

ANNEX

Work Programme for 2021 for pilot projects in the field of energy

1. Introduction

On the basis of the objectives given in the 2021 budget remarks¹, the pilot projects (PP) in the field of energy to be financed and the budget breakdown for 2021 are as follows:

Legal basis

Article 58(2)(a) of the Financial Regulation Brussels, 29.6.2021

2. Procurement

The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts in 2021 is EUR 1 875 000.

2.1

Chapter PP 01 – Research and Innovation

PP 01 21 02 – Pilot project - Support service for citizens led renovation projects

General description of the contracts envisaged (*study / technical assistance / evaluation / survey / IT / communication services/etc.*)

Support service, technical assistance

Implementation

DG ENER.B.3

Objectives and expected results

This pilot project aims to overcome financial, legal and technical barriers to citizen-led renovation projects. A specific Union support service should be created for Citizens Energy Communities (CEC) and Renewable Energy Communities (REC), which are new actors enshrined in the Union legislation able to catalyse citizens' engagement in various aspects of the ecological transition, including renovation projects. The creation of such a service could build upon the experience of cooperatives that are successfully bundling projects at a neighbourhood scale. The support service would aim to strengthen community building and to scale up and replicate successful programmes. It should

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L:2021:093:TOC>

include:

1. A platform for sharing experience and models, in order to build strong community dynamics to mobilise European citizens around integrated building renovation and renewable deployment by means of CEC and REC.
2. Support for the development of investment plans, as identifying financing options is a key element for the creation of project pipelines. Looking for commonalities in order to scale the development of citizen-led projects. Investigating the development of models supporting renovation in conjunction with renewable deployment.
3. Providing evidence and indicators in order to raise awareness among existing CEC and REC about the value of energy renovations.
4. Providing technical assistance and coaching to citizens groups, existing community organisations as well as local authorities to set up citizen and renewable energy communities dealing with building renovation, access to home ownership and energy poverty.
5. Monitoring and supporting a strong transposition of Clean Energy package provisions concerning CEC and REC, which should be an opportunity for Member States to strengthen the role of citizens in the energy transition.

The goal of the pilot project will be to coach CEC and REC through the process of creating and implementing a territory transition.

2.2

Chapter PP 02 – European Strategic Investments

PP 02 20 07 – Pilot project - Engaging companies for energy transition

(extension of 2020 PP 32 027719)

General description of the contracts envisaged (*study / technical assistance / evaluation / survey / IT / communication services/etc.*)

Study, technical assistance

Implementation

DG ENER.B.1

Objectives and expected results

A European private-sector dimension will be developed to complement existing bottom-up energy or climate initiatives of cities local municipalities (e.g. the Covenant of Mayors). By engaging leading (industrial and commercial) companies to form a Union-wide (voluntary) movement, the scale, impact and synergies of actions taken by different levels of governance can be increased. Voluntary incentives for action are needed as the share of CO₂ emissions from industry is expected to grow in relative terms compared to energy supply and road transport towards 2050.

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