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**Q2: Country or Customs territory**
IRELAND

**Q3: Organization**
Private sector

**Q4: Title of case story**
CDS: Water and electricity in Mauritania

**Q5: Case story focus**
Infrastructure upgrading and the development of related services markets, including through support for investment climate reforms.

**Q6: Case story abstract**
Created 35 years ago, CDS is a company committed to providing access to water and electricity services for all in Mauritania, and especially in the rural and isolated zones of Northern Mauritania. In 2014, 20,000 people were given access to drinking water [was this in 2014 only, or since CDS founding up to 2014?]. The company has created 25 permanent jobs. CDS’s activity is threefold: public service delegation of water and electricity in partnership with state and local authorities, installation and maintenance of electro-mechanical works and distribution of water and electricity equipment, based on renewable energy.
Access to water is a major issue for this country, as it is 80% desert and where half of the population does not have access to drinking water. Access to electricity is even more limited: the electrification rate is estimated at only 23,8% nationally, and is as low as 3% in rural areas.

* NB: This case story is submitted on behalf of Investisseurs & Partenaires, of Paris, France

**Q7: Who provided funding?**
Private sector

**Q8: Project/Programme type**
Single country
Q9: **Your text case story**

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Q10: Lessons learnt

Respondent skipped this question