



#CEFENERGY 2024
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

EUR 850 MILLION

EU FUNDING FOR
**PROJECTS OF COMMON
AND MUTUAL INTEREST
(PCIs & PMIs)**

- Works & Studies

**DEADLINE
22 OCTOBER**



AGENDA

14:00

Opening

Beatrice CODA

14:10

European energy infrastructure policy context

Joachim BALKE

14:25

Priorities of the CEF Energy 2024

Frank HESELER

14:40

Evaluation process, eligibility and award criteria

Beatrice CODA

15:10

Q&A via Slido #CEFEnergy



15:40 *coffee break*

15:50

Successful proposal

Bianca HOLDFORD

16:20

Budget management in proposals

Juan DE MIGUEL SALANOVA

16:35

Introduction to legal provisions

Giulia FRASCHETTI

16:50

Proposal submission

Gloria BARILARI

17:00

Q&A via Slido #CEFEnergy



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CEF Energy Call:

Projects of Common Interest (PCIs)

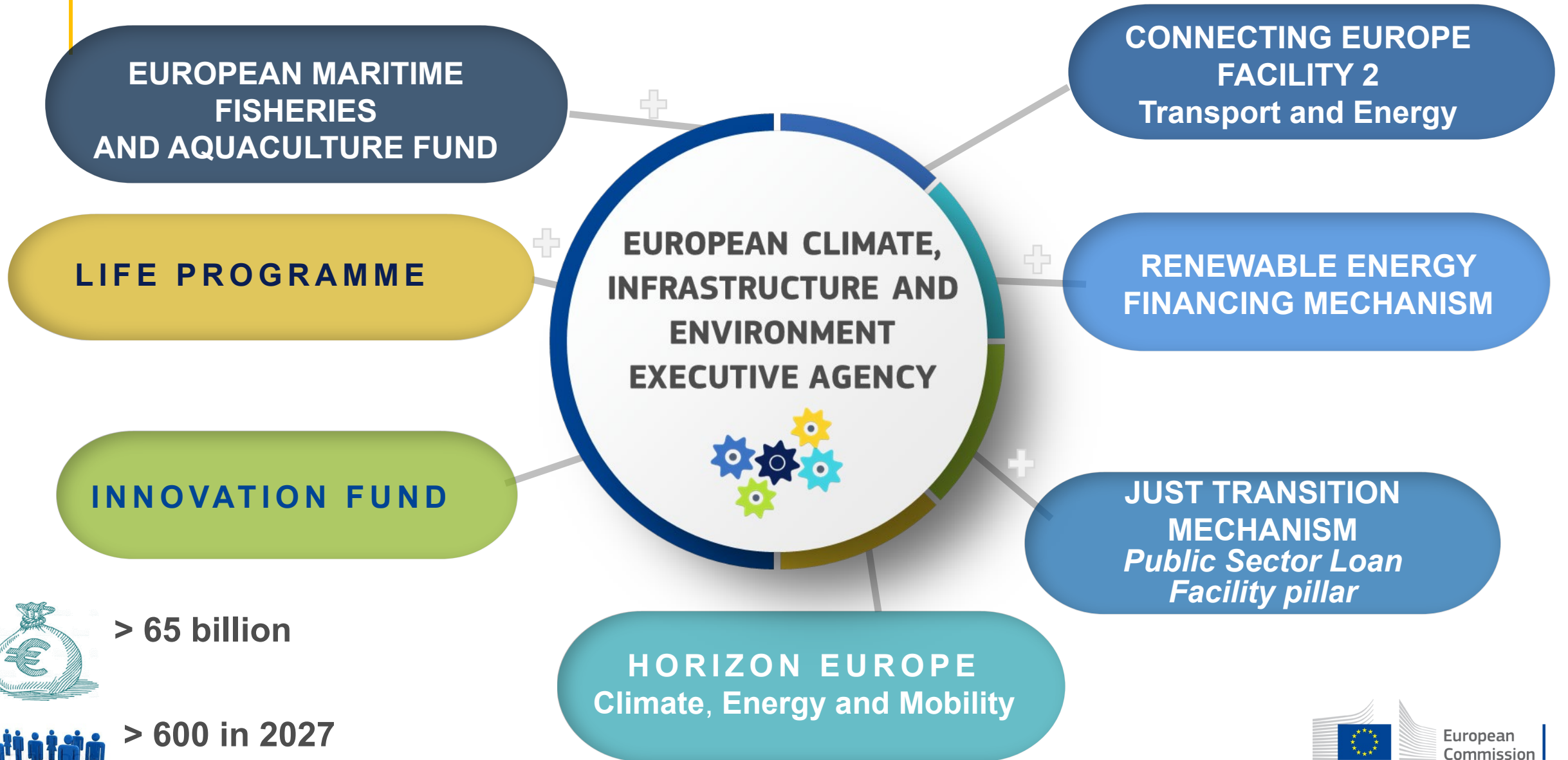


Olivier Silla, Head of Department

CEF Energy PCIs and PMIs call: Virtual Info Day

14 May 2024

CINEA's key contribution to the European Green Deal

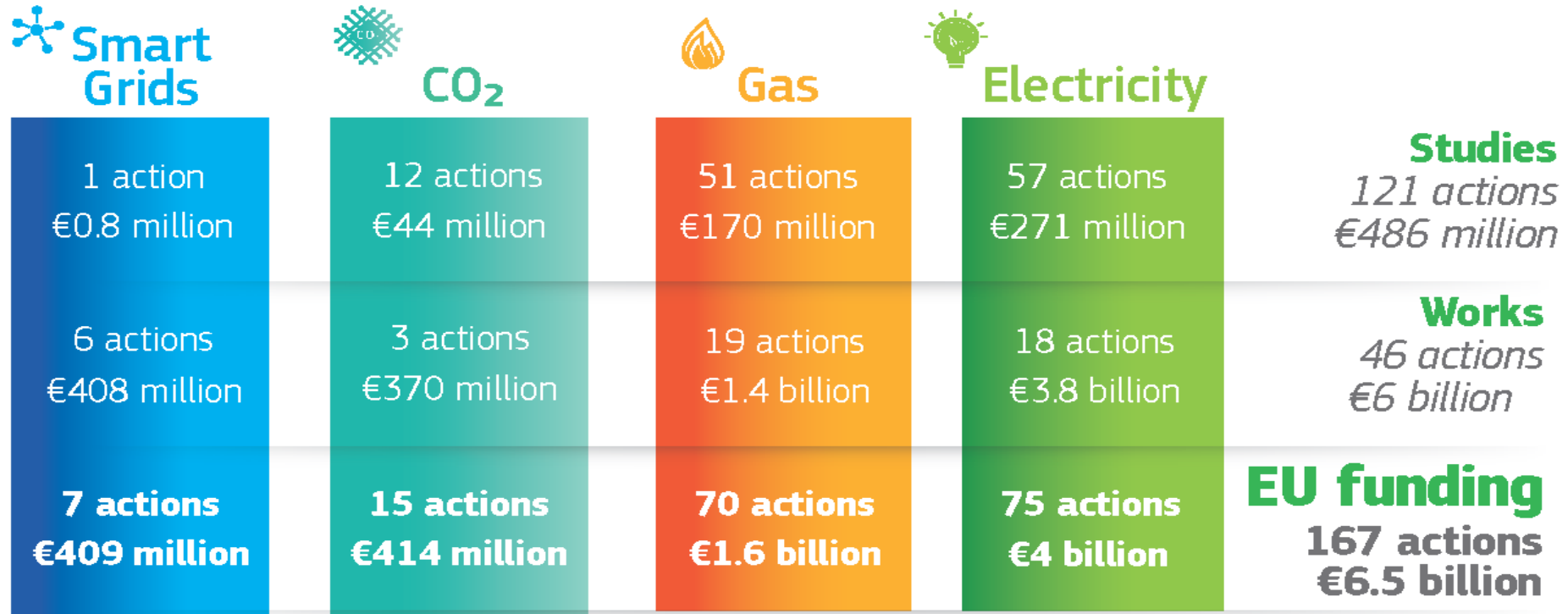


> 65 billion



> 600 in 2027

CEF Energy PCIs 2014 – 2024: € 6.4 B



+ 3 more GAs to be signed from the PCIs call 2023 - around € 353 M

CEF Energy: Success Stories

BEMIP Electricity



Interconnection line
between Maritsa
East (BG) and Nea
Santa (EL)

Smart Grids deployment



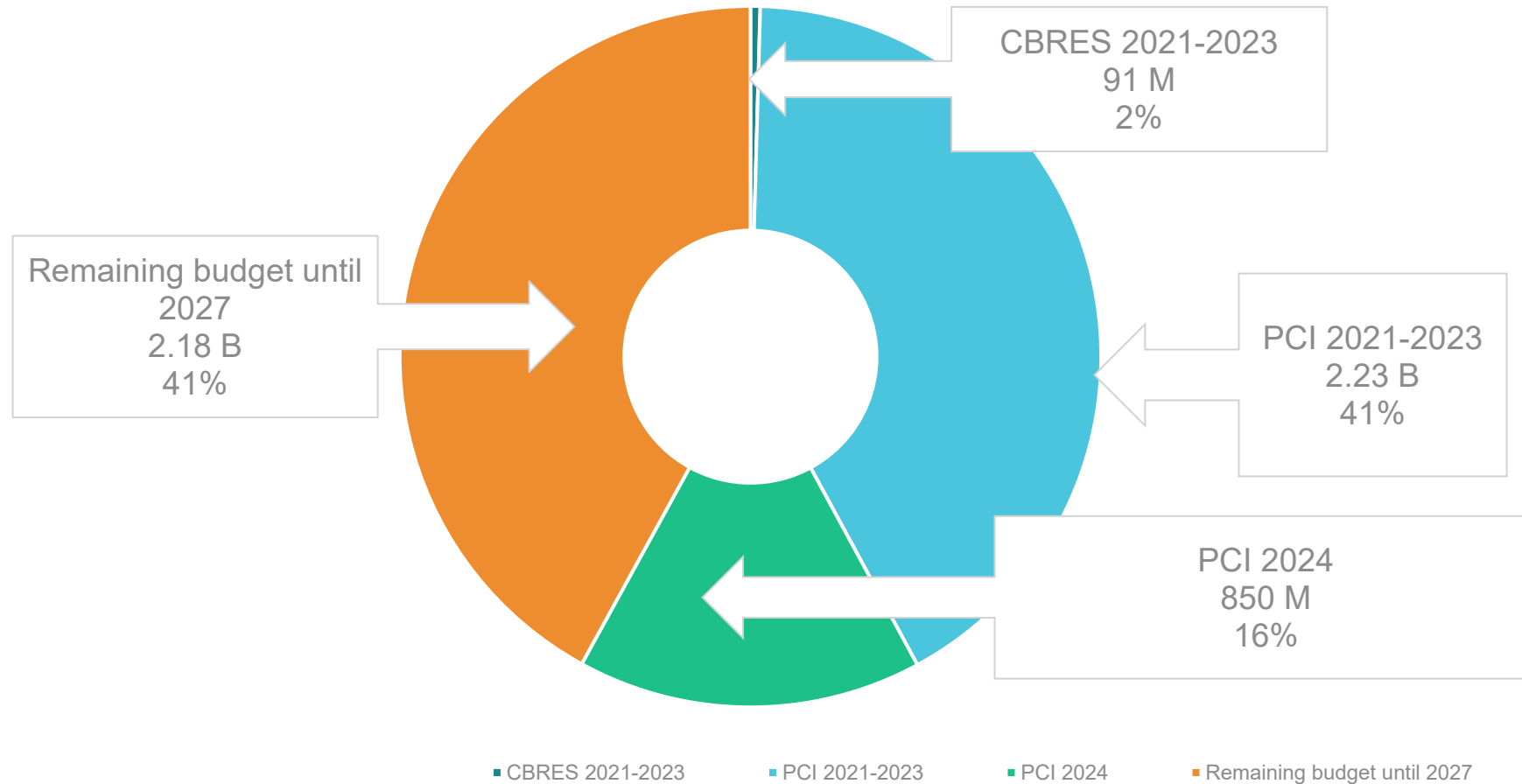
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CO2 networks



Port of Rotterdam
CO₂ Transport Hub
and Offshore Storage
(PORTHOS)
(NL)

CEF Energy 2021- 2027: 5.35 B



* Adoption process ongoing for Call CBRES Works and Studies 2023

CEF Energy 2024: Call for proposals PCIs and PMIs



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VIRTUAL INFO DAY

TUESDAY, 14 MAY
FROM 2.00 TO 5.00 PM



Thank you



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European energy infrastructure policy

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EU energy infrastructure policy



Trans-European Networks of Energy (TEN-E)

Selection of projects of
common and mutual interest
(PCIs / PMIs)



Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

Financial support for PCIs
and PMIs



Grid Action Plan

Accelerating and facilitating
electricity grid development

Energy infrastructure as a key enabler in the transition to a climate neutral economy

Energy infrastructure is a key pillar of EU energy policy to deliver on the European Green Deal, Fit For 55 and the REPowerEU Plan.

New policy challenges since REPowerEU: the accelerated pace of deploying renewable energy and of energy system integration, and bottlenecks in grid development (> Grid Action Plan).

The CEF programme for 2021-2027 provides crucial support to:

- PCIs and PMIs under trans-European networks (TEN-E) policy;
- Cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy.

