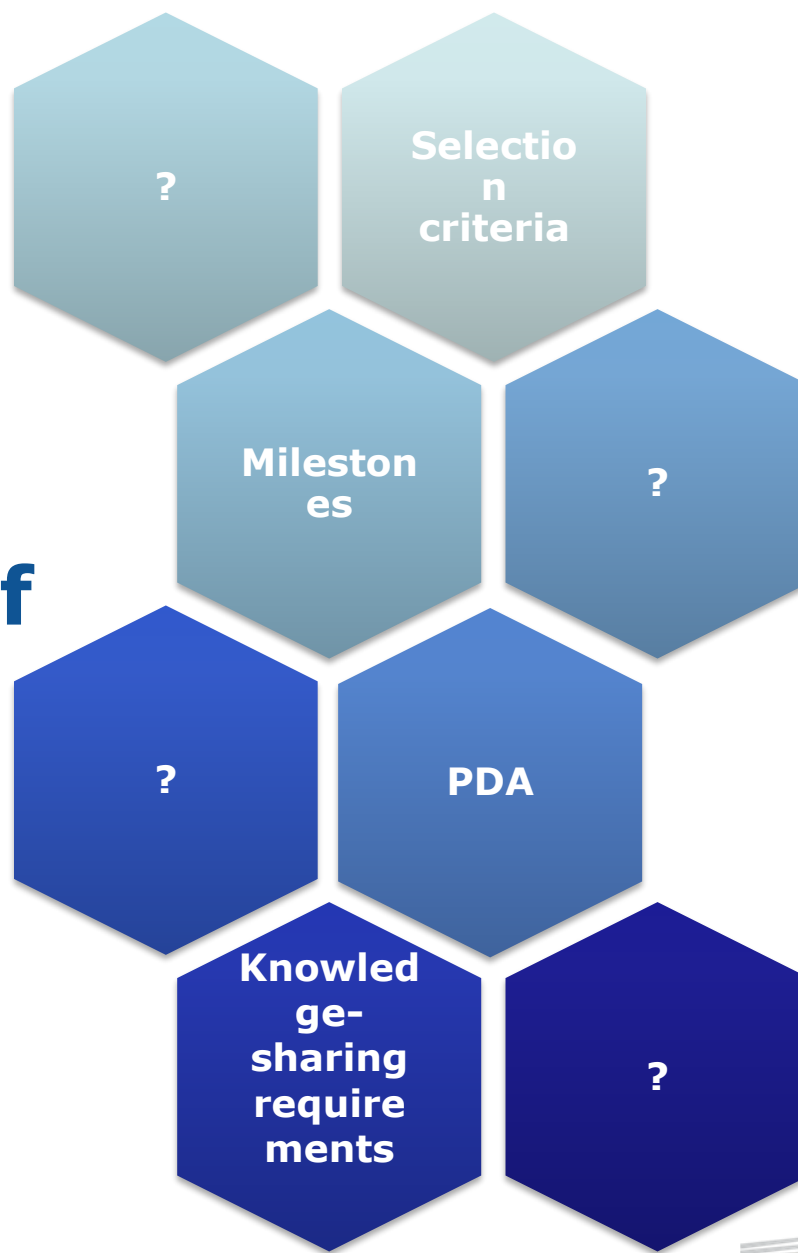


Innovation Fund Essential elements of 1st call of proposals





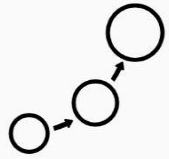
Selection criterion: effectiveness of GHG avoidance potential

- *Will the existing MRV requirements be applicable to innovative plants in your sector?*
- *If not, what further guidance needs to be prepared for a fair evaluation of the GHG emission reduction potentials of different projects in your sector?*
- *Which role do you see for life-cycle assessment (LCA) in calculating and verifying the GHG emission avoidance potential?*
- *What are the critical points that need to be considered when undertaking an LCA for projects in your sector?*



Selection criterion: Degree of innovation

- *How can the degree of innovation in comparison to the state-of-the art be best evaluated considering that innovation may relate to a specific technology, processes or their combination, products and services?*



