UNEP FI

- Global public-private partnership between UNEP and the private financial sector.

- 230 financial institutions have signed the UNEP statement to:
  - Develop and promote linkages between the environment.
  - Sustainability and financial performance.
  - Sustainable finance.
CEE Task Force - Mission and Activities

- Aims:
  - Supporting and expanding sustainable finance practice in Central and Eastern Europe

- 2004/2005 the Task force will focus on the following areas:
  - Awareness raising for the opportunities of sustainable finance.
  - Environmental credit risk management.
  - Training and Capacity-building.
CEE Task Force - Membership

- Financial sector institutions based in the region.
- NGOs and other interested stakeholders.
- Task Force activities are member driven.
- Assist banks in CEE to improve local environmental conditions for the broader community.
Survey on Sustainable Finance in CEE

- Survey of 26 financial institutions in CEE (EU accession and non-EU countries)

- Aim:
  - gain understanding of the current status of sustainable finance in CEE financial sector;
  - what are the main drivers and barriers
Survey on Sustainable Finance in CEE - Findings

- Majority consider sustainability is an important issue.
- Financial and non-financial issues – top three most relevant sustainability issues.
- 90% respondents engage in community development activities.
- 60% publish an environmental report.
- Micro credit is frequently offered sustainable finance product (42.2%).
Survey on Sustainable Finance in CEE – Findings (2)

- Drivers: enhanced reputation (73.1%); social responsibility (61.5%).

- Barriers: difficulty to measure benefits (53.8%); lack of clear business case (46.2%).

- 95% respondents that implement sustainable finance practices experienced clear benefits.

- 38.5% provide at least one environmental financial product.

- 76.9% believe that in 5 years more emphasis will be on sustainability.
EBRD’s Charter

“... To promote in the full range of its activities, environmentally sound and sustainable development”
EBRD’s 2003 Environmental Policy

- EBRD to conduct environmental due diligence on FIs.
- Ensure proper implementation of Mandate in FI projects.
- Monitoring of all FI projects.
- Environmental reporting.
- Disclosure and consultation requirements.
**EBRD in 2003**

- 27 countries of operation
- €3.7 billion commitments
- 119 new projects
- 72% projects in private sector
- 33% FI projects