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● 1- European Energy Programme for Recovery - EEPR (Overview)

- As a response to the financial crisis and to reinforce the EU's energy supply
 - » European Economic Recovery Plan proposed by the Commission in November 2008; endorsed by European Council in December 2008
 - » European Energy Programme for Recovery (draft EEPR Regulation) proposed by Commission in January 2009; agreed with EU Institutions on 6 May 2009
 - » Entered into force in July 2009 (expected)
- Financial envelope of almost € 4 billion
 - » € 2,365 million: gas and electricity infrastructure projects
 - » € 565 million: offshore wind energy projects
 - » € 1,050 million: Carbon Capture and Storage projects

● 2 – Call for Proposals (expected deadlines)

Event	Day and Month	Year
Closing date for submission of applications	15 July	2009
Date of opening of applications	23 July	2009
Estimated date for report on evaluation by evaluation Committee	15 September	2009
Estimated date to start contract negotiations	September / October	2009
Estimated date of notification of results to applicants	October / November	2009
Estimated date for signature of EC contracts/decisions	End 2009 / beginning 2010	2009/2010

● 2.1 – Legal Basis

- » **EEPR Regulation** (EC) N° XXX/2009 – (*Annex 1, Call for Proposals*)
- » **Financial Regulation** applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (EC, Euratom) N° 1605/2002 as last amended by (EC, Euratom) N° 1995/2006 – (*Annex 5, Call for Proposals*)
- » **Implementing Rules for the Financial Regulation**, Regulation N° 2342/2002 as last amended by Regulation N° 478/2007 – (*Annex 5, Call for Proposals*)

● 2.2 – Eligible Projects (1)

- Community financial assistance shall be awarded **only** for the projects listed in the Annex of the EEPR Regulation:
 - » Gas and Electricity Interconnections (Annex of the EEPR Regulation, Part A)
 - » Offshore Wind Energy (Annex of the EEPR Regulation, Part B)
 - » Carbon Capture and Storage (Annex of the EEPR Regulation, Part C)

● 2.2 – Eligible Projects (2)

● List of gas interconnections (1)

Project	Countries concerned	Amount M€
Nabucco	Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Germany, Romania	200
ITGI-Poseidon	Italy, Greece	100
Skanded	Poland, Denmark, Sweden	150
LNG terminal	Port of Świnoujście, Poland	80
Slovakia-Hungary	Velky Krtis - Balassagyarnat	30
Slovenia	Austrian Border to Ljubljana	40
Bulgaria-Greece	Hoskovo-Komotini	45
Romania-Hungary	Romania, Hungary	30
Gas Storage	Czech Republic	35
Slovakia-Poland	Slovakia, Poland	20
Hungary-Croatia	Hungary	20
Bulgaria-Romania	Bulgaria, Romania	10

● 2.2 – Eligible Projects (3)

● List of gas interconnections (2)

Project	Countries concerned	Amount M€
Africa-Spain-France axis	France	200
Galsi	Italie	120
Western Axis Larrau Branch	Spain	45
Germany-Belgium-UK	Belgium	35
France-Belgium	France, Belgium	200
Infrastructure and equipment to permit reverse flow in the event of short term disruption	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia	80

● 2.2 – Eligible Projects (4)

● List of electricity interconnections

Project	Countries concerned	Amount M€
EstLink-2	Estonia, Finland	100
Sweden-Baltic States	Sweden, Latvia, Lithuania	175
Halle/Saale – Schweinfurt	Germany	100
Wien-Győr	Austria	20
Portugal-Spain	Portugal	50
Baixas-Santa Logaia	France, Spain	225
Sorgente-Rizziconi	Italy	110
Republic of Ireland-Wales	Ireland, United Kingdom	110
Malta-Italy	Malta, Italy	20
Small Isolated Island	Cyprus Malta	10 5

● 2.2 – Eligible Projects (5)

