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What is the European City Facility?

Designed by cities for cities



to support local investments in sustainable energy



EUCF objectives



Provide technical, legal and financial expertise

Deliver more than 200 investment concepts



Build capacity of more than 400 municipal staff

Facilitate access to private & EU finance and advisory services





EUCF Regional Approach

3 regions, 31 countries

NORDIC COUNTRIES & WESTERN EUROPE

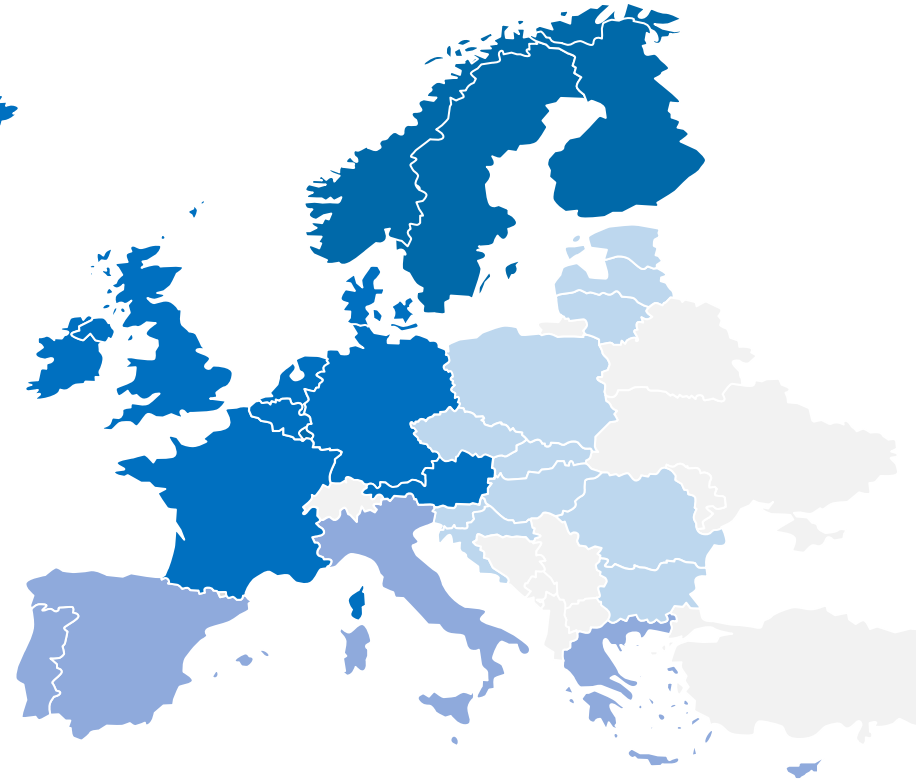
Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom

CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia

SOUTHERN EUROPE

Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain





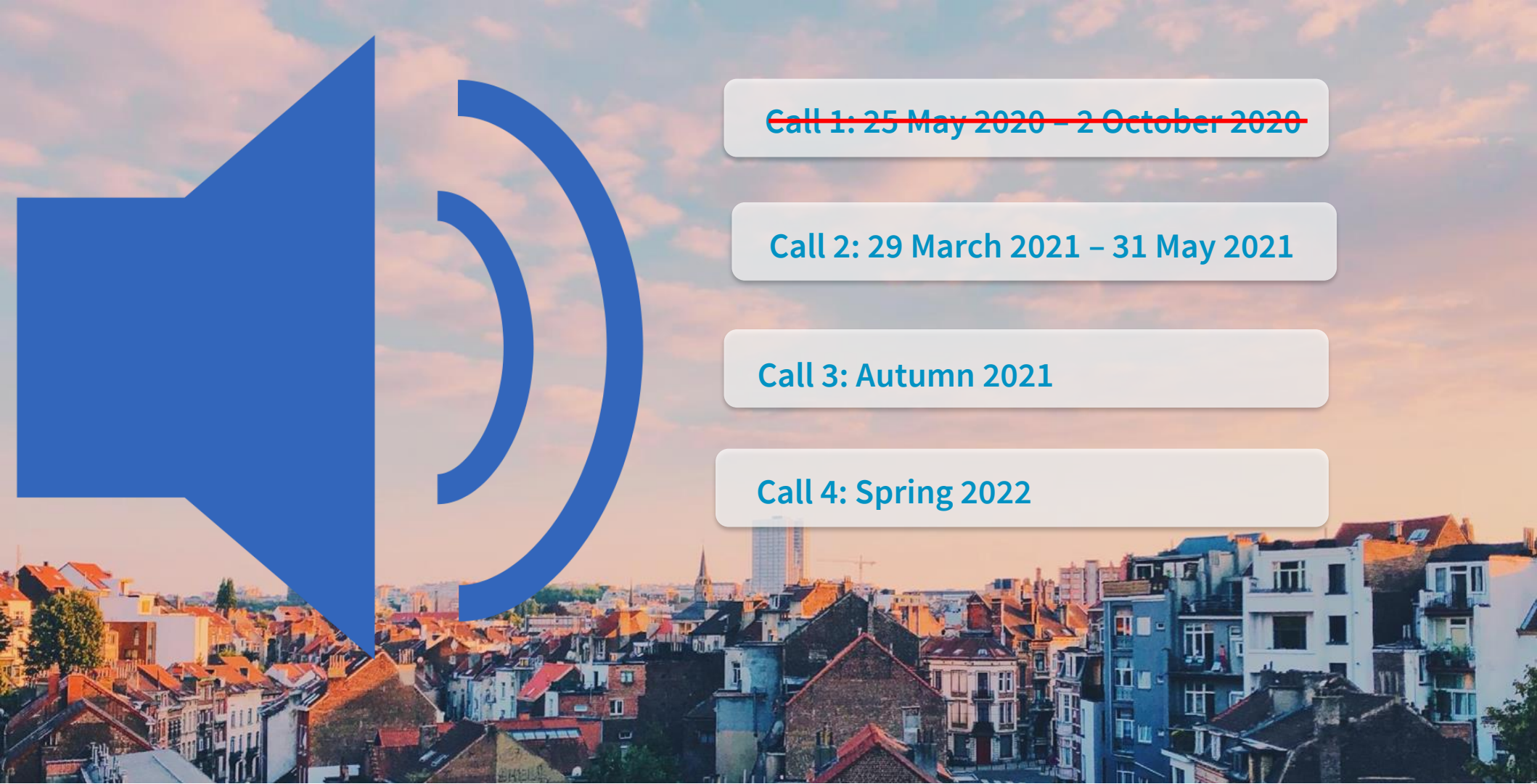
Calls for applications

~~Call 1: 25 May 2020 – 2 October 2020~~

Call 2: 29 March 2021 – 31 May 2021

Call 3: Autumn 2021

Call 4: Spring 2022





EUCF Budget for the Second Call

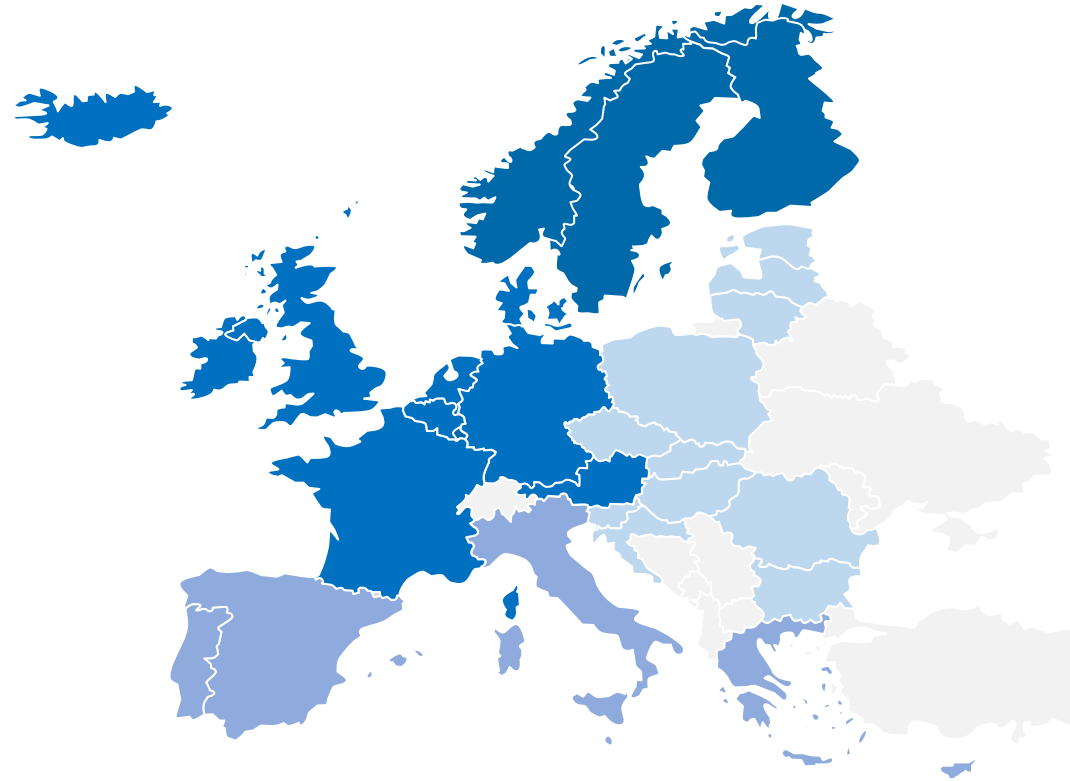
Call 2: 29 March 2021 – 31 May 2021

Central & East: 26 Investment Concepts

North & West: 24 Investment Concepts

