



EUCF
European City Facility

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Designed by Cities, for Cities



Why?

- Tremendous potential for building substantial pipeline of investment projects across Europe
- Key role in aggregation of smaller projects into sizeable packages
- Mobilisation of significant amount of finance needed



Barriers for investments

Lack of capacity of public authorities to transform long terms strategies into investments

Limited resources to access (financial and legal expertise)

Lack of sufficiently mature « Investment concepts » to enable access to financing



Aims and Objectives



- Provide technical, legal and financial expertise inspired by best in class European practice to deliver at least **210 investment concepts**, which should **trigger more than EUR 320 M of public and private investment**
- Build capacity of at least **450 public authority staff** to develop substantial project pipelines. Provide them with tools, networking and knowledge transfer opportunities to accelerate Investment Concept implementation,
- Facilitate access, especially for small and medium-sized municipalities to private finance, EU funding streams and similar facilities and advisory services to realise and amplify the expected investments
- Use successful investment concepts and knowledge generated to **reach out to more than 8,000 cities and communities**, encouraging replication and catalysing further action across Europe





How?

- Multiple application windows (“calls”) for support funding of up to €60k to develop an investment concept
- In-depth support from a country expert in each EU Member State
- Opportunities for peer networking and access to potential project investors
- Additional EU level and national activity together with city and energy agency networks
- Linking to other EU funded activity – e.g. Covenant of Mayors, Managenergy, Sustainable Energy Investment Forums, EIB, EBRD

What is an investment concept?

Development

Action plans with
long term
objectives
SEAP/SECAP/
equivalent

Investment
concept

Implementation

ESCO - EPC

One stop shops

ELENA
PDA

...

Finance

Retail banks, national
banks, investment
funds

Financing platforms

EU and other public
funds

What is an investment concept?

Clear identification of potential project pipeline

- (local) market/barrier analysis
- sample energy audits..

Analysis of local stakeholders controlling the project pipeline

- commitments (by asset owners)
- Engagement strategy..

Legal analysis (regional, national, international)

- Available investment types and framework conditions
- Actual investment approach
- Structuring/ timeline of investment steps (incl. e.g. public procurement or debt accounting rules) etc

(Pre-feasibility) analysis of available financing solutions

- Basic modelling of investment costs, transaction costs, expected (cost) savings, other revenues etc.

Roadmap: basic process to launch investments

- Work planning
- Resource allocation etc

Organisation of calls



4 calls in total
(2 in 2020, 2
in 2021)

Start Q2
2020

Equal
opportunities

Money allocated per
region (N&W,S,E)
based on the ESIF
allocation and the
population