● List of Offshore Wind (OWE) Projects

Project	Countries Concerned	Amount
Baltic - Kriegers Flak I, II, III	Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Poland	150
North sea grid	United Kingdom, Netherlands, Germany, Ireland, Denmark, Belgium, France, Luxembourg	165
Borkum West II - Bard 1 - Nordsee Ost - Global Tech I	Germany	200
Aberdeen offshore wind farm	United Kingdom	40
Thornton Bank	Belgium	10

● 2.2 – Eligible Projects (6)

● List of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Projects

Projects	Countries Concerned	Amount
Huerth, Jaenschwalde	Germany	180
Eemshaven, Rotterdam	Netherlands	180
Belchatow	Poland	180
Compostilla (León)	Spain	180
Kingsnorth, Longannet, Tilbury, Hatfield (Yorkshire)	United Kingdom	180
Porto Tolle	Italy	180

● Industrial Carbon Capture Project

Florange	France	50
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● 2.3 – Conditions of Submission (1)

● Proposals must :

- » Concern **actions to implement the projects** listed in the Annex of EEPR Regulation
- » **Not exceed the maximum amount** of EEPR assistance, as specified in the Annex of EEPR Regulation
- » **Be submitted in writing**
- » Be submitted before the **deadline (15th July 2009)**

● 2.3 – Conditions of Submission (2)

● Who can apply?

» Interconnections

- One or several Member States acting jointly
- One or several public or private undertakings or bodies, international organizations, a joint undertaking (*in all these situations the agreement of all Member States directly concerned by the project in question is necessary*)

» OWE

- One or several undertakings acting jointly

» CCS

- One or several undertakings acting jointly



Note: Proposals submitted by natural persons are not eligible!!

● 2.3 – Conditions of Submission (3)

● How to submit an application:

- » The **submission form** attached to the Call for Proposals for each specific sub-programme shall be used
- » Proposals must be **signed** by the applicant
- » Proposals must be perfectly **legible**
- » **English** language is highly recommended
- » Applications must be sent by **Registered mail, Private Courier** or **delivered by hand**

● Closing date:

- » Proposals may not be sent later than **15th July 2009**
- » Proposals delivered by hand at the Central Mail of the European Commission must be delivered by 15th July 2009 not latter than 16:00 (Brussels Time)

● 2.4 – Specificity of eligibility (1)

● Eligibility of Cost (1)

» **Definition**

- Article 113 Financial Regulation
- Article 172 a) Implementing Rules

» Only **costs incurred after the grant signature** or the decision notification will be eligible

- Costs incurred earlier (but limited to the date of submission of the proposal) may exceptionally be deemed eligible if:
 - Duly justified in the proposal
 - Accepted by the Evaluation Committee

» For each sub-programme detailed **information** on the eligibility of costs is available:

- OWE and CCS (General Conditions Part 2 A and 2 B of the Grant Agreement)
- Interconnections (Annex 2, Article II.3 of Individual Commission Decision)

● 2.4 – Specificity of eligibility (2)

- Costs incurred in third countries or costs incurred by non-EU entities inside the EU territory

- » See FAQ no. 48 for Gas and Electricity infrastructure projects (interconnections)
- » See FAQ no. 22 for OWE (Offshore Wind Energy)
- » See FAQ no. 32 for CCS (Carbon Capture and Storage)



FAQ webpage:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/grants/2009_07_15_en.htm



● 2.4 – Specificity of eligibility (3)

● Depreciation of equipment

- » Special clause to be included in grant agreements

By way of derogation to the general conditions, the purchase cost of equipment is eligible provided that it satisfies the criteria set out in the General Conditions regarding direct costs, is actually incurred during the lifetime of the action and entered in the accounting records of the beneficiary in accordance with the tax and accounting rules applicable to the beneficiary. Only the portion of the equipment's purchase cost that is actually paid by the beneficiary within the duration of the action will be taken into account and considered as eligible cost by the Commission provided that the equipment is of actual use for the purposes of the action.