South: 19 Investment Concepts

EUCF Total: 69 Investment Concepts financed





Results of the First Call



250+

APPLICATIONS



28 

COUNTRIES



30

BENEFICIARIES

14 

COUNTRIES



11

3 UNITED KINGDOM
Coventry (366,785)
Leeds (780,000)
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (144,560)

2 DENMARK
Nyborg (32,004)
Samsøe (3,650)


1 LITHUANIA
Visaginas (18,243)

11

2 POLAND
Sztum (18,000)
Piaseczno (78,273)

4 NETHERLANDS
Horst aan de maas (42,429)
Westland (108,603)
Rheden (43,696)
Waalwijk (48,620)

4 HUNGARY
Gyöngyös (29,036) 
Hódmezővásárhely (43,149)
Mórahalom (6,312)
Veszprém (105,035)

1 BELGIUM
Schaerbeek (1,200,000) 


3 CROATIA
Velika Gorica (64,000)
Rijeka (128,000)
Karlovac (55,705)



1 GERMANY
Rostock (238,000)

1 BULGARIA
Dobrich (93,000)

1 PORTUGAL
Cascais (212,474)

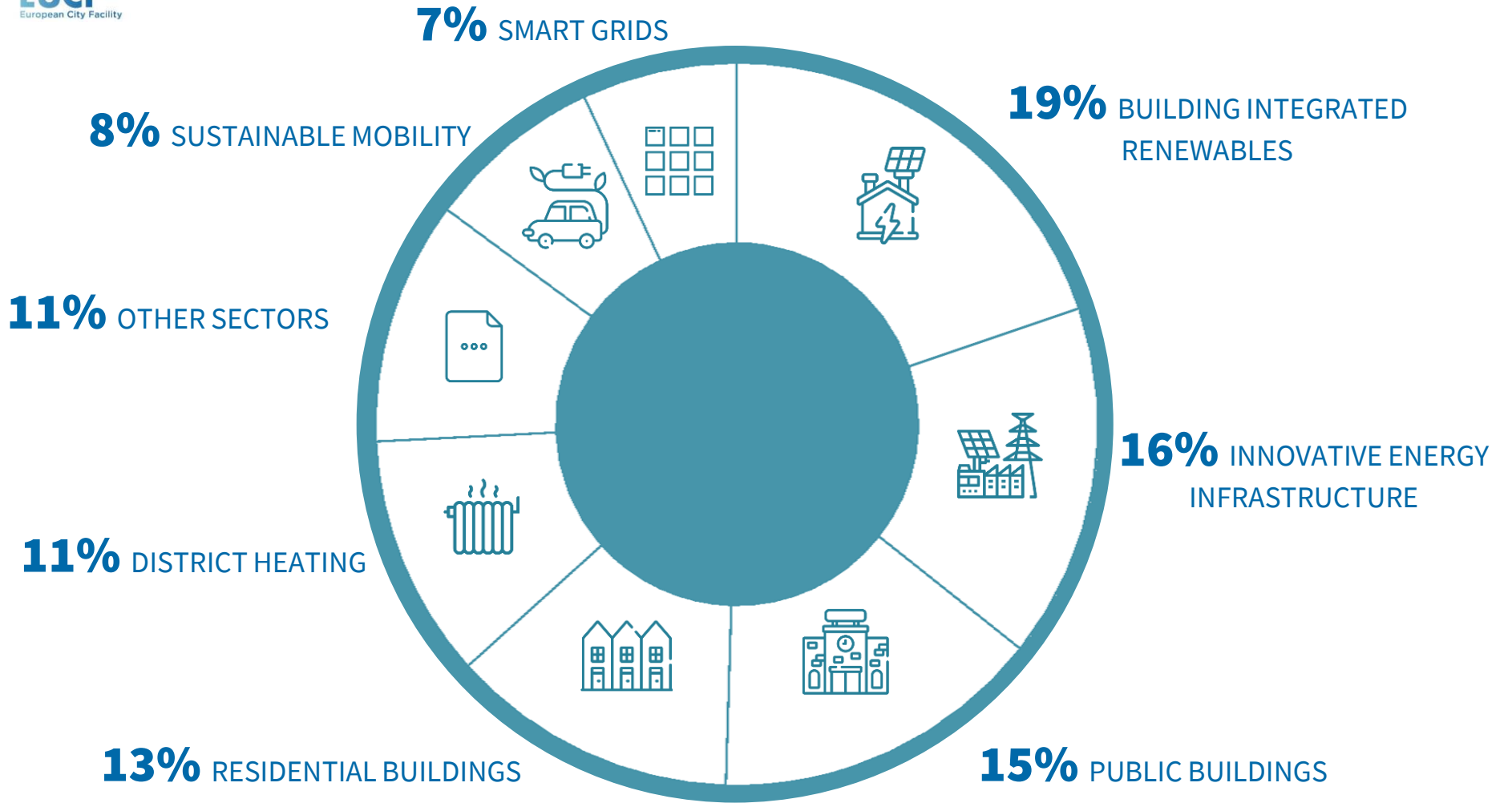
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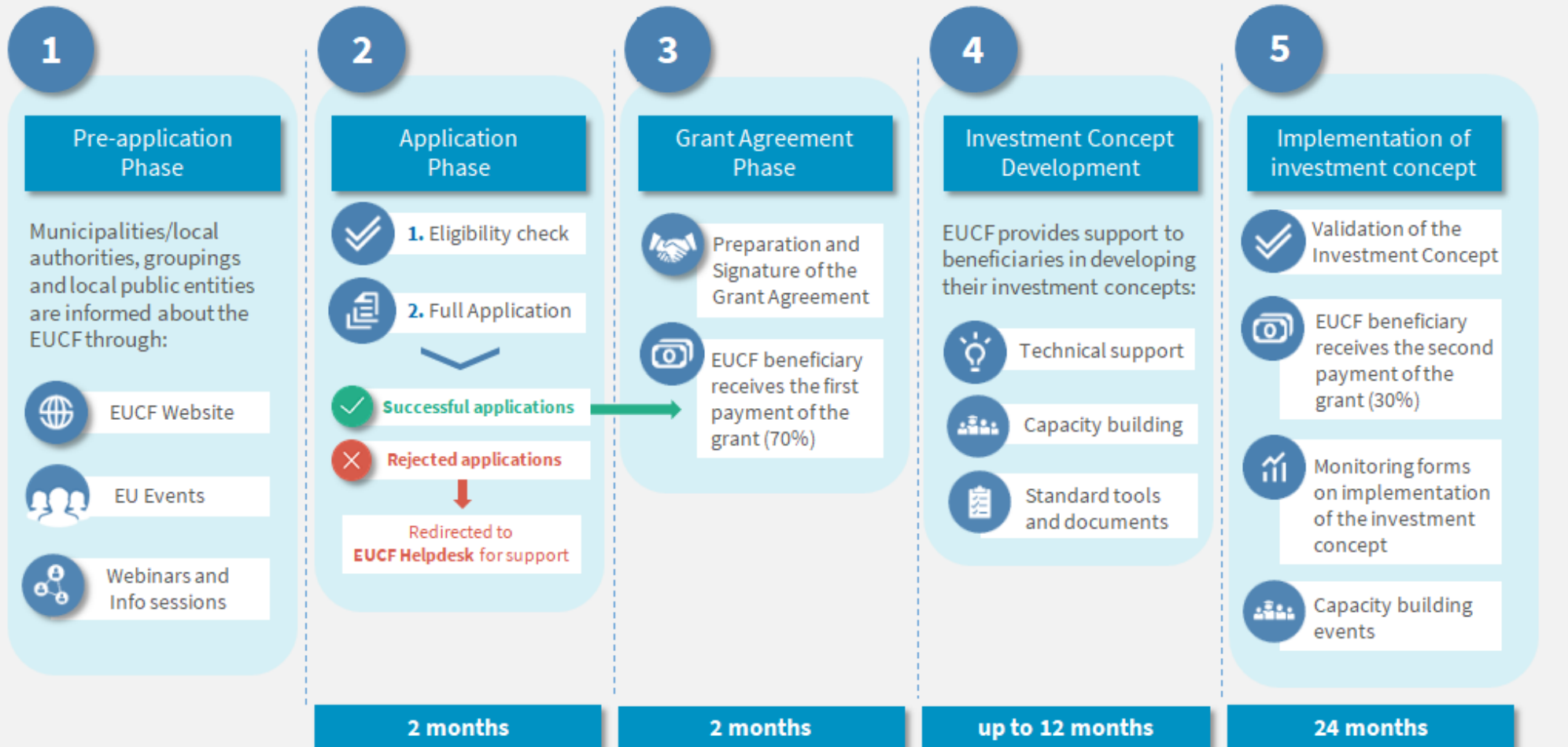
2 SPAIN
Olot (121,219) 
Malaga (574,654)

