

## Factsheet

# Export Initiative Environmental Protection



### Funding programme

Since 2016, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) has used its Export Initiative Environmental Protection to fund projects supporting knowledge transfer and the application of German environmental and resource efficiency technologies, with a focus on emerging economies and developing countries. Global environmental protection and climate action can only succeed if the necessary infrastructure is available and supported by legal, policy and administrative frameworks.

### Funding objective: supporting sustainable infrastructure worldwide for greater environmental benefits

Projects supported by the Export Initiative Environmental Protection should aim to provide a significant environmental benefit while promoting the use of smart GreenTech components and innovative solutions based on 'made in Germany' environmental protection technologies. The transfer of German expertise, products and

services in the green tech field can contribute to the implementation of regulations and higher environmental standards. These projects help establish green public services that improve living conditions for local communities. This particular funding programme therefore does not have a traditional product export focus, but prioritises the establishment of sustainable



The Export Initiative Environmental Protection covers seven priority areas

infrastructure and frameworks to secure greater environmental benefits.

## Needs-based projects for better living and environmental conditions

With a particular focus on German small and medium-sized businesses in the green tech sector, project outlines are funded in the areas of the circular economy, water and wastewater management, off-grid green hydrogen and fuel cell technologies, sustainable consumption, mobility, sustainable urban and regional development and cross cutting issues.

### Funding programme at a glance

- **Launch:** 2016 by the German Federal Environment Ministry
- **Project executing agency:**  
Zukunft – Umwelt – Gesellschaft (ZUG) gGmbH
- **Funding objective:** Supporting sustainable infrastructure worldwide for greater environmental benefits
- **Funding procedure:** Project selection in a two-stage procedure (submission of project outline and project proposal)
- **Target groups:** German businesses, civil society stakeholders, scientific institutions and representatives of a range of German institutes working to ensure increased deployment of (environmental) infrastructure abroad
- **Application eligibility:** Organisations, particularly clubs and associations, businesses working in trade and commerce, universities and non-university research institutions with offices, premises or branches in Germany



**Further information:**  
[www.exportinitiative-umweltschutz.de/en/](http://www.exportinitiative-umweltschutz.de/en/)

# 191

funded projects



# 106

participating organisations



# 97

countries



# 80

million euros  
funding volume



Figures are cumulative and rounded values since the start of the funding programme in 2016. Last updated: December 2024

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