

# Approaches to funding Just Transition Fund projects: A summary fiche

## Aim and scope

The 'Approaches for funding Just Transition Fund projects' catalogue is aimed at Just Transition Fund (JTF) managing authorities and intermediate bodies. It provides guidance on which funding approach(es) would be most appropriate to effectively use the JTF funding that's been allocated. The catalogue explains various funding strategies, with case studies and key learnings from recently implemented approaches.

## Approaches to funding models

The 'Approaches for funding Just Transition Fund projects' catalogue introduces approaches to funding models, including how to design funding approaches to achieve policy goals, leverage public and private funding opportunities, and support many different kinds of projects. Projects featured range from training initiatives to stimulating entrepreneurship, to investments in renewable energy infrastructure.

## Types of funding models

The catalogue covers several funding models, including

- The combination of large strategic and smaller thematic calls.
- Targeting calls by geography, key actors or sector.
- Deploying direct and competitive calls.
- The use of public-private co-financing to unlock private capital.
- Specific approaches to capital-intensive initiative, such as hydrogen-related projects.

## Key learnings

The catalogue shares a number of key learnings:

- Focus on meeting regional needs.
- Ensure projects are aligned with broader goals.
- Use pre-calls to gauge interest and ensure calls match requirements.
- Communicate as early as possible with key stakeholders.
- Tailored calls facilitate a more targeted allocation of available funding.
- Include regional experts in assessments and ensure the evaluation process is transparent.
- Make use of external expertise. Using European Commission technical assistance services can help authorities optimise proposals.



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