

Oesterreichische Entwicklungsbank (OeEB)

A major player in climate-finance

Economic development and climate protection need to go hand in hand

Access to energy is a precondition for economic development. More than one billion people still live without access to electricity. At the same time, energy demand continues to rise, especially in developing and emerging countries.

In order to achieve sustainable development which balances growth and climate protection, it is crucial to focus on renewable energy from the beginning.

OeEB therefore finances projects that help developing countries and emerging markets to use regional sources of renewable energy, use energy efficiently, and thereby reduce dependence on fossil fuel imports.

OeEB - Austria's largest provider of international climate-finance

OeEB, the development bank of Austria, was founded in 2008 and has since been contributing to sustainable growth and economic development worldwide. With a strong focus on renewable energy and energy efficiency, OeEB has become the largest Austrian provider of climate-finance in developing countries.

More than 40% of OeEB's portfolio is dedicated to climate-friendly projects. In total, OeEB has already provided more than EUR 600 million for climate-friendly projects.

With its projects, OeEB supports the fight against climate change and works towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



OeEB - Your Partner in Developing & Emerging Markets

OeEB finances and supports private-sector projects in developing countries and emerging markets that are economically sustainable and have positive impacts on development. Clients can be private companies or project corporations from industrial or developing countries and banks in the target countries. For this, OeEB has three product lines available:

Investment Finance

- long-term loans, risk participations, refinancing lines for financial institutions with a specific loan purpose
- tailored solutions at near-market conditions with long terms (up to 15 years) in EUR or USD
- up to approx. EUR 25 million per transaction



Equity Participations

- Equity participations in companies or private equity funds, acting as trustee for the Austrian Ministry of Finance
- max. shareholding of 25%, investments of up to EUR 5 million, pre-defined exit

Business Advisory Services

- non-repayable grants for measures that enhance the developmental impact of projects
- e.g. studies for project preparation (e.g. environmental impact assessments) or project-related training and qualification activities on site

Project examples

Solar power from India's rooftops

According to a World Bank study, more than 300 million people in India still don't have access to electricity. In order to improve energy supply and to decrease the country's dependence on imported fossil fuels, the government aims to increase the share of renewable energy in the energy mix.

Solar energy plays a major role in this strategy: By 2022, the government aims to achieve 100 GW of power capacity generated from solar energy – 40% of which is expected to be derived from solar rooftops or small-scale solar parks.

OeEB supports this goal and provides USD 20 million as part of a USD 135 million loan arranged by IFC to Azure Power, one of the largest solar developers in India. The funds will be used to finance the construction and operation of over 500 small-scale solar power and solar rooftop projects with a total capacity of 200 MW.

Renewable Energy for Sub-Saharan Africa

The fast economic and population growth in Sub-Saharan Africa leads to a strong increase in energy demand. Although the region has a big potential for the use of renewable energy sources, it has so far remained largely unexploited. According to the OECD, around 600 million people do not have access to electricity and power outages are commonplace.

The aim of the Africa Renewable Energy Fund (AREF) is to improve energy supply in Sub-Saharan Africa by investing in renewable energy projects. In doing so, the fund mainly works with local project developers and provides equity capital and know-how for project preparation and implementation.

AREF reached its final close in September 2015 with a total size of approximately USD 205 million, USD 8 million were provided via an equity participation by OeEB. The fund's portfolio includes hydro, wind, solar, geothermal and biomass projects.