4 ITALY
Pinerolo Area (44,977) 
Ravenna (158,058)
Castel San Pietro Terme (20,862)
Isola Vicentina (21,974) 

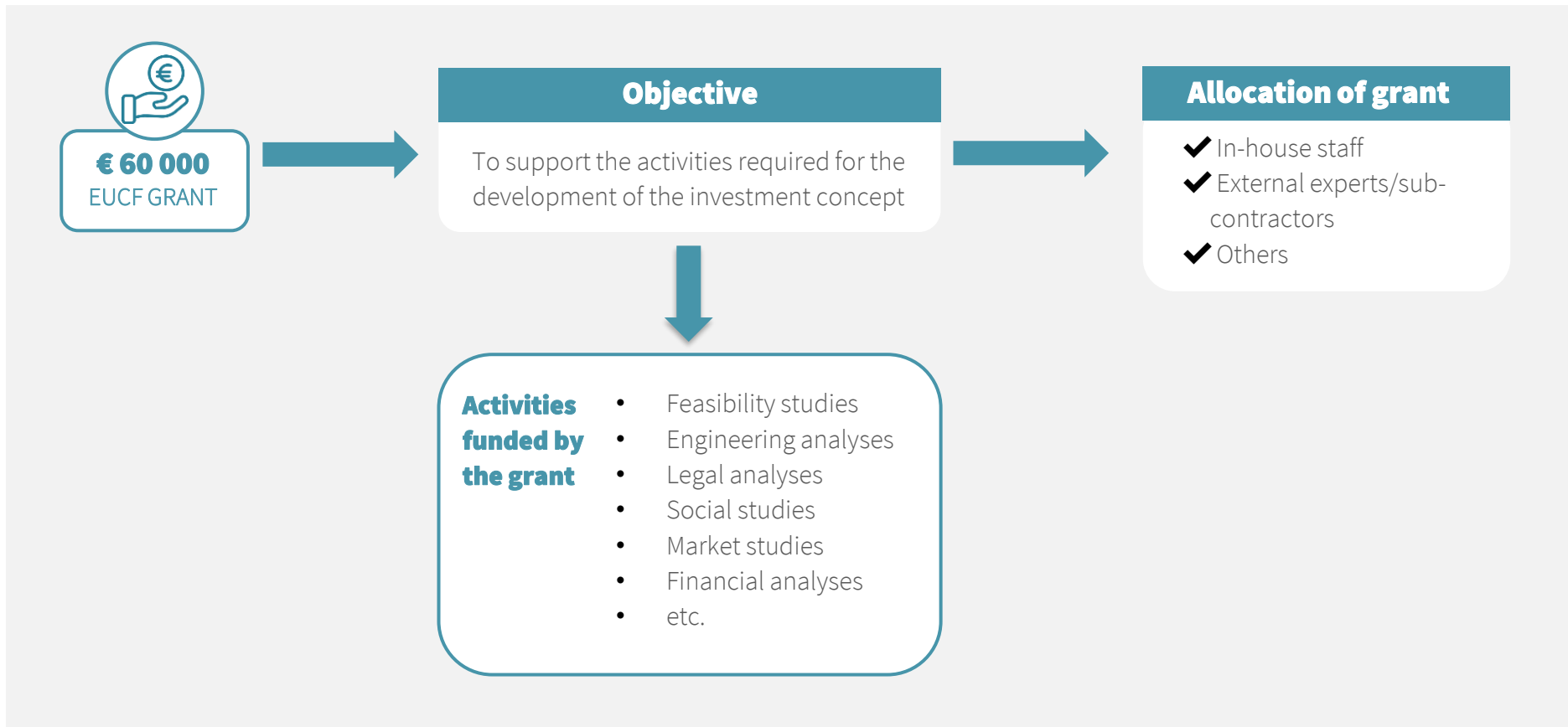
1 MALTA
Cottonera (10,433) 

Results of the First Call





EUCF Grant



Investment concept (IC)

The investment concept is a document which **translates an investment project idea into financial language** in order to mobilise financing for its realisation.

