



FACTSHEET

Call for Proposals in the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation programme in Slovenia

OUTCOME B.1: Increased renewable energy production



The Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy (GODC) as the Programme Operator of the "Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation" programme launches the Call for Proposals. The total amount available under this Call for Proposals is 15,564,705.88 EUR. The available funding under the programme outcome "Increased renewable energy production" is 5,000,000.00 EUR. Projects contributing to this outcome will be supported by the EEA Grants 2014–2021.

| Eligible applicants | Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non- governmental organisation, established as a legal person in Slovenia . |
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| Eligible partners | Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, as well as non-governmental organisations established as a legal person in Slovenia or in one of the Donor States , or any international organisation or body or agency thereof, actively involved in, and effectively contributing to the implementation of a project. |
| Eligible area | The eligible area of implementation of projects is the territory of Slovenia , project activities can also be carried out in Norway , Iceland and Liechtenstein when relevant to the project. The implementation of project activities outside these two eligible areas shall be admissible only in specially justified cases and subject to prior approval of the GODC. Outcomes and the outputs of the projects must be implemented in Slovenia . |
| Project funding: | Minimum 200,000 EUR / maximum 4,000,000 EUR |
| Grant rate | Up to 100 % of the total eligible expenditure. |
| Project duration | 12–24 months. Projects must be completed by 30 April 2024 at the latest. |

Focus

Focus is on increasing the use of **geothermal energy** as well as the use of other **less established sources** such as wind, biofuel, biogas and solar energy in the Republic of Slovenia.

Expected outputs (applicants are expected to choose one)

Improved capacity to develop less established renewable energy sources Energy production from less established renewable sources installed

Further information about the outputs and associated indicators is highlighted in the Guide for Beneficiaries PART 1.

Supported activities

The following list contains illustrative examples of activities eligible for support:

- mapping of the technical potential of (shallow) geothermal energy in the territory of the Republic of Slovenia and final digital presentation;
- specialised training on modern, environmentally friendly geothermal drilling technologies, research and use of geothermal energy for technicians, engineers and other professionals in the sector,
- search and awareness raising campaigns with the aim of promoting sustainable, prudent, more efficient and increased use of geothermal energy and other less established RES.
- installation of new and/or upgrade of existing more environmentally friendly and efficient technologies for RES use, in particular the use of geothermal energy;
- establishment of heating and/or cooling systems from less established RES (i.e. district heating system using geothermal energy for agricultural, tourist, business and public facilities),
- pilot investments in technological solutions (transfer of research, innovation and technologies) on how to use less established RES for public and business purposes.

Further information on supported areas may be found in the Guide for Beneficiaries PART 1 and further information on project development in the Guide for Beneficiaries PART 2.

Eligible expenditures

Eligible expenditures are those that are incurred between the first and final dates of eligibility as specified in the project contract; are connected with the subject of the project contract and are indicated in the detailed budget of the project.

Eligible expenditures and the specific criteria applicable to individual categories are furthered detailed in the Guide for Beneficiaries PART 4.

Application deadline

All applications must be submitted by **30 September 2021 at 12:00 (noon) CET**, using the <u>electronic monitoring</u> system (eMS). Applications received by other means will be rejected.

Further information about the complete application may be found in the Guide for Beneficiaries PART 1.

Selection process and criteria

Projects will be selected based on the quality of the applications and on the extent to which they meet the selection criteria described in the Call for Proposals. Applicants must receive a minimum of 75 point out of 95 points to qualify for financing. Projects with a project partner from the Donor States shall additionally receive 5 points after the achieved threshold of 75 points.

The **selection results** should be made public approximately **6 months** after the final date for the application submission.

The selection criteria and process are further elaborated on in the Guide for Beneficiaries PART 1.

Project contract and reporting obligations

Successful applicants – Project Promoters – will be required to enter into a **project contract** with the Programme Operator. The Project Promoter takes on full responsibility for the project and is obligated to submit **Joint Project Reports**, based on Partner Reports of each project partner, and the **Final Project Report**.

Further information regarding the project promoters' reporting obligations is elaborated on in the Guide for Beneficiaries PART 5.

Additional information and FAQ

Additional information on the Call for Proposals can be obtained before the deadline for submission of proposals by sending questions to e-address: nor_egp.svrk@gov.si.

Frequently asked questions and answers shall be published on the websites <u>www.eeagrants.si</u> and <u>www.norwaygrants.si</u>, accessible at <u>www.norwaygrants.si/en/calls/environment</u>, and updated once a week.