



CEF Energy – Priorities for the call for preparatory studies

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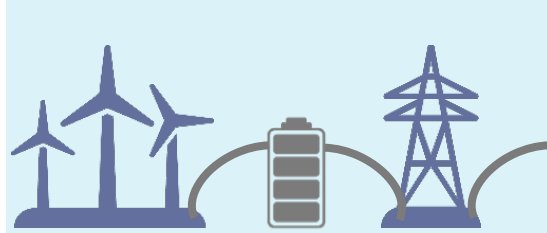
Legal basis

- Financial Regulation (FR) - No 2018/1046
- Renewable Energy Directive – (EU) 2018/2001
- Connecting Europe Facility Regulation - No 2021/1153
- Delegated regulation – No 2021/342

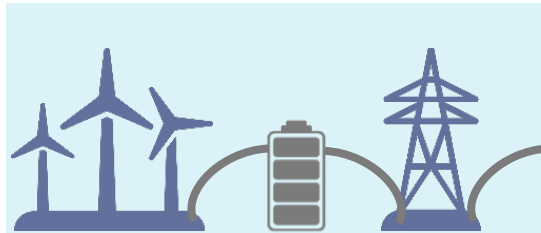
What are CB RES projects?

- Project supporting **cost-effective deployment of RES** deployment
- **Underpinned by a cooperation mechanism** as per RED II directive
- Which have a **positive Cost-Benefit Analysis**

The three CB RES projects acquired the status in the first call



ELWIND: Hybrid
Offshore project in the
Baltic



Goerlitz-Zgorzelec:
Cross-border zero
carbon district heating



CICERONE:
Cross-border
European Green
hydrogen value chain

How does CEF support CB RES projects?

Application Stages



Article 7(3)
Study



CB RES
Status



Grants for
technical
studies

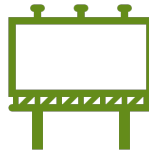


Grants
for
works

Benefit for applicants



Grants for preparatory studies (Art 7 (3) CEF)
to prepare the cooperation *Status not needed*



Visibility of the cooperation project
Eligibility to apply next stages



Grants for technical studies.
Investigating the project set-up *Status needed*



Grants for works *Status needed*

Level of detail required for application



What can be done in the open call for preparatory studies?

- Article 7(3) of CEF Regulation:
Studies that aim to develop and identify cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy
- **exploring the possible sites** (mainly through desktop studies) in the territory of Member States (or third countries) in order to determine the hosting and participating countries,
- **other exploratory tasks needed to assess the overall cost and benefits of the project.**
- **identifying and formalising the underpinning cooperation mechanism**
- **investigate the best form of support,**
- **explore aspects on national grid, market and other rules**

CEF support levels for CB RES projects

Type of support	Examples	Co-financing rates
Preparatory studies to help identify/set up cooperation (projects)	high level CBA, mapping of potential sites, assessment of regulatory/financing conditions, preparation of a bilateral agreement...	up to 50%
Grants for studies	Technical & feasibility studies to support concrete project development, EIA...	up to 50%
Grants for construction works	Upfront investment support only for projects with significant EU-added Value & commercial viability gap	up to 50%

CB RES Preparatory studies approved so far

- GORIO: Conceptual Engineering Study for Gulf of Riga Offshore Wind Farm.
- Energio SOBOS: investigate the heat potential and heat demand as well as the feasibility of a supra-regional supply of district heating in Bavaria and upper Austria.

CB RES Preparatory studies – policy priority

Consistency with the policy priorities of the European Commission:

- EU strategy on offshore renewable energy – *projects that contribute to the target for an installed capacity of at least 60 GW of offshore wind and 1 GW of ocean energy by 2030*
- EU solar energy strategy – *projects that contribute to the target for installing over 320 GW of solar photovoltaic by 2025, in particular through rooftop PV or utility-scale installations*
- Hydrogen accelerator under the REPowerEU Plan – *projects that contribute to the target for production of 10 million tonnes of domestic renewable hydrogen by 2030.*

Thank you

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