



EU Funding Programmes Energy

Intelligent Energy Europe

The Programme contributes in particular to the Commission's proposed integrated energy and climate change package including the action plan for energy-efficiency and the renewable energy road map. Intelligent Energy – Europe is part of the main Community instrument to tackle non-technological barriers to the spread of efficient use of energy and greater use of new and renewable energy sources. It is included in the overall Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP). Intelligent Energy - Europe covers action in the following fields: **Energy efficiency and rational use of resources (SAVE)**, **New and renewable energy resources (ALTENER)**, **Energy in transport (STEER)** and Integrated initiatives.

The programme is open to public or private bodies established in the territory of the EU Member States, as well as in EFTA countries Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein, accession countries and candidate countries benefiting from a pre-accession strategy, countries of the Western Balkans and other third countries, when Agreements and procedures so allow.

The rates of assistance are up to 75% of the total eligible costs of the operation for projects, up to 75% of the total eligible cost and up to a maximum Community contribution of €250,000 for the creation of new local and regional energy management agencies.

A call for proposals has been published on April, 17th 2007. Applications have to be submitted by September, 28th 2007

More information: http://www.ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/index_en.html

LIFE+

LIFE+ is a focused funding instrument providing specific support for the development and implementation of Community environmental policy and legislation. It comprises three components: *Nature and Biodiversity*, *Environment Policy and Governance*, *Information and Communication*. In relation to the objectives of the 6th Environmental Action Plan, the specific objectives of *LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance* call for proposals are, for example, to contribute to the development and demonstration of **innovative policy approaches, technologies, methods** or to facilitate the **implementation of Community environment policy, with particular emphasis on implementation at local and regional level**.

The maximum co-financing rate will be 50%. Only expenditure in EU27 countries is eligible at present, although the future participation of certain third countries is possible if

supplementary appropriations are received. The Commission will launch the first annual call for proposals in mid September 2007.

More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

INTERREG IVC

INTERREG IVC aims to improve the effectiveness of regional development policies and contribute to economic modernisation by enabling cooperation between regional and local authorities across the EU27, Norway and Switzerland, through exchange and transfer of their experiences and the joint development of approaches and instruments. The rate of assistance for projects under INTERREG IVC is up to 75% (up to 85% for Convergence Regions).

Projects have to address the set priorities *Innovation and the Knowledge Economy* and/or *Environment and Risk Management* (e.g. **Energy** and sustainable public transport). The opening of the Call for Proposal may coincide, at the earliest, with the launching event of the Programme in Lisbon (September, 21st 2007). It is expected that the Call for Proposals stays open for two to three months (potential deadline of submission around December 2007/January 2008).

More information: http://www.interreg3c.net/web/fic_en

INTERREG IVB

INTERREG IVB supports transnational cooperation within different cooperation areas, e.g. in the Central Europe Programme or the North West Europe Programme. INTERREG IVB projects offer financial support for local, regional and national institutions to exchange experiences and develop and test strategies, services and products for the solution of local and regional problems together with European partners. The participation of private organisations (SMEs) is desired; however, the actual technical implementation needs to be further analyzed and will be under *de minimis* rule. Projects that prepare investments of transnational relevance, e.g. through feasibility studies, have high prospects of being selected for funding.

The rate of assistance varies in the different programmes: max. 50% (e.g. in NWE), max. 75 % (e.g. in Baltic Sea, Alpine Space and Central Europe), up to 85% for Convergence Regions (e.g. Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia in the Central Programme).

Each of the different programme zones has a specific programme defining the priorities of interventions. In the Central Europe Programme, the key priorities are: *Innovation, Accessibility, Environment* (e.g. **Supporting the use of renewable energy sources and increasing energy efficiency**) and *Competitiveness*. The North West Europe Programme addresses four main themes for transnational cooperation, namely *Developing the NWE knowledge-based economy by capitalising on the capacity for innovation, Sustainable management of natural resources and of natural and*



*technological risks (e.g. Promotion of responsible production and consumption patterns and **energy efficiency** in all economic sectors and society at large, through for example joint awareness-raising measures and integrated concepts and action plans to increase energy efficiency or Joint strategic actions for **energy savings, promotion and transfer of knowledge in alternative and renewable energy management patterns**), *Improving connectivity in NWE by promoting intelligent and sustainable transport and ICT solutions and Promoting strong and prosperous communities at transnational level.**

All projects to be funded under any INTERREGIVB programme have to incorporate the cross-cutting theme to **increase the environmental sustainability** of the areas in response to the Gothenburg agenda.

In the Central area, project ideas can be already posted on the Website by registered users and project owners can be contacted to discuss a potential partnership. There is no specification on when the first call for proposal will be launched (between end of 2007 and beginning of 2008). The first call for proposals in NWE will be launched September, 17th 2007 and close October, 15th 2007.

More information: <http://www.central2013.eu> <http://www.nweurope.org>

Other

7th EC Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities, e.g.:

- Call OJ C130 Support in the areas new Paradigms and experimental facilities, photonic components and subsystems, micro/nanosystems, networked embedded and control systems, virtual physiological human, ICT for cooperative systems, **ICT for environmental management and energy efficiency** or accessible and inclusive ICT

More information: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>

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