LIFE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION (CET) Call 2025





Information Session – Czech Republic

Anette JAHN
CINEA – LIFE Climate & Energy Unit

#EULIFE25 INFO DAYS

26 May 2025

LIFE CET – support to implementing the energy transition



Renewable Energy Directive



Energy Efficiency
Directive



Energy
Performance of
Buildings Directive



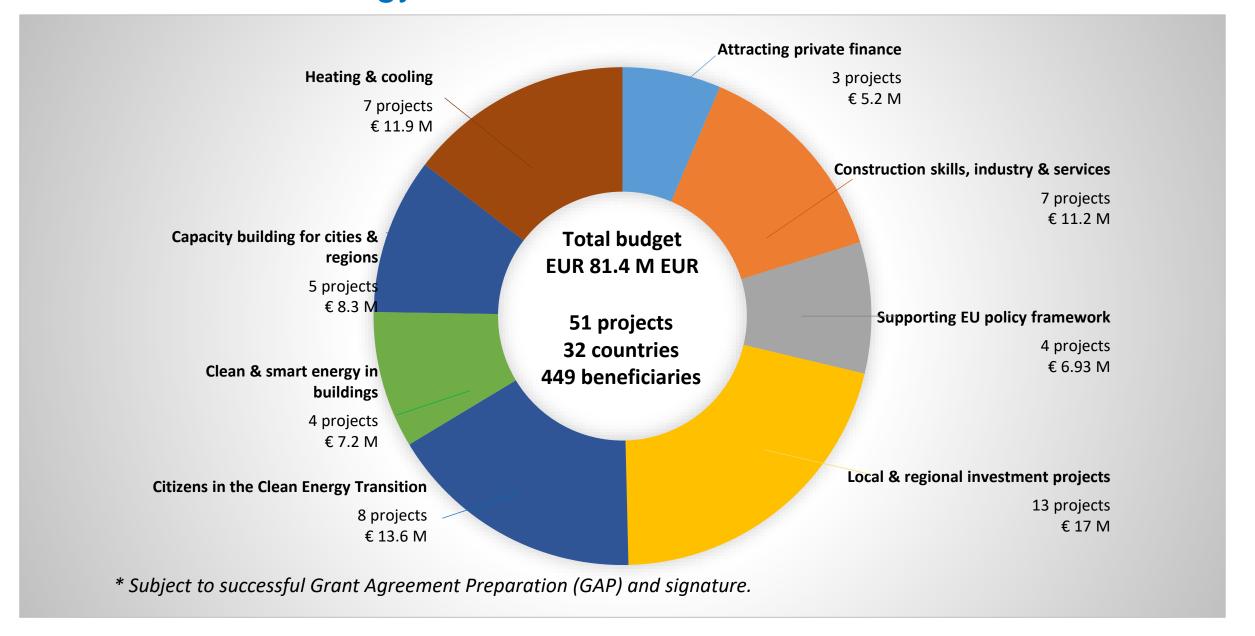
Life Clean Energy Transition Programme

- Break market barriers, change market and regulatory fundamentals
- Improve governance and capacities/skills at all levels

- Mobilise investment and improve access to finance
- Citizens at the centre of the energy transition



LIFE Clean Energy Transition Call 2024* - Outcomes



Participations of Czech organisation in LIFE CET projects

Nearly 50 LIFE Clean Energy Transition projects across the LIFE CET funding areas, for example:

- LIFE21-CET-HOMERENO-One Stop Shop: Integrated home renovation service set up in the City of City of Brno
- LIFE23-CET-OCTOPUS: accelerate the implementation of the regional energy and climate plans in 6 Member States, Czech Republic - Usti Region
- LIFE22-CET-LIFE ECOEMPOWER: create regional services to support energy communities in 5 regions from Italy, France, Germany, Greece, Czech Republic - Zlín Region
- LIFE24-CET-HeaTogether: neighbourhood heating and cooling (H&C) networks in 15 pioneer neighbourhoods in four Central European countries







LIFE CET – Call 2025 Funding topics (II)

Citizens in the clean energy transition

- Alleviating household energy poverty in Europe
- Support services for Energy Communities

Decarbonisation of buildings and H&C

- Making buildings' renovation faster, deeper, affordable, smarter, service- and data-driven
- Supporting district heating and cooling

Building skills and capacity of industry and the service sector

- BUILD UP Skills -National Platforms on energy efficiency skills for the clean energy transition
- Supporting the clean energy transition of European industry and businesses

Alleviating household energy poverty in Europe

LIFE-2025-CET-ENERPOV, 3 eligible countries

Overarching focus on summer energy poverty encouraged Focus on geographic areas with less developed energy poverty alleviation frameworks and measures encouraged