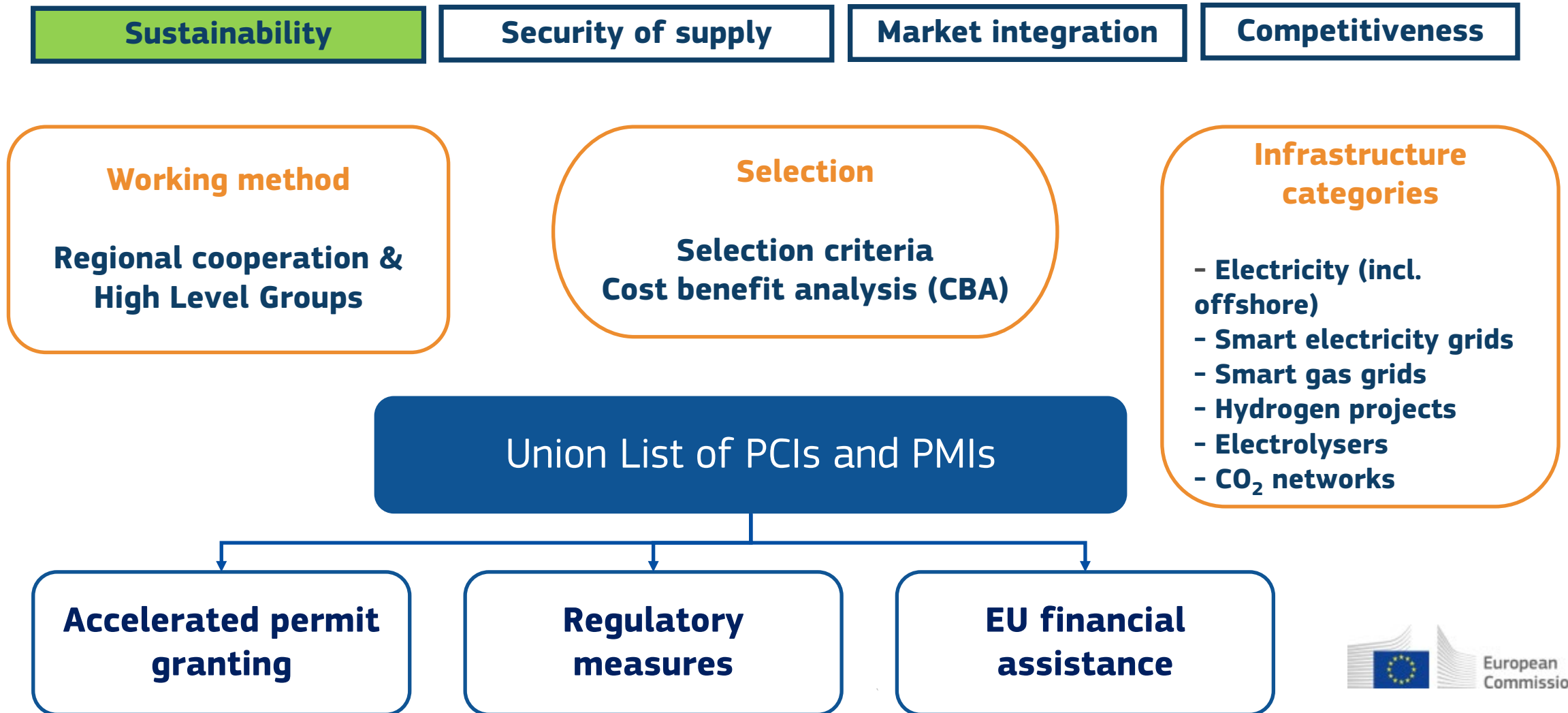
The revised TEN-E Regulation 2022/869

- New and updated infrastructure categories and reconfigured priority corridors and areas;
- Dedicated offshore planning provisions;
- No natural gas under TEN-E*, but support for hydrogen, electrolysers and local low-carbon and renewable gases;
- Enhanced regulatory and permitting provisions to accelerate project implementation;
- Strengthened cross-sectoral energy infrastructure planning;
- More transparent selection process;
- Projects of mutual interest (PMIs) with third countries.

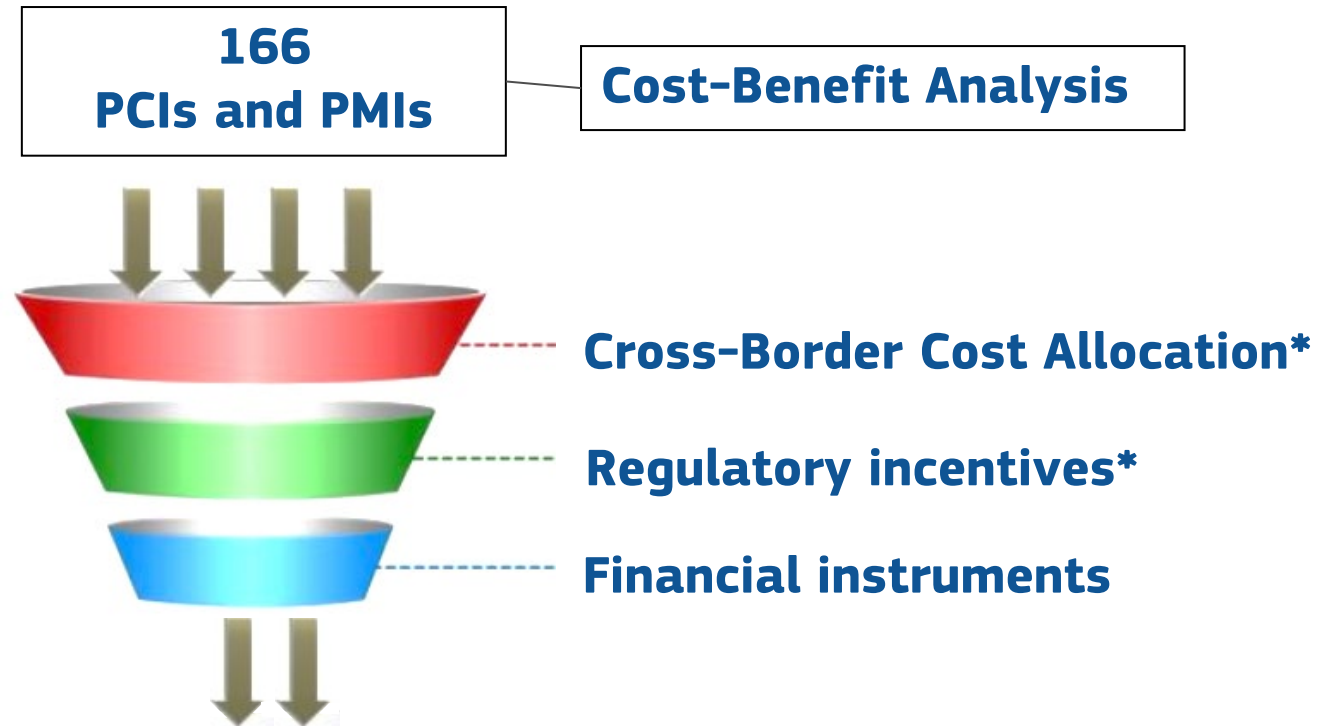
*Article 24 derogation limited in scope and time for MT and CY natural gas interconnections.



Trans-European energy networks are at the heart of European energy policy.



Grants for works: limited to strategic projects that need them



**Grants for works?
Last resort option!**

** For projects subject to regulation.*

Revised TEN-E Regulation: priority corridors and thematic areas

- (1) North-South electricity interconnections in Western Europe (NSI West Electricity)
- (2) North-South electricity interconnections in Central Eastern and South Eastern Europe (NSI East Electricity)
- (3) Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan in electricity (BEMIP Electricity)
- (4) Northern Seas offshore grids (NSOG)
- (5) Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan offshore grids (BEMIP offshore)
- (6) South and West offshore grids (SW offshore)
- (7) South and East offshore grids (SE offshore)
- (8) Atlantic offshore grids
- (9) Hydrogen interconnections in Western Europe (HI West)
- (10) Hydrogen interconnections in Central Eastern and South Eastern Europe (HI East)
- (11) Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan in hydrogen (BEMIP Hydrogen)
- (12) Priority Thematic Area Smart electricity grids deployment
- (13) Priority Thematic Area Cross-border carbon dioxide network
- (14) Priority Thematic Area Smart gas grids
- (15) Projects that maintain their status of project of common interest (Article 24 derogation)

The new PCI / PMI list: projects

+ **85** electricity projects, including 12 storage, 5 smart grids projects and 12 offshore infrastructure projects

+ **65** hydrogen and electrolyser projects (NO blending projects)

+ **14** CO₂ network projects

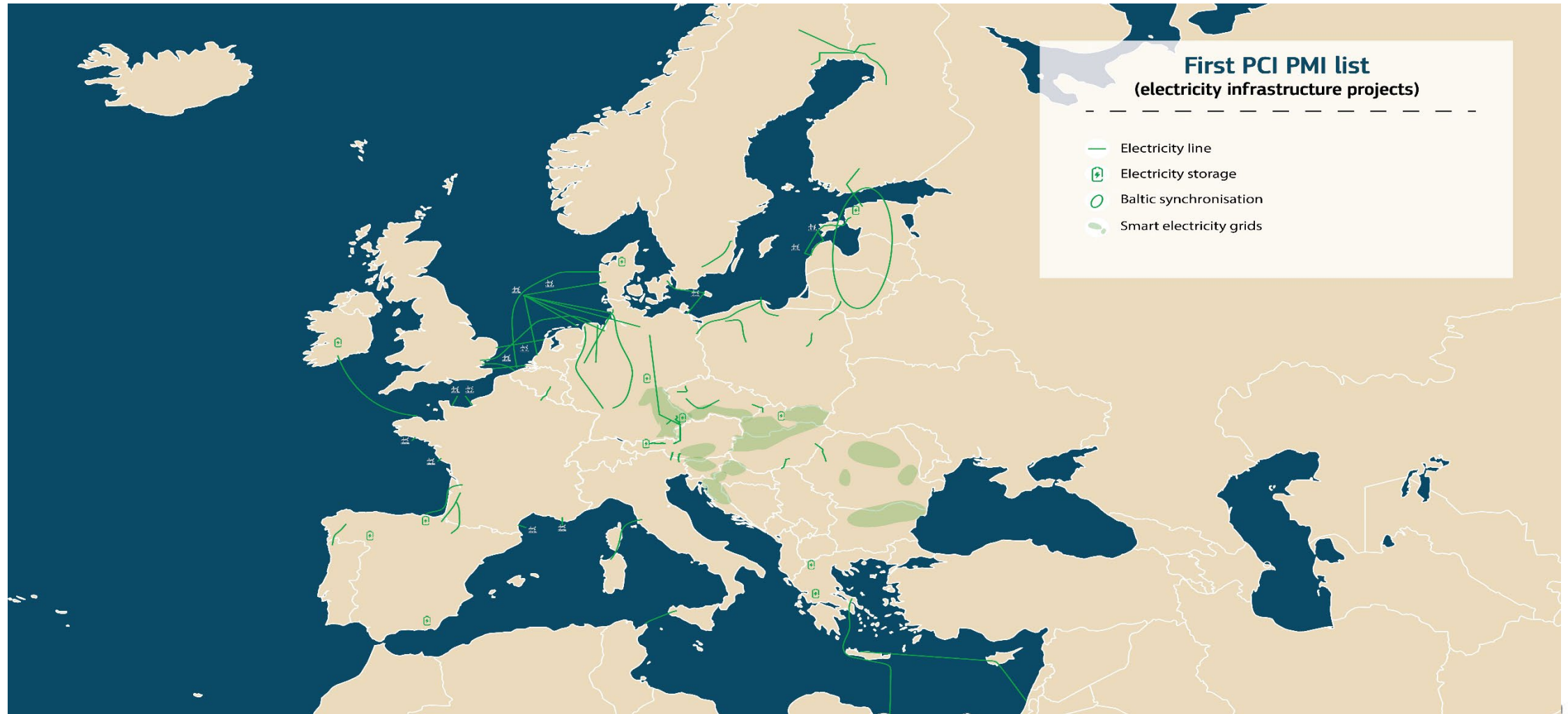
+ **2** projects under the Article 24 derogation for MT and CY

= 166 PCIs

Including **10 PMIs** which cover electricity interconnections with the United Kingdom, the Western Balkans as well as North African Countries

Delegated Regulation
2024/1041 of 28
November 2023
[Delegated regulation - EU
- 2024/1041 - EN - EUR-
Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

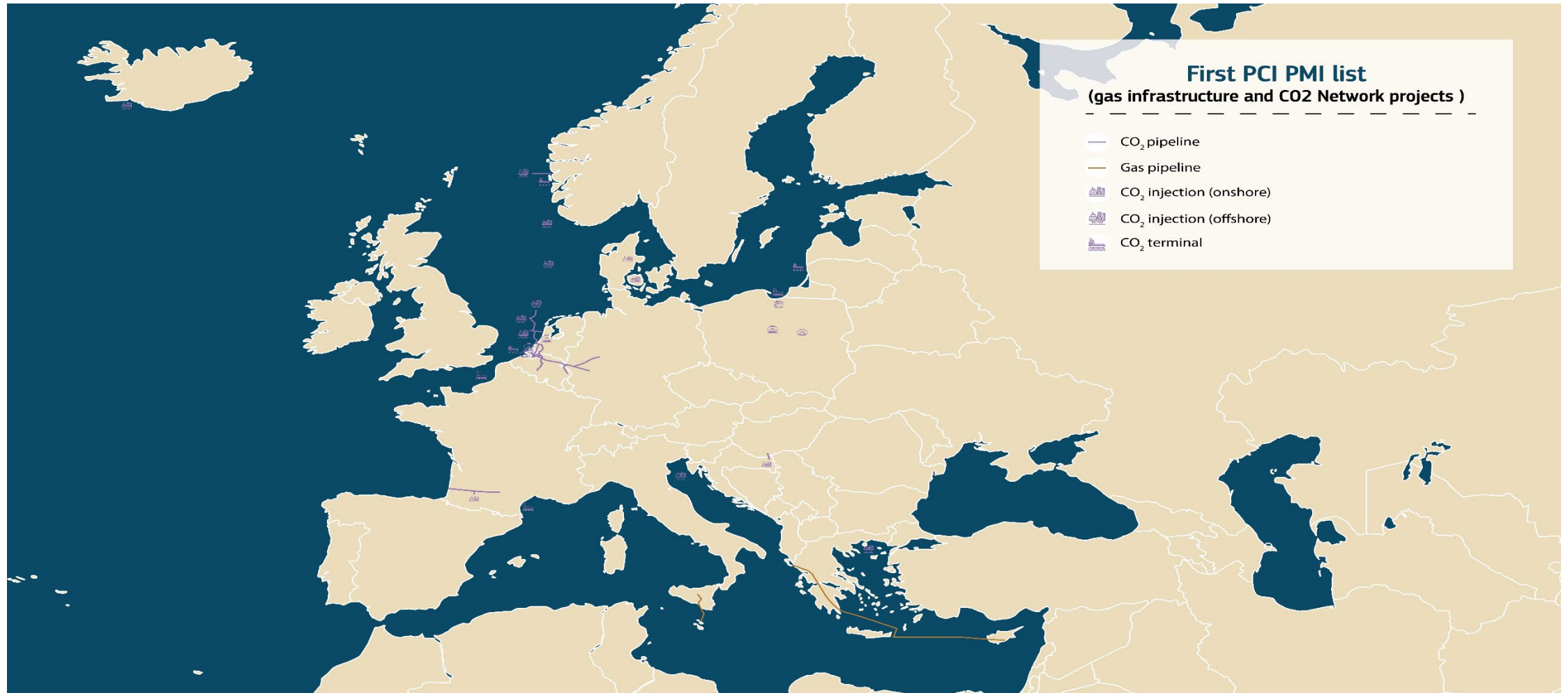
85 electricity and smart grid projects



65 Hydrogen and electrolyser projects



CO₂ and natural gas projects (Article 24 derogation, MT and CY)



Thank you.

