

Increasing the energy production from the least exploited renewable energy sources (biomass, biogas and geothermal) – Production component -

Funding programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>EU Funds – „Large Infrastructure” Operational Programme – Priority Axis 6 – Promoting clean energy and energy efficiency in the context of sustaining the economy with lower carbon emissions</i> • Call code: POIM / 119/6/1 / Call for projects to support investments in biomass / biogas and geothermal energy
Programme operator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry for European Funds
Programme objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting activities that increase energy production from renewable sources, with a focus on the least exploited renewable energy sources, specifically biomass, biogas and geothermal, but also activities that support the strengthening of the distribution grid to receive electricity produced from renewable energy sources. • This result will also contribute to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increasing the share of renewable energy in the total primary energy consumption, as a result of investments to increase the installed capacity of the least exploited renewable energy sources for electricity and heat (thermal) production. ○ Reducing carbon emissions from the energy sector by replacing a part of the fossil fuels consumed annually (coal, natural gas).
Eligible beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMEs and large enterprises, that have energy production as a business activity (at least 60% of the total energy) • Territorial administrative units (TAUs) • Intercommunity Development Associations (IDAs)
Applicant eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant is an SME or large enterprise (including Start-up), TAU or IDA, operates in the electricity and heat generation sector, or provides centralized power supply to the public and / or public buildings, has legal personality and is legally established in accordance with the specific legislation of the Member State of origin. 2. The applicant must demonstrate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project management abilities through its implementation abilities through information relating to the “Implementation Unit of the Project” • Technical capacity to support project activities by proving the experience of the employees / structure in the implementation of similar projects / activities in the relevant field • Financial capacity for project implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ For SME applicants and large enterprises, the financial capacity for project implementation is demonstrated through the solvency indicators, ie if the ratio between Total Debt and Equity must be less than 0,5 in the last financial year. If the applicant does not meet this criterion, he must submit a letter of comfort issued by a banking institution on the provision of a credit for project co-financing and ineligible expenditure of the project; Additionally, the applicant demonstrates that it has recorded net profit or operating profit in the last financial year. ➢ For TAU applicants, it is proved by the fact that they have the approved budget or measures have been taken to include in the approved budget of the public institution that co-finances the project or the start of the procedures for budgeting. ➢ For IDA applicants it is necessary to prove that there are no losses registered during the last financial year 3. The applicant is not in difficulty 4. For projects using geothermal sources for heat generation, the applicants / TAU operators have / are in the process of obtaining the right to conduct mining exploration / exploitation
Project eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project falls under the category of fundable actions, aims to achieve RES thermal power generation capacities for the supply of energy in the distribution network / for own consumption of thermal energy and it includes, mandatory, the purchase of energy production equipment. 2. The project is located in the less developed regions: West, North-West, North-East, South-East, South, South-West, Center. 3. The total eligible cost of the project does not exceed the total amount of EUR 50 million and the amount of funding requested does not exceed EUR 15 million. 4. Through the production capacities financed, the energy produced (including by cogeneration) is intended: 5. In the case of projects submitted by SMEs and large enterprises: supplying more than 60% of the total energy produced annually (electric and thermal) 6. In the case of TAU: supply of heating energy in the transmission and distribution network or for own consumption (public buildings owned and occupied by local public authorities and institutions) 7. The ownership / concession / management / superfiency of the existing real estate /

- capacities where the investment is made will be demonstrated during the implementation of the project, including for a period of **five years** after its completion.
8. The duration of the project implementation is maximum 4 years and does not exceed 31.12.202
 9. For biomass / biogas energy production projects, it is necessary to prove the existence of the biomass resources necessary for the operation of the plant, after finalizing the project and receiving the last tranche per project
 10. For installations using biomass, fossil fuels are not used or are only used for starting and shut-down
 11. In the case of projects using biomass / biogas, the technology adopted meets the emission concentration of the gases emitted into the atmosphere in accordance with the specific legislation in force
 12. In the case of biogas-producing projects, the raw material is exclusively of new organic material (new raw material) or raw / untreated
 13. In the case of ATU / ADI, heat production projects for the purpose of providing the public service also provide for the realization of distribution networks, part of the public infrastructure, or demonstrate that the networks are viable if the project does not contain such investments.

