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OVERVIEW OF CALLS · AUGUST 2026

Calls for Proposals
LIFE 2026

All 31 call topics for Ukrainian organisations: budgets, deadlines, co-financing rates, eligibility and links to the official topic pages

€601.5m

total budget

of the LIFE 2026 calls

31

topics

each on its own page with a QR code

4

sub-programmes

plus operating grants for NGOs

Status as of August 2026. The calls are open. Upcoming deadlines: 3 September (SNaP and SIP concept notes), 8 September (framework partnerships for NGOs), 16 September (Clean Energy Transition), 22 September (all other topics). Submission by 17:00 Brussels time.

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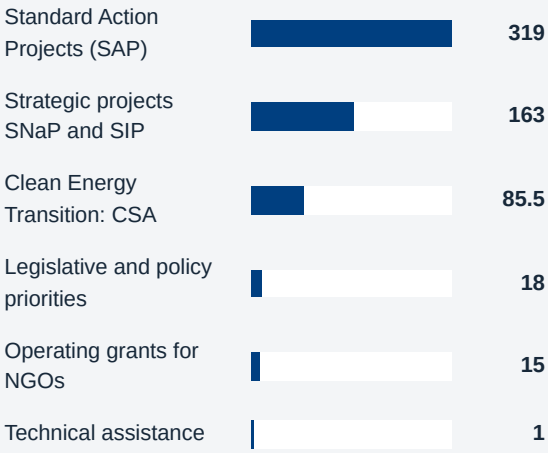
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OVERVIEW

LIFE 2026 in figures

LIFE is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action, with a budget of more than €5.4 billion for 2021–2027. The 2026 calls were launched on 21 April 2026 under the 2025–2027 work programme.

Breakdown of the €601.5m budget by type of action, €m



As announced by CINEA on 22 April 2026. Standard projects: nature 166, nature governance 7.5, circular economy 79, environmental governance 6.5, adaptation 28, mitigation 28, climate governance 4.

Call timeline

21 Apr 2026	Calls published on the Funding & Tenders Portal
28–30 Apr 2026	Online info days #EULIFE26
12 May 2026	Operating grant calls open
3 Sep 2026	SNaP and SIP concept notes
8 Sep 2026	FPA for NGOs
16 Sep 2026	Clean Energy Transition: 13 CSA topics
22 Sep 2026	SAP, technical assistance, PLP, SGA OG
Dec 2026 – Mar 2027	Evaluation results, by call
4 Mar 2027	SNaP and SIP full proposals, by invitation

Submission time: 17:00 Brussels time.

60%

standard EU co-financing rate for standard and strategic projects

95%

rate for coordination and support actions in clean energy

70%

rate for operating grants to non-profit organisations, up to €700,000 per year

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RULES

Types of action and Ukraine’s participation

Each topic belongs to a type of action. The type determines the co-financing rate, the consortium requirements and the submission procedure.

TYPE	WHAT IS FUNDED	MAX. EU RATE
SAP	**Standard Action Projects** Demonstrating solutions and best practices, supporting EU policy. Single applicant or consortium.	**60%, up to 75% in nature**
SNaP, SIP	**Strategic projects** Implementing adopted national or regional plans and strategies. Two stages.	**60%**
TA	**Technical assistance** Preparing future SNaP and SIP proposals; up to €70,000 per project.	**60%**
CSA	**Coordination and support** Non-technological barriers to the energy transition: policy, markets, finance, skills.	**95%**
PLP	**Legislative and policy priorities** Top-down projects addressing defined EU policy needs.	**90%**
OG	**Operating grants** Activities of European non-profit organisations.	**70%**

Ukraine in the LIFE Programme

- Ukraine is associated to the LIFE Programme. The agreement was signed on 24 June 2022 and applies retroactively from 1 January 2021.
- Ukrainian legal entities can be coordinators and beneficiaries. Natural persons cannot apply.
- Proposals from associated countries are assessed in line with the association agreement.
- All participants register in the Participant Register (PIC) and are validated before submission.

Evaluation of standard projects

- Four criteria of 20 points each: relevance, impact, quality, resources.
- The impact criterion is weighted 1.5.
- Up to 10 bonus points, including for synergies between sub-programmes, building on other EU-funded projects and transnational cooperation.
- Overall threshold 55, with at least 10 points per criterion.

SUB-PROGRAMME 01

Nature and Biodiversity

The sub-programme supports the Birds and Habitats Directives, the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and the Nature Restoration Regulation. It funds standard projects for species and habitats, governance projects and large Strategic Nature Projects (SNaP).

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BUDGET

€173.5m for standard projects and €75m for strategic projects

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STANDARD ACTION PROJECT (SAP)

Nature and Biodiversity

Projects that improve the condition of species and habitats through conservation and restoration. The largest topic of LIFE 2026 by budget.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	PROJECT BUDGET	EU RATE
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€166m**	**€2–13m**	**60%, up to 75%**
PROJECTS	DURATION	SUBMISSION	CONSORTIUM
about 30	**up to 120 months**	**single stage**	**not required**

Objectives and scope

“Space for Nature”. Area-based measures: restoring habitats inside and outside protected areas, new protected areas, ecological corridors, new site management approaches.

“Safeguarding our species”. Other measures for species: from infrastructure (for example fish passes, bird protection on power lines) to stakeholder work; tackling invasive alien species.