● Acquisition of Land

- » The costs incurred for the acquisition of land **will not** be considered as eligible costs

● 2.5 – Selection and Evaluation Procedure (1)

● Steps to be followed

- » Evaluation criteria described in the Call for proposals are applied equally to all proposals of the same area (Interconnections, OWE, CCS)
- » 3 eliminatory steps
 - **Eligibility criteria** (projects listed in the Annex, eligible applicant, other sources of financing)
 - **Selection criteria** (financial and technical capacity)
 - **Award criteria** (quality of the proposal etc.)

● 2.5 – Selection and Evaluation Procedure (2)

- **Commission Evaluation with External Experts** (for interconnections)
 - » **Selection Criteria** (Article 11.1.3.1 Call for Proposals)
 - Soundness of financial package and technical adequacy of the approach
 - » **Award Criteria** (Article 11.1.3.2 Call for Proposals)
 - Point scale of the evaluation - from 0 to 100 points (minimum points required to receive EEPR Funds is 60/100 points)
 - Maturity of the project, access to finance, stimulus to the public/private finance, contribution for interoperability of EU energy network, etc.
 - Evaluation made by Evaluation Committee established by the Commission officials assisted by external experts

● 2.5 – Selection and Evaluation Procedure (3)

● Internal Evaluation (for OWE and CCS)

- » **OWE – Selection** (Article 12.2.3.1 Call for Proposals)
 - Soundness and technical adequacy of approach and financial package
- » **OWE – Award** (Article 12.2.3.2 Call for Proposals)
 - Point scale of the evaluation - from 0 to 100 points
 - Maturity of project, access to finance, extent in which the project includes construction / increasing of installations, adequacy of management plan, etc.
- » **CCS – Selection** (Article 11.3.3.1 Call for Proposals)
 - Soundness and technical adequacy of approach, financial package, maturity and identification of all permits required for the project
- » **CCS – Award** (Article 12.3.3.2 Call for Proposals)
 - Point scale of the evaluation - from 0 to 100 points
 - Access to finance, requested funding per tonne of CO₂, complexity of project and level of innovation, soundness and adequacy of the management plan

● 2.6 – Contractual documents (1)

● Grant Agreements and Decisions

- » Contracts for EEPR financial assistance will be signed under two different forms:
 - **Individual Commission Decisions** – for Interconnectors Proposals
 - **Grant Agreements** – for OWE and CCS Proposals
- » Draft models included in the Annexes to the Call for Proposals
- » The language of the contractual documents will be English
- » Duration of the actions in between 3-5 years, because:
 - Sound management of public funds
 - Immediate impact on the financial crisis

● 2.6 – Contractual documents (2)

● Grant Agreements and Decisions

- » **Commission deadline to commit EEPR funds is end 2010**
- » Grant agreements/Individual decisions shall thus be signed/notified **by the Commission by the end of 2010** at the latest

● 2.7 – Information to the Candidates (1)

- Information to the applicants during the call for proposals (Chapter 12 of the Call for Proposals) ONLY in written
 - » **FAQ** (Frequently Asked Questions)
 - Published and updated on a regular basis
 - Only available at:
http://ec.europa.eu/energy/grants/2009_07_15_en.htm
 - » **Functional Mailbox - questions before 1/7/09 midnight**
 - for Interconnections: TREN-EEPR-INTERCONNECTIONS@ec.europa.eu
 - for Offshore Wind Energy: TREN-EEPR-WIND@ec.europa.eu
 - for Carbon Capture and Storage: TREN-EEPR-CCS@ec.europa.eu

● 2.7 – Information to the Candidates (2)

● Information to the applicants after the call for proposals (sequence)

- » Negotiations (if needed)
- » Final Award Decision
- » Signature of Grant Agreements
- » Notification of the Commission Individual Decision

● 2.8 – Non-Spent Money

● Article 28 of the EEPR Regulation

*Information to the European Parliament and the Council
The Commission shall monitor the implementation of this Regulation.
Each year, when it presents the preliminary draft budget, it shall
present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on
the implementation of the Programme.*

*If the report identifies serious risks in implementing the priority
projects the Commission should recommend measures to offset
those risks, and make additional proposals for projects consistent
with the Recovery Plan, if appropriate.*



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