

# 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



Call page

#### **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**



https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/funding-opportunities/calls-proposals/innovation-fund-third-small-scale-call-projects\_en





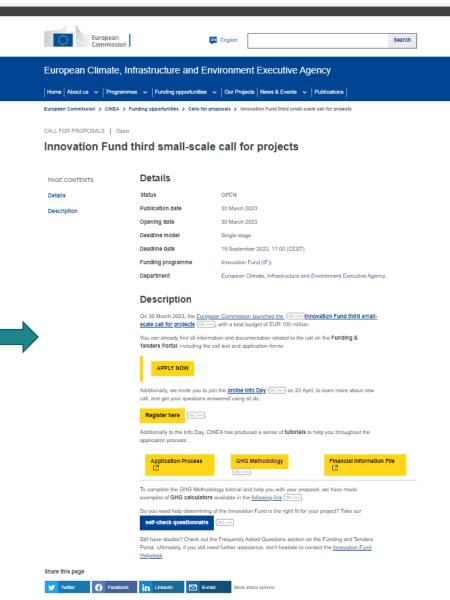






#### **Check all relevant** information to apply

- 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



## What will be funded?

- <u>Innovative technologies</u> and <u>flagship projects</u> 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.
- <u>Sufficiently mature projects</u> 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)

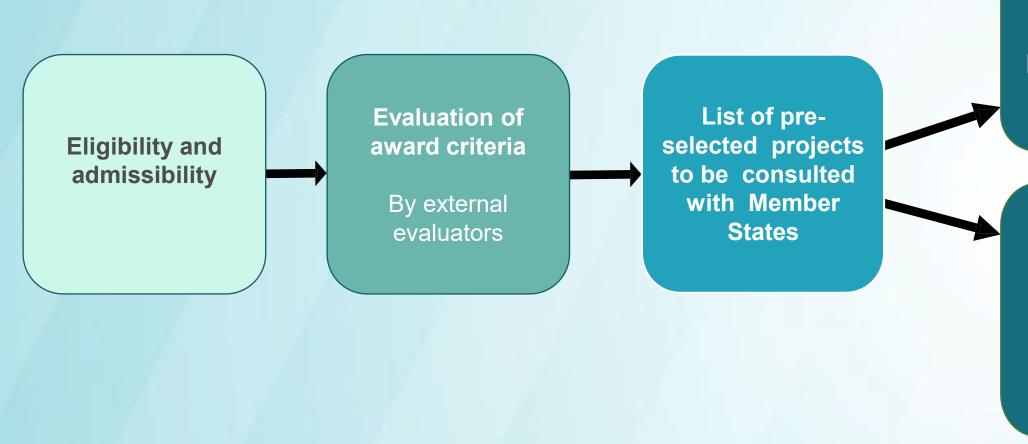
3. Assess **GHG Emissions Avoidance** and **Project Maturity** criteria

(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



Award of project grants

Following of assessment by the EIB, award of Project Development Assistance

