CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY

ENERGY

NORDIC INNOVATORS

PURPOSE

The EU – Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) is a key EU funding instrument in delivering the European Green Deal and an important enabler towards the Union's decarbonization objectives for 2030 and 2050. The CEF Energy programme, aligned with the Trans-European Networks for Energy (TEN-E) policy, aims to enhance EU countries' energy infrastructure by supporting projects that foster an interconnected, smarter, and digitalised energy system. CEF Energy places emphasis on cross-border renewable energy projects, network interoperability, and the seamless integration of the internal energy market.

PROJECT TYPES

CEF Energy provides co-funding for two main types of projects:

Projects of Common Interest (PCIs):
Energy infrastructure projects located within one of the 11 priority geographical corridors or the three priority thematic areas:

Priority Geographical Corridors:
- Electricity
- Offshore grids
- Hydrogen and electrolysers infrastructure

Priority Thematic Areas:
- Smart electricity grids
- Smart gas grids
- CO_2 networks

Cross-border Renewable Energy Projects (CB RES):
Projects in renewable energy generation that leverage cross-border cooperation mechanisms to deliver socio-economic benefits exceeding those of a national project, as confirmed by a cost-benefit analysis.

These projects may apply for either Studies or Works:
- **Studies:** Preparatory activities like technical work, feasibility studies, and risk analysis to determine if and how a project should proceed.
- **Works:** Implementation activities involving construction, procurement, installation, and deployment of infrastructure.

POSSIBLE APPLICATION AREAS

Renewable Energy Generation:
Including onshore/offshore wind, ocean and hydropower, solar power, and bioenergy.

Energy System Integration:
Focused on hydrogen, smart grids/meters, flexibility markets, and the digitalization of the energy sector.

International Cooperation:
Supporting cross-border energy partnerships.

Energy Security:
Ensuring security of gas and electricity supply, gas storage, and offshore oil and gas safety.

WHO CAN APPLY

Eligible applicants include legal entities established in EU countries or associated third countries, such as public authorities, private entities, research institutions, and joint ventures. To qualify, project promoters must link to a Project of Common Interest (for PCI applications) or have cross-border status (for CB RES applications).

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Application Process

The proposal must be submitted in three parts:
- Part A: Administrative details and a summary budget (filled online).
- Part B: Detailed technical description (Relevance, Impact, Implementation, and Resources), using the provided template and submitted as a PDF.
- Annexes:
  - Applicable for studies and works proposals: Detailed budget table per WP– Annual activity reports – Timetable/Gantt chart – Agreement by the concerned Member States (Letter of support) – Environmental and TEN-E compliance files – List of previous projects (key projects for the last 4 years).
  - Applicable for works proposals: Full project-specific cost-benefit analysis (CBA), and Business Plan.
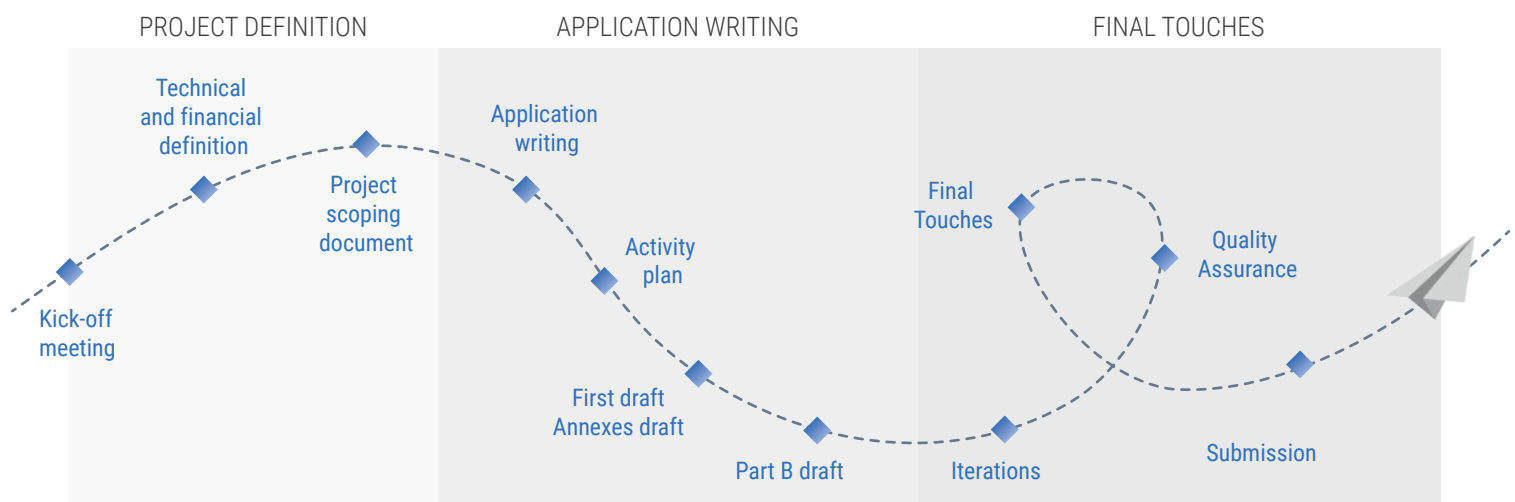
Note: Depending on the specific call, there might be additional mandatory annexes.

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Nordic Innovators takes the lead in the preparation and submission of a high-quality online application and preparing technical and financial project documentation (Part B, Detailed Budget Table, Timetable/Gantt Chart, Business Plan, and support Annexes). Our collaborative approach ensures timely delivery of a strong CEF application.

PROJECT DEFINITION

Technical and financial definition

Project scoping document

Kick-off meeting

APPLICATION WRITING

Application writing

Activity plan

First draft Annexes draft

Part B draft

FINAL TOUCHES

Final Touches

Quality Assurance

Iterations

Submission

In addition, we also provide hour-based services to support you on specific tasks like e.g. market research, drafting of whole financial model and/or refining key metrics, documents review and quality control.