What is funded

- Species and habitats in unfavourable and declining status, species at high extinction risk on red lists
- Implementation of Prioritised Action Frameworks (PAF), national restoration plans, species action plans
- Reducing killing of species (poisoning, illegal killing, by-catch), coexistence with large carnivores
- Protected area network (30% of EU land and sea), strictly protected areas, primary and old-growth forests
- Restoring carbon-rich ecosystems, forests, rivers and wetlands, pollinators, nature on farmland and in cities

Good to know

- The 75% rate applies only to projects targeting exclusively priority habitats or species, species with U2- status or those “endangered” or worse on red lists.
- Requests above €5m of EU contribution need exceptionally strong evidence of impact and value for money.
- The ecological effect must be maintained for at least 20 years after the project ends.

For Ukrainian applicants

Instead of Natura 2000, activities take place in Emerald Network sites or in areas already under legal protection. If a site is not yet part of the Emerald Network, a signed commitment of the competent authority is required. Land purchase is not allowed outside the EU.

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STANDARD ACTION PROJECT (SAP)

Nature Governance and Information

Projects that improve the implementation of nature legislation through awareness, compliance, public participation and replication of proven solutions.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	PROJECT BUDGET	EU RATE
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€7.5m**	**€1–2m**	**60%**
PROJECTS	DURATION	SUBMISSION	CONSORTIUM
about 5	**up to 120 months**	**single stage**	**not required**

Objectives and scope

Behavioural change and awareness raising on nature conservation, in particular on the value of the Natura 2000 network.

Compliance assurance, public participation and access to justice under the Aarhus Convention.

Enabling actions for replication of solutions already proven in LIFE or other EU-funded projects.

What is funded

- Awareness campaigns with the widest relevant coverage (a whole country, several countries or the EU), with evidence that awareness is a key factor
- Networks and training for compliance practitioners: inspectorates, police, customs, prosecutors, judges, NGOs
- Monitoring and enforcement tools: remote sensing, drones, data analysis, citizen science
- Removing administrative, regulatory and financial barriers to scaling up proven solutions

Good to know

- For replication, the previous project must have ended and submitted its final report before the call closes; the coordinator is normally a beneficiary of that project.
- The replication itself is not funded under this topic, only the conditions for it.

For Ukrainian applicants

A Ukrainian organisation can apply alone, as coordinator or as beneficiary. Proposals from associated countries are assessed in line with the provisions of the association agreement.

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STRATEGIC PROJECT

Strategic Nature Projects (SNaP)

Large-scale projects implementing Prioritised Action Frameworks (PAF) or other adopted nature plans and strategies at national or regional level.

STAGE 1	STAGE 2	TOPIC BUDGET	EU RATE
3 Sep 2026, 17:00	**4 Mar 2027, 17:00**	**€75m**	**60%**
SUBMISSION	SECOND STAGE	SCALE	PARTICIPANTS
two stages	**by invitation**	**country or region**	**EU and associated**

Objectives and scope

Implementing PAFs and/or other nature plans and strategies; one SNaP may cover both.

Mainstreaming nature objectives into other policies and financing instruments.

Strengthening long-term monitoring of species and habitats.

What is funded

- Concrete conservation actions combined with horizontal actions leading to full implementation of the plan
- Building strategic capacity of authorities and stakeholders as co-deliverers of the plan
- Coordinating and mobilising other EU, national and private funds for measures outside the SNaP

Good to know

- A draft plan is acceptable at concept note stage; for the full proposal the plan must be adopted.
- Co-funding within the SNaP cannot come from other EU programmes.
- A SNaP does not need to cover the whole plan, but it must include strategic actions leading to its full implementation.

For Ukrainian applicants

Associated countries are eligible. For Ukraine, the key condition is an adopted nature plan or strategy that the project can implement, with the competent authority on board.

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA)

Technical Assistance for the preparation of SNaPs

A small grant to prepare a high-quality proposal for a future Strategic Nature Project.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€0.5m**	**up to €70,000**	**60%**
DURATION	RESULTS	SIGNATURE	SUBMISSION
24 months	**December 2026**	**Feb–Mar 2027**	**single stage**

Objectives and scope

Preparing and submitting a full SNaP proposal under the two-stage LIFE call.

What is funded

- Developing the SNaP concept note and full proposal
- Engaging stakeholders and aligning with competent authorities
- Preparing the mechanism for coordinating complementary funding

Good to know

- The authority responsible for the plan or strategy should in principle be the coordinator. In justified cases it may take another role, but it must be in the consortium.
- The coordinator must submit a full SNaP proposal before the TA project ends. Preparation beyond the 2027 call is not funded.
- If the SNaP proposal fails eligibility or quality standards due to the beneficiary, funds may be recovered.

For Ukrainian applicants

Ukrainian competent authorities and organisations are eligible. The topic is worth considering where Ukraine has a nature plan or strategy ready for implementation through a SNaP.

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SUB-PROGRAMME 02

Circular Economy and Quality of Life

The sub-programme covers circular economy and waste, zero pollution of air, water and soil, chemicals, noise, industrial emissions and environmental governance. The topic on legislative and policy priorities in nature and environment is also presented here.

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BUDGET

€85.5m for standard projects and €58m for strategic projects

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STANDARD ACTION PROJECT (SAP)

Circular Economy and Zero Pollution

Innovative solutions and best practices for the circular economy, clean air, water and soil, chemical safety and reduced industrial pollution.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	PROJECT BUDGET	EU RATE
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€79m**	**€2–10m**	**60%**
PROJECTS	RESULTS	SUBMISSION	CONSORTIUM
about 31	**Feb–Mar 2027**	**single stage**	**not required**

Objectives and scope

Circular economy and waste: recovery of resources from waste, circular business models, extended producer responsibility, ecodesign, repair and reuse.

