

Information Note



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Higher Education European Funding Services

Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE)

Call for Proposals

Deadline: 24 June 2010

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Background

The Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE) is the EU's main programme to tackle non-technological barriers to the spread of efficient use of energy and greater use of new and renewable energy sources. It forms part of the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) and is managed by the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI). The budget available for this call is €56m and it is expected that around 50 projects will be selected for support.

Objectives and Activities

The Programme's overall objective is to contribute to secure, sustainable and competitively priced energy for Europe, by providing for action to:-

- foster energy efficiency and the rational use of energy resources
- promote new and renewable energy sources and to support energy diversification
- promote energy efficiency and the use of new and renewable energy sources in transport

The Programme seeks to support action in the following fields:-

Energy efficiency and rational use of resources (SAVE), including:-

- improving energy efficiency and the rational use of energy, in particular in the building and industry sectors
- supporting the preparation and application of legislative measures

New and renewable energy resources (ALTENER), including:-

- promoting new and renewable energy sources for centralised and decentralised production of electricity, heat and cooling and biofuels, thus supporting the diversification of energy sources
- integrating new and renewable energy sources into the local environment and the energy systems
- supporting the preparation and application of legislative measures



Energy in transport (STEER) to promote energy efficiency and the use of new and renewable energies sources in transport, including:-

- supporting initiatives relating to all energy aspects of transport and the diversification of fuels
- promoting renewable fuels and energy efficiency in transport
- supporting the preparation and application of legislative measures

Integrated Initiatives combining several of the fields above or relating to certain EU priorities. They may include actions integrating energy efficiency and renewable energy sources in several sectors and/or combining various instruments, tools and actors within the same action or project.

Priorities and opportunities for HEIs

A series of priorities have been established for 2010, details can be found in the 'Call for Proposals'. Specific opportunities for HEIs might, for instance, include the following:-

Energy efficiency and rational use of resources (SAVE)

Energy efficient buildings

- actions to improve the operational efficiency of non-residential buildings

New and renewable energy sources (ALTENER)

RES electricity

- strategic actions to analyse and monitor policies, markets, costs and benefits of renewable electricity

RES in buildings

- actions which accelerate the deployment of biomass, geothermal and/or solar systems for heating, cooling and electricity in energy efficient buildings

Bioenergy

- actions bringing untapped bio-resources onto the energy market

Energy in transport (STEER)

Capacity building and learning on energy aspects of transport

- actions to promote mutual learning of practitioners, employees or regulating and administrative bodies or experts through staff exchanges
- actions supporting teaching at academic level through networking of educational institutions, staff exchanges, joint seminars, joint site visits and development of joint teaching and information material
- actions supporting training and capacity building for staff of existing local and regional agencies, using existing training material

Integrated initiatives

Local energy leadership

- large scale networking and capacity building activities

Technical Issues

Grant rate is up to a maximum of 75% of eligible costs

Maximum duration for a project is 3 years

Projects must involve at least 3 partners from at least 3 different countries

Project size is usually between €0.5 and 2.5m of grant

Projects must be able to demonstrate real European added value

Selection Criteria

Applicants are required to demonstrate that they have the technical and financial capacity to carry out the activities proposed. In addition, all proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:-

| Criteria | Points Available |
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| Relevance of the proposed action | 10 |
| Quality of implementation methodology | 10 |
| Ambition and credibility of the impacts of the proposed action | 10 |
| EU added value | 10 |
| Resources allocated to the proposed action | 10 |

Further Information

Application forms and all other official documentation relating to this call for proposals are available from:-

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm

Interested?

If you or any of your colleagues are interested in developing an application in response to this call, then we may be able to offer some assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact us for an informal discussion about how we can help.