

Resource efficiency indicators as the basis for investment decisions –

Lessons learnt from more than 80 interviews

with public and private investors

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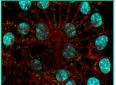


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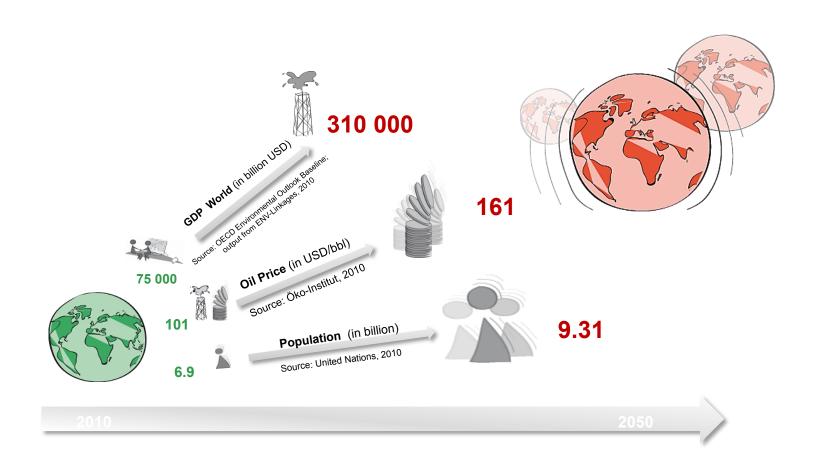








#### Relevance of Resource Efficiency

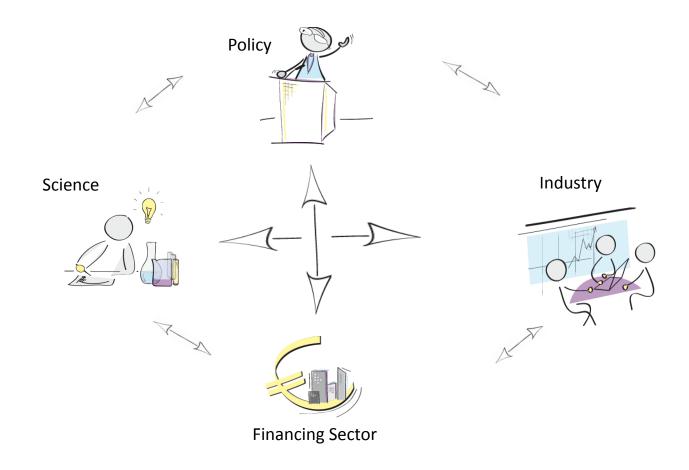








### The Role of the Financing Sector









## PRESOURCE – Promotion of Resource Efficiency in SMEs in Central Europe







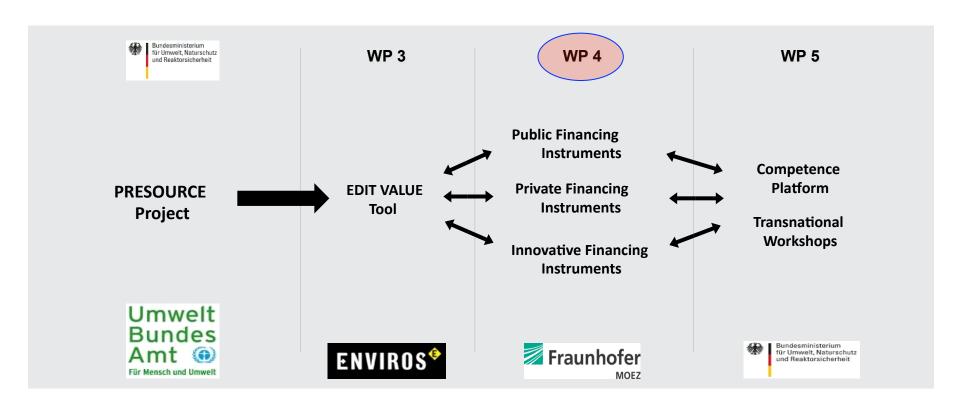


















COUNTRY	CONDUCTED	TARGET NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS
Austria	15	15
Czech Republic	10	15
Poland	3	10
Hungary	7	15
Italy	0	10
Germany	45	45
Total Sum	80	> 100





- Resource efficiency as a growth market
- In the next 5 years investments of USD 3 trillion expected
- Capital-intensive and long-term investments perspective needed (risk perception of eco-innovation/RE)
- Long pay-back periods vs. short-term thinking of private capital providers (e.g. banks, private-equity)
- Evaluation criteria of public support schemes are perceived as intransparent
- Time to grant and high bureaucracy as additional barrier







- Information asymmetry between innovators and capital providers
- Intransparancy regarding relevant actors and suitable instruments
- Economic evaluation problem of resource efficiency potential
- Lack of measurable indicators (Resource efficiency vs. eco-innovation)
- Good-practice examples and successful exits in this field are missing





- In the end all categories must be translated into monetary figures!
- Therefore clear indicators are needed as basis for investment decisions:
  - Clarify eco-innovation vs. resource efficiency
  - Disseminate good practices
    - (e.g. Focus of Financing Workshop on 3 June 2014 Fraunhofer Forum Berlin)
  - Transnational cooparation and further research is needed
    - (e.g. Horizon 2020 call boosting the investment readiness of SME and small midcaps)





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# Thank you for your attention!

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