Zero pollution: air, water, soil, noise, chemicals, industrial emissions and safety, New European Bauhaus.

What is funded

- Recycling of electronic waste, batteries, vehicles, construction waste, plastics, textiles, bio-waste, critical raw materials
- Reducing PM, NOx and ammonia emissions; sustainable mobility; ammonia and methane from agriculture
- Integrated water management, floods and droughts, wastewater treatment, marine environment
- Soil health, remediation of contaminated sites, unsealing
- Substances of very high concern, PFAS, safe and sustainable by design chemicals
- New European Bauhaus: €4m within the topic

Good to know

- A proposal may select no more than two sub-topics; only these are assessed.
- Projects may be close-to-market; market information is then required: production capacity, target market, economic feasibility.
- Projects whose main aim is cutting CO_2 should apply under the climate sub-programme.

For Ukrainian applicants

A Ukrainian organisation can apply alone, as coordinator or as beneficiary. Proposals from associated countries are assessed in line with the provisions of the association agreement.

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STANDARD ACTION PROJECT (SAP)

Environmental Governance

Projects that strengthen public administration capacity, voluntary instruments, compliance assurance and behavioural change.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	PROJECT BUDGET	EU RATE
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€6.5m**	**€0.7–2m**	**60%**
PROJECTS	RESULTS	SUBMISSION	CONSORTIUM
5–6	**Feb–Mar 2027**	**single stage**	**not required**

Objectives and scope

Support for public administrations' decision-making and voluntary approaches for the public and private sectors.

Environmental compliance assurance and access to justice.

Behavioural change and awareness-raising initiatives.

Enabling actions for replication of proven environmental solutions.

What is funded

- Air quality, river basin, waste, noise and flood plans; circular economy plans
- Product Environmental Footprint (PEF), EU Ecolabel, EMAS, green and circular public procurement
- Modelling and forecasting pollution, use of Copernicus data and artificial intelligence
- Networks of compliance practitioners, training, citizen complaints, citizen science
- Awareness campaigns with broad coverage: a country, a sector, a major metropolitan area

Good to know

- A proposal may select no more than two sub-topics.
- For replication, the coordinator is normally a beneficiary of the completed previous project.

For Ukrainian applicants

A Ukrainian organisation can apply alone, as coordinator or as beneficiary. Proposals from associated countries are assessed in line with the provisions of the association agreement.

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STRATEGIC PROJECT

Strategic Integrated Projects – Environment (SIP ENV)

Large projects for full implementation of adopted environmental plans and strategies at regional, multi-regional or national level.

STAGE 1	STAGE 2	TOPIC BUDGET	EU RATE
3 Sep 2026, 17:00	**4 Mar 2027, 17:00**	**€58m**	**60%**
SUBMISSION	SECOND STAGE	PHASES	PARTICIPANTS
two stages	**by invitation**	**3 years or more**	**EU and associated**

Objectives and scope

Implementing one of these types of plans:

Circular economy: adopted national or regional plans with measurable targets.

Waste: waste management plans and waste prevention programmes.

Water: river basin, flood risk and drought management plans, marine strategies.

Air and noise: air quality plans, national air pollution control programmes, noise action plans.

What is funded

- Strategic actions that start a process and mobilise further commitments and funding
- Involvement of the main stakeholders, ideally as beneficiaries
- Building capacity of competent authorities to deliver the plan during and after the project

Good to know

- Implementation runs in phases, normally of at least 3 years each.
- Co-funding within the SIP cannot come from other EU programmes; coordination with complementary funding for measures outside the SIP is required.

For Ukrainian applicants

Associated countries are eligible. An officially adopted plan of the relevant type and the participation of the authority responsible for it are required.

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA)

Technical Assistance for the preparation of SIPs – Environment

A small grant to prepare a proposal for an environmental Strategic Integrated Project.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€0.3m**	**up to €70,000**	**60%**
DURATION	RESULTS	SIGNATURE	SUBMISSION
24 months	**December 2026**	**Feb–Mar 2027**	**single stage**

Objectives and scope

Preparing and submitting a full SIP ENV proposal to implement an environmental strategy or action plan.

What is funded

- Developing the SIP concept note and full proposal
- Aligning with authorities and stakeholders
- Preparing the mechanism for coordinating complementary funding

Good to know

- The authority responsible for the plan or strategy is normally the coordinator and in any case part of the consortium.
- The plan must be formally adopted by the SIP full-proposal deadline.
- The coordinator must submit a full SIP proposal before the TA project ends.

For Ukrainian applicants

Ukrainian authorities responsible for environmental plans (waste, water, air) can use this topic to prepare a first SIP.

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LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY PRIORITIES (PLP)

Projects on Legislative and Policy Priorities: Nature and Environment

A top-down topic with five specific priorities identified by the Member States. Normally one grant per priority.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU RATE	PRIORITIES
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€13.5m**	**90%**	**5**
RESULTS	SIGNATURE	SUBMISSION	PROPOSAL
January 2027	**Apr–May 2027**	**single stage**	**up to 50 pages**

Objectives and scope

1. Digitising environmental assessments and permitting: up to €2m, 24 months, consortium with competent authorities from at least three Member States.

