



# CALL DOCUMENT

Accelerating sustainable energy investments at the local level: The European City Facility (EUCF)

The first call for applications will be open from 25 May until 2 October (2020).

The initial duration of the call (2 months) has been extended due to the extraordinary circumstances resulting from Covid-19 outbreak.

## / OBJECTIVE

The European City Facility (EUCF) aims to support municipalities and local authorities in developing Investment Concepts (IC) related to the implementation of actions identified in their climate and energy action plans. The **ultimate objective** of the EUCF is to build a substantial pipeline of sustainable energy investment projects across municipalities in Europe.

## / FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The EUCF finances with a fixed grant of EUR 60,000 the development of an Investment Concept.

## / ELIGIBILITY

The EUCF is open to all municipalities/local authorities and their groupings from the EU-27 and UK. Applicants require a politically approved climate and sustainable energy plan. This includes SEAPs (Sustainable Energy Action Plan)/SECAPs (Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan), developed within the Covenant of Mayors framework, or plans of similar ambition with climate and energy targets at least for the year 2020.

Moreover, applicants have to demonstrate political commitment to the development of the Investment Concept through a letter of support, signed by the mayor or other relevant political representative.

The applicant must commit to the EUCF monitoring period of two years by submitting two simple monitoring forms on key figures.

[Link to Eligibility Check.](#)





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## / WHAT CAN BE FINANCED

The EUCF finances activities, such as (technical) feasibility studies, market analysis, stakeholder analysis, legal, economic and financial analysis, risk analysis, etc. that are required to develop the investment concept. These activities can be delivered by in-house staff or subcontracted external experts.

The grant cannot directly finance the actual investments, but it covers costs to mobilise resources and access services to develop an Investment Concept.

## / CRITERIA

Applications are evaluated based on **5** evaluation criteria:

- 1.** Investment size;
- 2.** Energy savings;
- 3.** Governance structure;
- 4.** Stakeholder engagement;
- 5.** Alignment with EUCF objectives.

Please find the full details to the evaluation process in the [Guidelines for applicants](#).

## / ADVANTAGES OF JOINT APPLICATIONS

In line with the EUCF objectives, local authorities/municipalities are strongly encouraged to join forces and resources and submit joint applications, in order to increase the ambition of the proposal and increase the chances of success. You want to apply as a grouping? Check our web site and see what you should consider when **applying as a grouping**.

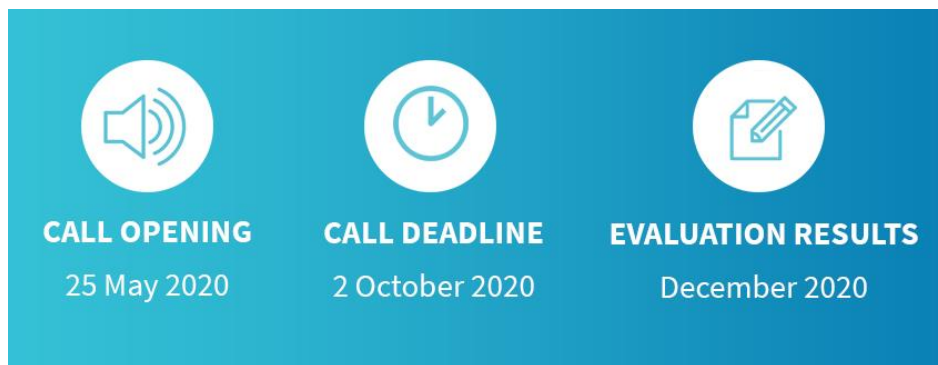


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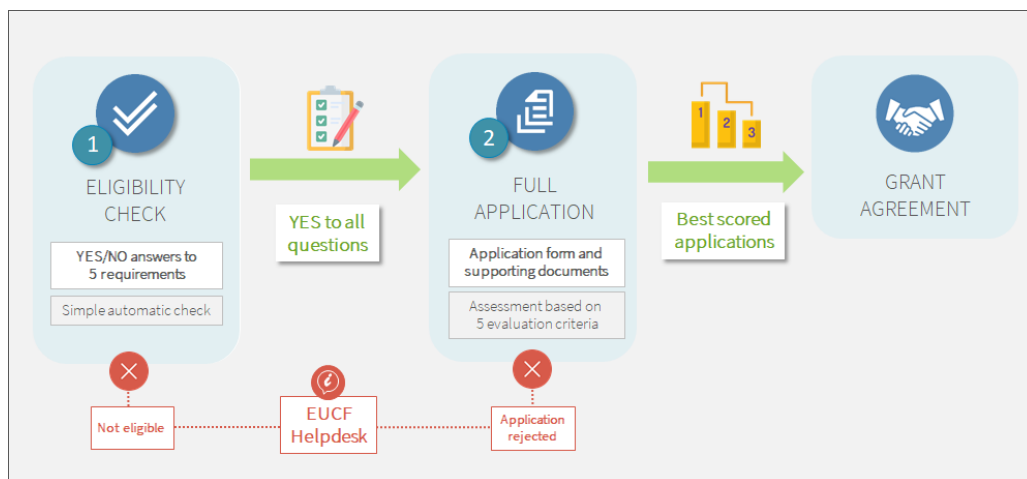
## / TIMELINE

The first EUCF call will run from 25 May 2020, 00:00 (Brussels time). The deadline for submitting your proposal is on **2 October 2020, 17:00 (Brussels time)**.



## / HOW TO APPLY

The overall application process consists of two main steps: **the eligibility check and the full application**.



The application form will be accessible online as of the 25 May 2020, 00:00 (Brussels time) via the EUCF website under "[Online Application](#)".

For more information on the Application Process, click [here](#).



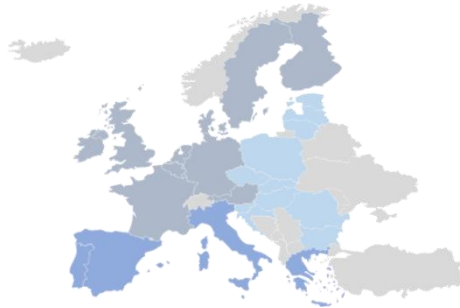








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## / REGIONAL CALLS

Within the scope of the EUCF, a total number of **four calls for applications** with cut off dates will take place. Each call is organised in parallel for three geographic regions (incl. UK) of the European Union, as displayed in the map below:



Region	Countries			
 Central and Eastern Europe	Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia.			
 Nordic countries & Western Europe	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Sweden, United Kingdom.			
 Southern Europe	Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain.			
Budget for region per call in Mln€				
Calls	1st call	2nd call	3rd call	4th call
 Central and Eastern Europe	0,69	1,52	1,52	1,14
 Nordic countries & Western Europe	0,63	1,40	1,40	1,05
 Southern Europe	0,48	1,07	1,07	0,81





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## / EXPECTED IMPACT

The expected impact is the developed investment concept, e.g. a document providing investors and financial institutions with necessary information to assess an investment project.

## / FURTHER INFORMATION, SUPPORT and FAQs

Please read the [Guidelines for Applicants](#) and the [FAQs](#) on the EUCF website, before applying.

Please also see our EUCF launch webinar's recording [here](#) and the presentation [here](#).

For specific queries, please contact the [EUCF Helpdesk](#) or the [Country Expert](#), responsible for your region.

**APPLY NOW**

