

Financing mechanisms of environmental investments– case NEFCO

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 Implementation of env. projects require investments leading to emission reductions

 Business enterprises are both project (problem) owners and providers of solutions



Business enterprises react to incentives:

Carrots

- Improved profitability (win-win solutions)
- New business opportunities
- Economic incentives (subsidies, tax rebates)
- Image

Sticks

- Enforcement of environmental regulation (e.g. threat of business being stopped)
- Penalties, fees & other sanctions
- Economic instruments (taxes)

MEFCO The role of financing

Lack of financing is frequently mentioned as a reason for insufficient environmental action.

The generality of this can be disputed ("there is not a lack of money but a lack of good projects") but in the case of environmental investment a number of projects do fall below the requirements of investors and lenders at large (because of lower return and/or higher risk).

MEFCO The role of financing

Under these circumstances specialized financing instruments can play a constructive part and spearhead development by:

actively focusing on the environmental sector and showing successful examples

 accepting higher risk (due to higher riskabsorption capacity and/or specialized knowledge of market segment)

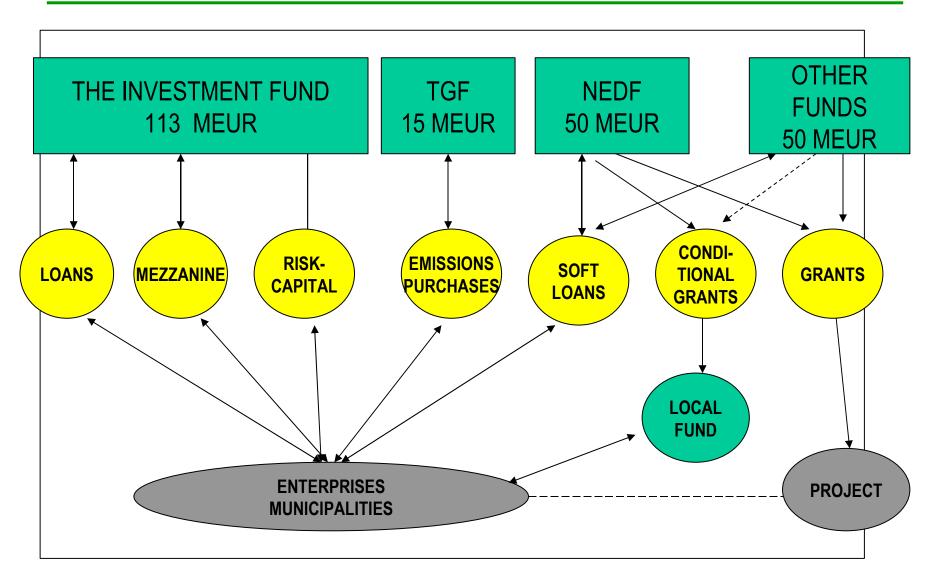
accepting lower than market return on investments



- A multilateral financial institution established in 1990 by the 5 Nordic countries
- Has as its purpose to promote cost effective solutions to reduce the environmental load from the adjacent region (Baltic Sea Region, EECCA)
- Mainly focuses on small and medium sized projects
- Provides
 - Risk capital
 - Risk loans
 - Soft loans
 - Carbon financing
 - Grants (in special cases)



NEFCO activities



NEFCO NEFCO instruments

NEFCO INVESTMENT FUND (RU, UKR, EST, LAT, LIT, BR)

- Equity investments
- Loan on market terms, subordinated loans, mezzanine financing

NORDIC ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (RU, UKR, BR)

- Soft Loans, Contingency financing
 - Cleaner Production Lending Facility
 - Energy Savings Recycled Grants Programme
 - Agricultural Environmental Lending Programme
 - Social Energy Savings Loan Facility

TESTING GROUND FACILITY (RU, POL, EST, LAT, LIT)

Finances JI-projects through purchase of credits



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