Innovation Fund Call for Large-Scale Projects
Second Stage Application Process and Application Forms
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Process

• Through funding and tenders portal.
  
  • Specific link sent to each of the 70 invited applicants.
Process

Support in the funding & tender portal
Forms

Part A:
• similar to first stage call + includes GHG indicators

Part B:
• Limit = 70 pages
• Incorporates new award criteria and work packages details
• Prepare document outside portal and then upload it

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Part B

• Acceptable changes:
  • Changes to the project implementation plan due to project advancement
  • Changes to the business plan due to market evolution or regulatory framework changes
  • Submission of a more advanced or detailed feasibility study or due diligence report

• Unacceptable changes:
  • Substantial changes to the substance or nature of the project (e.g. with regard to the technological solution to be deployed) that may call into question the outcome of the first-stage evaluation
  • EU contribution change by more than 50%
Part B

Introduction and selection criteria + technical scope of the proposal

Award criteria

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Include full details of proposal's work packages (WP):

- Template included in part B
- Grant disbursment based on lump sums = payment when WP completed
- Payment must be proportionate to effort in WP
- Applicants to provide sufficient detail to allow good monitoring and management of the project
- After entry into operation, reporting must be annual i.e. one work package per year
Entry into Operation

Financial Close

Up to 40%
Possible to agree payments at additional milestones by creating additional work packages

Prep. work (ie.drilling) Year 3
Prep. work (ie.drilling) Year 4
Technical studies years 1-2

Building year 1
Building year 2
Building year 3

Entry into Operation

Annual payments for achieved GHG emissions avoidance during 10 years after entry in operation

At least 60%
Possible to agree payments at additional milestones by creating additional work packages
(subject to recovery in case that emission avoidance will not be achieved)

Example of work package set up

Payments upon milestones completion when work package finishes

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Part B | Annexes

Section 8 of part B lists supporting documents and their expected content

Mandatory (eligibility criterion):

- GHG emission calculation;
- Third party verification of GHG emission calculation;
- Feasibility study (FS);
- Business plan (BP);
- Project Implementation Plan (PIP);
- Knowledge sharing (KS) plan;
- Relevant costs calculation;
- Financial model summary sheet;
- Audit statement on relevant costs;
- Operational capacity of applicant.

Optional:

- any existing due diligence report;
- detailed financial model sheets

Page limit: 200 pages for FS + BP + PIP + KS
Part C

- Electronic form in the funding and tender portal
- Indicators information consistent with information provided in part B and other annexes to the proposal
- If contradiction, information in part B takes precedence
Tips

• Read all documents and guidance carefully

• Submit well in advance of deadline. You can adapt before deadline.

• Part B:
  • Clarity of information more important than quantity
  • Cross-reference to annexes clearly
  • Ensure information in different docs are consistent
  • Use requested font size

• Respect page limits

• Consult FAQ section in the Funding & Tenders portal

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Tips

- Watch the application process presentation from the first stage webinar here

- Support is available in case of IT/portal issues → https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/helppdesks/contact-form

- Support is available in case of questions related to the call → https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/contact-program;programCode=INNOVFUND;callType =

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