Eligible costs

- Expenses for land acquisition **and land preparation:**
 - Expenditure for land acquisition, with or without construction
 - Expenses for land improvement
 - Spending on environmental protection and bringing it to its original state
- Expenses to **provide utilities**
- **Construction site costs:**
 - Expenditure on construction work and installations related to site organization
 - Expenditure related to the organization of the construction site
- Expenses for **design and technical assistance:**
 - Expenses for obtaining authorizations
 - Design and engineering
 - Expenditures for management of execution consultancy
 - Expenditure with technical assistance from the designer during the execution period
 - Expenditures for site supervisors
- **Basic investment expenses:**
 - Expenditure for buildings and installations
 - Expenditure for equipment (equipment with and without installation)
 - Expenses with intangible assets
- **Expenditure on technological samples, tests and handover to the beneficiary:**
 - Expenses for the training of operating personnel
 - Expenditure on technology samples and tests
- **Unexpected costs**

Eligible expenditures related to networks will not exceed 20% of the value eligible for the project.

Ineligible costs

- expenditure related to the in-kind contribution
- depreciation expense
- expenditure on the purchase of buildings already built
- lease expenses
- lease expenses other than those provided for general administrative expenses
- expenditure on the purchase of means of transportation
- general administration expenses
- debtor interest except those relating to grants awarded in the form of an interest subsidy or guarantee fee
- other fees related to credits
- purchase of second-hand equipment
- fines, penalties and court costs and arbitration
- the costs for the operation of the investment objectives
- expenditures incurred for investment objectives executed on its own account

In addition to the above mentioned, for projects subject to State aid, in accordance with the provisions of Article 41 of Regulation No 651/14, are not eligible to be reimbursed under OS 6.1 production, the following types of costs:

- Audit costs purchased by the beneficiary for the project
- Expenditures for consultancy for market / evaluation studies
- Project Management Expenses
- Expenditure on information, communication and publicity
- Expenditure on field studies (carried out before starting of works)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses for organizing procurement procedures • Expenses for obtaining approvals, agreements, authorizations (made prior to starting work) • Design and engineering costs (incurred before starting of works) • Expenditure on land acquisition, with or without construction (carried out before work commences) • Expenses for commissions, allowances, taxes
Total competition budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: EUR 83,9 million
The intensity and volume of the grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum grant amount for a project is EUR 15 million. • The intensity of the support measures cannot exceed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 80% of the project's eligible costs, for micro-enterprises and small enterprises ○ 70% of the project's eligible costs, for medium-sized enterprises ○ 60% of the project's eligible costs for large enterprises • For projects with TAU /IDA beneficiaries, the intensity of funding is up to 98% of the total eligible expenditure.
Call for submissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of projects: continuous • Call launch date: 16.05.2017 • Project submission start date: 17.07.2017 • Project submission end date: 31.12.2018
Application file	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard administrative documents; • Qualitative documents (Feasibility Study, Application Form, etc.); • Submission of project via MySMIS (online platform for project submissions; digital signature mandatory).
Other relevant information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must accumulate at least 70 points (quality threshold) to enter the selection phase for grants. • Projects implemented in Bucharest – Ilfov region are not eligible

Information presented in this presentation have been obtained from the Applicant's Guide (available for public consultation) for the funding programme, as published on the Ministry of European Funds' website, hence our liability is limited in the context thereof.

► To benefit from a preliminary verification of your project's eligibility, please provide us with a few relevant details in [our online questionnaire](#), and we will contact as soon as possible.

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