Proposals should cover <u>only</u> Scope A <u>or</u> Scope B

Scope A: Policy and coordination support to public authorities and stakeholders

- Set up long-term cross-sectoral coordination structures to tackle energy poverty
- Deliver tailored policy support to national authorities on EED implementation

Scope B: Support for residential multi-apartment building renovation

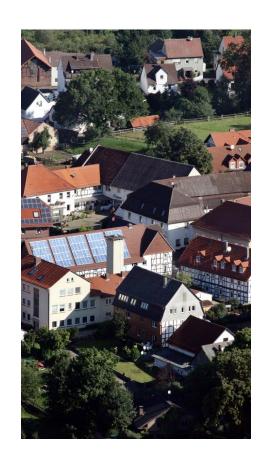
- Governance and decision-making structures of building management and homeowners/tenants associations
- Tackling split incentives and regulatory framework barriers



Support services for energy communities

LIFE-2025-CET-ENERCOM, 3 eligible countries

- Direct technical support for new or existing energy communities delivered by relevant local actors
- Actions to scale-up and professionalise energy communities
- Relevant local actors: local or regional governments, energy agencies or umbrella energy community organisations
- Entities who can demonstrate the support of key stakeholders and provide a credible approach to engage energy community project developers





Supporting district heating and cooling networks LIFE-2025-CET-DHC, 3 eligible countries

- Technical support to help DHC sector prepare modernisation and development projects
 - ✓ Technical support for investment plans to operators/owners of existing district heating systems for a fuel switch to fulfil the criteria for 'efficient district heating and cooling' as defined in the Energy Efficiency Directive
 - ✓ Work with municipalities or relevant key stakeholders in the development of investment plans for new district heating and/or cooling networks, based on renewable energy or waste heat and with particular attention to existing buildings
- support the development of a substantial number of investment plans in at least 3 eligible countries



LIFE CET – Call 2025 Funding topics (I)

Building a national, regional and local policy framework supporting the clean energy transition

- Boosting the Clean Energy Transition in Cities and Regions
- Towards an effective implementation of key legislation in the field of sustainable energy

Mobilising investment at local and regional level

- One-Stop-Shops Integrated renovation services for buildings
- Project Development
 Assistance for sustainable energy investments
 - European City Facility

Attracting private finance for sustainable energy

Crowding in private finance

Boosting the Clean Energy Transition in Cities and Regions (LIFE-2025-CET-LOCAL, 3 eligible countries)

- Scope A: Implementation of integrated decarbonisation plans
- Accelerate and mainstream the implementation at local / regional level
- Development of specific skills, approaches and know-how to decide and deliver energy measures and optimise public expenditure.
- Place-based and cross-sector, including for instance in-depth capacity building programmes; setting-up of relevant structures, etc.

- Scope B: Preparation of local heating & cooling plans
- Key role of cities to decarbonise the H&C sector – i.e. EED article 25(6)
- Methodologies, approaches, blueprints
- Specific activities such as building skills; facilitation of access to relevant data; development of energy demand and supply outlooks; engagement with relevant market participants; joint efforts at local and regional level.



One-Stop-Shops - Integrated services for clean energy transition in buildings

LIFE-2025-CET-OSS, 1 eligible country

Scope A: Private Homeowners

- Coordinate / combine / integrate the services provided by private and public players
- Homeowner perspective
- Services implemented, operational and tested (proof of concept)
- Ensure cost effectiveness and price transparency of services provided to homeowners
- Actions to secure medium to long term viability

Scope B: Professional housing operators

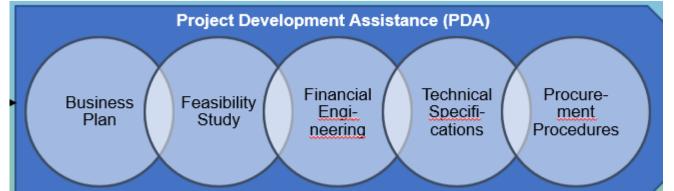
- Professional entities,
 with an emphasis on rental housing
- Real estate portfolio management and asset valuation perspective
- Development of strategic partnerships, dedicated financial and/or fiscal schemes, Particular attention to governance issues



Project Development Assistance (PDA)

LIFE-CET-2025-PDA, 1 eligible country

- Preparation and launch of ambitious sustainable energy investment pipeline (energy efficiency and/or renewable energy projects)
- Ready-to-finance / bankable projects: Mobilisation of private investments and costeffectiveness of EU and national public budgetary resources
- Technical, economic & legal skills / expertise for project development such as: project bundling, technical studies, energy audits, assessing financing options, legal advice, tendering procedure preparation, engagement etc
- Sectors: Public Buildings, Residential Buildings, District Heating, Industry, Renewables, Mobility