What is the purpose of an investment concept?

- To provide investors and financial institutions with the information necessary to **assess an investment project in a simple and fast manner.**
- To transform climate and energy plans into sound investment packages and thus, **facilitate the access to funding for municipalities/local authorities and local public entities.**



The image shows two pages of the Investment Concept Template. The top page is the cover, which is blue with a white circle containing the EUCF logo. Below the logo, it reads "EUROPEAN CITY FACILITY" and "Investment Concept Template". The bottom page is the "A. Summary of the planned investment" section, which includes a table for funding sources and requested funding, a checklist for project objectives, and a section for project details.

A. Summary of the planned investment ¹		
Total investment planned	EUR	
Funding sources	Requested funding	EUR/...%
		EUR/...%
		EUR/...%
Name of the organisation(s) involved as well as the LAU and municipality/local authority or of each municipality/local grouping:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building integrated renewables	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	District heating	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable urban mobility	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description of the planned investment, indicating the main goals, the main beneficiaries and how they should benefit from them and how:		
Year	EUR	
	EUR	
NPV	Net Present Value	Internal rate of return
		Why?
		Why?
		ICD only
		[unit]

1. Equalities and communes of the European Union (local authorities for Statistics (NUTS 3 regions (regional level), Eurostat) towards the end of each year.

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IC's structure

1

Description of planned investment project

- Objectives;
- Project background, context and rationale;
- Description of the project;
- Market analysis and barriers;
- Summary of expected impacts;
- Replication and/or upscaling potential;
- Summary of investment component(s).

2

Promoter(s) and (local) stakeholders

- Overview of project promoter(s)
- Ownership of assets and management structure;
- Risk profile of project promoter(s);
- (Local) stakeholder analysis.

3

Legal analysis

- Legal requirements applicable to the planned investment;
- Possible legal/regulatory incentives;
- Possible legal/regulatory obstacles;
- Preparatory studies and assessments conducted for the investment project.

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Economic and financial analysis

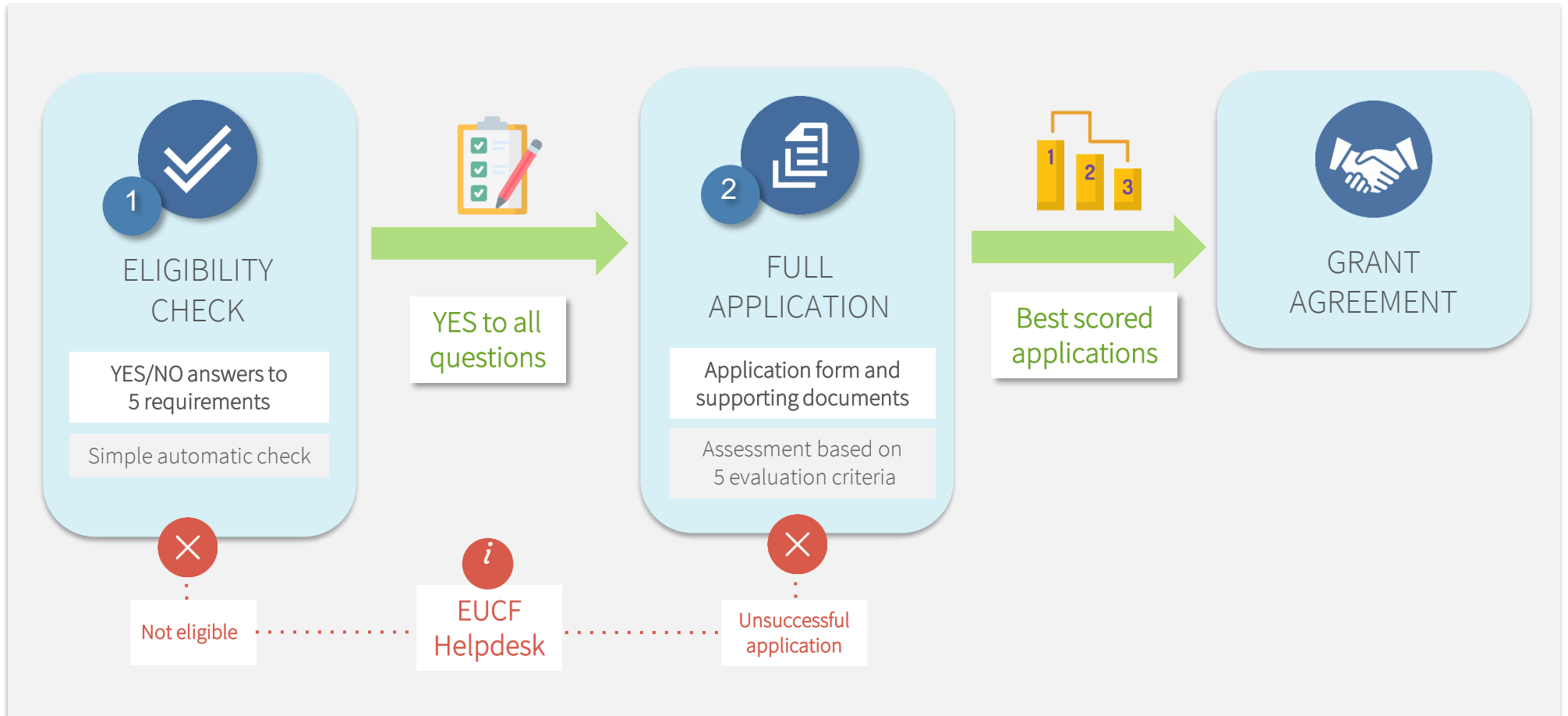
- Estimated costs and revenues for the investment project;
- Economic viability;
- Risk and mitigation measures;
- Envisaged financing approach and funding sources.