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The CEF Energy Multiannual Work Programme and the 2024 PCI Call for proposals – Priorities

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DG Energy, European Commission

CEF Energy Multiannual Work Programme

[C\(2024\) 482 Act](#) ; [C\(2024\) 482 Annex](#)

- Includes the following actions:
 - Works and studies relating to
 - Projects of common / mutual interest (PCIs / PMIs) under trans-European networks (TEN-E) policy;
 - cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy;
 - Technical and administrative assistance;
- Provides information on:
 - The forms of financial assistance (notably grants, plus the applicable co-funding rates);
 - The indicative timetable and commitment appropriations (essentially for 2024-2027);
- Defines the award criteria for the evaluation of proposals.

Legal basis

Financial Regulation
2018/1046

[EUR-Lex - 32018R1046](#)
[- EN - EUR-Lex](#)
[\(europa.eu\)](#)

Connecting Europe
Facility (CEF) Regulation
2021/1153

[EUR-Lex - 32021R1153](#)
[- EN - EUR-Lex](#)
[\(europa.eu\)](#)

TEN-E Regulation
2022/869

[EUR-Lex - 32022R0869](#)
[- EN - EUR-Lex](#)
[\(europa.eu\)](#)

First PCI/PMI list
(Delegated Regulation
2024/1041)

[Delegated regulation -](#)
[EU - 2024/1041 - EN -](#)
[EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

Main changes of the MAWP 2024-2027

Reflecting the **revision of the TEN-E Regulation** in 2022

- New priority corridors and areas, with a **strong focus on electricity and offshore grid development**;
- **New eligible infrastructure** categories: hydrogen networks, electrolysers, smart gas grids;
- Oil and **natural gas projects** not eligible anymore for PCI status (except for projects for the interconnection of Cyprus and Malta);
- Infrastructure projects with third countries: **projects of mutual interest (PMIs)**.

Budget

- For the period of 2024-2027: approx. **EUR 3.5 billion** (out of the total amount of EUR 5.9 billion for the period 2021-2027);
- The lion's share is reserved for PCIs and PMI's under the TEN-E policy;
- Window for cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy:
 - Max. 15% of the MFF's total CEF Energy budget, subject to market uptake;
 - Any unused budget to flow back to the TEN-E window.

Objectives

Implementation of PCIs and PMIs and of cross-border RES projects: *“enable PCIs and PMIs to be prepared and implemented within the framework of the trans-European networks policy in the energy sector (TEN-E), as well as cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy”*;

TEN-E policy: *“the timely development and interoperability of the priority corridors and areas of energy infrastructure that contribute to ensuring climate change mitigation” “and to ensuring interconnections, energy security, market and system integration and competition that benefits all Member States, as well as affordability of energy prices”*;

2030 climate and energy targets: *“financing actions contributing to achieving the goals and objectives of the Paris Agreement as well as the 2030 climate, energy targets and long-term decarbonisation objective”*;

Decarbonisation: *“The European Green Deal has further emphasized the key enabling role of energy infrastructure ..., financial assistance provided under this [MAWP] should therefore maximise its added value towards decarbonisation”*;

Climate spending: *“CEF 2021-2027 will target a contribution of **60%** of its overall financial envelope to co-financing Actions supporting climate objectives”*.

Expected results

- *“further the development and the implementation of projects of common interest, projects of mutual interest as well as cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy, helping to achieve the broader CEF energy policy objectives of:*
 - *further **integration** of an efficient and competitive **internal energy market**;*
 - ***interoperability of networks** across borders and sectors,*
 - *facilitating **decarbonisation** of the economy, promoting **energy efficiency** and ensuring **security of supply**; and*
 - ***cross-border cooperation** in the area of energy, including renewable energy.”*

Eligible actions

Article 9(3) of the CEF Regulation: *“In the energy sector, only the following actions shall be eligible to receive Union financial support under this Regulation:”*

- Actions relating to projects of common interest (PCIs) and by extension, PMIs in the form of grants for studies or works , *“in particular ... PCIs that have **significant socio-economic benefits** and ensure **greater solidarity** among Member States, but which **do not receive adequate funding** from the market”*;
- Actions relating to cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy;
- Technical and administrative assistance: up to 1% (Article 4(4) CEF Regulation).

Priorities in 2024



“further **integrating the internal market for energy**, ending energy isolation and eliminating electricity interconnection bottlenecks with emphasis on those PCIs contributing to the achievement of the interconnection target of at least 10% by 2020 and 15% by 2030 and PCIs contributing to synchronisation of electricity systems with the EU networks”;



“technologies and PCIs contributing to the **decarbonisation** of the economy”;



“the priorities of the TEN-E Regulation [...], such as the need to reflect the expected increase in the consumption of **biogas, renewable and low-carbon hydrogen** and synthetic gaseous fuels [...], as well as the need to stepping up investment in **offshore electricity grids** with the aim of reaching at least 300 GW of offshore wind generation”.

Co-financing rate for grants

- **General rule:** up to 50 % of the total eligible costs for studies and works;
- Up to 70 % of the total eligible costs for works in outermost regions;
- **Exceptionally:** up to 75 % of the total eligible costs for actions contributing to development of PCIs (and by extension to PMIs) which:
 - “provide a high degree of regional or Union-wide **security of supply**”;
 - “strengthen the **solidarity** of the Union”; or
 - “comprise **highly innovative solutions**”.

Climate proofing

Applications for grants for works subject to an **environmental impact assessment (EIA)** shall include information on the **climate proofing** of such project, taking into account the Technical guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027: [EUR-Lex - 52021XC0916\(03\) - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#).

Such information may be provided in the form of a summary of the main findings and conclusions, notably as regards climate adaptation measures to mitigate potential impacts of climate change on the project.

In cases, where the environmental impact assessment has not been completed yet, the application shall confirm that climate proofing will be considered as part of the environmental impact assessment.

Applications relating to a project for which an **EIA** was **completed before 31 December 2021** are **not subject to this requirement**.

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**Evaluation process, admissibility, eligibility and award
criteria**

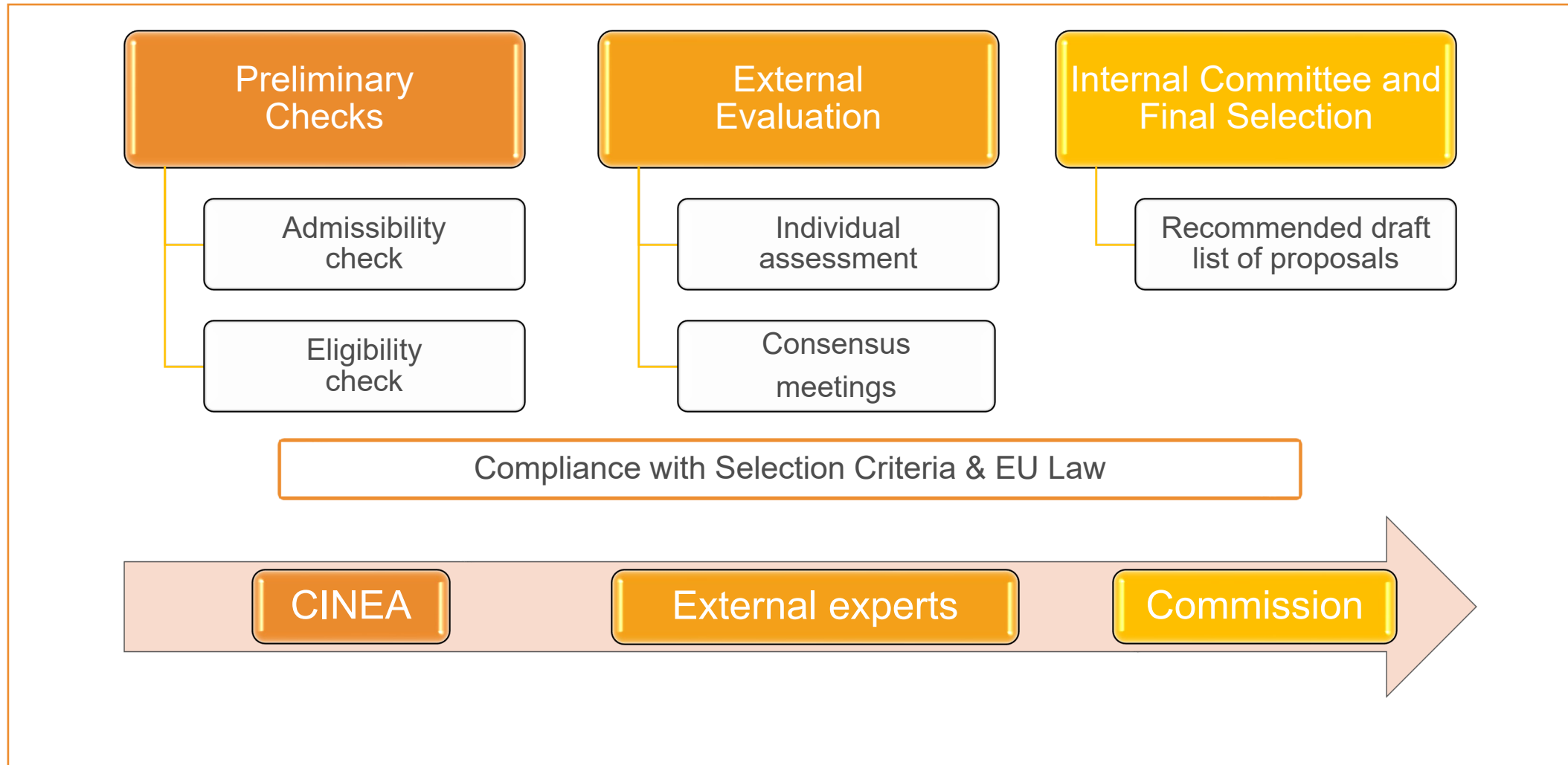
Beatrice Coda, Head of Unit CINEA.B4 - CEF Energy and Renewable Energy Financing Mechanism

Evaluation process

Tentative call timeline

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| Indicative Call Budget | 850 MEUR |
| Call publication | 14 April 2024 |
| Call opening | 30 April 2024 |
| Deadline | 22 October 2024 17:00.00 (Brussels time) |
| Evaluation of proposals | November-December 2024 |
| Consultation of CEF Coordination Committee Information of European Parliament | January 2025 |
| Information to applicants and launch of grant preparation | February 2025 |
| Signature of grant agreements | June 2025 |

Principles for the evaluation and selection process



Final Selection Process

Preparation of Selection Decision

EC Inter-Service Consultation

Consultation of CEF Coordination Committee
Information of the European Parliament

Adoption of Commission Selection Decision

Information to Applicants
Launch of Grant Agreement Preparation

Admissibility and Eligibility

Admissibility

- Proposals must be submitted before the call deadline **22 October 2024 17.00 CET**
- Proposals must be submitted electronically via the [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#) Electronic Submission System. Paper submissions are NOT possible
- Proposals must be complete and contain all the requested information, annexes and supporting documents. There will be no follow-up for missing elements
- Proposals must be readable, accessible and printable and submitted in the provided template

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 GRANTS TENDERS

Submission status: Forcoming, Open for submission (2), Closed

Funding and tenders (2)

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|--|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Electricity, Gas, Smart Grids and CO ₂ networks - Studies CEF-E-2022-POI-STUDIES | | | |
| Programme | Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) | Status | Open for submission |
| Type of action | CEF Project Grants | Deadline model | single-stage |
| Opening date | 18 May 2022 | Deadline date | 01 September 2022 17:00 |

Electricity, Gas, Smart Grids and CO₂ networks - Works

Admissibility

Mandatory documents

| |
|---|
| Application Form Part A — structured data introduced directly on Funding & Tender portal |
| Application Form Part B — (technical description of the project – max 120 pages) |
| Detailed budget table per WP (Excel to be filled in and annexed) |
| Timetable/Gantt chart |
| Agreement by the concerned Member States (Letter of support) |
| Environmental compliance file (applicable for works and studies with physical intervention , to be completed in full) (for studies without physical intervention: please only click the relevant option and upload the document) |
| TEN-E compliance form (Compliance with EU Law on Energy Infrastructure) |
| Annual activity reports |
| List of previous projects (key projects for the last 4 years) |

Not needed for public bodies, Member State organisations, certified TSOs and international organisations

Admissibility

Additional mandatory documents for works proposals:

| Electricity; art 24 TEN-E | Smart electricity grids; Cross border CO2 networks | Hydrogen |
|---|---|--|
| Full CBA (Project specific cost-benefit analysis) | Evaluation carried out by the relevant national authority or the national regulatory authority, demonstrating significant positive externalities (CBA) and lack of commercial viability | Full CBA (Project specific cost-benefit analysis) |
| Project specific legally valid cross-border cost allocation (CBCA)* | | - Project specific legally valid cross-border cost allocation (CBCA)* if they fall under the competence of national regulatory authorities OR - Confirmation by the relevant National Regulatory Authority or any other authority that they do not fall under their competence as hydrogen is not regulated in their respective jurisdiction |
| Business plan and other assessments showing that the project cannot be financed by the market or through the regulatory framework | Business plan and other assessments carried out, demonstrating the lack of commercial viability | Business plan and other assessments showing that the project cannot be financed by the market or through the regulatory framework |

* Also applicable for regulated electricity storage and hydrogen storage.

