



**«Aarhus Centre in Khujand, -  
focus on promoting  
Green Economy Mechanisms in  
Micro Finance Sector»**

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**Focus on promoting Green  
Economy Mechanisms**

**Since 2013 Aarhus Centre in Khujand and  
Poverty and Environment Initiative (PEI) work  
with Micro Finance Organizations (MFOs) of  
integration GREEN CREDIT in Sughd region of  
Tajikistan**

**Goal we want to achieve:**

To implement connection mechanisms between  
poverty and environment in microfinance services in  
order to support activities that are resistant to the  
environment.

**As a pilot, Aarhus Centre in Khujand works with 3  
Micro Finance Organization**



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### Education and trainings for Micro Finance organizations:

- Training program conducted by the Aarhus Centre for 3 micro finance organization staff on integration poverty and environmental issues into the credit line,
- Procedures and terms for granting of “green credit” were developed with consideration of integration the environmental issues into the business-plans,
- Field visits organized to study the experience of using environmental friendly technologies in agriculture sector.



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### Consultations for the clients of the micro finance organizations:

- Aarhus Centre staff organized open public consultations for the clients of the MFO and agriculture sector businessmen's,
- Staff of MFO carried out outreach activities. As a result, the number of people willing to obtain “green credit” exceeded our expectations,
- Aarhus Centre provided expertise on integration poverty and environmental issues for the business plans of the clients applied for Green Credits.





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### Develop Environmental Policy Document for Micro Financial Organizations:

- Aarhus Centre developed Environmental Policy instructions for the MFOs, that were integrated into the loan - providing process.
- Aarhus Centre organized round table “Integration of Environmental Policy” for the members of Association of Micro Finance Organizations in Tajikistan.



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### Achieved results:

As a result of the joint activities with 3 MFOs, 9 business plans were developed and financed. Total amount of loans issued: \$ **100,000 (funds provided by PEI)**. The projects were implemented in the following directions:

- Expansion of beekeeping sector through introduction of innovative technologies;
- Creation of bio greenhouses on production of ecologically clean vegetables;
- expansion of small livestock farm on production of meat and bio compost for further realization;
- creation of tunnel fruit drying; (apricot)
- E.g.



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### Benefits from introduction of “GREEN CREDIT” product



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#### Aarhus Centers Future Perspectives:

- Aarhus Centers can continue to demonstrate the benefits of active civil society engagement in decision-making to all stakeholders (governments, business & industry, international financial institutions),
- Aarhus Centres can provide consultations, trainings on integration of the Green Economy mechanisms private sector, involving International Financial Institutions,
- Aarhus Centers can attract more media attention to promote Green Economy mechanisms,
- Aarhus Centres can share Green Economy best practices and lessons learned among through Aarhus Centres Network.



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### OSCE role:

- OSCE in close cooperation with UNECE could support to publish guideline / manual, - “Using Aarhus Centres to promote Green Economy tools”, focusing on involvement of the local business, government and public interaction
- OSCE could organize capacity building activities for the Aarhus Centers staff on Green Economy issues,
- OSCE could establish facilitation mechanisms between Aarhus Centres and International Financial Institutions for cooperation to integrate Aarhus Convention tolls focusing on promoting Green Economy mechanisms working with local private sector,



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# Thank you!

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