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Investment Roadmap

- Technical assistance activities;
- Work plan.

Application process



Eligibility Check

About the check

- Simple, automatic and online
- Eligible applicants must answer YES to all questions
- Non-eligible applicants are re-directed to the EUCF Helpdesk

EUCF Eligibility check

Characteristics of the applicant



Are you a **municipality/local authority, a grouping of municipalities/local authorities, or a local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities?**

Location of the applicant



Is your municipality/local authority, grouping of municipalities/local authorities, or local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities **located entirely in the EU-27 Member States, in one of the EEA-EFTA States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway), or the UK?**

Existence of energy and climate plans



Does your municipality/local authority, grouping of municipalities/local authorities, or local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities have a **politically approved SEAP, SECAP or a plan of similar ambition?**

Political commitment



Will you be able to provide a proof of **political commitment to develop the investment concept from the Mayor or other relevant political representative?**

Commitment to monitoring period



Do you commit to the **EUCF monitoring period of two years?**

Groupings

Who qualifies as part of a grouping?

Formal or informal groupings of municipalities/local authorities are eligible to apply through **one lead applicant**. The lead municipality or the grouping must have a climate/energy plan, with energy and climate targets at least for the year 2020



- ✓ Relations among the involved municipalities and their respective responsibilities have to be described in the application form.
- ✓ Applications by groupings will be appreciated in the evaluation process.
- ✓ In case the application is successful, the grant amount of EUR 60 000 is awarded to the grouping as a whole.
- ✓ The lead applicant will sign the Grant Agreement and receive the grant amount.

Local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities

Who qualifies as local public entities aggregating municipalities/local authorities ?

These entities may vary from country to country. In all cases, eligible public entities must:

- Be officially recognised as a tier of local government (different from the regional and provincial levels) by national law with the obligation for municipalities/local authorities to join the supra-municipal organisation.
- Be composed only by municipalities/local authorities.
- Have a specific political and administrative structure.



- ✓ Local public entities aggregating municipalities/local authorities need to confirm in a self-declaration form (Annex C) that they **comply with the 3 criteria set above**.
- ✓ Local public entities aggregating municipalities/local authorities require an **own politically approved SEAP, SECAP or plan of similar ambition** that covers their geographical area.
- ✓ Local public entities aggregating municipalities/local authorities **are not able to apply to the EUCF as groupings**.

Application form and Annexes



Online application form

To be filled by the applicant in the EUCF website user zone.

