: https://mti.rks-gov.net/page.aspx?id=1,320 with the email address where all grievances can be submitted.
Activities have been undertaken in regards to citizen engagement such as : informative sessions, meetings and participation in different conferences to announce the grants scheme. Businesses were encouraged to submit any requests/claims through the MTI/Kosovo Investment Enterprise Support Agency (KIESA) website including in the Facebook page of the matching grants scheme.
Online application system has been built and confirmations were submitted to businesses that have applied. The list of grants beneficiaries was announced on January 6 2020 under MTI/Project web page, and the companies were provided 5 days to file their inquiries at the Project email address: info.mgp-cerp@rks-gov.net or in a hard copy at the Ministry of Trade and Industry.
12 companies have submitted their grievances and the Grants Management Unit (GMU) has provided their response to all of them. The report summarizing the grievances has been shared with the World Bank by the GMU.Going forward the GMU will continue to organize outreach activities for all municipalities in Kosovo encouraging firms to apply for matching grants.

IN00743996

►New law on inspection is adopted by the Parliament (text) (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	NO	NO	NO	YES
Date	30-Dec-2016	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2019	31-Dec-2021

IN00743997

►Kosovo Accreditation Directorate (DAK) becomes a signatory to a MLA or MRA with international accreditation organizations, ILAC and IAF (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	NO	NO	NO	YES
Date	30-Dec-2016	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2020	31-Dec-2021

IN00743998

►Number of inspection visits per firm each year (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	22.00	22.00	22.00	16.00
Date	31-Dec-2015	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2020	31-Dec-2021

IN00743999

►Number of user survey results about the business inspections system were shared in public (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target

Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Date	30-Dec-2016	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2020	31-Dec-2021

IN00744000

►Number of inspectorates within government body (Number) (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	36.00	36.00	36.00	15.00
Date	31-Dec-2015	27-Jun-2019	10-Jan-2019	31-Dec-2021

Data on Financial Performance

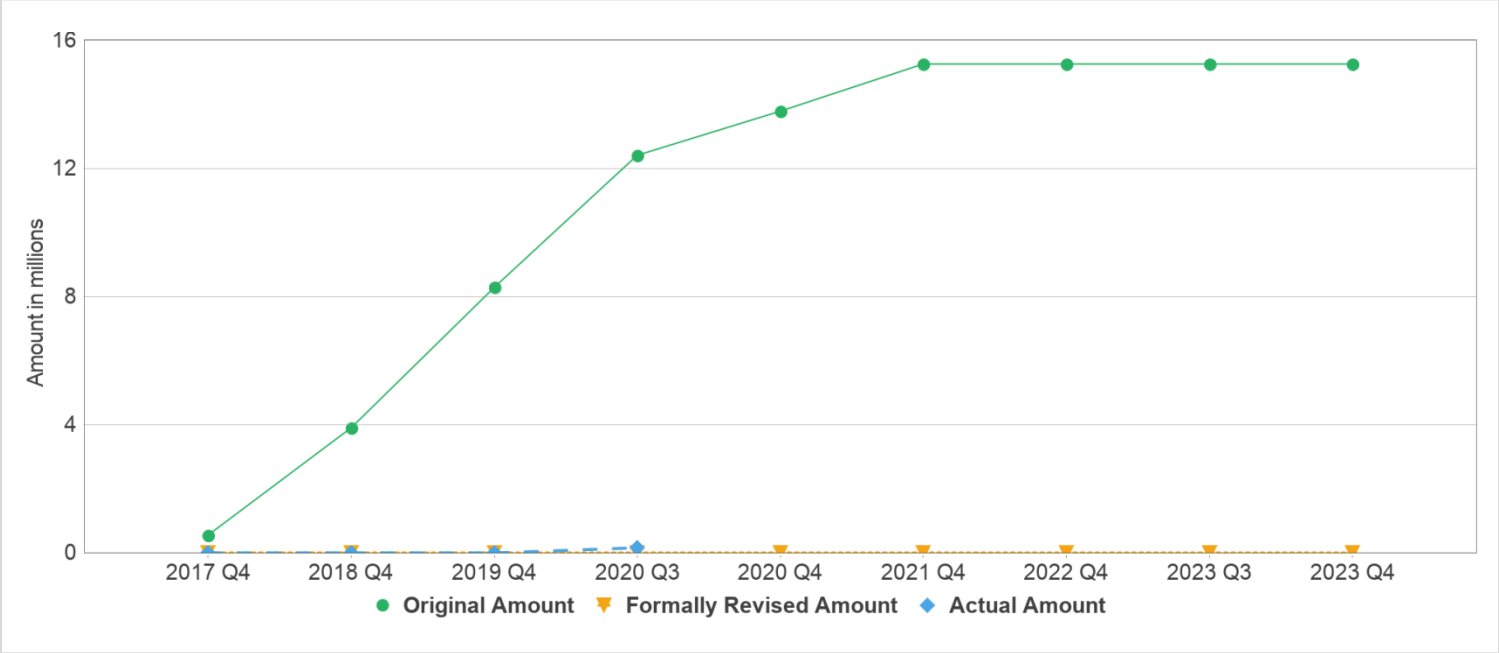
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P152881	IDA-60350	Effective	USD	15.27	15.27	0.00	0.16	16.00	1%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P152881	IDA-60350	Effective	18-May-2017	02-Aug-2017	18-May-2018	30-Oct-2022	30-Oct-2022

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.