For nonregulated electricity storage, the evaluation of the relevant national authority applies (as for smart el. Grids)

FAQs on annexes

Agreement by the concerned Member States (Letter of support)

- the duly signed forms should be provided for all the concerned applicants in the proposal

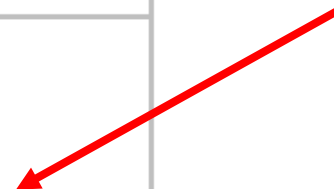
| Applicant(s) established in... | Proposed Action implemented in... | Support required from... |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Germany, Austria | Austria | Austria |
| Sweden, Finland | Sweden, Finland | Sweden, Finland |
| Poland | Poland, Lithuania | Poland, Lithuania |
| Belgium | The Netherlands | The Netherlands |
| UK | Belgium | Belgium |
| Norway | Norway | EU Member State |

FAQs on annexes

Environmental compliance file

- To be completed in full for works and studies with physical intervention
 - ✓ Filled in for each applicant and for each Member State where the project is implemented
 - ✓ The competent authority in the Member State in question needs to sign the declaration for monitoring of NATURA 2000 sites to certify that there is no impact on NATURA 2000 areas
- For studies without physical intervention: only click the relevant option and upload the document

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Project name and acronym: | [project title] — [acronym] |
| Location: | [country], [region] |
| Project type: | Works <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Study with physical intervention <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Study without physical intervention <input type="checkbox"/> |



FAQs on annexes

TEN-E compliance form (Compliance with EU Law on Energy Infrastructure)

- To be filled out by the applicants and annexed to the application
- In case of multiple applicants/beneficiaries, preferably include one where the data of the status in each country is included for the given PCI/ PMI.
- Submitted by the promoter, Member State does not sign the TEN-E-compliance form

TEN-E COMPLIANCE FORM

(To be filled out by the applicants and annexed to the application.)

| TEN-E COMPLIANCE FORM | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Name of the project: | [project title] — [acronym] |
| Location: | [country], [region] |
| Coordinator contact: | [name NAME], [organisation name] |
| COMPLIANCE DECLARATION — PERMIT GRANTING PROCESS | |
| We hereby confirm that: | |
| 1) We have submitted the project notification and its detailed outline to the competent authority within the meaning of Article 8(1) of the TEN-E Regulation ¹ (If YES, please provide a copy of the acknowledgement or rejection of the notification and detailed outline of the project from the competent authority.) | Yes / No |
| 2) We have prepared and submitted the concept of public participation in the framework of the permit granting process to the competent authority (If YES, please provide a copy of the approval or request for modifications from the competent authority.) | Yes / No |
| 3) We have carried out a public consultation in accordance with Article 9(4) of the TEN-E Regulation (If YES, please provide a copy of the report summarising the results of the public consultation or a copy of any other document mentioned in Annex VI (5) of the TEN-E Regulation (i.e. information leaflet, copy of the communication to the stakeholders affected by the project or invitations sent out to stakeholders for dedicated meetings).) | Yes / No |
| 4) We have submitted the application file for the permit granting process together with the report summarising the results of the public consultation to the competent authority (If YES, please provide a copy of the acceptance for examination of the application file or request for additional information from the competent authority.) | Yes / No |
| Additional comments If you replied NO for any of the above, please provide a short explanation. | |
| Insert text | |
| COMPLIANCE DECLARATION — TRANSPARENCY | |
| We hereby confirm that: | |
| 1) we have published information on the project on one of our websites and/or other means open to the public. | Yes / No |
| Additional comments If you replied YES, please provide the link of the website. If you replied NO and relevant information was published by other means than the website mentioned above, please provide the related supporting documents together with your application. If information was not published, please provide a short explanation. | |

¹ Regulation (EU) 2022/869 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2022 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure (OJ L 152, 3.6.2022, p. 45).

Eligibility

- Proposed project contributes to PCIs and PMIs identified in the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/1041 of 28 November 2023 (1st PCI and PMI list)
 - **Studies** in the meaning of CEF-Energy include activities needed to prepare PCI and PMI implementation, such as preparatory, mapping, feasibility, evaluation, testing and validation studies, including in the form of software, and any other technical support measure, including prior action to define and develop a PCI / PMI and decide on its financing, such as reconnaissance of the sites concerned and preparation of the financial package
 - **Works** in the meaning of CEF-Energy include the purchase, supply and deployment of components, systems and services including software, the development, construction and installation activities relating to a PCI/PMI, the acceptance of installations and launching a project

Eligibility - participants

- Eligible applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:
 - be legal entities (public or private bodies)
 - be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:
 - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))
 - non-EU countries:
 - countries associated to the CEF Programme (Moldova and Ukraine)
- Exceptional funding for third countries subject to agreement of the granting authority

Operational Capacity

- Applicants must have the know-how, qualifications and resources to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share (including sufficient experience in projects of comparable size and nature).
- Applicants will have to show their capacity through:
 - description of the participants
 - applicants' activity reports of last year
 - list of previous projects (key projects for the last 4 years)
- Public bodies, Member State organisations, transmission system operators and international organisations are exempted from the operational capacity check.

Financial Capacity Check

- Applicants must have stable and sufficient resources to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share. Organisations participating in several projects must have sufficient capacity to implement all these projects.
- A financial capacity check will be carried out for beneficiaries in before the selection decision on the basis of the documents they will be requested to upload in the Participant Register during grant preparation
- The check will normally be done for all beneficiaries, except:
 - public bodies (entities established as public body under national law, including local, regional or national authorities) or international organisations or certified TSOs
 - if the individual requested grant amount is not more than EUR 60 000.

Award Criteria

Award criteria

| Award criteria | Minimum pass score | Maximum score |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Priority and urgency of the action | 3 | 5 |
| Maturity | 3 | 5 |
| Quality | 3 | 5 |
| Impact | 3 | 5 |
| Catalytic effect of Union assistance | 3 | 5 |
| Overall (pass) score | 15 | 25 |

Priority and urgency of the action 1/2

Evaluating correspondence of the proposal with the sectoral policy targets, objectives and priorities, notably its contribution to and alignment with achieving the EU 2030 climate and energy targets in view of reaching the climate neutrality objective by 2050 as set out in the European Green Deal, market integration, and where applicable assessing the possible synergies with other sectors

- Demonstrate how the proposed Action will contribute to **sectoral policy objectives** and, in particular, explain how it is aligned with the **EU 2030 climate and energy targets** in view of reaching climate neutrality by 2050.
- Indicate how the proposed Action contributes to **market integration**, including through **ending energy isolation** or implementation of internal market; if the project contributes to eliminating **electricity interconnection bottlenecks**, as well as to the achievement of the interconnection targets and to **synchronisation** of electricity systems with the EU networks (call priorities).
- **Synergetic elements** with the **transport and the digital sector** need to **significantly improve** the socioeconomic, climate or environmental benefits of the proposed Action

Priority and urgency of the action 2/2

Evaluating correspondence of the proposal with the sectoral policy targets, objectives and priorities, notably its contribution to and alignment with achieving the EU 2030 climate and energy targets in view of reaching the climate neutrality objective by 2050 as set out in the European Green Deal, market integration, and where applicable assessing the possible synergies with other sectors

For **Article 24 PCIs**, the proposal needs to demonstrate that

- the PCI is designed in view of ensuring access to future energy markets, including hydrogen.
- the PCI shall not lead to a prolongation of the lifetime of natural gas assets
- the PCI shall ensure the interoperability of neighbouring networks across borders

The EU added value of an action related to a PCI/PMI is demonstrated by the PCI/PMI status itself

PMIs should also demonstrate that the inclusion of a third country is indispensable to achieve their objectives

Maturity

Assessing the maturity of the project in the project development. The criterion will measure, among others, the readiness/ability of the project to start by the proposed start date and to be completed by the proposed end date, the status of the contracting procedures and of the necessary permits

- **Preparatory steps** already completed or envisaged and confirmation that the project can be carried out without delay
- Confirmation that the proposed **project is mature** enough to be financed under this call
- Justification that the project is the **next step** in implementation of the project
- **Procurement** procedures needed, contracts awarded and planned
- Summary of the **public consultation** (only for Works)
- Authorisations, approvals and **permits** (only for Works)
- **Financial viability** and commitments, including FIRR and FNPV (works), explaining efforts to secure other sources of funding
- Works (**art.24**) proposals should demonstrate and include relevant evidence as to the proposed conversion into a dedicated hydrogen asset by 2036 if market conditions allow, as well as the roadmap with the precise timeline

Quality

Evaluating the soundness of the implementation plan proposed, both from the technical and financial point of view, the architecture and design approach, the organisational structures put in place (or foreseen) for the implementation, the risk analysis, the control procedures and quality management

- **Resources** needed (financial and human) to implement the project, evidence that the project is correctly sized
 - *Project management costs should not exceed 10% of total project costs*
 - **Organisational structure** and cooperation between applicants
 - **Project management**, quality assurance and control procedures
 - **Risk management** methods and procedures
 - **Risk assessment**

Impact (1/4)

Assessing **relevant externalities** such as security of supply, system flexibility, innovation, and solidarity among MSs as well as the **climate impact** and, where applicable, the **environmental impact** involving works. Also assessing the **need to overcome financial obstacles** such as those generated by insufficient commercial viability, high upfront costs or the lack of market finance. Moreover, for works, the criterion will assess its **cross-border dimension**.

- Positive **externalities** building on the CBA, namely in terms of security of supply, system flexibility, innovation, and solidarity among MSs (only for Works)- quantify and monetize to the extent possible
- A PCI or PMI proposal requesting grants for works needs to demonstrate significant positive externalities in order to reach the minimum pass score of 3
 - For **SoS**, quantify the positive impact of the Action at the regional level, also beyond involved MSs (e.g. constructing countries)
 - For **system flexibility**, quantify externalities in terms of project's contribution to flexibility effects by concerned countries
 - For **solidarity**, quantify the impact (for both constructing and non-constructing countries) of the proposed Action, e.g. changes to tariffs and commodity price
 - For **innovation**, information on the benefits of the technology compared to a conventional solution, e.g. cost savings, replicability of results
 - Specify the extent of significant externalities in view of the requested co-funding rate; in case of requested co-funding rate higher than 50%, detailed justification of the **exceptional circumstances**

Impact (2/4)

Assessing **relevant externalities** such as security of supply, system flexibility, innovation, and solidarity among MSs as well as the **climate impact** and, where applicable, the **environmental impact** involving works. Also assessing the **need to overcome financial obstacles** such as those generated by insufficient commercial viability, high upfront costs or the lack of market finance. Moreover, for works, the criterion will assess its **cross-border dimension**.

- **Environmental and climate impact:** expected positive/negative impacts of the project and underlying PCI on climate change targets, emission of air pollutants, reduction of GHG emissions, measures foreseen to prevent and mitigate environmental impact; consistency with climate proofing of infrastructure mitigation pillar (only for Works)
- **Climate resilience / climate proofing** (only for Works)
- **Revenues and revenues potential** (only for Works)
- **Financial obstacles** for the project implementation and how public funding would help to overcome them (for Works and Studies)

Impact (3/4)

Assessing **relevant externalities** such as security of supply, system flexibility, innovation, and solidarity among MSs as well as the **climate impact** and, where applicable, the **environmental impact** involving works. Also assessing the **need to overcome financial obstacles** such as those generated by insufficient commercial viability, high upfront costs or the lack of market finance. Moreover, for works, the criterion will assess its **cross-border dimension**.

- **Cross-border dimension**, including area of impact, Member States concerned, cooperation between Member States and promoters, financial contribution by MS and promoters as per CBCA (only for Works)
- If relevant, cooperation may also refer to **other countries** beyond those where the Action takes place

Impact (4/4)

Assessing **relevant externalities** such as security of supply, system flexibility, innovation, and solidarity among MSs as well as the **climate impact** and, where applicable, the **environmental impact** involving works. Also assessing the **need to overcome financial obstacles** such as those generated by insufficient commercial viability, high upfront costs or the lack of market finance. Moreover, for works, the criterion will assess its **cross-border dimension**.

Hydrogen PCIs and PMIs that do not fall under the competence of national regulatory authorities and therefore they do not receive a cross-border cost allocation decision should demonstrate cumulatively that the project

- aims to provide services across borders;
- brings technological innovation;
- ensures the safety of cross-border grid operation

Catalytic effect of Union assistance

Evaluating the financial gap, the capacity to mobilise differentiated investments sources, the capacity to trigger important overall investments with limited EU support and when appropriate the extent to which externalities justify the CEF financial assistance. This criterion shall assess the catalytic effect of the EU financial assistance and determine whenever possible the actual co-funding rate to be granted.

- The application should convincingly demonstrate the **need for EU funds**
- Demonstrate why the **CEF grant makes a positive difference to the Action** in terms of facilitating or accelerating its implementation
- Explain the difficulties in obtaining market finance and how the grant can help to overcome this shortage
- Will the CEF grant help to mobilise additional public and private sources of financing?
- If all costs are included in the tariffs and there are no substantial risks with the project promoters, there might not be a stimulating effect of the grant
- For PCI or PMI proposals for grants for works, the evaluation of the financial gap should take into account the **cross-border cost allocation decision** and, if applicable, **regulatory incentives**

Evaluation results

Results of the evaluation

- All proposals will be informed about the evaluation result (**evaluation result letter**) via the Participant portal. Successful proposals will be invited for grant preparation with the EU Project Officer; the other ones may be put on a reserve list or rejected.
- Invitation to grant preparation does NOT constitute a formal commitment for funding. We will still need to make various legal checks before grant award: legal entity validation, financial capacity, exclusion check, etc.
- If you believe that the evaluation procedure was flawed, you can submit a complaint (following the deadlines and procedures set out in the evaluation result letter).