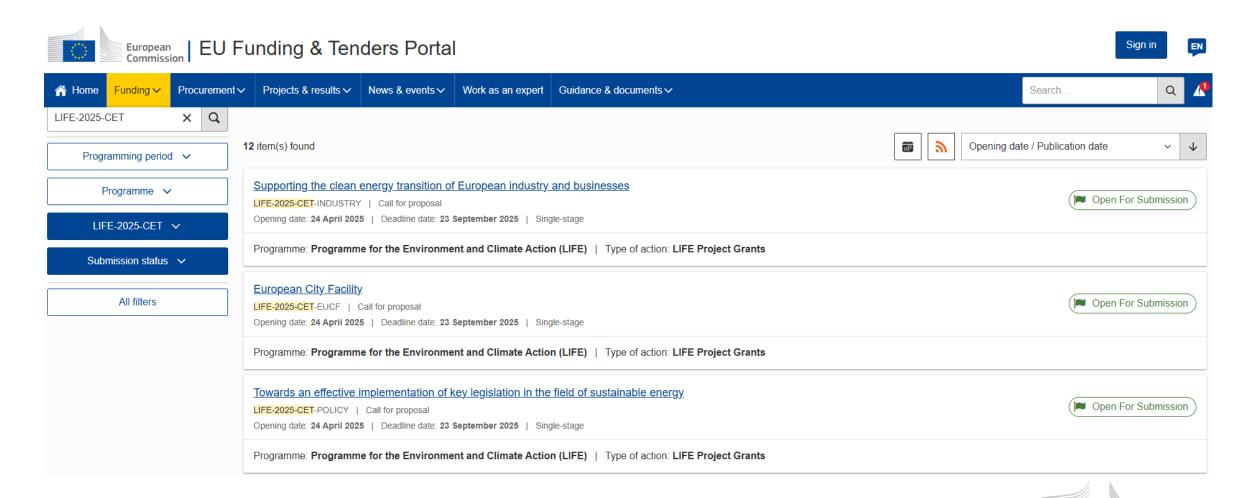
LIFE CET Call 2025

- Deadline: 23rd September 2025
- **+/- 91,4 mEUR** available for +/- 45-50 grants
- policy-driven funding topics with detailed guidance
- Most funding topics: minimum of 3 (eligible) entities from 3 different eligible countries (average number of partners is higher)
- 95% co-funding rate
- Apply electronically via the EC's <u>Funding & Tender opportunities portal</u>





How to apply: Single entry door for your application: Funding & Tenders Portal work



European Commission

How to apply: Structure of a proposal

Part A

Structured administrative information

To be completed directly online

Part B

Narrative technical project description

Template to fill in word, to be uploaded as PDF, max.
65 pages, font min.
Arial 10!

Part C

Key Performance Indicators

To be completed directly online

Detailed budget table

Excel template incl.
 subcontracting, other direct costs

Participant information

 Participant, key staff, previous actions, affiliated entities / associated partners

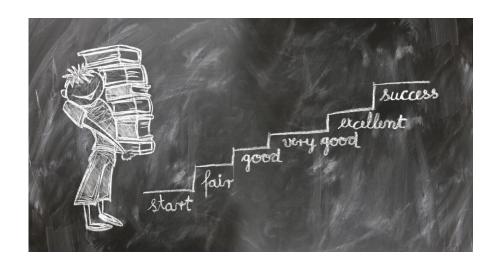
Optional Annexes

Where relevant, e.g. letters of support



How to apply: What are the award criteria?

- Relevance (0/20)
- Impact (0/20) 150%
- Quality (0/20)
- Resources (0/20)



Total score on 90 with min. 10/20 per criterion and min. 55/90 overall



LIFE Clean Energy Transition Call 2025 – Resources for you!



- ! Must read:
- → LIFE CET call document

2025: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life-calls-proposals-2025_en

- ! Must watch "Support for applicants"
- → Info Session for each funding topic and
- → How to submit a (an excellent) proposal!

https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life/clean-energy-transition_en



Keep in touch with LIFE CET:



https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life_en

Advice in your country: LIFE National <u>Contact</u> Points: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life/history-life/life-contacts/european-national-contact-points_en

LIFE Clean Energy Transition Advice at CINEA: CINEA-LIFE-CET@ec.europa.eu

Stay informed and sign up: Clean Energy Newsletter



EUSEW 2025 -Powering a fair and competitive green transition

10-12 JUNE 2025 **EUROPEAN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK**

Powering a fair and competitive green transition

#EUSEW2025 ec.europa.eu/eusew









10 -12 June 2025







Thank you



© European Union 2020

Unless otherwise noted the reuse of this presentation is authorised under the <u>CC BY 4.0</u> license. For any use or reproduction of elements that are not owned by the EU, permission may need to be sought directly from the respective right holders.