2. Mapping primary and old-growth forests in the Boreal region, Romania and Bulgaria: up to €1.5m, 36 months.

3. Methodology to distinguish virgin and recycled polymers at customs (PET, PE, PP, PS): up to €8m, 48 months.

4. Reducing ship scrubber discharges into marine waters: up to €1m, 36 months, at least 3 applicants from 3 Member States.

5. Capacity building in Montenegro and North Macedonia for LIFE participation: up to €0.5m per country, 12–24 months.

Good to know

- Each proposal addresses only one of the five priorities.
- Priority 5 is similar in content to the InCL-U-DE project, but covers only Montenegro and North Macedonia.

For Ukrainian applicants

Priorities 1, 2, 3 and 5 are tied to specific EU or candidate countries. Ukrainian organisations can mainly take part as partners with relevant expertise.

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SUB-PROGRAMME 03

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

The sub-programme contributes to the European Climate Law: cutting net emissions by at least 55% by 2030, reaching climate neutrality by 2050 and strengthening resilience to climate risks.

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BUDGET

€60m for standard projects and €30m for strategic projects

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STANDARD ACTION PROJECT (SAP)

Climate Change Mitigation

Projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase removals: from fluorinated gases to transport, industry and carbon farming.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	PROJECT BUDGET	EU RATE
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€28m**	**€1–5m**	**60%**
PROJECTS	READINESS	RESULTS	CONSORTIUM
about 12	**TRL 5–9**	**March 2027**	**not required**

Objectives and scope

Supporting the targets of cutting net emissions by at least 55% by 2030 and by 90% by 2040 compared with 1990.

What is funded

- Recovery and recycling of ozone-depleting substances and F-gases, low-GWP alternatives
- Zero-emission road transport: charging and hydrogen infrastructure, smart charging
- Decarbonising aviation, maritime and rail transport, intermodality
- Biogas and biomethane from waste, renewable energy, energy efficiency
- Reducing emissions of energy-intensive industries and waste management
- Carbon sinks in soils and forests, carbon farming under CRCF methodologies
- Industrial carbon removals: biochar, enhanced rock weathering, modular BioCCS

Good to know

- Unlike 2025, financial support to third parties is no longer allowed in climate SAPs.
- Large-scale carbon capture and storage infrastructure is outside the scope of LIFE.

For Ukrainian applicants

A Ukrainian organisation can apply alone, as coordinator or as beneficiary. Proposals from associated countries are assessed in line with the provisions of the association agreement.



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STANDARD ACTION PROJECT (SAP)

Climate Change Adaptation

Projects that make territories, infrastructure, economic sectors and human health more resilient to climate risks.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	PROJECT BUDGET	EU RATE
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€28m**	**€1–5m**	**60%**
PROJECTS	RESULTS	SIGNATURE	CONSORTIUM
about 12	**March 2027**	**May–Jun 2027**	**not required**

Objectives and scope

A clear intervention logic: specific climate risks, justified choice of measures, their implementation within the project, monitoring of results.

What is funded

- National, regional and local adaptation strategies and plans
- State-of-the-art risk assessment and decision-support tools with mandatory pilots
- Nature-based solutions for urban, rural and coastal areas
- Climate-proofing of buildings and infrastructure, updating building codes
- Adaptation of agriculture, forestry and protected areas
- Water management, climate-related health risks
- Preparedness for compound and cascading risks, insurance and loss data

Good to know

- Maladaptation that increases emissions or shifts vulnerability must be avoided.
- Applicants are encouraged to use the Adaptation Support Tool on the Climate-ADAPT platform.

For Ukrainian applicants

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STANDARD ACTION PROJECT (SAP)

Climate Governance and Information

Projects that improve the design, implementation and enforcement of climate policy, combining awareness with concrete changes in practice.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	PROJECT BUDGET	EU RATE
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€4m**	**€0.7–2m**	**60%**
PROJECTS	RESULTS	SIGNATURE	CONSORTIUM
about 3	**March 2027**	**May–Jun 2027**	**not required**

Objectives and scope

Strengthening the capacity of public and private actors and civil society in climate policy.

What is funded

- European Climate Pact, countering climate disinformation, ETS2
- Green skills, micro-credentials, certification of installers
- Fluorinated gases: training, fighting illegal HFC trade
- National energy and climate plans and long-term strategies
- Sustainable finance, LULUCF accounting, carbon removal registries
- Knowledge sharing on the EU ETS, monitoring and evaluation of climate policy

Good to know

- Awareness raising alone is not enough; it must be combined with measures that change behaviour or practices.
- Tools and studies must be put into practice during the project.

For Ukrainian applicants

A Ukrainian organisation can apply alone, as coordinator or as beneficiary. Proposals from associated countries are assessed in line with the provisions of the association agreement.

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STRATEGIC PROJECT

Strategic Integrated Projects – Climate (SIP CLIMA)

Large projects implementing climate strategies and plans at country, regional or city scale.

STAGE 1	STAGE 2	TOPIC BUDGET	EU RATE
3 Sep 2026, 17:00	**4 Mar 2027, 17:00**	**€30m**	**60%**
SUBMISSION	SECOND STAGE	PHASES	PARTICIPANTS
two stages	**by invitation**	**3 years or more**	**EU and associated**

Objectives and scope

Implementing one or more of these documents:

National energy and climate plans and long-term strategies.

Adaptation strategies and plans at national or regional level.

Urban and community plans for climate neutrality or resilience, sustainable urban mobility plans.

Strategies or roadmaps for emission reduction at national, regional or sector level.