Thank you



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Q&A Session

Ask yours questions on Sli.do
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Coffee break

*We will be back
at 15h50*





Preparing a successful proposal

2024 CEF Energy Call – PCIs and PMIs

Virtual Info Day – 14 May 2024

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Overview

- Terminology
- Quality of proposal – tips and examples
- Applicant's Checklist

Terminology



TEN-E Regulation of 2022
and 1st PCI/PMI List

- **PCI:** Project of Common Interest - Energy infrastructure projects located on one of the priority corridors. Ex: PCI 12.4 Gabreta Smart Grids
- **Project:** The term ‘project’ used in the call text/application form synonymous to the term ‘action’ used in the CEF Regulation (article 2)
 - Article 2 (CEF Regulation 2021/1153): “action” means any activity which has been identified as financially and technically independent, has a set time-frame and is necessary for the implementation of a project.
- **Work Package:** a Work Package (WP) is a major subdivision of the project
 - Ex: Project Management, Preparation of Detailed Design and Tender Documents, Construction of substation
 - WPs can run in parallel and/or be sequential

Terminology

Part B of application form

Section 6: WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES AND TIMING

| Work Package 1: WORKS: Construction of OHL between A and B | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Ensure consistence with: STUDIES: EIA studies | | | | | |
| Duration: | M X - M X | Lead Beneficiary: | 1-Short name | | |
| Objectives Describe the objective of the work package and how it contributes/relates to the overall and specific objectives of the project. State if there are links to other work packages (or conversely that there are no links to any other work package). | | | | | |
| ▪ | | | | | |
| Activities (WP description) Provide a concise overview of the work (planned tasks). Be specific and give a short name and number for each task. Provide quantitative information (dimensions, capacity of infrastructure, etc). Mention for each task links with tasks planned under other work packages. Flag tasks which are on the critical path. Show who is participating in each task: Coordinator (COO), Beneficiaries (BEN), Affiliated Entities (AE), Associated Partners (AP), indicating in bold the task leader. Add information on other participants' involvement in the project e.g. subcontractors. Complete the column on subcontracting. Subcontracts must be awarded using your usual purchasing practices – provided that they ensure best value for money and no conflict of interests. If you are a public procurer ('contracting authority/entity' within the meaning of the EU Directives on public procurement), you must also comply with the applicable national law on public procurement." Note: The Coordinator remains fully responsible for the coordination tasks, even if they are delegated to someone else. Coordinator tasks cannot be subcontracted. | | | | | |
| Task No (continuous numbering linked to WP) | Task Name | Description | Participants | | Subcontracting (Yes/No and Percentage of the task that will be subcontracted). |
| | | | Name | Role (COO, BEN, AE, AP, OTHER) | |
| T1.1 | WORKS: Detailed design documentation | | | | Yes (100%) |
| T1.2 | STUDIES: EIA decision for substation | | | | Yes (80%) |

- **Task:** contracts
 - You need to estimate percentage of subcontracting per task
 - Recommendation: do not define sub-tasks

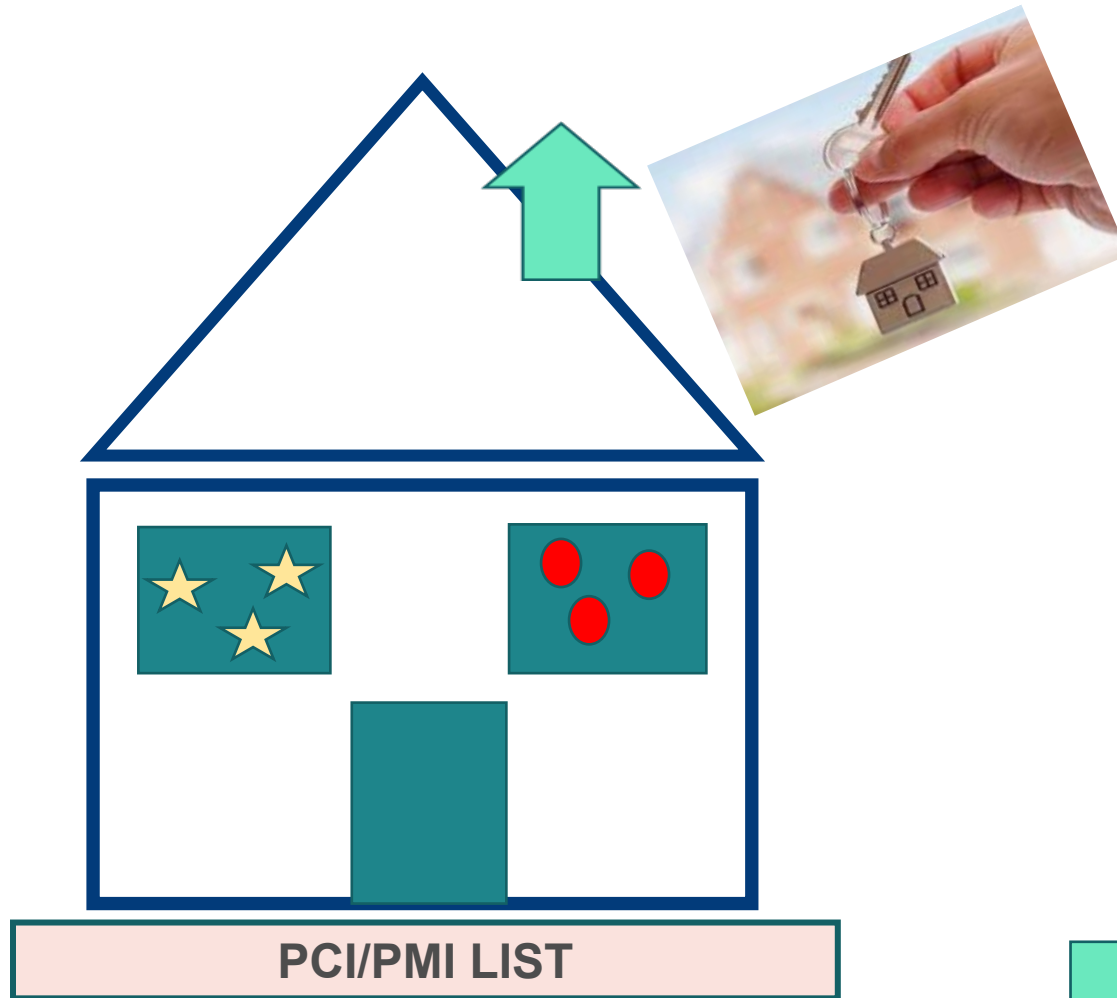
Terminology



- **Milestone:** major control points in the project that help to chart progress
 - **Works:** publication of a tender, signature of contract
 - **Studies:** start of EIA procedure, approval of OHL design
- **Deliverable:** project output (may not be linked to Milestones)
 - **Works:** engineering design, commissioning of the transmission line
 - **Studies:** final detailed design, building permits issued by competent authority



It's like building a house!



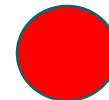
Project



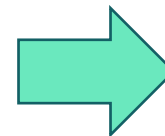
Work Package: Construction of OHL, EIA, Preparation of Tender Documents



Tasks: hardware updates, technical supervision services



Milestones: Launch of tender for X, contract signature for Y



Deliverable: engineering design, commissioning of the transmission line

Quality of proposal

Who will read your application?

- Evaluators:
 - will have many proposals to evaluate
 - they are usually not English native speakers
 - may have limited background on your proposed project



Quality of proposal

What is the reader looking for?



1. Simple language

- Be concise. Avoid jargon and do not take any background knowledge for granted.

2. Clear and specific

- Clearly demonstrate how your proposal addresses the award criteria as indicated in the call text. Be as specific and clear as possible. No assumptions or requests for additional information will be made.

Quality of proposal



3. Consistent

- Information in one part of the application matches the information in another (annexes)
- Gantt chart is consistent with the work package dates, milestones etc.
- Information is presented in a logical way and avoid repetitions

Ex: administrative procedures are presented in chronological order in the work package table. The EIA precedes the permit for construction, basic study finalised before design study starts

Quality of proposal

Project's Scope

What

- What is the Project about?
 - Works:** Construction of OHL, Construction of a substation
 - Studies:** Feasibility Study, Preparation of permitting documents
- What are the technical parameters of the project?
 - Works:** +/-100km of 320kV double circuit OHL between X and Y,
 - Studies:** technical feasibility study for the CO2 transport infrastructure capable of delivering over X Mt/y of CO2 from emission sources

How

- How will the Project's objectives be reached?
 - WPs, Tasks, Milestones, Deliverables

Quality of proposal

Project's Scope

Who

- Who will carry out the project?
 - tasks will be carried out by internal and external resources.
 - Subcontracting per WP (Public Procurement)

Why/Results

- What are the expected results of the project?
 - **Works:** the construction of a double circuit 320 kV OHL
 - **Studies:** final procurement documents, approval of permitting documents.

Quality of proposal

Work Packages

What

- What are the objectives of the WP?
Works: commissioning of substation
Studies: preparing the documentation for EIA

Clear WP name matching its description



Tasks, Milestones and Deliverables

- What are the tasks in the WP?
 - **Works:** Supervision of the construction
 - **Studies:** EIA decision for substation
- What are the Milestones?
 - **Works:** signature of contract
 - **Studies:** start of EIA procedure
- What are the deliverables?
 - **Works:** report on the completed construction works
 - **Studies:** building permits issued by competent authority

Quality of proposal - examples

Milestones

3 Rules of thumb



1. Each work package should have at least 2 milestones START → END.
2. Work packages lasting >1 year, ideally at least one milestone every 12 months.
3. Means of verification should be reliable and realistic.
 - Ex: Written notification of the contractor to the beneficiaries, Publication of the notice of the tender in the OJEU, Contractor's progress report approved

Quality of proposal

Part B of application form

Section 6: WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES AND TIMING

Milestones – Example (Studies)

| | |
|--|----------|
| Work Package 1: Preparation and submission of planning application to competent authority | |
| Duration: M1 - M12 | M1 - M12 |
| Lead Beneficiary: | X |

Each Work Package should have at least 2 milestones START → END.

| Milestone No (continuous numbering not linked to WP) | Milestone Name | WP No. | Lead Beneficiary | Description | Due Date (month number) | Means of Verification |
|---|---|--------|------------------|--|---------------------------|---|
| MS1 | Start of the preparation of planning application to the competent authority | 1 | X | The beneficiary kick starts the procedure for the start of the preparation of the planning application | M1 01/01/2023 START | Minutes of meeting by beneficiaries |
| MS2 | Submission of the planning application to the competent authority | 1 | X | The beneficiary submits the planning application to the competent authority | M12 31/12/2023 END | Receipt of acknowledgement by competent authority |

Quality of proposal

Part B of application form

Section 6: WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES AND TIMING

Milestones – Example (Works)

| Work Package 1: Construction of 320 kV transmission line between X and Y | |
|--|----------|
| Duration: | M1 - M24 |
| Lead Beneficiary: | X |

WP lasting >1 year

Ideally at least one milestone every 12 months

| Milestone No (continuous numbering not linked to WP) | Milestone Name | WP No. | Lead Beneficiary | Description | Due Date (month number) | Means of Verification |
|---|--|--------|------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| MS1 | Kick-off meeting on implementation of 320kV line | 1 | X | The beneficiary holds a kick-off meeting | M1 01-01-2023 START | Management Board minutes |
| MS2 | Start of tendering procedure | 1 | X | The tender documentation was approved by the beneficiary. The procedure in the OJ was launched | M12 01-01-2024 INTERMEDIATE | Publication of the notice of the tender in the appropriate media |
| MS3 | Commissioning of the 320kV transmission line | 1 | X | The construction contractor informs the beneficiary that 100% of the works have been done | M24 01-01-2025 END | Signature of the deed |

Public procurement



To keep in mind

- **All** contracts must comply with EU law (sound financial management, best value for money, no conflict of interests, transparency, equal treatment etc.)
- Depending on your status (public or private): to establish whether a proposed project is to be implemented in compliance with EU law on public procurement. Check relevant Directive.
- Be aware:
 - procurement is verified at payment stage
 - non-compliance leads to rejection of costs or reduction of support.

Public procurement (II)

Part B of application form

Section 2: Maturity

Section 6: WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES AND TIMING

2.2 Status of contracting procedures and authorisations, approvals and permits

6.2 Work packages and activities

| |
|---|
| Contracting procedures |
| Procurement in general <i>Indicate the project maturity in terms of procurements needed.</i> |
| Insert text Present |
| Contracts awarded before submission of the proposal <i>For each work package/task, explain the contracts already awarded, their typology and status. For public procurers, specify which procurement method has been selected (e.g. EU-wide or national; open, restricted or negotiated, etc). For private companies, please specify best value for money. Where applicable, indicate the starting dates of the awarded contracts.</i> ⚠ Please note that we do not check or validate the procurement method you chose. The procurement must be in compliance with the provisions set out in the Grant Agreement and compliance may be checked later on (in checks, reviews, audits or investigations). |
| Insert text Past |
| Contracts planned during implementation <i>For each work package/task, explain the contracts planned, their typologies and status. For public procurers, please specify which procurement method will be selected (open, restricted, negotiated, EU wide or national). For private companies, please specify best value for money. Where applicable, please indicate the start dates of the awarded contracts.</i> ⚠ Please note that we do not check or validate the procurement method you chose. The procurement must be in compliance with the provisions set out in the Grant Agreement and compliance may be checked later on (in checks, reviews, audits or investigations). |
| Insert text Future |

| + Work Package 1: [Name, e.g. Project management and coordination] | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <i>Ensure consistence with the detailed budget table per WP/calculator (if applicable) (n/a for pre-fixed Lump Sum Grants)</i> | | | | | |
| Duration: | M X - M X | Lead Beneficiary: | 1-Short name | | |
| Objectives <i>. Describe the objective of the work package and how it contributes/relates to the overall and specific objectives of the project. State if there are links to other work packages (or conversely that there are no links to any other work package).</i> | | | | | |
| . | | | | | |
| Activities (WP description) <i>Provide a concise overview of the work (planned tasks). Be specific and give a short name and number for each task. Provide quantitative information (dimensions, capacity of infrastructure, etc). Mention for each task links with tasks planned under other work packages. Flag tasks which are on the critical path. Show who is participating in each task: Coordinator (COO), Beneficiaries (BEN), Affiliated Entities (AE), Associated Partners (AP), indicating in bold the task leader. Add information on other participants' involvement in the project e.g. subcontractors. Complete the column on subcontracting. Subcontracts must be awarded using your usual purchasing practices – provided that they ensure best value for money and no conflict of interests. If you are a public procurer ('contracting authority/entity' within the meaning of the EU Directives on public procurement), you must also comply with the applicable national law on public procurement." Note: The Coordinator remains fully responsible for the coordination tasks, even if they are delegated to someone else. Coordinator tasks cannot be subcontracted.</i> | | | | | |
| Task No (continuous numbering linked to WP) | Task Name | Description | Participants | | Subcontracting (Yes/No and Percentage of the task that will be subcontracted). |
| | | | Name | Role (COO, BEN, AE, AP, OTHER) | |
| T1.1 | | | | | |
| T1.2 | | | | | |

Permitting

Part B of application form

Section 2: Maturity

2.2 Status of contracting procedures and authorisations, approvals and permits

Authorisations, approvals and permits (for Works topics)
 Indicate the general project maturity in terms of authorisations, approvals and permits needed.

