

C4T

Community
of Practice



Cohesion4Transitions (C4T) Call for Experts to support the delivery of C4T GROUNDWORK

Member States and regions play a crucial role in ensuring sustainability transitions as they have the potential to contribute to these transitions by phasing out unsustainable technologies, practices, and behaviours. In the light of the urgency to deliver investments supporting sustainability transitions, there is a need to provide support to authorities within regions and Member States in setting up and delivering such transitions.

Sustainability transitions will be supported through a new technical assistance initiative provided by C4T Community of Practice called C4T GROUNDWORK. This call for Experts aims at creating a list of experts that will be mobilised in the implementation of individual technical assistance assignments under C4T GROUNDWORK. Please note that being placed on the list of experts does not guarantee that you will be selected for an individual implementation of the assignment.

WHAT IS C4T GROUNDWORK TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE?

C4T GROUNDWORK is a technical assistance instrument provided by the C4T Community of Practice and its technical experts to further strengthen sustainable transitions of cohesion regions, cities and local communities. The C4T GROUNDWORK technical assistance will be provided to EU Member States and/or regions, that are committed to engage in sustainability transitions and investing in a wide range of areas under PO2 “A greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe” under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and/or Cohesion Fund (CF) programmes.

This call for expressions of interest for external experts supporting the provision of this technical assistance covers all thematic areas under Policy Objective 2. These thematic areas are also the focus of C4T, namely:

- Energy Efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions
- Renewable energy
- Climate change adaptation
- Water and sustainable water management
- Circular economy and resource efficient economy
- Protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure

Technical assistance is mainly expected in the area of transition governance (strategies, programming and planning) and on project identification and development. Some examples of expected technical assistance services are:

- Capacity building of regional and local administrations
- Support in the identification and definition of successful transition strategies
- Support in the development and update of strategies, roadmaps, action plans
- Support to the identification of needs and regional potential / opportunities related to
- innovation in green transition, decarbonisation and reducing vulnerabilities to climate
- change impacts.
- Support in ensuring that programmes and actions are integrating environmental considerations and do-no-significant harm principle
- Support related to the development of new project ideas (e.g., innovative solutions to delivering energy transition).

- Support for the development of bankable projects in the areas of clean energy transition, adaptation to climate change and circular economy.

For more information about the types of support provided, the contractual arrangements and the work delivery, please refer to the Guidelines, published together with this Call.

HOW TO APPLY?

The only way to apply to become an external expert is via [this EU-Survey questionnaire](#). We ask applicants to complete the application form in **English**. Inclusion of an expert in the pool entails no obligation on the part of the contracting authority concerning the conclusion of contracts.

Interested parties should provide their full contact details and indicate which specific themes apply.

FURTHER QUESTIONS

If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to contact us directly via secretariat@cohesion4transitions.eu.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

For your application to be processed, you must confirm that you have read the privacy statement and that you agree to the processing of personal data as described therein.

In the following pages, you will find a sample of how the [EU-Survey application form](#) looks like.

Part A: General information

Personal information of applicant

First name: _____

Family name: _____

Private address: _____

Postal code: _____

City: _____

Country: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Nationality (if multiple nationalities, select the most appropriate)

<dropdown list with 27 MS>

How did you learn about this call?

- EU officials
- DG REGIO C4T webpage
- C4T Newsletter
- C4T LinkedIn page
- Other

Part B: Professional experience

Personal information of applicant

Current employment

Company: _____

Position: _____

Education (highest completed):

Name of institute/faculty: _____

Year of graduation: _____

Title/Field: _____

Language skills

English Language level: _____ <Indicate B2, C1, C2 or native>

Other working languages (B2 and above): _____

language	Level (B2 or higher)

List of relevant projects in the last 4 years:

Title	Scope	Client	Duration

Please upload your CV in Europass format here:

<upload file here>

Part C: Expertise in the thematic / sector fields

Please indicate the number of years of professional experience in the **sectors / thematic areas** covered by this expression of interest, and any **horizontal expertise** (see descriptive examples of expertise in the table below):

Expertise - Sectors / thematic areas	Years of experience <i>(only round numbers)</i>
Energy efficiency	
Decarbonisation	
Renewable energy	
District heating	
Smart grids and energy networks	
Climate adaptation	
Water resources	
Circular economy and resource	
Environmental protection and preservation	
Skills and social	

Horizontal expertise	Years of experience <i>(only round numbers)</i>
Governance of sustainability transition	
Sustainability transition project identification	
Sustainability transition project design and development	
Just transition	

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Guidance table: examples of relevant expertise in the respective sectors / thematic areas covered and horizontal expertise

Type of expertise	Examples of expertise
Thematic / sector specific expertise	
Energy efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Demonstration projects > Renovation of building stock > Construction of energy efficient buildings > Energy efficiency of public infrastructure
Decarbonisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Decarbonisation > Industry > Transport
Renewable energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Energy supply > Wind > Solar > Biomass > Marine > Geothermal > Renewables in transport
District heating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > District Heating/Cooling > Cogeneration > Infrastructure
Smart grids and energy networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Energy Infrastructure > Smart Grids > Energy Storage
Climate adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Disaster resilience > Floods and landslides > Storms > Droughts > Fires > Earthquakes > Disaster response coordination
Water resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Drinking water extraction, treatment, storage, distribution > Wastewater collection, treatment > Water resource conservation (River Basin Management)
Circular economy and resource efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Waste management > Municipal waste collection & treatment > Commercial & hazardous waste collection & management > Reuse & recycling
Environmental protection and preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Environmental pollution > Rehabilitation of industrial sites & contaminated land > Resource-efficient production processes > Air quality > Noise pollution > Environmental preservation > Natura 2000 sites

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Biodiversity protection > Natural heritage > Green/Blue infrastructure > GHG absorption
Skills and social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Economic diversification > Education, reskilling and training for green technologies > Reskilling in declining and transforming sectors
Horizontal expertise	
Governance of sustainability transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Development of sustainability transition strategies (e.g. S4) > Identification of transition needs and pathways > Development and implementation of thematic and horizontal enabling conditions (in line with the CPR) > Institutional capacity building and preparedness for planning of transition > Application of the EU taxonomy and Do-No-Significant-Harm principle > Green and circular public procurement > Analysis and development of policies (e.g. needs assessments, socioeconomic analyses)
Sustainability transition project identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Identification of transition project concepts (e.g. promotion of research and innovation and demonstration / piloting projects) > Assessment of transition project concepts
Sustainability transition project design and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Transition project capacity building for development and planning (e.g. business case planning and development, procurement) > Transition project promotion and communication > Transition project funding and financing
Just transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Supporting implementation of just transitions

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