Three sections:

-  1 Identification of the applicant
-  2 Development of the investment concept
-  3 Implementation of the investment project



Supporting documents

Annex A.1: SEAP, SECAP or plan of similar ambition

Annex A.2: SEAP, SECAP or plan of similar ambition – Summary

Annex B: Letter of support to the project by the Mayor or other relevant political representative

Annex C: Self-declaration form by a representative of the municipality/local authority, grouping or local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities

Annex D: Calculation log – Expected energy savings and/or renewable energy production

Annex E: Calculation log – Expected size of investment

Application form

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Identification of the applicant

- 1.1. Name of the municipality/local authority, grouping, local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities
- 1.2 LAU and/or NUTS 3 code
- 1.3 Population size
- 1.4 Contact person
- 1.5 Organisation
- 1.6 Tax identification number or equivalent
- 1.7-1.11 Contact details

2



Development of the investment concept

- 2.1. Title of the proposed investment concept
- 2.2 Allocation of grant amount
- 2.3 Activities funded by grant amount
- 2.4 Governance for the development of the investment concept
- 2.5 Engagement of stakeholders

3



Implementation of the investment project

- 3.1. Investment sector(s) targeted
- 3.2 Intended measures
- 3.3 Expected investment size
- 3.4 Expected impacts
- 3.5 Potential for replication and/or up-scaling



The investment size to be stated in the EUCF application does not refer to the EUCF grant amount, but to the **investments in sustainable energy** expected from the project

Evaluation procedure



Document check

- Evaluators verify if all **supporting documents** have been submitted and contain the required content.
- In case of incomplete documents, the application cannot be further considered.



Evaluation of full application

Evaluation based on five evaluation criteria:

- A1:** Investment size
- A2:** Energy savings
- B1:** Governance structure
- B2:** Stakeholder engagement
- B3:** Alignment with EUCF objectives

About the scoring

- For each criterion, a **score ranging for 0 to 5** is awarded by the evaluator.
- The quality threshold for each criterion is 3 out of 5 points.
- The median of the scores determines the final result per criterion.
- Each applicant receives a **feedback report**.



EUCF supporting tools

**Frequently
Asked
Questions
(FAQs)**

**Guidelines
for
Applicants**

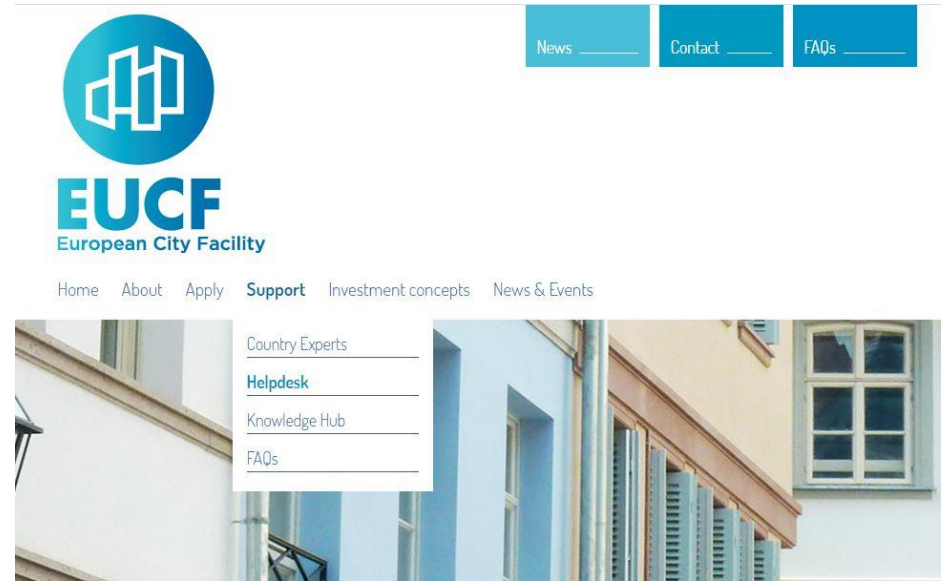
**Investment
Concept
Template**

**Video
tutorials**

**Glossary of
Terms**



How to contact the helpdesk



Helpdesk

The helpdesk is a one-stop point of contact which supports EUCF potential applicants, beneficiaries and country experts by providing required information. To allow us to ensure continued, timely and comprehensive answers to queries related to the day-to-day operations of European City Facility,

The helpdesk is here to



if you have already registered to the EUCF website and log-in



if you have not registered to the EUCF website for general queries

Country experts and national networks

Country experts

National helpdesk for applicants

Capacity building

Guidance for the development of
the investment concept

National networks

Webinars / infosessions

Promotion

EU added value activities



Maximize impact and financial leverage of individual projects



Aggregate opportunities by region and technology



Create links between cities and investor community



Facilitate EU-wide activities with cities & energy agency networks



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ENERGYCITIES



Climate Alliance



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