CEF 2 ENERGY-CROSS-BORDER RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS



CEF-E-2023-CBRENEW-STUDIES & CEF-E-2023-CBRENEW-WORKS

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CALL BUDGET	DEADLINE dates
EUR 50,000,000	19 December 2023 – 06 February 2024, 17:00 (CET)
FUNDED PERIOD	FINNACIAL SUPPORT
up to 31/12/2028	GRANT

DESCRIPTION

CB RES projects shall promote cross-border cooperation between Member States in the field of planning, development and the cost-effective exploitation of renewable energy sources, as well as facilitate their integration through energy storage facilities and with the aim of contributing to the Union's long term decarbonisation strategy, completing the internal energy market and enhancing the security of supply. Both topics under this call aim to support and contribute to the implementation of CB RES projects included in the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2202.

Both topics under this call aim to enable **CB RES projects** which have significant socio-economic benefits to be implemented, within the framework of the renewable energy sector and in particular to support cross-border cooperation in the field of renewable energy. In particular, the financial assistance under this call for proposals shall contribute to supporting CB RES projects that do not receive adequate financing from the market and should maximise its added value towards uptake of renewable energy investments.

The objective of studies and works is to support and contribute to the implementation of CB RES projects.

It is considered that the EU added value of an action related to a CB RES project is demonstrated by the CB RES status itself.

FUNDED ACTIVITIES

• CEF-E-2023-CBRENEW - STUDIES

This topic concerns projects that involve studies supporting the implementation of cross-border Renewable Energy Sources (RES) projects. These studies encompass various activities, including preparatory work, feasibility assessments, risk investigations, and even pilot projects in some cases. They aim to prepare and advance cross-border RES projects, including the financial aspects. The studies may also focus on detailed operational aspects of cooperation, like legal frameworks and cost allocation. Eligibility for EU financial aid in the form of grants is limited to projects contributing to specified cross-border RES projects. Additionally, studies can extend their scope to cover elements beyond energy generation, like grid infrastructure or storage, if applicants can justify the enhanced effectiveness of this comprehensive approach.

• CEF-E-2023-CBRENEW - WORKS

This topic addresses construction projects that support Cross-Border Renewable Energy Sources (CB RES) initiatives. Such projects encompass the procurement, supply, and deployment of components, systems, and services, including software, as well as the development, construction, installation, acceptance, and launch activities associated with CB RES projects. Applications for construction must adhere to specific conditions set out in the CEF regulation, which consider

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factors like cost savings, system integration, environmental sustainability, security of supply, and innovation, with the condition that the envisioned investments are commercially non-viable. Eligibility for EU financial aid in the form of grants is limited to projects contributing to CB RES projects identified in the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2202, and proposals related to project components covered by Article 3 of the delegated regulation are eligible. Priority is given to proposals related to renewable generation components when all other factors are equal, and proposals including non-RES components must justify their necessity for the overall implementation of the CB RES project, demonstrating their essential role in renewable energy generation.

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Under both topics, only projects in conformity with EU law and which are in line with the relevant EU policies shall be financed, in particular those relating to competition, protection of the environment, state aid and public procurement.

BUDGET CATEGORIES

- **Personnel costs:** 1 Employees, 2 Natural persons under direct contract, 3 Seconded persons and 4 SME owners and natural person beneficiaries.
- Subcontracting costs
- **Purchase costs:** 1 Travel and subsistence, 2 Equipment, 3 Other goods, works and services.
- Other cost categories: 1 Financial support to third parties, 2 Synergetic elements and 3 Works in outermost regions.
- Indirect costs

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- WORKS CALLS
- STUDIES <u>CALLS</u>