What is funded

- Strategic actions that mobilise further commitments and funding
- Involvement of key stakeholders, ideally as beneficiaries
- Building capacity of competent authorities

Good to know

- Implementation in phases, normally of at least 3 years each.
- Co-funding within the SIP cannot come from other EU programmes.

For Ukrainian applicants

Associated countries are eligible. City climate neutrality plans and regional adaptation strategies are suitable, provided they are adopted.

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA)

Technical Assistance for the preparation of SIPs – Climate

A small grant to prepare a proposal for a climate Strategic Integrated Project.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€0.2m**	**up to €70,000**	**60%**
DURATION	RESULTS	SIGNATURE	SUBMISSION
24 months	**December 2026**	**Feb–Mar 2027**	**single stage**

Objectives and scope

Preparing a SIP CLIMA proposal to implement a national energy and climate plan, an adaptation strategy, an urban climate plan or an emission reduction roadmap.

What is funded

- Developing the SIP concept note and full proposal
- Involving all concerned stakeholders
- Mechanism for coordinating funding of complementary measures

Good to know

- Scale: regional, multi-regional, national or transnational; several cities are acceptable if the impact is substantial.
- The authority responsible for the plan is normally the coordinator; the full SIP proposal must be submitted before the TA project ends.

For Ukrainian applicants

The topic may interest Ukrainian regional administrations and large cities with adopted climate strategies or plans.

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SUB-PROGRAMME 04

Clean Energy Transition

The sub-programme mainly funds Coordination and Support Actions (CSA). They remove non-technological barriers to the energy transition: policy, market, financial and skills barriers. Two energy-related topics on legislative and policy priorities are also presented here.

TOPICS	BUDGET
15	**€85.5m for 13 CSA topics and €4.5m for two PLP topics**

Local heating and cooling plans	LIFE-2026-CET-HEATCOOLPLAN	**23**
Effective implementation of key sustainable energy legislation	LIFE-2026-CET-POLICY	**24**
Renewable and efficient heating and cooling in existing buildings	LIFE-2026-CET-RENEWHC	**25**
Energy renovation solutions: boosting building renovation	LIFE-2026-CET-BETTERRENO	**26**
Clean energy transition of European industry and businesses	LIFE-2026-CET-INDUSTRY	**27**
BUILD UP Skills: national platforms on energy efficiency skills	LIFE-2026-CET-BUILDSKILLS	**28**
Digitalisation of Distribution System Operators	LIFE-2026-CET-DIGITAL	**29**
Crowding in private finance	LIFE-2026-CET-PRIVAFIN	**30**
One-Stop-Shops for clean energy transition in private buildings	LIFE-2026-CET-OSS	**31**
Project Development Assistance for sustainable energy investments	LIFE-2026-CET-PDA	**32**
Smart and clean energy solutions for affordability in EU cities	LIFE-2026-CET-EMPOWER	**33**
Alleviating household energy poverty in Europe	LIFE-2026-CET-ENERPOV	**34**
Facilitating cooperation among energy communities	LIFE-2026-CET-ENERCOM	**35**
Multilevel climate and energy dialogue	LIFE-2026-PLP-ENER-GOV	**36**
Ecodesign and energy labelling compliance support facility	LIFE-2026-PLP-ENER-COMPLIANCE	**37**

COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

Local heating and cooling plans

Supporting local and regional authorities to develop and deliver integrated local heating and cooling plans.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
16 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€6.5m**	**up to €2m**	**95%**
CONSORTIUM	SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION	PUBLISHED
3 applicants / 3 countries	**single stage**	**CSA**	**21 Apr 2026**

Objectives and scope

The Energy Efficiency Directive requires such plans at least for municipalities with more than 45,000 inhabitants.

By the end of the action, plans must actually be delivered in the targeted municipalities or regions.

What is funded

- Technical skills to prepare, finance, implement and monitor plans
- Collecting geospatial, technical, climate and socio-economic data
- Demand and supply outlooks, potential for heating and cooling networks
- Financing options that consider energy-poor households
- Coordination with grid development plans and gas network decommissioning
- Institutionalising planning: hubs, task forces, inter-municipal cooperation

Good to know

- Developing new digital tools as the main focus is out of scope.
- Proposals focusing only on district heating investment plans are not supported.

For Ukrainian applicants

A Ukrainian organisation can be the coordinator or one of the three mandatory applicants from three different countries. Active involvement of municipalities must be shown in the consortium or through letters of support.

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COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

Effective implementation of key sustainable energy legislation

Supporting Member States in implementing the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) and the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD).

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
16 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€4.5m**	**up to €2m**	**95%**
CONSORTIUM	SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION	PUBLISHED
3 applicants / 3 countries	**single stage**	**CSA**	**21 Apr 2026**

Objectives and scope

Scope A, EED: energy efficiency first principle, role of the public sector, energy savings obligations, comprehensive heating and cooling assessments, energy audits.

Scope B, EPBD: awareness of the directive's benefits, implementation of policy tools for a climate-neutral building stock, building data and information tools.

What is funded

- Exchange of best practices within and across countries
- Technical advice and tools to implement the directives
- Monitoring and evaluation of policy implementation
- Methodologies to calculate contributions of measures and collect data

Good to know

- A proposal should focus on one scope; combining both needs justification.
- EPBD transposition deadline: 29 May 2026.

For Ukrainian applicants

A Ukrainian organisation can be the coordinator or one of the three mandatory applicants from three different countries.