Insert text

Authorisations, approvals and permits (including environmental)
 For each work package/task, list the authorisations or approvals needed (at governmental, regional, local level, including environmental approvals, right-of-way, state aid notification/decision, etc.) and their status and expected timeline.
 Risk factors and mitigating measures (alternative solutions) if the authorisations are not obtained in time should be described in section 3.4.

| Task No | Type and Description | Status | Date of award |
|---------|---|--------------------------------|---------------|
| T1.1 | Authorisation for ... from XXX for task XXX | planned/requested/ received | [MM/YYYY] |
| | | | |
| | | | |

Building permits
 For each work package/task, provide information on the building permits which must be obtained.
 Describe what the permit is for, the authority concerned, the size (land surface) and the kind of works concerned.
 Indicate their status timeline.
 Risk factors and mitigating measures (alternative solutions) if the permits are not obtained in time should be described in section 3.4.

| Task No | Type and Description | Status | Date of award |
|---------|--|--------------------------------|---------------|
| T1.1 | Permit for ... from authority XXX for task XXX | planned/requested/ received | [MM/YYYY] |

Past and Present

Future

Resources


3. QUALITY

3.1 Cost effectiveness and financial management

Cost effectiveness *(n/a for prefixed Lump Sum Grants)*

Describe and justify the level of resources needed for implementing the project.

Justification of Resources

- Ensure the resources are proportionate to the WPs that are being carried out
- Project management costs should not exceed 10% of total project costs 
- Clarity on decision making processes, readiness of the company to implement the project. Show that the team, accountancy, financial controlling and budgetary execution are all established.

Risks

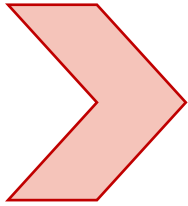
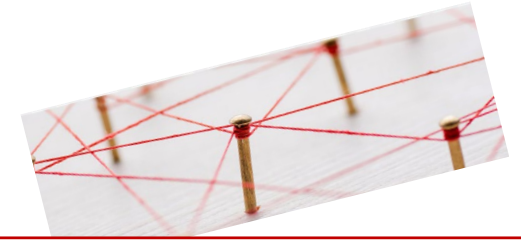
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Section 3: Quality

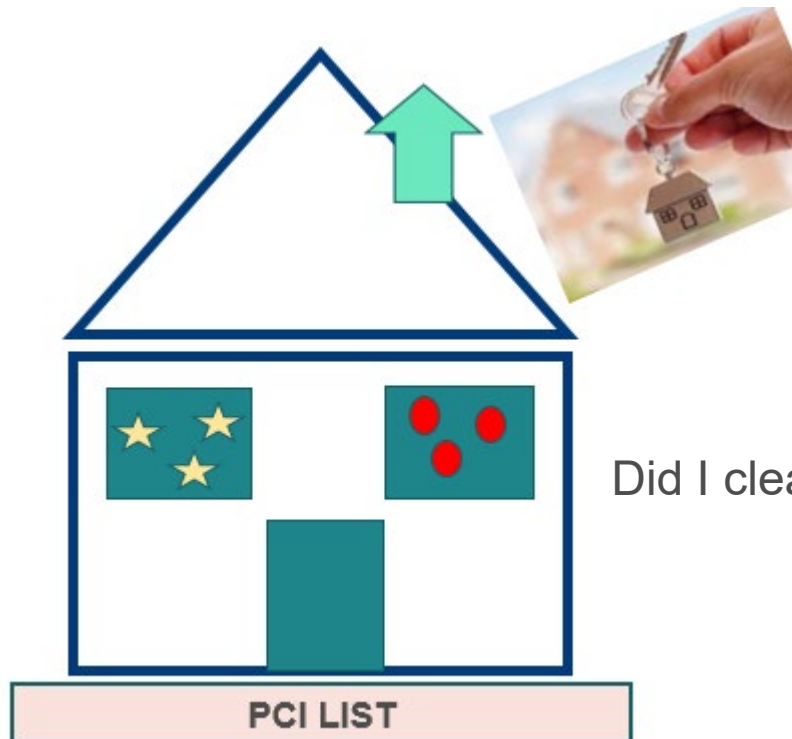
Clearly identify risks and mitigating measures targeted to the project concerned

| Risk assessment grid | | | |
|--|---|---------------|--|
| <i>Describe critical risks, uncertainties or difficulties related to the implementation of your project, and your measures/strategy for addressing them. Indicate for each risk (in the description) the impact and the likelihood that the risk will materialise (high, medium, low), even after taking into account the mitigating measures. Note: Uncertainties and unexpected events may occur in all organisations, even if very well-run. The risk analysis will help you to predict issues that could delay or hinder project activities. A good risk management strategy is essential for good project management.</i> | | | |
| Risk No. | Description | WP No | Proposed Risk Mitigation Measure |
| 1 | Increase cost of building materials | WP1, WP2, WP3 | Carry out market analysis and ensure appropriate contractual provisions. Likelihood: High |
| 2 | Delays may be experienced due to the severe weather conditions | WP2 | Carry out regular reviews of planning schedules and adjustment to the conditions Likelihood: Low |
| 3 | Delays in procurement procedures caused for example by appeals made by bidders. | WP1, WP2, WP3 | Ensure to prepare tendering documentation which is as clear and precise as possible, in order to minimize likelihood of questions from the bidders. Generally, there are no other possible actions to be taken in order to decrease duration time. Likelihood: Medium |
| etc | | | |

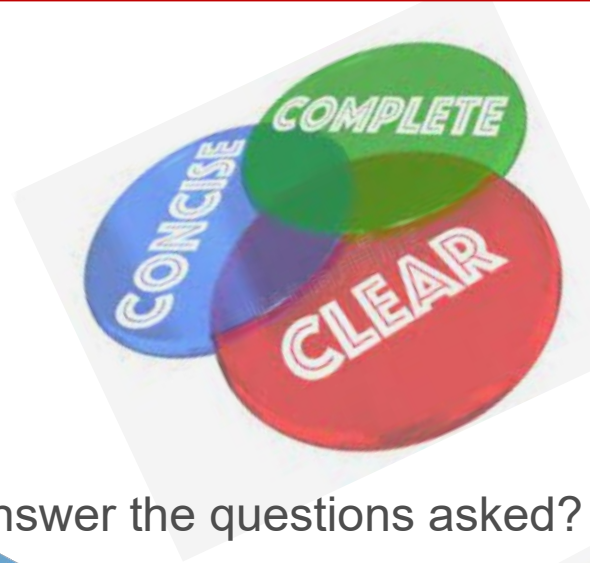
Quality of proposal



Make sure that a "common thread" runs through your proposal combining objectives, WPs, resources and planning in a way that is coherent with achieving the stipulated deliverables.



Did I clearly answer the questions asked?



Applicant's checklist



- **Scope:** Does your proposal fit in the scope of the 2024 call for proposals for which you are applying?
 - *Check that your proposed project indeed addresses the objectives and results expected from the call. Consult the call text.*



- **Deadline:** Are you on track to submit your proposal by 22 October 2024 at 17:00.00 (Brussels time)?
 - *Don't forget to submit your application before the deadline, verify that your proposal was correctly submitted - the status of the application must be "submitted".*

Applicant's checklist

STUDIES & WORKS

Completeness of documents + Annexes

| |
|---|
| Application Form Part A — structured data introduced directly on Funding & Tender portal |
| Application Form Part B — (technical description of the project – max 120 pages) |
| Detailed budget table per WP (Excel to be filled in and annexed) |
| Timetable/Gantt chart |
| Agreement by the concerned Member States (Letter of support) |
| Environmental compliance file (applicable for works and studies with physical intervention , to be completed in full) (for studies without physical intervention: please only click the relevant option and upload the document) |
| TEN-E compliance form (Compliance with EU Law on Energy Infrastructure) |
| Annual activity reports |
| List of previous projects (key projects for the last 4 years) |



Not needed for public bodies, Member State organisations, certified TSOs and international organisations

Applicant's checklist

Additional checklist for works:

| Electricity; art 24 TEN-E | Smart electricity grids; Cross border CO2 networks | Hydrogen |
|---|---|--|
| Full CBA (Project specific cost-benefit analysis) | Evaluation carried out by the relevant national authority or the national regulatory authority, demonstrating significant positive externalities (CBA) and lack of commercial viability | Full CBA (Project specific cost-benefit analysis) |
| Project specific legally valid cross-border cost allocation (CBCA)* | | - Project specific legally valid cross-border cost allocation (CBCA)* if they fall under the competence of national regulatory authorities OR - Confirmation by the relevant National Regulatory Authority or any other authority that they do not fall under their competence as hydrogen is not regulated in their respective jurisdiction |
| Business plan and other assessments showing that the project cannot be financed by the market or through the regulatory framework | Business plan and other assessments carried out, demonstrating the lack of commercial viability | Business plan and other assessments showing that the project cannot be financed by the market or through the regulatory framework |

Applicant's checklist



- Proof read your proposal
 - *Do one last check to ensure that your proposal is clear and easy to follow and explain issues, including local context, that may be evident to you*
 - *External evaluators can only assess your proposal on the basis of provided information and no assumptions will be made*
 - *Make sure that your proposal is precise, clearly responds to the questions asked, and demonstrates the added value of CEF Energy funding*



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Budget management in proposals

Info Day – CEF Energy call for PCIs and PMIs

14 May 2024

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Costs

Identify your costs and prepare your proposed project's budget!

- Call text requirements to be checked
 - Section 10. Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements, under part Budget categories and cost eligibility rules
- Only actual costs apply
 - No unit costs except for personnel costs where average costs for personnel may be used
- No study related costs for works proposals
 - Study proposals are separate from works proposals

Costs

- Examples of eligible costs: necessary for the implementation of the project, reasonable, verifiable, justified and comply with sound financial management principles, etc.
- Examples of ineligible costs: return on capital, VAT, costs of land and building acquisition, currency exchange losses, excessive or reckless expenditure, in-kind contributions by third parties, indirect costs, etc.

Budget related requirements for proposals

- I. Detailed budget breakdown per cost category

- II. Detailed budget table per work package (per reporting period, per applicant/affiliated entity)

NOTE: tables under points I and II are mandatory to be encoded/ submitted with each proposal

I. Detailed budget breakdown per cost category

- Structured financial information – encoded directly via the Funding & Tenders portal
- To be encoded per participant and per affiliated entity

Example! Not all columns apply to CEF-Energy Call for PCIs and PMIs !

Application forms

Proposal ID **SEP-210869775**

Acronym **Test**

3 - Budget



If your proposal fulfils the criteria specified in the call documents, you can select below a different reimbursement rate (the standard rate is selected by default):

50% Funding Rate

| No. | Name of beneficiary | Country | Role | Personnel costs - without volunteers/EUR | Subcontracting costs/EUR | Purchase costs - Travel and subsistence/EUR | Purchase costs - Equipment/EUR | Purchase costs - Other goods, works and services/EUR | Financial support to third parties/EUR | Studies/EUR | Synergetic elements/EUR | Works in outermost regions/EUR | Land purchases/EUR | Indirect costs/EUR | Total eligible costs/EUR | Ineligible costs/EUR | Total estimated project costs and contributions/EUR | Funding rate | Maximum EU contribution to eligible costs/EUR | Requested EU contribution to eligible costs/EUR | Max grant amount/EUR | Income generated by the project/EUR | In kind contributions/EUR | Financial contributions/EUR | Own resources/EUR | Total estimated project income/EUR |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------|---|---|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Special Funding rate | | Special Funding rate | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Bard Consulting Scs | BE | Coordinator | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 000.00 | 0 | 5 000.00 | 50 | 2 500.00 | 2 500.00 | 2 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2 500.00 |
| 2 | Jantzen Tomasz Janisz | PL | Partner | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 000.00 | 0 | 5 000.00 | 50 | 2 500.00 | 2 500.00 | 2 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2 500.00 |
| Total | | | | 2 000 | 2 000 | 2 000 | 2 000 | 2 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 000.00 | 0 | 10 000.00 | 50 | 5 000.00 | 5 000.00 | 5 000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5 000.00 |

I. Detailed budget breakdown per cost category

Co-funding rate set at 50%; exception – 75% – for works proposals in case of evidence of significant positive externalities

Application forms

Proposal ID **SEP-210869778**

Acronym **Test**

3 - Budget



If your proposal fulfils the criteria specified in the call documents, you can select below a different reimbursement rate (the standard rate is selected by default):

50% Funding Rate **Fixed, exceptional – 75%** ▼

| No. | Name of beneficiary | Country | Role | Personnel costs - without volunteers/EUR | Subcontracting costs/EUR | Purchase costs - Travel and subsistence/ EUR | Purchase costs - Equipment/EUR | Purchase costs - Other goods, works and services/EUR | Financial support to third parties/ EUR | Studies/ EUR | Synergetic elements/ EUR | Works in outermost regions/ EUR | Land purchases/ EUR | Indirect costs/EUR | Total eligible costs/EUR |
|-------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Special Funding rate | | Special Funding rate | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | 70 | | | |
| 1 | Baird Consulting Scs | BE | Coordinator | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 5 000.00 |
| 2 | Janitom Tomasz Janisz | PL | Partner | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 5 000.00 |
| Total | | | | 2 000 | 2 000 | 2 000 | 2 000 | 2 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 10 000.00 |

I. Detailed budget breakdown per cost category

- Based on cost categories: A. personnel, B. subcontracting, C. purchase
- Cost categories below are not applicable under this call and are only listed in the table due to IT system constraints in the eGrants environment: SME owners and natural person beneficiaries, financial support to third parties, land purchases, indirect costs

Application forms

Proposal ID SEP-210869778




Acronym Test

3 - Budget

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If your proposal fulfils the criteria specified in the call documents, you can select below a different reimbursement rate (the standard rate is selected by default):

50% Funding Rate ▼

| No. | Name of beneficiary | Country | Role | Personnel costs - without volunteers/EUR A | Subcontracting costs/EUR B | Purchase costs - Travel and subsistence/ EUR C | Purchase costs - Equipment/EUR C | Purchase costs - Other goods, works and services/EUR C | Financial support to third parties/ EUR  | Studies/ EUR For Works-N/A | Synergetic elements/ EUR If applicable | Works in outermost regions/ EUR If applicable | Land purchases/ EUR  | Indirect costs/EUR  | Total eligible costs/EUR |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Special Funding rate 0 | | Special Funding rate 70 | | | |
| 1 | Baird Consulting Scs | BE | Coordinator | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 5 000.00 |
| 2 | Janitom Tomasz Janisz | PL | Partner | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 5 000.00 |
| Total | | | | 2 000 | 2 000 | 2 000 | 2 000 | 2 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 10 000.00 |