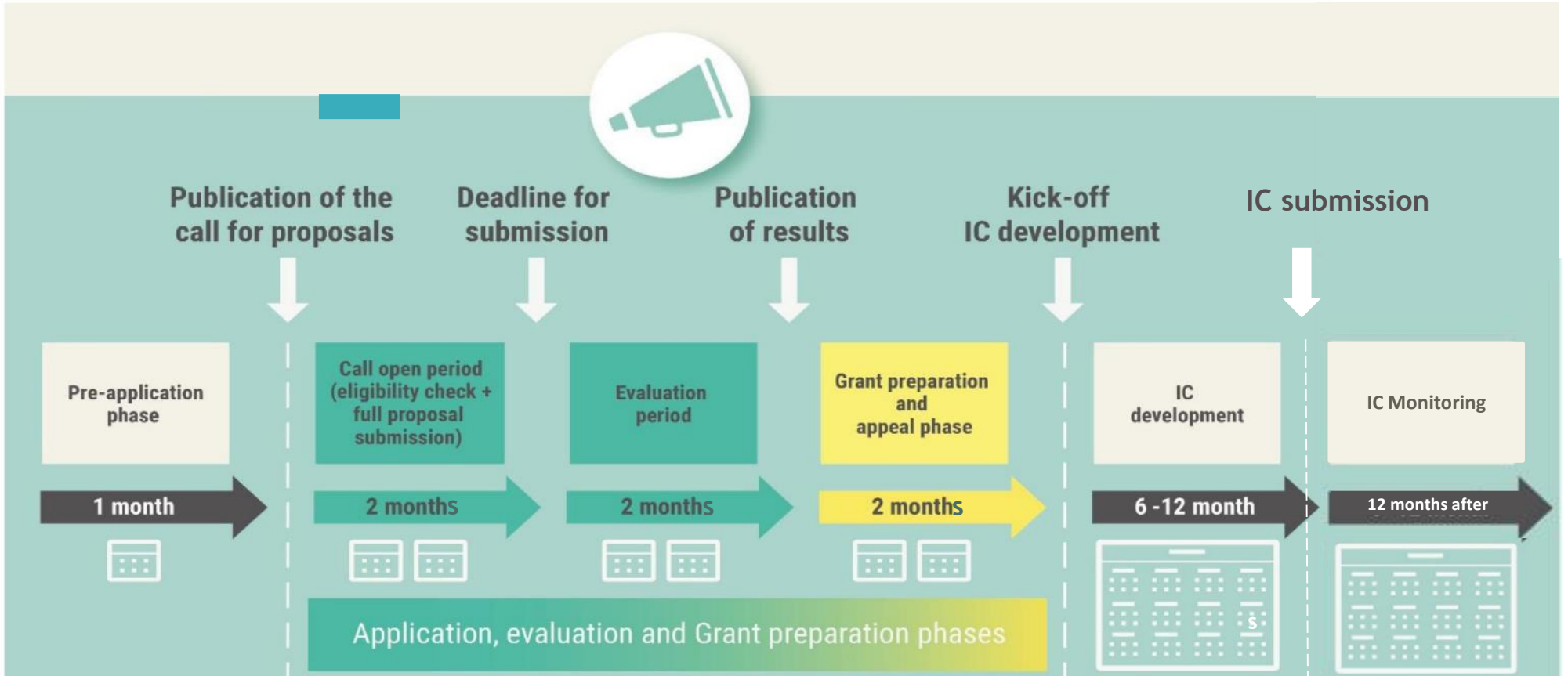
Circa 210 cities
supported

12.8 Million €
for cities

Grant up to
60k €

First eligibility
criteria: size of the
investments and
energy savings/RES
production

Timeline



60 000 €
Grant



Application process : Eligibility check

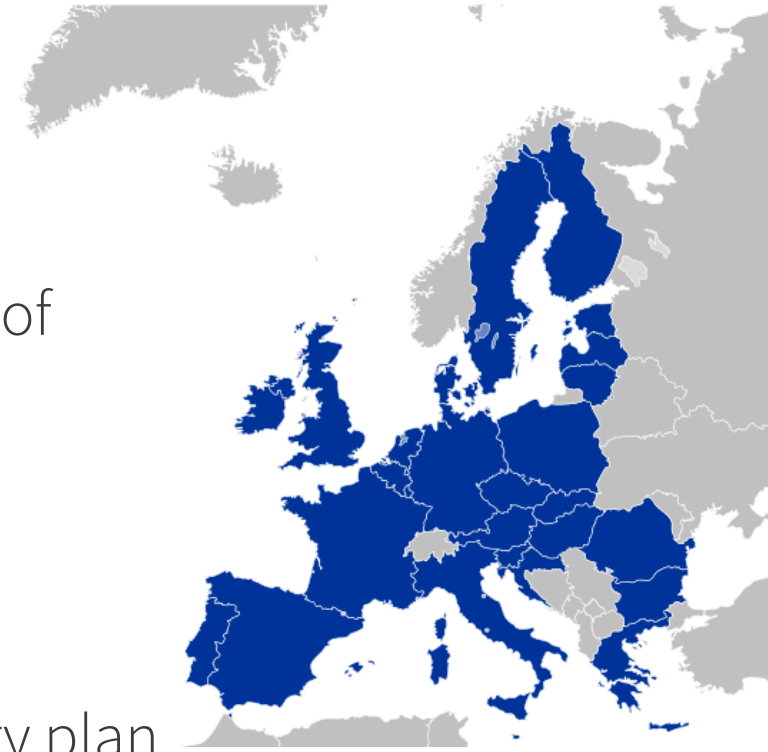
Representative of a city/municipality or grouping of cities/municipalities

From an EU member state (EU-28)

Politically approved SEAP, SECAP or similar energy plan

Able to demonstrate political commitment to the project

Demonstrate commitment to the monitoring period of two years





Application process : Application form



Part 1 : Identification of the applicant

Part 2: Development of the investment concept

- 2.1. Investment sector(s) targeted
- 2.2. Intended measures
- 2.3. Allocation of grant amount
- 2.4. Activities funded by grant amount
- 2.5. Governance for investment concept development
- 2.6. Engagement of stakeholders and citizens

Part 3. Implementation of the investment project

- 3.1. Expected size of investment
- 3.2. Envisaged investment approach
- 3.3. Expected impacts in GWh/y

Annexes

Mandatory:

Sustainable Energy (and Climate) Action Plan or similar energy plan/strategy
Letter of support to the project by the mayor or other relevant political representative
Self-declaration form by a representative of city/municipality or its groupings

If available: Calculation log – Expected energy savings /Expected CO2 emissions reduction/Expected renewable energy production /Financial indicators of the project



Successful applicant

EUR 60,000 grant to develop an investment concept

- 1 year to submit the Investment Concept
- 2 years monitoring
- Support by the Central Management team and the country expert





Next Steps

- End 2019 – project website established
- Feb- March 2020 – launch event
- April 2020 – first call for proposals



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