



CEF 2 Energy CB RES projects – studies and works call

Evaluation process and award criteria

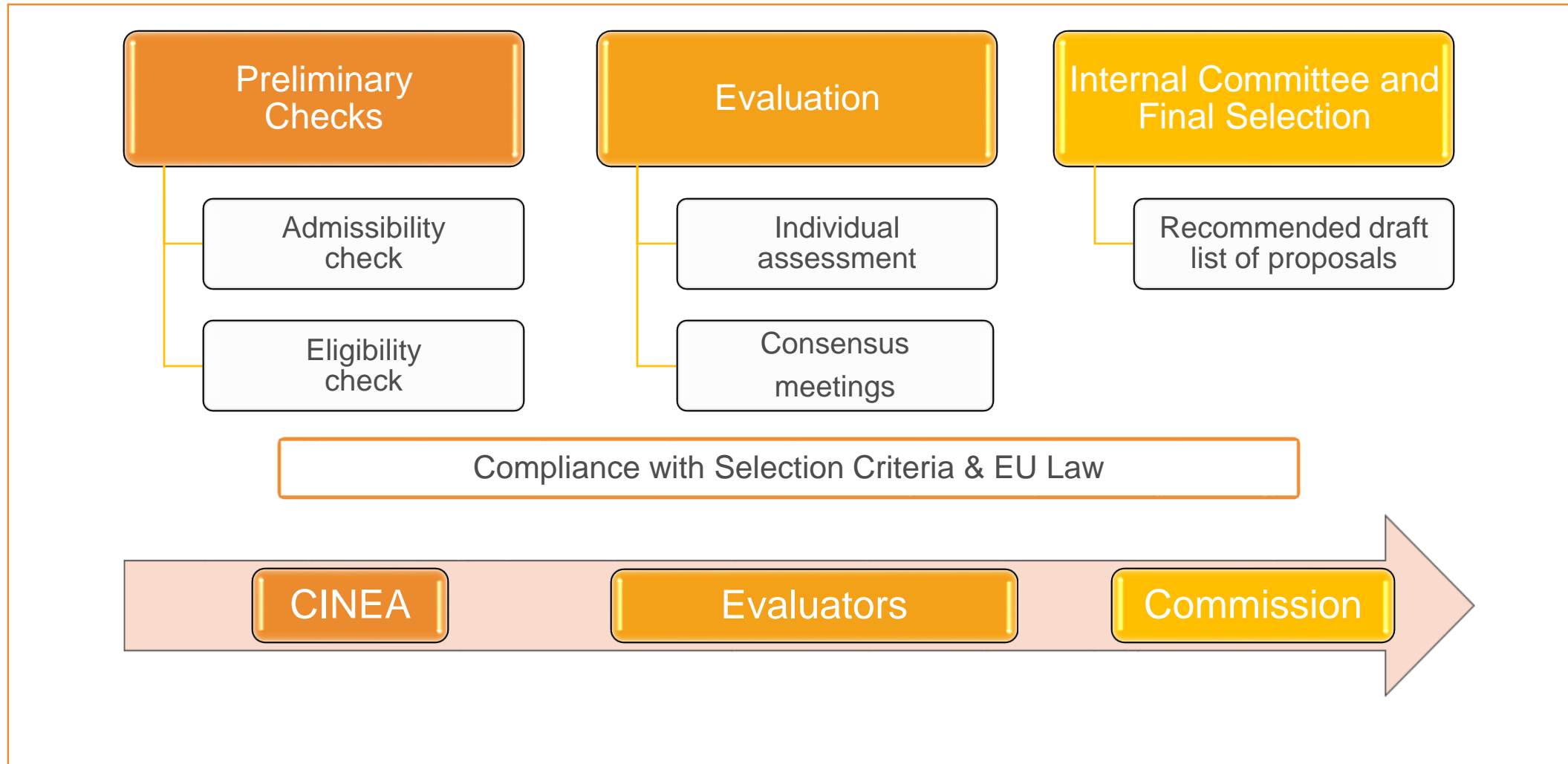
*CINEA B4 - CEF Energy and Renewable Energy
Financing Mechanism*

