

## The new small-scale call

Award criteria Part I - Degree of innovation

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Degree of Innovation (DoI): Be exhaustive and underpin your

**Production Characteristics** 

Tech/system Readiness Level

claims with evidence

1- Establish the relevant State-ofthe-Art in a clear and comprehensive manner

Describe

Commercial State-of-the-Art (of best-available technology)

**Technological State-of-the-Art** (for innovative

Performance data

tech proposed)

Cost

Performance data

- Costs
- **Product characteristics**

2- Explain in detail why and how the innovation goes beyond incremental innovation

Identify

Barriers for scaling up of innovative technologies

Barriers for combining innovative technologies Compare

- Compare the proposed innovation with both the commercial and the technological State-of-the-Art at EU and National level
- Check thoroughly Annex 1
- Provide all relevant information, be transparent and realistic

3- Provide key performance data Evidenced in the feasibility study and other documentation

Provide evidence **Key performance data** of the project's (combination of) Innovative Technology(ies)

- Costs, product characteristics
- TRL/System Readiness Level
- Energy efficiency, circularity

Evidence

- Feasibility study
- Other supporting documents



## Degree of Innovation

The Innovation Fund aims to support projects that go beyond incremental innovation (Annex 1 of call document)

Incremental innovation, the degree of innovation is very low since only minor changes or improvements are made to existing products, processes or business models, projects which will deliver only incremental innovation will not be retained.

Intermediate or strong degree of innovation is present in new or considerably changed technologies or processes or business models for the production or delivery of existing or new products or services

Very strong or breakthrough
degree of innovation is present in
completely new technologies or
processes or business models or
completely new products or
services, which substitute existing
products or business models





## How to make your proposal successful

- Clearly describe the innovation in the individual elements of the proposed solution and, if relevant, of their combination and their respective degrees of innovation
- Clearly describe the state of the art as a benchmark against which the assessment of the innovation(s) is made (include geographical reference point) - at EU and/or National level
- Evaluators need to be convinced by the application, so substantiate well the performance advancements compared to state-of-the-art solution, provide credible performance data. Consideration of innovation needs to take into account at least plant design; operating approach; construction; performance; reliability & availability; maintenance and economics.