



# Energy Saving Credits

Financing municipal energy-efficiency projects

## The loan programme

The Energy Saving Credits loan programme offers small scale financing to municipalities in Armenia, Belarus, the Republic of Moldova, Russia and Ukraine for investments in social facilities such as day-care centres, schools, hospitals and street lighting.

The funding can be used for energy saving measures in connection to the refurbishment of public buildings and modernising of the street lighting. The energy saving measures can include renovation of heat sub-centrals, installation of individual heat substations, insulation of walls, ceilings, pipes and replacement of doors and windows to energy-efficient alternatives as well as replacement of fluorescent and mercury-vapour fixtures with environmentally friendly LED lights.

### The focus is on:

- Renovation of social facilities to reduce energy consumption and increase the lifetime of the buildings
- Annual heat energy savings of approx. 30-45%
- Environmental savings, such as reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>, nitrogen oxide, sulphur dioxide and dust emissions
- Annual cost savings of approx. 25% of the investment
- Establishment of best practices in procurement and project implementation

## Terms and conditions

**Borrower:** Municipalities

**Type of investments:** Social facilities such as day-care centres, schools, hospitals and street lighting

**Loan amount:** Up to EUR 500,000

**Share of financing:** Up to 90 % of project costs

**Currency:** Lending in local currency

**Interest:** 3 %

**Repayment period:** Up to 5 years

**Procurement:** Open and transparent, in accordance with NEFCO's procurement guidelines



## Completed projects in Ukraine



**43,000**

children and patients have better learning and recovery environment



**1.4 million €**

in annual cost savings for 26 Ukrainian cities



**11,000**

tonnes of annual CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions



## Contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

This loan programme contributes to the following sustainable development goals by the UN:



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