Tentative timeline

Steps	Dates
Call publication	08/11/2022
Info-Day	17/11/2022
Indicative budget	30 Million EUR
Deadline	23/02/2023 17:00.00 (Brussels time)
Evaluation of proposals	February 2023 – March 2023
Consultation of CEF Coordination Committee	March-April 2023
Launch of Grant Preparation (information to applicants)	April-June 2023
Time To Grant	November 2023

Evaluation process

Principles for the evaluation and selection process



Final Selection Process

Preparation of Selection Decision

EC Inter-Service Consultation

Consultation of CEF Coordination Committee
Information of the European Parliament

Adoption of Commission Selection Decision

Information to Applicants
Launch of Grant Agreement Preparation

Admissibility and Eligibility

Admissibility

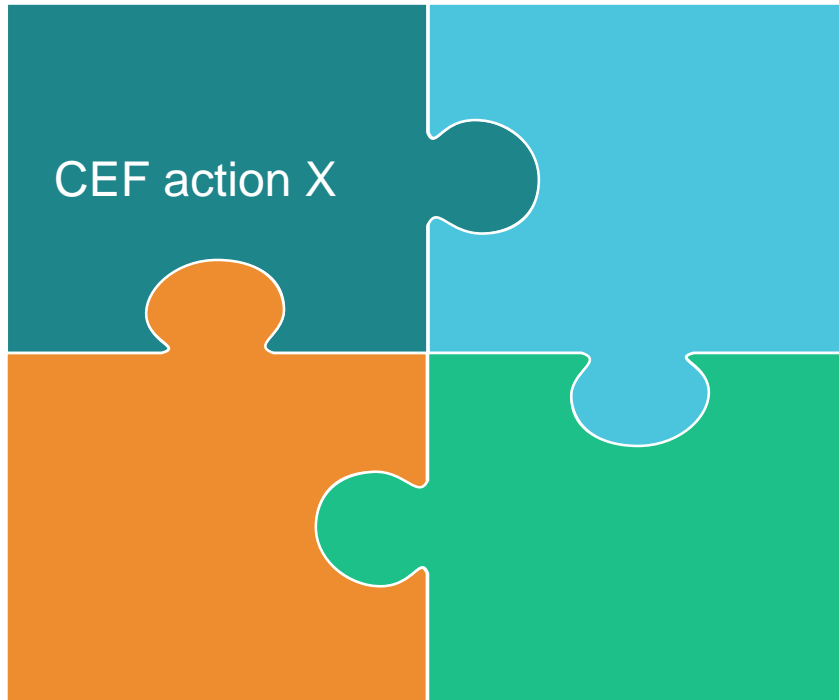
- Proposals must be submitted before the call deadline 23 February 2023 17.00 CET
- Proposals must be submitted electronically via the [Call page of the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System](#). Paper submissions are NOT admissible.
- Proposals must be complete and contain all the requested information and all required annexes and supporting documents.
- Your application must be readable, accessible and printable.
- Proposals are limited to maximum 120 pages (Part B). Evaluators will not consider any additional pages.

Eligibility

- Proposed project contributes to CB RES projects as identified in the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/342
 - **Studies:** activities needed to prepare CB RES project implementation, such as preparatory, mapping, feasibility, evaluation, testing and validation studies, including in the form of software, and any other technical support measure, including prior action to define and develop a CB RES project and decide on its financing, such as reconnaissance of the sites concerned and preparation of the financial package.
 - **Works:** purchase, supply and deployment of components, systems and services including software, the development, construction and installation activities relating to a CB RES project, the acceptance of installations and the launching of a project

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CB RES project VS CEF proposed actions



- The wider picture stays the CB RES project included for the CB RES list
- Ensure coherence of the proposed action with the CB RES project
- Make it explicit when and how the proposed action contributes to the CB RES project

What could be the scope of an action?

