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The Fund invests in projects related to six themes:

- Development of new business-models
- Product-innovation and re-design of products
- Reinforcement of sustainable materials in design of products
- Sustainable transition in textile-manufacturing and the fashion industry
- Less food-waist
- Sustainable bio-based products based on non-food biomass

The Fund also runs an acceleration programme on green business model innovation; a national task force for promoting Industrial Symbiosis; and a Center for Green Entrepreneurs. The Fund for Green Business Development ("Grøn Omstillingsfond") holds approx. 19 million Euros in 2013-2016. See www.groenomstilling.dk for more information (in Danish).

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