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COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

Renewable and efficient heating and cooling in existing buildings

National collaborative platforms to remove regulatory and market barriers to large-scale roll-out of heat pumps and solar thermal in existing buildings.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
16 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€6.5m**	**up to €2m**	**95%**
CONSORTIUM	SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION	PUBLISHED
3 applicants / 3 countries	**single stage**	**CSA**	**21 Apr 2026**

Objectives and scope

Detailed assessment of barriers and enabling conditions for alternative business models and financing schemes in 3–5 target countries.

What is funded

- Modelling the impact of regulatory and non-regulatory options
- Heating as a service, leasing, all-in offers, community financing
- Adapting public incentives to new business models
- Cost transparency and competition, marketplaces for consumers and installers
- Addressing the electricity-to-gas price ratio

Good to know

- New heating and cooling networks, including small ones, are out of scope.
- Platforms should involve manufacturers, installers, financiers, regulators, ministries and distribution system operators.

For Ukrainian applicants

A Ukrainian organisation can be the coordinator or one of the three mandatory applicants from three different countries. Ukraine can be one of the 3–5 target countries.

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COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

Energy renovation solutions: boosting building renovation

Scaling up high-quality, affordable building renovation and strengthening the information instruments of the EPBD.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
16 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€6m**	**up to €2m**	**95%**
CONSORTIUM	SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION	PUBLISHED
3 applicants / 3 countries	**single stage**	**CSA**	**21 Apr 2026**

Objectives and scope

Scope A: higher renovation rates, demand aggregation, energy performance guarantees, industrialised and standardised processes.

Scope B: energy performance certificates, renovation passports, smart readiness indicator, digital building logbooks, indoor environmental quality.

What is funded

- Renovation business models replicable across many buildings and markets
- Strengthening the capacity of construction companies
- Linking energy performance to building value and investment decisions
- Staged renovation pathways for building owners

Good to know

- Pilot actions in real buildings are mandatory for both scopes.
- Technologies may be enablers but must not be at the centre of the action.

For Ukrainian applicants

A Ukrainian organisation can be the coordinator or one of the three mandatory applicants from three different countries.

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COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

Clean energy transition of European industry and businesses

Competitiveness and decarbonisation of industry through cooperation with technology providers and energy cooperation between nearby companies.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
16 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€7m**	**up to €2m**	**95%**
CONSORTIUM	SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION	PUBLISHED
3 applicants / 3 countries	**single stage**	**CSA**	**21 Apr 2026**

Objectives and scope

Scope A: collaboration between sectors with similar processes and technology providers (TRL 8–9) for standardised solutions.

Scope B: energy cooperation among companies in industrial clusters, parks and ports.

What is funded

- Waste heat recovery, heat electrification, heat pumps, storage
- Shared energy assets and services, heat exchange, demand flexibility
- Investment plans with project pipelines endorsed by key stakeholders
- Business models, capacity building, links with financiers

Good to know

- For Scope A, European representative organisations of the sector and technology providers must be in the consortium.
- Demonstration is not funded; equipment costs are eligible only to a very small extent.

For Ukrainian applicants

A Ukrainian organisation can be the coordinator or one of the three mandatory applicants from three different countries.

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COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

BUILD UP Skills: national platforms on energy efficiency skills

National platforms to increase the number of skilled energy efficiency professionals in construction and renovation.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
16 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€3m**	**€1–1.5m**	**95%**
CONSORTIUM	SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION	PUBLISHED
1 applicant possible	**single stage**	**CSA**	**21 Apr 2026**

Objectives and scope

The topic targets countries that have not yet updated their national skills platform and roadmap. **Ukraine is explicitly listed among them.**

What is funded

- (Re)establishing the national platform as a permanent structure with ministries, training providers, trade unions and academia
- Skills intelligence: market needs, statistics, education from VET to higher education
- National roadmap with priority measures, action plan and funding sources
- Official endorsement of the roadmap by public authorities
- Large-scale national campaign attracting people to energy efficiency professions

Good to know

- The campaign should be a substantial part of the action, indicatively at least 30% of resources.
- Only one platform will be supported per country.
- Letters of support from national authorities are required.

For Ukrainian applicants

For Ukraine this is one of the most accessible topics of 2026: a single applicant is allowed and the country is explicitly on the target list. It is worth considering an application in this call.

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COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

Digitalisation of Distribution System Operators

Building the capacity of electricity distribution system operators (DSOs), especially small and local ones, for digital transformation.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
16 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€10m**	**up to €2m**	**95%**
CONSORTIUM	SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION	PUBLISHED
3 applicants / 3 countries	**single stage**	**CSA**	**21 Apr 2026**

Objectives and scope

Each DSO gets a tailored digitalisation roadmap embedded in its network development plan.

What is funded

- Data exchange and interoperability with TSOs, consumers and producers
- Grid observability: real-time monitoring, digital twins, distributed energy resources
- Artificial intelligence in distribution management, cybersecurity, faster grid connection
- Staff training, technical assistance, pilots, peer exchange

Good to know

- Development and demonstration of new technologies are out of scope.
- The action should reach a substantial number of DSOs; participation of DSO associations is encouraged.

For Ukrainian applicants

A Ukrainian organisation can be the coordinator or one of the three mandatory applicants from three different countries.

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COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

Crowding in private finance

Setting up operational financing schemes that increase private investment in energy efficiency, possibly combined with renewables and storage.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
16 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€6m**	**not specified**	**95%**
CONSORTIUM	SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION	PUBLISHED
1 applicant possible	**single stage**	**CSA**	**21 Apr 2026**

Objectives and scope

The energy efficiency financing scheme must operate in at least one eligible country and be piloted by the end of the project.

