

#eu4business

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The EU provides **Azerbaijani companies** with **funding, training, and export support** to new markets through the **EU4Business initiative**

EU MAKES BUSINESSES IN AZERBAIJAN STRONGER



WHO HAS ALREADY BENEFITED?



RAHMAN ABDURAHMANOV
CONFECTIONER

received **EU funds and EBRD advice** to apply quality standards and improve the manufacturing process. Now, he is building a new production line to meet demand.



FARID ISMAYILZADA
IT EXPERT

received **EU funds and EBRD advice** to restructure his online payment service. Now the company accounts for 75% of the country's online market.



RIZVAN GARAYEV
BAKER AND CAFÉ OWNER

expanded his father's café and bakery when he took over the business, thanks to a **loan from the EU**. Now he has restaurants in several cities and employs 22 people.



EU4BUSINESS IN FIGURES (2009-2017):





IN FOCUS



BETTER ACCESS TO FINANCE

- Micro credits for setting up or developing a small business
- Seed capital for start-ups



IMPROVED BUSINESS SKILLS

- Tailored advisory services and support to companies on human resources, IT and management
- Training programmes to improve skills of entrepreneurs
- Tailored training and mentoring for women entrepreneurs
- Mentoring and business support for rural micro-enterprises



BETTER ACCESS TO NEW MARKETS

- Business advice and training for export-oriented companies

EU4BUSINESS IN AZERBAIJAN

Azerbaijan has a total of
139,185 SMEs
contributing significantly to employment and job creation, with a total of
279,350
employees in 2016.
(Source: World Bank)

Since its establishment, the EU4Business initiative has supported
16 projects
in Azerbaijan.

The EU helps companies in **Azerbaijan** through the **EU4Business Initiative** and works together with the EBRD, EIB, KfW, the International Trade Centre, OECD, the World Bank, UNDP, the Local Governance Assistance Public Union and the Azerbaijan Micro-finance Association.