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LIFE CET Info Day, 1 June 2023



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Agenda

11:15 – 11:20

Welcome & introduction

11:20 – 11:35

Policy background

Ms Elena DONNARI, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Energy

11:35 - 11:50

Technical support to clean energy transition plans and strategies in municipalities and regions - LIFE-2023-CET-LOCAL

M Dimitris SOFIANOPOULOS, Project Advisor, CINEA

Ms Cristina MESTRE MARTINEZ, Project Advisor, CINEA

11:50 - 12:05

Alleviating household energy poverty and vulnerability in Europe - LIFE-2023-CET-ENERPOV

Ms Nina KLEMOLA, Project Advisor, CINEA

12:05 – 12:20

Lessons learnt from an experienced coordinator

Ms Marika ROSA, Ekodoma

12:20 – 12:30

Q&A



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Context and aim

- **Cities and regions are decisive** to achieve EU 2030 and longer term targets and achieve carbon neutrality
- Need for commitment for **ambitious and rapid** clean energy transition
- Role in contributing to the **phase-out EU dependence on fossil fuels imports**

Main aim: provide local and regional authorities with capacity to plan and implement the clean energy transition

Challenges

- **Lack of capacity** within local and regional authorities to develop and implement energy and climate plans/strategies.
- Alignment of existing plans with **new**, more ambitious **targets** of carbon neutrality, ensuring **coherence** with other strategies
- Lack of **holistic planning** and sectoral **integration**, supported by organisational structures.
- Secure **resources** and stronger **political commitment** to deliver the plans, underpinned by involvement of public and private stakeholders, including **citizens and communities**.



Scope – actions should support:

Capacity building activities for the development of clean energy transition plans and strategies



Creation/reinforcement of organisational structures for the implementation and monitoring of integrated CET plans and strategies



It is equally relevant to address either one or both of the scope areas



Capacity building activities for the development of clean energy transition plans and strategies

- **Delivery of ambitious** clean energy transition plans/strategies for 2030 – paving the way for 2050
- Coherent with EU and national **frameworks**
- Development and reinforcement of **technical, legal and social skills** among local and regional authorities.
- Right **mix of activities**, e.g. training programmes for policy-makers/public officers, replication and roll-out of best practices etc.



Creation/reinforcement of organisational structures for the implementation and monitoring of integrated CET plans and strategies

- Facilitate the creation of multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral teams within the LRAs, and/or strengthening the capacity and mandate of associated technical entities such as local and regional energy agencies
- Focus on integrated planning processes which could include clear political commitment, identification of appropriate resources and financing opportunities, accurate and timely access to relevant data, effective dialogue among different governance levels as well as active engagement of public and private stakeholders, including citizens and/or communities.



Past H2020 and LIFE-CET projects



Upcoming LIFE-CET projects

- Support European regions and cities to **develop and implement CET plans**, improve **capacity and skills of both political and technical staff**, foster **collaboration at horizontal and vertical level** and engage relevant stakeholders within and beyond the targeted regions. Integration of energy and climate planning with spatial planning
- Develop the skills and capacity of cities and local actors to enable the achievement EU goals in **regions in transition in Central and Eastern Europe** by focusing on **research activities, capacity building, awareness raising, public consultations and networking**. Provide support to public local actors to include the energy efficiency first principle in energy plans.
- Accelerate the implementation of energy and climate plans in small and medium-sized cities, through dedicated support and training focused on: structuring **financing strategies**; setting up **governance structures**; and managing **cross-sectoral integration**, all based on the establishment of communities of practice.
- Transfer of **clean energy transition best practices in rural areas** for delivering local and regional plans with a strong focus on **capacity building** and training of officials.



Impacts + Indicators

Proposals should demonstrate how project results will contribute to expected impacts.

They should

Topic-specific

Activity-specific

Common indicators

1. quantify impacts using the provided **topic-specific indicators** - where relevant.
Not expected to address all listed impacts/ indicators
 2. propose additional indicators which are specific to the proposed activities
(activity-specific)
 3. address impacts related to **common indicators** for the LIFE-CET subprogramme.
- Impacts should be quantified for project duration + for 5 years after project end.
 - Proposals should present the starting point and underlying assumptions + establish clear links between activity and impacts.



Expected impacts

Number of policies / plans / strategies established

Number of policy-makers/public officers with improved capacity/skills

Number of institutionalised collaborations within and beyond public authorities

Number of public and private stakeholders engaged

Secured political commitment and resources

Number of organisational structures created/reinforced.



Some additional clarifications

- Do local and regional authorities need to be **beneficiaries** of the consortium?
 - no obligation to include local and regional authorities as beneficiaries; however, public authorities need to be strongly engaged in the proposed activities.
- Do applicants need to address all the expected **impacts** listed?
 - proposals should address only those impact indicators mentioned in the Call that are relevant considering the scope, objectives and expected outputs of the proposed action.
- Do applicants need to address all points under the '**Scope**' section?
 - It is equally relevant to address either one or both of the points.



European City Facility



- Support for **financing and implementation** of energy and climate strategies (e.g. SECAPs or similar) at municipal level
- Fast track application: small grants (60k lump sum) + technical support at EU and national level (to overcome language barriers)
- **Call 5 now open until 30 June** (5pm Brussels time) - 4.2m EUR funding available for 70 beneficiaries - EU27, Iceland and Ukraine
- **Application, guidelines and eligibility:** www.eucityfacility.eu

