

DemoEnvironment

Support for new environmental technology in developing countries

A unique opportunity
for a cleaner environment

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DemoEnvironment gives authorities, municipalities, institutions and companies in some forty countries cooperating with Sida an opportunity to test new technology. Small and medium companies are offered support for pilot studies on project development and project identification.

Tillväxtverket, in collaboration with Swentec, is commissioned by Sida to run DemoEnvironment. The objective is to support environmental technology efforts to achieve sustainable urban development and renewable energy. The support is targeted at developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern and Central Europe.

Sectors eligible for support

Within the area of sustainable urban development: air environment, water and sanitation, waste management, energy saving, renewable energy, soil pollution, noise, and urban transport.

Within the area of sustainable rural development: renewable energy.

Two forms of support

DemoEnvironment offers two forms of support, one for implementation of demonstration projects and one for pilot studies on project development and project identification.

Demonstration projects

DemoEnvironment can finance equipment or system knowledge that will provide the partner country with new knowledge or new technology and that, wherever possible, will be further spread. A demonstration project can consist of equipment, fees in connection with knowledge transfer, travel and accommodation expenses in the partner country, study visits and educational material, or a combination of these.

Pilot studies

DemoEnvironment can award support for costs related to project development and project identification, which in turn can lead to an application to DemoEnvironment for a grant to finance a demonstration project. The support is awarded to small and medium companies.

DemoEnvironment is a grant offering support for modern environmental technology solutions in the areas of sustainable urban development and renewable energy.

DemoEnvironment gives the recipient countries an opportunity to test modern environmental technology solutions and makes it possible for companies to demonstrate their knowledge and products.

How much can be applied for and for what purpose?

Demonstration projects

A demonstration project can consist of equipment, system knowledge (services) or a combination of these. Grants between SEK 500 000 and SEK 3 000 000 can be applied for. Equipment can be financed at maximum 50 %, and services at maximum 80 %, of the cost. The remaining part is to be financed by a contractual party in the partner country. DemoEnvironment can finance equipment or system knowledge that will provide the partner country with new knowledge or new technology. The application is to be submitted by recipient contractual parties, i.e. foreign authorities, institutions or companies in relevant countries.

Support for pilot studies

DemoEnvironment can award support for implementing pilot studies on project development and project identification, which in their turn can lead to an application for a demonstration project. The support, maximum SEK 300 000, is offered to small and medium companies. Expenses that are covered are primarily travel and accommodation costs in the partner country, partner search, limited consultant assistance to for example undertake a study of market potential. Costs for consulting fees must not exceed 50 % of the total support cost i.e. a maximum amount of 150 000 SEK. DemoEnvironment supports up to 50 % of the total consultancy fee cost (within the above mentioned limit). Costs for own time spent are not compensated for.

What are the requirements?

Applications for support from DemoEnvironment are primarily assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- The advantages of the equipment and/or system knowledge from an environmental or energy point of view, compared to the present situation in the area where the demonstration project is to be implemented.
- The market potential of the equipment or system knowledge, and the possibility of successfully opening up new markets for the technological solution with the aid of the action proposed in the partner country.
- The relevance of the project in relation to Sida's overall objective to contribute to improve the living conditions for poor and vulnerable groups in the partner countries. Projects are appraised from the perspectives, interests and needs of poor people.
- The recipient party's ability to participate in the introduction of new environmental technology in the cooperating country.
- The project should involve a tested and proven activity or technology. However, the technology must be new for the host country.
- Assessment of the delivering company's capability to successfully implement the project.

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- Technological breadth of the project portfolio. DemoEnvironment strives to support different types of projects within a geographical area.
 - Geographical distribution. DemoEnvironment aims at a distribution between countries and regions in line with Sida's priorities.

Who can apply?

Support to demonstration projects:

Applications for demonstration projects can be submitted by authorities, municipalities, institutions or enterprises which are legally registered in the relevant recipient country and that have identified a delivering contractual party.

Support to pilot studies:

Applications for pilot studies on project development and project identification can be submitted by small and medium enterprises that have been active for at least 3 years and have at least 3 employees.

EC State Aid Law

The funding is subject to what is stated on "de minimis (i.e. negligible) aid" in the EC State Aid Law. This means that companies within the EU awarded funding cannot at the same time receive other financial aid, if the total aid granted exceeds 200 000 Euro (SEK 1 800 000) during a three-year period.

What countries can apply for support?

The countries that at present are prioritised by DemoEnvironment are listed below. The list is regularly updated by Sida on the basis of the guidelines that are issued by the Swedish government and parliament. Projects/actions in other countries can be included if after special assessment they are judged to contribute to the goals of the development cooperation.

Africa: Botswana, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia.

Latin America: Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru.

Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, China, Mongolia, Iraqi Kurdistan, Pakistan.

Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia.

CIS: Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia, Moldavia.

The small print

- DemoEnvironment does not fund efforts which are likely to be realised without special support. This means, for example, that funding cannot be granted to projects where the recipient has carried out, or intends to carry out, procurement for the delivery.
- DemoEnvironment does not finance projects where the action for which support is sought is part of a larger system delivery that the buyer intends to procure.
- For support to demonstration projects the action should be implemented within two years after the grant was awarded. Customs duties, taxes and other charges cannot be financed by DemoEnvironment.
- Pilot studies on project development and project identification should be carried out within one year after the grant was awarded.
- The applications submitted during an application period are ranked.
- Support is awarded as far as funds are available.
- Applicants are informed in writing about Tillväxtverket's decisions.
- Tillväxtverket's decisions are freely available and may be published in various ways.

How does one apply?

DemoEnvironment is administered by Tillväxtverket. Two selection processes take place every year, one in spring and one in autumn. In between the application periods it is possible to discuss preliminary applications with the contact persons.

Forms, and guidelines on how to apply for support from DemoEnvironment are to be found on: www.tillvaxtverket.se/demoenvironment

The application should be sent either electronically to:
tillvaxtverket@tillvaxtverket.se (Attn: DemoEnv)

or by regular mail to: DemoEnvironment, Tillväxtverket, Box 4044, SE-102 61 Stockholm, Sweden.

Please check the above mentioned website for application deadlines.

Do you have any questions about DemoEnvironment? Please contact the persons below.

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