- On RES generation aspects
- On non RES components provided that they comply with art.3 of the DA
- On both the RES generation and non RES components, including integration aspects (as above)

Studies: what could be the scope? Examples

- Feasibility studies aimed at collecting the necessary data needed to choose the best RES technologies according to the project's needs
- Technical studies requested to obtain the construction permits for RES and non RES components
- Environmental impact assessments, either for the overall CB RES project or a part of it
- On site studies (e.g. Seabed studies)
- Front End Engineering and Design (FEED) studies

Works: what could be the scope? Examples

- Construction, assembling and installation of RES components
- Transmission facilities necessary to connect the RES components
- Storage and conversion facilities necessary for the RES components

Eligibility - participants

- Eligible applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:
 - be **legal entities** (public or private bodies)
 - be established in one of the **eligible countries**, i.e.:
 - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))
 - non-EU countries: listed EEA countries and countries associated to the CEF Programme or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature (list of participating countries): *as of today, no countries other than EU Member States*

Operational capacity

- Applicants must have the know-how, qualifications and resources to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share (including sufficient experience in projects of comparable size and nature).
- Applicants will have to show their capacity through:
 - Implementation plan (Application Form B – Section 3.1.)
 - applicants' activity reports of last year
- Public bodies, Member State organisations, transmission system operators and international organisations are exempted from the operational capacity check.

Financial capacity check

- Applicants must have stable and sufficient resources to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share. Organisations participating in several projects must have sufficient capacity to implement all these projects.
- A financial capacity check will be carried out for beneficiaries in selected or reserve-list proposals on the basis of the documents you will be requested to upload in the Participant Register during grant preparation
- The check will normally be done for all beneficiaries, except:
 - public bodies (entities established as public body under national law, including local, regional or national authorities) or international organisations or TSOs
 - if the individual requested grant amount is not more than EUR 60 000.

Award criteria

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Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Priority and urgency	3	5
Maturity	3	5
Quality	3	5
Impact	3	5
Catalytic effect	3	5
Overall (pass) scores	15	25

Priority and urgency of the Action

- Demonstrate how the envisaged CB RES project will contribute to **sectoral policy objectives** and explain how it is aligned with the **EU 2030 climate and energy targets, in particular RES**
- Explain to what extent **EU level action** will help to reach policy objectives more effectively and faster compared to exclusively national level action
- **Synergetic elements**, if applicable, need to **significantly improve** the socioeconomic, climate or environmental benefits of envisaged cross-border RES project
- **For Works**: Priority will be given to proposals with proportionally high RES generation component

Maturity

- **Steps** already completed or envisaged and confirmation that the project can be carried out without delay
- Confirmation that the proposed **project is mature** enough to be financed under this call; is the **next logical step** in the CB RES project development
- **Information on cooperation mechanism**, including proof of steps taken so far to prepare a cooperation mechanism (e.g. bilateral meetings, draft Letters of intent or similar, etc.)
- Any **pending legal, administrative or technical issues**, which could prevent the proposed project from being implemented, such as procurement, permits

Quality

- **Resources** needed (financial and human) to implement the project
 - *Project management costs should not exceed 10% of total project costs*
- **Organisational structure** and cooperation between applicants
- **Project management**, quality assurance and control procedures
- **Identified risks and mitigation measures**

Impact

- Assessing the need to overcome financial obstacles such as those generated by insufficient commercial viability
- Assessing its cross-border dimension
- For works: assessing, the economic, social and environmental impact, including the climate impact
- For Works: significant costs savings and/or benefits

Catalytic effect

- Explain how the EU **grant will facilitate or accelerate** the envisaged cross-border RES project, in comparison to a situation without the EU funding
- Demonstrate the existence of a **gap in the financing of the project**
- Indicate whether you expect any EU support under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) or any other funding stream (if applicable)

Evaluation results

Results of the evaluation

- All proposals will be informed about the **evaluation result** (evaluation result letter). Successful proposals will be invited for grant preparation; the other ones may be put on a reserve list or rejected.
- Invitation to grant preparation is **NOT a formal commitment** for funding. We will still need to make various legal checks before grant award: legal entity validation, financial capacity, exclusion check, etc.
- If you believe that the evaluation procedure was flawed, you can submit a complaint (following the deadlines and procedures set out in the evaluation result letter).

Grant preparation

- Successful applicants will be invited by CINEA to prepare the **Grant Agreement** via eGrants tool together with the EU Project Officer
- Grant preparation involves a **dialogue** in fine-tuning of technical and financial aspects, such as milestones, deliverables, etc., and implementation of recommendations from evaluation if applicable
- Provisions are defined in the Model Grant Agreement and non-negotiable
- The Model Grant Agreement that will be used (and all other relevant templates and guidance documents) can be found on Portal Reference Documents

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