I. Detailed budget breakdown per cost category

- A. Personnel cost:
 - A.1 Employees, A.2 Natural persons under direct contract, A.3 Seconded persons
 - Project management costs should not exceed 10% of total costs for the project; costs exceeding this limit will be rejected
- B. Subcontracting costs: contracts for goods, works or services that are part of the proposed project's tasks
 - Examples: contract to a third party to prepare an EIA documentation; turnkey contract for design and construction of a substation
 - Procurement principles to be respected for costs under subcontracting
- C. Purchase costs: goods, works or services purchased to carry out the proposed project
 - C.1 Travel and subsistence; for example, for travel related to project-related tasks or meetings
 - C.2 Equipment; for example, purchases of equipment, infrastructure or other assets specifically needed for the project (not subcontracted)
 - C.3 Other goods, works and services; for example, consumables and supplies, promotion and dissemination, translation

II. Detailed budget table per work package

- Unstructured financial information - encoded in an Excel file (template available in Submission system for [download](#)) and to be uploaded as part of your application (special section in the Funding & Tenders portal)
- Based on costs per work package (several work packages are possible)
- To be encoded as totals per work package, per participant, including affiliated entities if applicable (several participants per work package are possible) and per reporting period (RP)
- Instructions are provided in the first sheet. It calculates the totals per work package and per applicant for each RP

II. Detailed budget table per work package

Standard RP is 24 months

RP can't be shorter than 6 months

Encode actual dates (start/end)

1.

| START (BUDGET FORECAST PER WP) | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| PROJECT DATA | |
| Project number: | |
| Project acronym: | |

2.

| Work package name | Funding Rate |
|-------------------|--------------|
| WP name 1 | 0% |
| WP name 2 | 0% |
| WP name 3 | 0% |
| WP name 4 | 0% |

3.

| Participant name |
|-------------------|
| Participant name1 |
| Participant name2 |

4.

| DETAILED BUDGET TABLE PER WP | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| PROJECT DATA | | | | | | | | | |
| Project number: 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Project acronym: 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| BUDGET BREAKDOWN PER WORK PACKAGE AND PARTICIPANT | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Reporting period can be added/deleted as needed</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Example: duration is 54 months; RPs should be 24+24+6 months | | | | | | | | | |
| Work Package | Participant | Reporting period 1 01/01/2024-01/01/2026 | Reporting period 2 | Reporting period 3 | Reporting period 4 | Reporting period 5 | Total costs | Funding rate (for work package) | EU contribution |
| WP name 1 | Participant name1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 0.00 |
| WP name 1 | Participant name2 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 0.00 |
| WP name 2 | Participant name1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 0.00 |
| WP name 3 | Participant name1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 0.00 |
| WP name 4 | Participant name1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 0.00 |
| Total | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |

5.

| # | EU CONTRIBUTION | TOTAL COSTS |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| ENCODE VALUE FROM EGRANTS | 0 | 0 |
| DIFFERENCE | 0 | 0 |

Tips for budget planning and structure

- **Total costs must match** between the tables per cost category (structured) and per work package (unstructured financial information)
 - In case of divergences the information per cost category in the **structured data will prevail**
- **Familiarise yourself with the Model Grant Agreement provisions before submitting the application:** cost eligibility and types of cost should be known upfront
- **Prepare your accounting:** any cost foreseen to be claimed for reimbursement must be clearly attributable under both approaches (cost categories and work packages) in your own accountancy system

Thank you! Questions?



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Introduction to the Legal Provisions Model Grant Agreement (MGA)

Connecting Europe Facility

2021-2027

Giulia Frascchetti, Legal Adviser

What is the grant agreement & what does it include?

 The grant agreement is the contractual document signed with CINEA defining



YOUR RIGHTS

e.g.:

- **To receive EU funding**, under the terms and conditions defined in the grant agreement, to help you to accomplish your project
- **To own the results** of the project that you have generated
- **To ask for amendments** of the grant agreement (if something needs to be changed)



YOUR OBLIGATIONS

e.g.:

- **To implement the project** as planned in the description of the action (Annex 1 to the grant agreement)
- **Submit reports** at the time and for the periods defined in the grant agreement
- **Display the EU emblem and reference to EU funding** (e.g. information material, equipment funded by the grant);



HOW MUCH MONEY YOU CAN GET

*Overall, the Agency can never pay **more than the maximum grant amount** fixed in the grant agreement.*

***But it may pay less;** e.g. if the project costs at the end are less than budgeted*

How does the CEF grant agreement look like?



e-GRANT

The CEF grant agreement and its management are **fully electronic**. This is from the signature of the grant until its end, all actions and communications will flow via the Funding & Tenders Portal ('the Portal').



CORPORATE STRUCTURE

The CEF grant agreement is based on a **Commission-wide model** (so-called '**Corporate Model Grant Agreement**') structured in a core part and several Annexes.



SPECIFIC ANNEX 5

Some important CEF specific rights and obligations are part of Annex 5, i.e.:

- Security - Article 13 -
- Intellectual property rights (IPR) - Article 16
- Additional communication and dissemination activities - Article 17
- MS information and Durability - Article 18

How can you participate in the grant agreement?



What does it mean if you participate as ...?

Beneficiary

Article 7 GA

- Signs the Agreement and has all the rights and obligations
- If several beneficiaries, it is mandatory to designate a coordinator.
- The beneficiaries which are not coordinator must accede to the grant by signing the accession form (see Annex 3) directly in the Portal, within 30 days after the entry into force of the Agreement

To set-up a consortium is recommended

Affiliated entity

Article 8 GA

- Must implement the action tasks attributed to them in Annex I and can declare costs under the same conditions as the beneficiaries
- Must 'a link with the beneficiary, in particular a legal or capital link' (Article 187 (1)(b) of the EU FR
- Must satisfy the eligibility criteria and do not fall in one of the exclusion criteria.
- The beneficiaries must ensure that all their obligations under the GA also apply to their affiliated entities

What does it mean if you participate as ...?

Associated Partner

Article 9.1 GA

- Must implement the action tasks attributed to them in Annex 1;
- May not charge costs to the action and the costs for their tasks are not eligible (may not be included in the estimated budget in Annex 2).
- The beneficiaries must ensure that the obligations listed in Article 9.1 apply to the associated partners
- Associated partners may be linked to a beneficiary or to the consortium

Subcontractor

Article 9.3 GA

- May participate in the action, if necessary for the implementation;
- Must to properly implement the action
- The eligible cost is the price charged to the beneficiary (usually containing a profit margin for the subcontractors, but not for the beneficiary). The costs will be included in the estimated budget in Annex 2)

What does it mean subcontracting?

- The beneficiaries have a **contractual link** with subcontractors, with the object to buy something or subcontract action tasks
- Subcontracts concern the **implementation of action tasks**, i.e. parts of the project/project tasks that have been outsourced
- Subcontracting may cover only a **limited part** of the action
- The **price** for the subcontracts will be declared as 'Subcontracting costs' in the financial statement
- The beneficiary must award the contracts and subcontracts in compliance with **sound financial management principles**: meaning best value for money (or lowest price) or public procurement rules if applicable, and absence of conflict of interests

Internal roles and responsibilities of the beneficiaries

Role of the coordinator

- Monitor that the action is implemented properly
- Acts as the intermediary for all communications:
 - Submit the pre-financing guarantees;
 - Request and review any documents required and verify the quality and completeness;
 - Submit the deliverables and reports to CINEA,
 - Inform CINEA about the payments made
- Distribute the payments received to the other beneficiaries without unjustified delay

Responsability of each beneficiary

- Keep information stored in the **Portal Participant Register** up to date (Article 19)
- Inform CINEA (& the other beneficiaries) **immediately** of any events/circumstances likely to affect significantly/delay the implementation of the action
- **Submit to the coordinator in good time** the pre-financing guarantee; financial statement, CFS; the contribution to the deliverables and technical reports; any other documents and information required by CINEA
- **Submit via the Portal** data and information related to the participation of their affiliated entities

What are the payments arrangements?

Call text - Article 22 GA - Datasheet point 4.2

All payments will be made to the coordinator

1. Prefinancing payment

- Paid within **30 days** upon the entry into force of the agreement/ receipt of the financial guarantee (if required)

2. Interim payments (Interim payment ceiling : **90%** of the maximum grant amount)

- Reimburse the eligible costs claimed for the reporting period, subject to the approval of the period report
- Paid within **90 days** from receiving the periodic report

3. Payment of the balance/ Calculation of the grant amount (no-profit rule)

- Reimburses the remaining part of the eligible costs claimed for the implementation of the action
- Paid within **90 days** from receiving the periodic report

What are the reporting requirements?

Article 21 - Datasheet point 4.2

Reporting Periods : Action duration is divided into one or more reporting periods, which will serve as basis for reporting requirements

Language of the report : **Language of the Agreement** (i.e. English)

Continuous Reporting :

- Report on the progress of the action (e.g. **deliverables, milestones**, etc if any), in the Portal Continuous Reporting tool. Standardised deliverables (e.g. progress reports not linked to payments) must be submitted using the templates published on the Portal.

Periodic Reports (including for the last reporting period):

- To be submitted **60 days after the end of the reporting period**;
- Include a technical and financial part (financial statements, use of resources, CFS if required).

Member States information (Annex 5): providing the reports to the Member States that support the action

Amendment - Article 39 GA

- The party requesting an amendment **must submit a request for amendment** signed directly in the Portal Amendment tool and must include reasons why and the appropriate supporting documents
- Such request should **not** have the purpose or the effect of **making changes which would call into question the award of the grant** or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants
- Amendment must be signed **within 45 days** of receiving the request or additional information requested - Disagreement must be formally notify within the same deadline
- An amendment **enters into force** on the day of the signature of the receiving party. An amendment **takes effect** on the date of entry into force or other date specified in the amendment.
- The GA may **only be modified while it is in force** and so **before the payment of the balance**. If a modification is requested for exceptional reasons (e.g. change of bank account, etc.) after the completion date of the action and before the payment of the balance, such request must be duly justified by the beneficiary

Communication, dissemination and visibility

Article 17 - Annex 5

The beneficiaries must engage in the **communication and dissemination activities** such as:

- Present the project (including project summary, coordinator contact details, list of participants, European flag and funding statement and project results) on the beneficiaries' websites or social media accounts
- Upload the public project results to the CEF Project Results platform, available through the Funding & Tenders Portal.

Visibility : the beneficiaries must acknowledge EU support and display the European flag (emblem) and funding statement (translated into local languages, where appropriate)

Suspension (Article 31), Termination (Article 32), Reduction of the grant amount (Article 28)

- Beneficiaries **may suspend the action** in exceptional circumstances that make implementation impossible or excessively difficult. (e.g. force majeure) or **terminate the action** in duly justified cases - **new procedure: via a request for amendment** (see Article 39)
- The Agency **may suspend, terminate the grant agreement** or **reduce the grant amount** for instance for:
 - Substantial errors, irregularities or fraud
 - Serious breach of obligations under the grant agreement or during its award ((including improper implementation of the action, non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information)
 - **Additional grounds: due to major delays, the objectives of the action risk to no longer be achieved**

Thank you

Disclaimer

This presentation is for information only and does not provide an exhaustive list of contractual obligations of beneficiaries nor of the mechanisms in place for monitoring the co-financed actions. It has no legal value and shall not bind on either the CINEA or the Commission under any circumstances. The terms and conditions of signed grant agreements shall prevail on any different information.



How to submit a proposal in eGrants

Info Day – CEF Energy call for PCIs and PMIs

14 May 2024

Gloria BARILARI
Evaluation Manager, CEF Energy, CINEA

How to submit a proposal in e-Grants



Submission of a proposal (step by step)



Topic specific and FAQs



Applicant's checklist

Before creating a proposal

1) Applicants must have an EU login account (former ECAS)

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/eim/external/register.cgi>

2) All applicant entities must have a PIC (Participant Identification Code)

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register>

Existing PICs should be up-to-date – LEAR included

EU Funding & Tenders Portal – call CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI

The screenshot shows the homepage of the EU Funding & Tenders Portal. The 'Funding' menu is open, showing options like 'Calls for proposals', 'Participant register', 'Partner search', 'EU programmes', 'Funding updates', and 'Horizon4Ukraine'. The main content area displays a list of calls for proposals, with the first one being 'Electricity, Gas, Smart Grids, Hydrogen and CO₂ networks - Studies' under the 'Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)' programme.

This screenshot shows the search results for 'Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)'. The page lists several funding programmes, including 'Asylum, Migration and Border Management Instrument (AMIF2027)', 'Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI)', 'Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme (CERV)', and 'Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)'. The 'Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)' programme is highlighted, showing its description and budget information.

This screenshot shows the call page for 'Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)'. The page title is 'Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)'. The main text states: 'Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) is the funding instrument for strategic investments in transport, energy and digital infrastructure to promote growth, jobs and competitiveness in the EU and contribute to deliver the European Green Deal.' Below this, there is a search bar with 'PCI' entered and a 'View (207)' button.

Direct link to the call page:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/calls-for-proposals?callIdentifier=CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502&frameworkProgramme=43251567&order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate>

Call CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI - Topic pages

Electricity, Gas, Smart Grids, Hydrogen and CO₂ networks - Studies
CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI-STUDIES

Topic Call for proposal

Internal navigation

- General information
- Topic description
- Conditions and documents
- Partner search announcements
- Start submission
- Topic Q&As
- Get support
- Call updates

General information

Programme
Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

Budget overview

Call
CEF 2 Energy - Projects of Common and Mutual Interest 2024 (CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI)

Type of action
CEF-PJG CEF Project Grants

Type of MGA
CEF Action Grant Budget-Based [CEF-AG]

Open For Submission

Deadline model
single-stage

Opening date
30 April 2024

Deadline date
22 October 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time

Topic description

- Home
- Funding
- Procurement
- Projects & results
- News & events
- Work as an expert
- Guidance & documents

Home > Funding > Calls for proposals > Electricity, Gas, Smart Grids, Hydrogen and CO₂ networks - Works

Electricity, Gas, Smart Grids, Hydrogen and CO₂ networks - Works
CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI-WORKS

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Call
CEF 2 Energy - Projects of Common and Mutual Interest 2024 (CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI)

Type of action
CEF-INFRA CEF Infrastructure Projects

Type of MGA
CEF Action Grant Budget-Based [CEF-AG]

Open For Submission

Deadline model
single-stage

Opening date
30 April 2024

Deadline date
22 October 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time

Topic description

Direct links to topics:
- Studies: [EU Funding & Tenders Portal | EU Funding & Tenders Portal \(europa.eu\)](#);
- Works: [EU Funding & Tenders Portal | EU Funding & Tenders Portal \(europa.eu\)](#)



How to apply – submission service

Electricity, Gas, Smart Grids, Hydrogen and CO₂ networks - Works
CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI-WORKS

Topic Call for proposal

Internal navigation

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Start submission

[Need help?](#)

To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the **type of action** and the **type of model grant agreement** that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

Please select the type of your submission:

CEF Infrastructure Projects [CEF-INFRA], CEF Action Grant Budget-Based [CEF-AG]

[Start submission](#)

Please confirm your choice



You selected this topic: **Electricity, Gas, Smart Grids, Hydrogen and CO₂ networks - Works - CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI-WORKS**

You selected this type of action and model grant agreement: **CEF Infrastructure Projects [CEF-INFRA], CEF Action Grant Budget-Based [CEF-AG]**

Related Call: **CEF 2 Energy - Projects of Common and Mutual Interest 2024**

Your selection cannot be changed subsequently in the submission system.