Selection criterion: Project maturity

- *Which criteria should be used to evaluate project maturity?*
 - **Technical: scope and depth of preparatory studies, soundness and viability of implementation plans, validation at previous TRL (pilot testing)...**
 - **Financial: business plan, financial standing of the project proponent(s), the level of commitment of other (private) investors, the revenue streams,...**
 - **Permitting, environmental and societal acceptance**
- *What essential elements should be in place?*
 - **concluded feasibility studies, FEED, or other?**



Selection criterion: wide-spread application

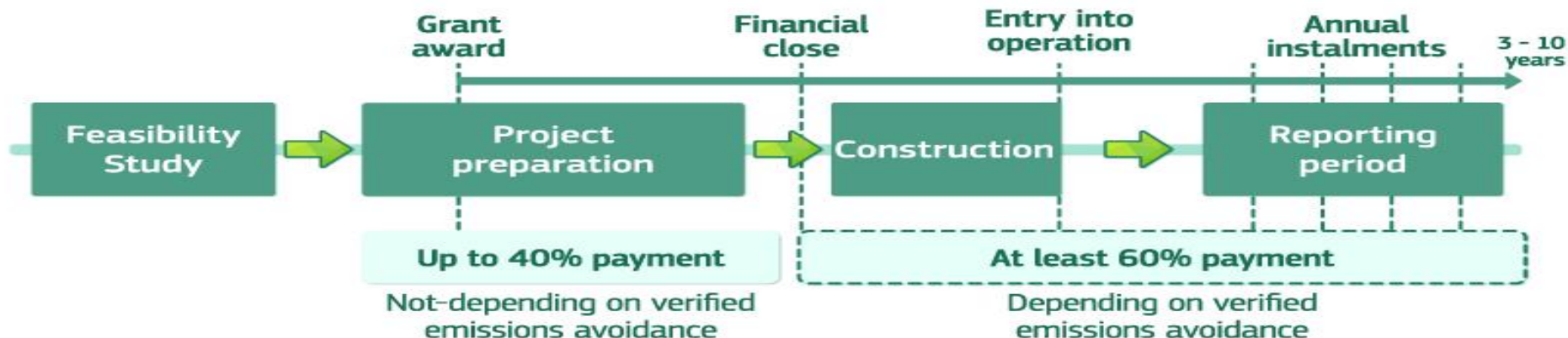
- *Should projects indicate their potential market (volume and expected price developments) and cost reduction potentials? At national, European or global level?*
- *Or should this be determined by market statistics and studies? What are the most reliable sources for your sector?*



Selection criterion: cost efficiency

- *Are there any specific issues that sector projects may face with the application of the definition of relevant cost from the Regulation?*
- *Are the conventional production costs easy to estimate with confidence? If not, can price of conventional product be used as a comparator?*
- *What are the key variable factors determining the financial gap?*
- *What are the financial risks and how best they can be evaluated?*

Milestones



- What is the expected **time to financial close and entry into operation** for innovative projects in your sector?
- What are the **key milestones** before financial close, e.g. feasibility or FEED study, permitting, State-Aid approval, etc. and before full entry into operation, e.g. how long are the construction, testing and commissioning periods?
- **How should the grant be optimally disbursed over the project life cycle?** To what milestones can/should disbursements be linked?

Project development assistance (PDA)

- *Will PDA be useful for projects in the sector? If yes, what types of assistance?*
- *Should there be maximum amounts for different types of PDA and what would these levels be?*
- *Should projects be required to publish the results of any studies done with PDA, if they decide not to apply for Innovation Fund full support or are discontinued?*
- *Should FEED be financed by PDA or only after successful application for an Innovation Fund award?*

Knowledge-sharing requirements

- *What type of **technical, economic, project management, regulatory and permitting information** should be shared?*
- *What types of **knowledge-sharing activities** should the implementing body organize and for the general public?*
- *What should be the **form of knowledge sharing tools** that would be useful for the market?*
- *How can **synergies** be obtained from linking to other programmes and networks?*

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