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Background and aims

The Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt (German Federal Foundation for the Environment – DBU) is the largest environmental foundation in Europe. It promotes innovative, exemplary projects in the fields of environmental engineering and research, conservation, and environmental communication and cultural heritage law. The focus of the DBU's funding lies in Germany; nonetheless, the foundation has specifically supported international cooperation from the start, especially with the nations of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE).

The aims are to boost the internationalization of German institutions, safeguard the knowledge and technology transfer and thereby also raise the level of European integration of Central, Eastern and South-East European countries in the field of environmental knowledge and environmental engineering.

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The Fraunhofer MOEZ – with its specialization in internationalization processes, particularly in the fields of the knowledge economy, value creation and sustainable development, as well as its expertise in the languages and regions of CEE – is the ideal partner for the scientific and practical support of international projects funded by the DBU. It assists the environmental foundation, for example, by assessing potential funded projects by means of specialized analyses regarding the plausibility of the content of the innovation and its showcase character, assessing the state of the art and state of knowledge in the target country, and assessing the significance of the project in its economic, social and socio-political environment. Against the background of specific conditions in terms of contents, regulations, geography and, not least, culture, Fraunhofer MOEZ makes an active contribution with its expertise from the initial project idea and the implementation of the planned measures through to documentation and evaluation.