[Cancel](#)

[OK](#)

How to apply - Creating a proposal

The screenshot shows the 'Create proposal' page in the European Commission Funding Submission Service. At the top, the European Commission logo and 'Funding: Submission Service' are visible. A progress bar indicates the current step is 'Create proposal', with previous steps 'Login' and 'Topic selection' completed, and subsequent steps 'Participants', 'Proposal forms', and 'Submit' pending. The main content area includes a 'Deadline' section (22 October 2024 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time, 172 days left), a warning about submitting 48 hours before the deadline, and a 'Find your organisation' section with input fields for PIC and Short name, and a search button. Below the search fields, there are two placeholder boxes for previously associated organisations. A 'Download Part B templates' section is also visible at the bottom left.

Forgotten PIC → Search by name
NO PIC → Participant Register

Creating a proposal - Participants

Progress bar: Login (✓) - Topic selection (✓) - Create proposal (✎) - Participants (○) - Proposal forms (○) - Submit (○)

Support & Helpdesk

- Online Manual
- IT How To
- IT Helpdesk
- FAQ

Service Desk:

- EC-FUNDING-TENDER-SERVICE-DESK@ec.europa.eu
- +32 2 29 92222

Your role

Please indicate your role in this proposal *

- Main contact
- Contact person

Your proposal

It will appear also in the "General Information" section of the Application Form Part A and can also be updated there.

Acronym * 20

Short Summary * 2000

SAVE AND GO TO NEXT STEP

State the role in the proposal

Fill in the acronym and short summary

Creating a proposal – add partners

The screenshot displays the 'Participants' step in the proposal creation process. At the top, a progress bar shows 'Login', 'Topic selection', and 'Create proposal' as completed steps, with 'Participants' currently active. The main content area includes a 'Deadline' section (05 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time, 118 days left), 'Call data' (Call: CEF-E-2023-PCI, Topic: CEF-E-2023-PCI-WORKS), and 'Proposal data' (Acronym: NL-PCI-2023, Draft ID: SEP-210953239). A central 'Coordinator' section for Baird Consulting SCS is visible, with a 'Contacts' list containing the main contact Gloria BARILARI. At the bottom of the coordinator section, two buttons are circled in red: 'Add Partner +' and 'Add Associated partner +'. Below these are 'SAVE', 'SAVE AND GO TO NEXT STEP', and 'NEXT' buttons. A support & helpdesk section is located at the bottom left.

Add more contacts
Add partners
Partners also need
PIC

Creating a proposal – application forms

The screenshot displays a web interface for creating a proposal. At the top, there is a grey header with the text "Download Part B templates". Below this header is a blue download icon and the text "Download part B templates".

Below this is another grey header labeled "Administrative forms (Part A)". Underneath are four buttons: "Edit forms" (blue with a pencil icon), "Edit GIS data", "View history", and "Print preview" (with a small information icon).

The main section is titled "Part B and Annexes". It contains a sub-header: "In this section you may upload the technical annex of the proposal (in PDF format only) and any other requested attachments." Below this are six rows, each with a label, a text input field, and an "Upload" button with a cloud icon:

- Part B *
- Detailed budget table per WP *
- Annual activity reports
- Timetable/Gantt chart *
- Letters of support (MS Agreement) *
- Other annexes

At the bottom of the form are three buttons: "BACK TO PARTICIPANTS LIST" (with a left arrow), "VALIDATE", and "SUBMIT" (in yellow).

The diagram illustrates the structure of the proposal form. It features a grey header "Administrative forms (Part A)" with buttons for "Edit forms", "Edit GIS data", "View history", and "Print preview".

Two large teal boxes with white text provide details:

- Part A**: Administrative form to be filled in online
- Part B and annexes**: Part B: Technical part to be downloaded from the system, filled in offline, uploaded as a PDF; Annexes

Part A – Administrative form

< Exit form Table of contents General Information >

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Application forms

Call: CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI
(CEF 2 Energy - Projects of Common and Mutual Interest 2024)

Topic: CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI-WORKS

Type of Action: CEF-INFRA
(CEF Infrastructure Projects)

Proposal number: SEP-211052248

Proposal acronym: HHH

Type of Model Grant Agreement: CEF Action Grant Budget-Based

Table of contents

| Section | Title | Action |
|---------|---------------------|--------|
| 1 | General information | Show |
| 2 | Participants | Show |
| 3 | Budget | Show |
| 4 | Other questions | Show |

[How to fill in the forms](#)
The administrative forms must be filled in for each proposal using the templates available in the submission system. Some data fields in the administrative forms are pre-filled based on the steps in the submission wizard.

[Read more](#)

Part A includes:

1. General information
 - Proposal acronym and title, duration, PCI / PMI (energy sector, priority corridor) and abstract
 - Declarations
2. Participants – Fill in organisational and contact information for each participating organisation
3. Budget (summarised, per partner)
4. Other questions

SAVE + VALIDATE

To be filled in online

Creating a proposal – Part A – Structured proposal reference

< Budget Other questions Validation result >

Table of contents Validate form **Save form** Save & exit form

Application forms

Proposal ID SEP-211052248
Acronym HHH

5 - Other questions

| | | |
|--|----|--------------------------|
| Is the proposal complementary (twinned) to another proposal submitted under the call? | | ? |
| Is the proposal complementary to another proposal? | NO | ▼ |
| Synergies between CEF sectors and with EU's research programmes projects? | | ? |
| Synergies between CEF sectors: transport, energy and digital | NO | ▼ |
| Synergies between CEF project and EU's research programmes, notably by Horizon 2020 or Horizon Europe programme? | NO | ▼ |
| In which Member State(s) and/or associated countries will the project be implemented? | | |
| Belgium | ▼ | Add Remove |

Application forms

Proposal ID SEP-211052248

Acronym HHH

1 - General information

?

Field(s) marked * are mandatory to fill

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------|------------|
| Topic | CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI-WORKS | Type of Action | CEF-INFRA |
| Call | CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI | Type of MGA | CEF-AG |
| Structured Proposal Reference | 13.13-BE-W-M-24-HHH | | |
| Acronym * | HHH | | |
| Proposal title * | Max 200 characters (with spaces). Must be understandable for non-specialists in your field. <small>Note that for technical reasons, the following characters are not accepted in the Proposal Title and will be removed: < > * &</small> | | |
| Duration in months | <i>Estimated duration of the project in full months.</i> | | |
| PCI | 13.13-Northern Lights European CO2 Transport EcoSystem (N-LiTES) | ▼ | Add |
| Energy Sector | Carbon dioxide | | |
| Priority Corridor | Cross-border carbone dioxide network | | |

SAVE FORM RIGHT AFTER SELECTING THE COUNTRY/IES FOR THE COUNTRY CODE/S TO BE DISPLAYED IN THE STRUCTURED PROPOSAL REFERENCE

Part B – technical description

Call: —

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TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (PART B)

COVER PAGE

Part B of the Application Form must be downloaded from the Portal Submission System, completed and then assembled and re-uploaded as PDF in the system. Page 1 with the grey IMPORTANT NOTICE box should be deleted before uploading.

Note:

Please read carefully the conditions set out in the Call document (for open calls published on the Portal). Pay particular attention to the award criteria; they explain how the application will be evaluated.

The term 'project' used in this application form and other documents is synonymous to the term 'action' used in the CEF Regulation [2021/1132](#).

| PROJECT | |
|----------------------|---|
| Project name: | <input type="text" value="project title"/> |
| Project acronym: | <input type="text" value="acronym"/> |
| Coordinator contact: | <input type="text" value="name NAME, organisation name"/> |
| Starting date: | <input type="text" value="date"/> |
| Duration: | <input type="text" value="number of months"/> |

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Part B is the description of the action and the technical content of the proposal

Download the mandatory Word template from the submission system, fill it in and upload it as a PDF, together with the other annexes

Validation and submission

The screenshot shows a web interface for proposal submission. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Login', 'Topic selection', 'Create proposal', 'Participants', 'Proposal forms', and 'Submit'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Deadline:** Shows the deadline as 05 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time, with 124 days left until closure.
- Call data:** Includes call number (CEP-E-2023-PCI), topic (CEP-E-2023-PCI-WORKS), type of action (CEP-IPWS), and type of NSRF (CEP-AG).
- Proposed data:** Shows the acronym (4.8.4 WM-23-NL) and draft ID (SEP-210002101).
- Part B and Annexes:** A list of documents to be uploaded, including:
 - Part B-1
 - Detailed budget table per WP
 - Annual activity reports
 - List of previous projects
 - Timeline/Gantt chart
 - Letters of support (if applicable)
 - PCI CSA report
 - TCR-C compliance form
 - Environmental compliance file
 - Business plan
 - Business plan financial spreadsheet
 - Project-specific cross-border cost allocation
 - PCI annual report
 - Other annexes

At the bottom, there are buttons for 'BACK TO PARTICIPANTS LIST', 'VALIDATE', and 'SUBMIT'.

Application forms

Validation result

Show Error

The red 'Show Error' button indicates an error due to a missing or incorrect value related to the call eligibility criteria. The submission of the proposal **will be blocked** unless that specific field is corrected!

Show Warning

The yellow 'Show Warning' button indicates a warning due to a missing or incorrect value related to the call eligibility criteria. The submission of the proposal **will not be blocked** (proposal will be submitted with the missing or incorrect value).

Section

Description

General Information

Title - missing entry

Show Error

Declaration

Declaration 1 acceptance is mandatory

Show Error

Aero LTD

This section has not been validated yet

Show Error

Budget

The total requested EU Contribution to eligible costs should not be zero.

Show Error

General Information

Duration - missing entry

Show Warning

General Information

PCI is not selected

Show Warning

Questions

- Over 100 topic specific Q&As on the portal, via topic pages
- Question not in Q&As, contact CEF team in CINEA:

CINEA-CEF-ENERGY-CALLS@ec.europa.eu

- For technical questions: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/faq> or [Helpdesk & Support Services | EU Funding & Tenders Portal \(europa.eu\)](#)

Q&As - content

Electricity, Gas, Smart
CEF-E-2024-PCI-PMI-WORKS

Topic Q&As

109 item(s) found

General FAQ



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Partner search announce...

Start submission

Topic Q&As

Under CEF-E-PCI-PMI, for cable loops installation costs consisting of purchasing the equipment (cables) and excavation costs, do the excavation services need to be claimed as subcontracting (usual practice under a framework contract)?

Works, including those related to excavation, are considered subcontracting when there is a contract with an external contractor (third party) to carry out the works. See also the Q...

Under Call CEF-E-PCI-PMI, there are three project promoters in the PCI/PMI. Do we need two of these promoters to formally delegate the responsibility of applying to the call to the third project promoter?

If several project promoters are involved in the implementation of the proposed action and will be incurring costs in connection with it, they should all be included as applicants in...

Under Call CEF-E-PCI-PMI, are the statistics on funding requests publicly available?

After the call closure, statistics on the number of proposals received and the total requested funding will be available in the call updates on the call page in the EU Funding and Te...

Under Call CEF-E-PCI-PMI, is there a minimum size in terms of CEF financial contribution and/or total budget for a proposal to be considered eligible for support?

No, there is no minimum size regarding the requested CEF financial contribution and/or total budget for proposals submitted under the CEF Energy Programme.

Under Call CEF-E-PCI-PMI, is it possible for promoters to submit 2 applications for the same PCI/PMI, 1 for works and 1 for studies (given that it is not possible to combine both studies and works in 1 proposal), or alternatively 2 studies applications?

Yes. In principle, there are no restrictions to the number of applications to be submitted for the same PCI/PMI, therefore it is possible to submit two applications – whether for wor...

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

For questions related to specific calls or topics, please refer to the Topic Q&A section on the topic pages (search for...)

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Programme

Active

All filters

667 item(s) found

Under call I3-2023-Cap2b can cluster organisations without legal entity...

Active

According to section 6 of the call document, organisations wishing to be par... entities (public o...

Under call I3-2023-Cap2b could you recommend a platform/forum where I can find partners for an I3 In...

Active

Please check the website of the S3 Community of Practice. You can also use the Partner search function of the EU Funding &...

When participating in the project either as a beneficiary requesting zero funding or as an associated par...

Active

Guidance & manuals

Reference documents

How to participate

FAQ

Helpdesk & support

Videos

Grant

Grant

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Popular FAQs

How to change the EU Login account details?

What is a LEAR (Legal Entity Appointed Representative) and what are LEAR's rights and tasks?

How to assign PLSIGN?

How do I fill in my bank account as an expert?

How can I acquire roles and access rights for proposals, projects or organisations?

How to update my organisation data?

Where can I find more user guidance related to proposal submission?

Applicant's checklist (1/2)

- Proposals must be submitted well before the call deadline:

22 October 2024, 17:00 CET

- Proposals must be submitted **electronically via the Funding & Tenders Portal** - Electronic Submission system

Paper or e-mail submissions are NOT possible

- **All beneficiaries must be registered in the Participant Register** before submitting the application
- They should make sure that their PIC are up to date and LEAR contact details still valid

Applicant's checklist (2/2)

- Make sure that you use the **application forms and templates provided in the Submission System**

The use of those forms is **mandatory**

- **Before submitting the application**, make sure to complete:
 - Part A: (Choose PCI/PMI and save after choosing country in “other questions” – otherwise structured proposal reference not correct)
 - Part B: application form and annexes (to upload)

Thank you



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