



Priorities of the CEF Energy Multi Annual Work programme and 2021 Call for proposals for Projects of Common Interest

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2021-2027 Multi-Annual Work Programme

Includes:

- Calls for Proposals
- Programme Support Actions (procurement or grants)

Provides information:

- on the forms of financial assistance (2021-2023)
- on the indicative timetable (2021-2023)
- on the total commitment appropriations (activities 2021-2023)

Addresses the award criteria against which the proposals will be evaluated

Legal basis

- Financial Regulation (FR) - No 2018/1046
- Connecting Europe Facility Regulation - No 2021/1153
- TEN-E Regulation - No 347/2013
- PCI list (Commission Delegated Regulation) - No 2020/389 – October 2019 (4th PCI list)

Budget

- For the period of 2021-2023 € 2.4 billion authorised, out of total amount of €5.83 billion (in current prices) for the period 2021-2027.
- 15% of total amount, subject to market uptake, to be allocated to cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy; If the 15% threshold is reached, the European Commission shall increase this amount up to 20%, subject to market uptake.
- In the absence of sufficient market uptake of cross-border renewables projects, the unused budget envisaged for cross-border renewables projects shall be used to finance PCIs.
- In case there would still remain unused budget, as of 2024, this may be used to co-fund the Union renewable energy financing mechanism (Implementing Regulation 2020/1294)

Objectives

- Enable projects of common interest to be prepared and implemented within the framework of the trans-European networks (TEN) policy in the energy sector as well as cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy.
- Financing actions contributing to achieving the goals and objectives of the Paris Agreement as well as the 2030 climate and energy targets and long-term decarbonisation objective. Contribution to sector integration, inter alia through synergy measures.
- The European Green Deal has further emphasized the key enabling role of energy infrastructure, financial assistance provided under this multiannual work programme should therefore maximise its added value towards decarbonisation.
- CEF 2021-2027 will target a contribution of 60% of its overall financial envelope to co-financing Actions supporting climate objectives.

Expected results

It is expected that the financial assistance contributes to further the development and the implementation of projects of common 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.

Actions

- In the energy sector, **only the following actions** shall be eligible to receive Union financial support under this Regulation:

A. Projects of Common Interest (PCI)

B. Cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy*

C. Programme Support Actions

* *with the exception of “studies aiming at the development and identification of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy” (Art 7 (3)) = pre-status)*

Projects of Common Interest (PCI)

- Studies contributing to the preparation of the implementation of a PCI
- Works contributing to the implementation of a PCI
 - Call for proposals open to all eligible projects (studies and works)

Indicative timetable and amounts

Projects of Common Interest (PCI)

<i>Forms of assistance</i>	2021	2022	2023
Actions related to projects of common interest to be prepared and implemented within the framework of the trans-European networks (TEN) policy			
Studies and works	At least 1 call for proposals	1 call for proposals	1 call for proposals
	Q2	Q1/2	Q1/2
	EUR 785 000 000	EUR 696 000 000	EUR 696 000 000

Priorities in 2021

- 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.

Co-financing rate for grants

- 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;
- Up to 75 % of the total eligible costs for actions contributing to development of PCIs in electricity and gas sectors (in exceptional cases).

Climate proofing

Applications for grants for works subject to an environmental impact assessment 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 (C(2021) 5430 final).

Such information may be provided in the form of a summary of the main findings and conclusions, notably as regards mitigation and adaptation measures. 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 environmental impact assessment was completed before 31 December 2021 are not subject to this requirement.

Thank you

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