



NOTICE ON THE CALL FOR THE AWARD OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ALREADY CONTRACTED PROJECTS UNDER THE PROGRAMME CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

We would like to inform you that there are non-distributed funds totalling EUR 452,000 still available under the programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. The remaining amount is made up of EUR 384.200 from the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 (hereinafter 'EEA Financial Mechanism') and the matching contribution of the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter 'national co-financing') which accounts for EUR 67.800.

The funding is available for the projects that were selected through a call for proposals or for pre-defined projects that are supported by the EEA Financial Mechanism and receive national co-financing.

Additional funding can only be awarded to the projects that include an infrastructure component (cost category in eMS "Infrastructure and Construction Costs").

Conditions for the award of additional funding:

- The project is implemented under the programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. It is co-financed by the EEA Financial Mechanism and receives matching national co-financing.
- The project is implemented under Outcome B.1 "Increased renewable energy production" or Outcome B.2 "Enhanced sustainable mobility management" or Outcome B.4 "Improved management of ecosystems under climate change pressure".
- The project includes an infrastructure component (cost category in eMS "Infrastructure and Construction Costs"). Infrastructure activities contribute significantly to the objectives, results and indicators of the project.
- Additional funding can only be awarded to help Project Promoters address the challenges connected with extraordinary price increases and high infrastructure costs. The Project Promoter must prove that the extraordinary price increases are beyond its control and could not have been foreseen at the time of submission of the project proposal (cost overruns due to e.g. poor resource planning/inaccurate estimates will not be considered).
- Additional funding will safeguard the planned project results (i.e. "rescue or implementation of the project") within the available timeframe.
- Additional funding will allow the Project Promoter to complete project activities within the eligibility period.
- Additional funding for an already approved project that will help address the challenges connected with extraordinary price increases will better contribute to the achievement of result indicators of the Programme.

Amount of additional funding available

The projects meeting the abovementioned conditions will be eligible for additional funding. The amount of additional funding awarded to each project will be proportionate to the total amount of funding available. The share of the funds awarded to a project will depend on the value of additional infrastructure costs¹ of this project vis-à-vis the total value of additional infrastructure costs of all projects applying for and being eligible for additional funding.

Example: the value of additional infrastructure costs of project Y under the category "Infrastructure and construction costs" totals EUR 100,000 and the total value of additional infrastructure costs of all eligible projects that applied for additional funding equals EUR 1,000,000. The share of infrastructure costs of project Y in the total value of infrastructure costs of all eligible projects is 10% and the project is eligible for 10% of the additional funding that is available.

Calculation formula

$$= \frac{\text{total value of additional infrastructure costs of project Y}}{\text{total value of additional infrastructure costs of applied projects X}} \times \text{available funding}$$

Co-financing rate: the rate of co-financing with additional funding can be up to 100% of eligible expenditure and is determined on the basis of the original co-financing rate applied to the project in question. The rules on State Aid or project revenue are duly observed.

Legal bases

Given that additional funding under the programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation is set aside under the EEA Financial Mechanism and in the state budget of the Republic of Slovenia (matching national co-financing), the following legal bases will be observed:

- Programme Agreement between the Financial Mechanism Committee, the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Focal Point for the Financing of the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Programme available at www.norwaygrants.si/en/calls/environment;
- Applicable national and EU legislation, in particular on public procurement, State Aid, state budget implementation and public finance;
- Guide for Beneficiaries, consisting of several parts and available online at <https://www.norwaygrants.si/dokumenti/navodila-in-prirocniki/>
- Call for proposals for co-financing of projects under the programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (already closed) and available at <https://www.norwaygrants.si/razpisi/javni-razpis-za-sofinanciranje-projektov-v-okviru-programa-blazenje-podnebnih-sprememb-in-prilagajanje-nanje/>
- Guidelines adopted by the EEA Financial Mechanism Committee and the relevant Slovenian authorities.

¹ The amount of infrastructure costs under the cost category "Infrastructure and Construction Costs".

Notice on the call for the award of additional funding to already contracted projects under the programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation includes the following documents:

- Application Form for the award of additional funding

Eligibility of expenditure for additional funding:

Infrastructure expenditure for which additional funding will be allocated is eligible only if it relates to an extraordinary increase in infrastructure prices. Only additional expenditure incurred in relation to infrastructure costs that will be paid after the award of additional funding and which was not foreseen or included in the valid application for funding in eMS may be declared and reimbursement claimed for it. The valid application form in eMS dated 13.7.2023 must clearly demonstrate that infrastructure activities are part of the project and that the expenditure in the cost category "Infrastructure and Construction Costs" is consequently foreseen. The Project Promoter must comply with the rules on eligibility of expenditure and public procurement procedures set out in the Guide for Beneficiaries and applicable national legislation on public procurement when declaring expenditure and claiming reimbursement for it.

