

# The new small-scale call

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# 2022 small-scale projects call: key features



**Launch  
Deadline  
Results**

30 March 2023  
19 Sept. 2023  
Q4 2023



**€ 100 Million for grants**  
+  
Project Development Assistance



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## AWARD CRITERIA

**Degree of innovation**

**GHG emission avoidance\***

**Project maturity**

**Scalability**

**Cost efficiency\***

\*incl. quality of calculations

## GRANT DISTRIBUTION

**LUMP-SUM contribution**

**grant up to 60% of project CAPEX**

- up to 40% of grant at financial close
- remaining amount of at least 60% after financial close
- generally, at least 10% after Entry into operation.

# Call Information

## Check all relevant information to apply

- Funding and Tender Portal link
- *Application process tutorial*
- Financial sheet tutorial
- *GHG tutorial*
- GHG calculator and GHG examples
- *Self-questionnaire*
- Info Day recording and slides



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### Innovation Fund third small-scale call for projects

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#### Details

Status	OPEN
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Opening date	30 March 2023
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Deadline date	19 September 2023, 17:00 (CEST)
Funding programme	Innovation Fund (IF)
Department	European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency

#### Description

On 30 March 2023, the [European Commission launched the \*\*Innovation Fund third small-scale call for projects\*\*](#), with a total budget of EUR 100 million.

You can already find all information and documentation related to the call on the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#), including the call text and application forms.

[APPLY NOW](#)

Additionally, we invite you to join the [online Info Day](#) on 20 April, to learn more about new call, and get your questions answered using [sli.do](#).

[Register here](#)

Additionally to the Info Day, CINEA has produced a series of [tutorials](#) to help you throughout the application process:

- [Application Process](#)
- [GHG Methodology](#)
- [Financial Information File](#)

To complete the GHG Methodology tutorial and help you with your proposal, we have made examples of [GHG calculators](#) available in the [following link](#).

Do you need help determining if the Innovation Fund is the right fit for your project? Take our [self-check questionnaire](#).

Still have doubts? Check out the Frequently Asked Questions section on the Funding and Tenders Portal. Ultimately, if you still need further assistance, don't hesitate to contact the [Innovation Fund Helpdesk](#).

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# What will be funded?

- **Innovative technologies** and **flagship projects** within Europe and at National level that can bring on significant GHG emission reductions. It is about **sharing the risk** with project promoters to help with the **commercial-scale demonstration or first-of-a-kind** commercial projects.
- A wide range of innovative technologies in all eligible sectors and Member States, Norway and Iceland.
- **Sufficiently mature projects** in terms of planning, business model as well as financial and legal structure.
- **Cross-cutting projects** on innovative low-carbon solutions that lead to emission reductions in multiple sectors, for example, through industrial symbiosis.

# Award Criteria

## DEGREE OF INNOVATION

Innovation beyond state of the art (see Annex 1 of call text) at European and National level

\* **NEW**: consider the ongoing InnovFund projects

## GHG EMISSIONS AVOIDANCE

- **Absolute** emissions avoidance (*compared to sector depending on median avoidance*)
- **Relative** emissions avoidance
- **Quality and credibility** of the calculation and minimum requirements

## PROJECT MATURITY

- Technical maturity
- Financial maturity
- Operational maturity

## SCALABILITY

**NEW** : one criterion looking at

- Scalability in terms of efficiency gains
- Scalability in terms of further technology or solutions deployment
- Quality and extent of the knowledge sharing

## COST EFFICIENCY

- Cost efficiency ratio (i.e., the EU contribution requested per tCO<sub>2</sub> avoided)\*
- Quality and credibility of the cost calculation

- **Bonus 1**: The potential to deliver net carbon removals (1 point)
- **Bonus 2**: Other GHG savings (1 point)
- **Bonus 3**: Commitment to use electricity from additional renewable sources (1 point)

# CASCADE APPROACH – CONSEQUENCES ON THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS ANALYSED

1. Check **eligibility** and **admissibility**

*(if all requirements are not met, the evaluation is stopped)*

2. Assess **Degree of Innovation** criterion

*(if the score is below threshold, the evaluation is stopped)*

3. Assess **GHG Emissions Avoidance** and **Project Maturity** criteria

*(If the score is less than 50% of total points under the PM or the score is below the minimum threshold under the GHG emission avoidance potential criterion, the evaluation is stopped)*

4. Assess **Scalability** and **Cost efficiency** criteria

# Selection Procedure