What is funded

- Providing finance and a matching project pipeline
- Business case and financial viability
- Plan for replication beyond the initial regions
- Additionality or innovation compared with market practice
- Complementarity with public funds, including EU Cohesion funds

Good to know

- Proposals addressing only renewables or storage without energy efficiency are out of scope.
- Where public funding is involved, support from the managing authorities is required.

For Ukrainian applicants

A single applicant or a consortium from one country is allowed. A Ukrainian organisation can apply on its own if the topic fits the Ukrainian context.

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COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

One-Stop-Shops for clean energy transition in private buildings

Creating or replicating one-stop-shops that guide private building owners through every stage of energy renovation.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
16 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€9m**	**not specified**	**95%**
CONSORTIUM	SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION	PUBLISHED
1 applicant possible	**single stage**	**CSA**	**21 Apr 2026**

Objectives and scope

The proposal focuses on one segment: homes of private individuals, homes of professional landlords, or commercial buildings, in particular SMEs.

What is funded

- Technical assessment and renovation design
- Selection of qualified professionals and contractors
- Contracting and coordination of works
- Facilitating or providing financing, including loans
- Supervision of works, performance verification and quality assurance

Good to know

- The service must be proactive and cover the whole cycle, not only advice.

For Ukrainian applicants

A single applicant or a consortium from one country is allowed. A Ukrainian organisation can apply on its own if the topic fits the Ukrainian context.

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COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

Project Development Assistance for sustainable energy investments

Technical assistance to public and private project developers to turn sustainable energy ideas into actual investments.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
16 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€8m**	**not specified**	**95%**
CONSORTIUM	SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION	PUBLISHED
1 applicant possible	**single stage**	**CSA**	**21 Apr 2026**

Objectives and scope

Preparing and launching pipelines of energy efficiency and/or renewable energy projects.

What is funded

- Existing residential and non-residential buildings
- Local infrastructure: district heating and cooling, local grids, water and wastewater services
- Industry, businesses and services, including SMEs
- Decentralised renewable energy production
- Project bundling, technical studies, energy audits, financial and legal advice

Good to know

- Mandatory leverage: investments at least 15 times the grant, at least 10 times for projects targeting only residential buildings.
- New construction and technologies not yet on the market are not supported.

For Ukrainian applicants

A single applicant or a consortium from one country is allowed. A Ukrainian organisation can apply on its own if the topic fits the Ukrainian context. The topic is particularly relevant for municipalities and utilities preparing energy efficiency investments.

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COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

Smart and clean energy solutions for affordability in EU cities

A single initiative that trains and funds local administrations to roll out smart energy solutions that lower energy costs.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
16 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€6m**	**one project**	**95%**
CONSORTIUM	SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION	PUBLISHED
3 applicants / 3 countries	**single stage**	**CSA**	**21 Apr 2026**

Objectives and scope

Only one proposal will be selected to run a support programme for cities.

What is funded

- Capacity building and peer learning: workshops, site visits, masterclasses, mentoring
- Grants to local authorities: about 70% of the budget, up to €60,000 per grant, at least two calls
- Scale-up roadmaps: energy sharing, community storage, bidirectional charging, micro-grids
- Monitoring, capitalisation and dissemination of results

Good to know

- Municipalities receiving grants must have an approved SECAP or equivalent plan.
- The consortium must show it can mobilise many cities, for example through networks such as the Covenant of Mayors.

For Ukrainian applicants

The topic targets EU cities. Ukrainian organisations can join the consortium as partners with relevant expertise.

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COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

Alleviating household energy poverty in Europe

Actions that actively reduce energy poverty and build on existing tools such as the Energy Poverty Advisory Hub.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
16 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€6m**	**not specified**	**95%**
CONSORTIUM	SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION	PUBLISHED
3 applicants / 3 countries	**single stage**	**CSA**	**21 Apr 2026**

Objectives and scope

A focus on summer energy poverty and on areas with less developed support frameworks is encouraged.

What is funded

- **Scope A:** formalised, long-term cross-sectoral coordination structures for authorities and stakeholders
- **Scope B:** energy renovation of multi-apartment buildings in vulnerable districts
- Addressing governance, financing and split incentives between owners and tenants
- Ensuring residents can stay in their homes after the works

Good to know

- Each proposal covers only one scope.
- Authorities and key stakeholders must be in the consortium or provide executive-level letters of support.

For Ukrainian applicants

A Ukrainian organisation can be the coordinator or one of the three mandatory applicants from three different countries.

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COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

Facilitating cooperation among energy communities

Helping energy communities move beyond first solar projects, professionalise and scale up.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
16 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€7m**	**not specified**	**95%**
CONSORTIUM	SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION	PUBLISHED
3 applicants / 3 countries	**single stage**	**CSA**	**21 Apr 2026**

Objectives and scope

Focus on renewable energy communities and citizen energy communities.

What is funded

- **Scope A:** “second-level” communities that aggregate energy communities in a city, region or country and provide shared services
- **Scope B:** community projects in emerging areas: heating and cooling, building efficiency, flexibility services, e-mobility
- A financially viable model that continues after the project
- Engaging municipalities and distribution system operators

Good to know

- Each proposal covers only one scope.
- New tools or platforms are accepted only if their added value is justified.

For Ukrainian applicants

A Ukrainian organisation can be the coordinator or one of the three mandatory applicants from three different countries.