Deadline and method of submission of Applications for additional funding

Applications for additional funding may be submitted at any time from the date of publication of the call to the deadline for submission of Applications for additional funding.

- Deadline for submission of Applications for additional funding is 14 June 2023.

The Applications must be submitted by the Project Promoter, in writing only, **via the eMS mailbox to the username NOR and EGP FM.**

The submitted Applications must include the requested information and the relevant documents as specified in this Notice.

Applications received by other means (e.g. by post, fax, e-mail or hand-delivered) or Applications submitted after the deadline for submission of Applications for additional funding will be rejected.

The submission of the Application implies that the applicant agrees with the conditions for the award of additional funding.

Complete Application for additional funding

A complete Application for additional funding will include the following documents:

- A fully completed and duly signed Application Form, completed in both the Slovenian and the English language;
- Supporting documents which demonstrate the fulfilment of the condition relating to the extraordinary price increases and high infrastructure costs. The Project Promoter must prove through the documentation that the extraordinary price increases were beyond its control and could not have been foreseen at the time of submission of the project proposal.

The Application will be considered complete if it contains all the documents listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Elements of a complete Application for additional funding

ELEMENT	METHOD OF SUBMISSION	NOTE
Application Form	Application Form is submitted electronically via the eMS mailbox	Application Form must be fully completed in the Slovenian and English language and signed by the legal representative of the Project Promoter.
Supporting documents demonstrating that the conditions are fulfilled	Attached to the Application Form and submitted electronically via the eMS mailbox	The documents which demonstrate the fulfilment of the condition relating to the extraordinary price increases and high infrastructure costs.

Procedure for the award of additional funding

The procedure for the award of additional funding to the projects will be based on the evaluation of the Applications received. The Applications will be evaluated in accordance with the principles of transparency and equal treatment. The Programme Operator will be responsible for the implementation of the process. The evaluation process will not be public.

Evaluation of Applications will be a two-stage process consisting of:

- Admissibility and eligibility check,
- Decision on the amount of additional funding to be awarded in accordance with the abovementioned formula (described in the chapter Amount of additional funding available).

Admissibility and eligibility check

The Programme Operator will check whether an individual Application for additional funding meets the admissibility and eligibility criteria. If the Programme Operator finds that the Application is incomplete, it will invite the Project Promoter via the Project Promoter’s mailbox in the eMS system to submit the missing documents or information. The latter will have to be provided within eight (8) days from the receipt of such invitation via the mailbox in the eMS system to the username NOR and EGP FM. If the Application for additional funding is not completed in line with the invitation, the Project Promoter will be considered to have withdrawn from the award of additional funding to the project.

Decision on the award of additional funding

The Programme Operator will check the number of complete Applications after having examined and evaluated all Applications that were received. The Programme Operator will determine the amount of additional funding that can be awarded to each project whose Application was complete on the basis of the number of complete Applications and the calculation methodology described above.

Before issuing a decision on the award of additional funding to the projects, the Programme Operator will inform the Cooperation Committee of the programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

(the Cooperation Committee)² and the National Focal Point of the proposal. Once the Cooperation Committee has given its agreement to the proposal of the Programme Operator to award additional funding, the head of the Ministry of Cohesion and Regional Development (hereinafter 'MCRD') or a person authorized to act on behalf of the head of the MCRD will take a decision on the award of additional funding.

The Project Promoters to be awarded additional funding will receive a Decision amending the Project Contract (hereinafter 'Decision').

The Project Promoters who did not qualify for additional funding will receive a decision on rejection.

The decision on the allocation of additional funding is expected within sixty (60) days of the deadline for submission of applications.

Addendum to the Project Contract

If awarded additional funding, the Project Promoter will sign an Addendum to the Project Contract with the MCRD as the Programme Operator.

The contract manager at the MCRD will invite the Project Promoter to amend the Application Form in eMS to reflect the award of additional funding after receiving the Decision. The Project Promoter will receive a written invitation to sign an Addendum to the Project Contract with the MCRD as the Programme Operator after the approval of the amendment to the Application Form. If the Project Promoter does not respond to the invitation within eight (8) days, it will be understood that it has withdrawn its Application for additional funding and will be required to correct the Application Form in eMS to its previous state.

The Project Promoter must update the relevant investment documentation to accommodate additional funding in accordance with the Decree on the uniform methodology for the preparation and treatment of investment documentation in the field of public finance and submit it to the project administrator by the deadline fixed by the contract manager.

Additional information

Before submitting the Application for additional funding, the Project Promoters should carefully consult the documents relating to the call for the award of additional funding. Any potential request for further information or questions should be sent to e-mail address nor_egp.svrk@gov.si by 13 June 2023.

² Cooperation Committee of the programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation has a consultative status and an advisory role in the preparation and implementation of the Programme in Slovenia.