

Project recap

Sustainable Development of the Private Sector in Kyrgyzstan

November 2025



How the financial sector can promote sustainable economic development

Strengthening the introduction of ESG standards in Kyrgyzstan – that was the goal of the project “Sustainable Development of the Private Sector in Kyrgyzstan,” which the German Sparkassenstiftung for International Cooperation has been implementing over the past 18 months.

It is part of the programme “Green Economy and Sustainable Private Sector Development in the Kyrgyz Republic”, implemented by GIZ and co-financed by the German Federal Ministry for

Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the European Union, and the Swiss Government.

The financial sector has an enormous influence on the transformation towards a sustainable economy. If financial institutions divert a large proportion of their financing away from fossil fuels into sustainable economic models, they can quickly drive change.

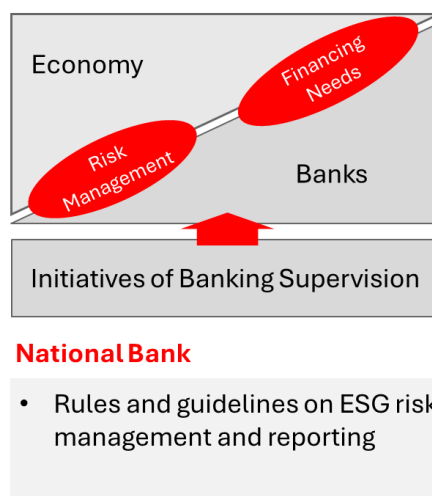
The project supported the financial sector in Kyrgyzstan in ESG transition planning and developed a training programme for small and medium-sized enterprises to understand sustainable business practices as an opportunity for long-term success.

The Big Picture: our activities on the supply and demand side

Demand side

Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises

- Preparing for the consequences of climate change:
 - Assessment of ESG risks,
 - Sustainability practices,
 - Developing sustainable business plans



Supply side

Financial institutions

- Analysis of sector-specific ESG risks in the loan portfolio
- Assessment of the status quo of implementation of ESG practices
- Derivation of recommendations for action
- Transition planning

Our activities at the regulatory level



A working group consisting of representatives from various business units of the financial sector is working on ESG topics under the leadership of the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic.

09.-11.2024

In online seminars, the Risk Radar and the Sustainable Finance Compass developed by the German Sparkassenstiftung were presented as tools for ESG risk management and transition planning in the financial sector.

02.-03.2025

The Risk Radar was adapted for individual branches in Kyrgyzstan at sector level. The biggest challenges were insufficient data and limited experience. The Kyrgyz Green Taxonomy was only recently adopted as a pilot version.

A multidisciplinary ESG working group led by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic has validated the results of the Risk Radar. To use the tool for credit portfolio assessment in financial institutions, it has been enhanced with scoring modifiers for analysis at customer level. An ESG Due Diligence Checklist supports loan officers to systematically ask for and collect data on ESG standards in their customers' companies.

The ESG Financed Emissions Tool, developed in accordance with international standards, can be used to calculate CO2 emissions in the loan portfolio and for ESG reporting.

06.2025

At the project closing event for the working group, the results, including the instruments adapted for Kyrgyzstan, were presented. The participants discussed questions about their practical implementation.

Our activities with partner banks



09.-12.2024

Both partner banks used Risk Radar to analyse the vulnerability of their loan portfolio to ESG risks. With the help of the Sustainable Finance Compass, they determined and assessed the status of ESG implementation in their bank and developed a transition plan.

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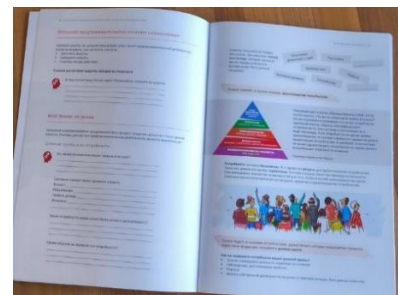
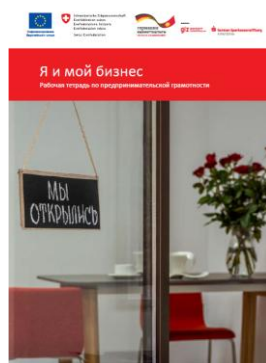
In workshops, partner banks were supported in developing their ESG strategies.

Read about the role ESG plays for our partner banks:

[DemirBank](#)
[Bank Kompanion](#)

Our activities at the level of small and medium-sized enterprises

The implementation of sustainability standards in companies encompasses three interrelated dimensions: economic, environmental, and social sustainability.



A glimpse into the training booklet “Me and My Business”

The practical, modular training programme, which was developed together with our partner associations ASE and JIA, covers all of them.

Running a business profitably is the top priority for every company. Thus, the training course “Me and My Business” teaches the basics of entrepreneurial education, using familiar case studies and the experience-based Micro Business Game of the German Sparkassenstiftung.

The follow-up ESG training course focuses on how the social and environmental dimensions can be profitably integrated. A sustainable business plan makes it easier for entrepreneurs to meet the ESG requirements of financial institutions and improves access to sustainable financing.

The trainers from our partner associations were prepared for their tasks in various ToT and supported in piloting the training courses for MSMEs in the regions.

Training series for the trainers from the business associations ASE and JIA



09.-11.2024

02.-06.2025

08.2025

11.2025

ToT

- Improving entrepreneurial literacy
- Micro Business Game
- Adult education methods

Pilot phase

Supporting trainers during training sessions for MSME in the regions

Training course

My business training as my business model

Training

Towards a more sustainable future: ESG as a risk and opportunity for MSMEs

What we have achieved

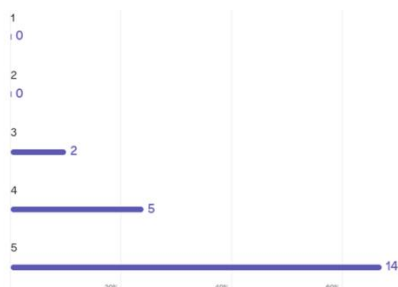


Publication of the
ESG Risk Radar by
the National Bank of the Kyrgyz
Republic



Development of ESG
transition plans with
partner banks

In your opinion, to what extent has the project achieved its goals of promoting the principles of sustainable development? (1-not achieved at all / 5-fully achieved)



16 trainers on the topic of
“Sustainable business
management” within our
partner associations



200 participants in the three-day
training courses on “Sustainable
Business Management” in the
regions

Acknowledgement

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The project at a glance

Sustainable Development of the Private Sector in Kyrgyzstan

Goal

Supporting the implementation of sustainability principles and standards in the Kyrgyz financial sector and training small and medium-sized enterprises in sustainable business practices

Duration

1.6.2024-30.11.2025

Partners

- National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Union of Banks of Kyrgyzstan
- Demirbank, Bank Kompanion
- Business association JIA, Association of social entrepreneurs ASE



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