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LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY PRIORITIES (PLP)

Multilevel climate and energy dialogue

A permanent dialogue between levels of government and stakeholders to deliver the Governance Regulation and prepare the post-2030 energy and climate framework.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€2m**	**up to €2m**	**90%**
GRANTS	DURATION	CONSORTIUM	RESULTS
1	**about 36 months**	**3 applicants / 3 countries**	**January 2027**

Objectives and scope

Establishing or strengthening permanent multilevel dialogues in 6–10 EU Member States, with priority to those where they are less developed.

What is funded

- Synergies between regions, cities and national governments around shared decarbonisation targets
- Aligning local (SECAPs, heating plans) and national documents (NECPs, renovation plans, social climate plans)
- Reporting models that combine vertical and horizontal levels of administration
- Institutionalising dialogue structures

Good to know

- New tools, databases and platforms are not expected unless their added value is justified.

For Ukrainian applicants

The topic focuses on EU Member States. Ukrainian organisations can be consortium partners, but the target countries must be EU Member States.

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LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY PRIORITIES (PLP)

Ecodesign and energy labelling compliance support facility

A service helping manufacturers, suppliers and dealers, including online sellers, comply with ecodesign and energy labelling requirements.

DEADLINE	TOPIC BUDGET	EU CONTRIBUTION	EU RATE
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€2.5m**	**up to €2.5m**	**90%**
GRANTS	DURATION	CONSORTIUM	RESULTS
1	**about 36 months**	**European associations**	**January 2027**

Objectives and scope

Increasing the share of products on the EU market that comply with ecodesign and energy labelling requirements.

What is funded

- Training and information for economic operators, especially small and remote ones
- A help-line for questions beyond the reach of Europe Direct
- Promoting the EPREL database among businesses, public buyers and the public
- Two pilot online sweeps checking labelling in several Member States

Good to know

- Consortium: at least 5 European associations of suppliers and dealers and 3 organisations of consumers, standardisation bodies or market surveillance authorities, together covering 2/3 of Member States.
- At least 5,000 economic operators reached per million euro of grant.

For Ukrainian applicants

The topic is designed for European industry associations. Ukrainian organisations can take part only as individual partners.

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Operating Grants for Non-Profit Organisations

Operating grants finance the ongoing activities of European non-profit organisations working on environment, climate and clean energy, rather than a single project. Applications go to two linked calls.

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BUDGET
€14.5m according to the SGA call document

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OPERATING GRANT (OG)

Framework Partnership Agreements for operating grants (FPA OG)

Selection of non-profit organisations with which CINEA signs two-year framework agreements. Without a signed FPA no annual operating grant is possible.

DEADLINE **8 Sep 2026, 17:00**	BUDGET **framework agreement**	AGREEMENTS **30–35**	PERIOD **2027–2028**
OPENING **12 May 2026**	RESULTS **January 2027**	SIGNATURE **Jan–Mar 2027**	PROPOSAL **up to 90 pages**

Objectives and scope

Supporting non-profit NGOs whose main objective relates to EU environmental and climate objectives.

What is funded

- Civil society participation in EU policy development
- Support for implementing EU policy and legislation
- Identifying emerging issues and risks
- Organisational development, governance, financial sustainability

Good to know

- The organisation must be active in at least three Member States or associated countries.
- Evaluation: five criteria, maximum 80 points, threshold 45.
- Applicants must apply to both FPA and SGA.

For Ukrainian applicants

Ukrainian non-profit organisations with membership or activities in at least three EU or associated countries are formally eligible.

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OPERATING GRANT (OG)

Specific Operating Grant Agreements (SGA OG)

Annual funding of operating costs of non-profit organisations selected under the framework partnership call.

DEADLINE	BUDGET	GRANT	EU RATE
22 Sep 2026, 17:00	**€14.5m**	**up to €700,000/year**	**70%**
PERIOD	RESULTS	SIGNATURE	PROPOSAL
2027	**January 2027**	**Feb–Apr 2027**	**up to 45 pages**

Objectives and scope

Funding the organisation's ongoing activities according to its annual work programme.

What is funded

- Operating costs of the organisation for its annual programme
- Activities contributing to the development and implementation of EU environment, climate and energy policy

Good to know

- Only organisations that passed the FPA evaluation are considered.
- No consortia: only the organisation itself receives the funds.
- A new application is needed each year: separately for 2027 and 2028.
- CINEA announced €15m on 22 April 2026; the call document sets €14.5m.

For Ukrainian applicants

Only for organisations that also applied for a framework partnership (FPA).

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PRACTICAL TIPS

How to prepare a strong proposal

The main deadlines are a few weeks away. These steps help you avoid losing points on formal requirements and focus on content.

1 **Check the fit with the topic.** Match your idea with the priorities in the call document: only the selected topic and at most two sub-topics are assessed.

2 **Study funded projects.** The LIFE project database and the collection of projects with Ukrainian participation on life-include.eu show what the EU funds.

3 **Register your organisation.** Get a PIC in the Participant Register and complete validation before the call opens.

4 **Build the consortium early.** Most Clean Energy Transition topics require three applicants from three countries.

5 **Plan co-financing.** At a 60% rate, own or third-party contributions make up 40% of the project budget.

6 **Check strategic documents.** SNaP, SIP and technical assistance require an adopted plan or strategy and the participation of the responsible authority.

7 **Prepare impact indicators.** All proposals report on LIFE indicators; set measurable targets for the end of the project and five years after.

8 **Ask for advice.** LIFE National Contact Points and the InCL-U-DE team advise Ukrainian applicants.

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