

# Innovation Fund – deploying clean technologies

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# Summary



- **Innovation Fund exists to enable investments in clean technologies**
- **Currently small scale call is open until 19 September 2023.**
- Applicant is the investor. Typically a private company planning to build e.g. renewable energy plant.
- The Innovation Fund will support up to 60% of the relevant costs. Typically One grant can amount from millions to tens (hundreds) of millions of euros.
- The calls of proposals are dividend into two: Large scale and small scale calls. For large scale calls investment cost (CAPEX) has to be over 7,5 MEUR and for small scale call 2,5-7,5 MEUR. These limits have to be checked from official call documentation when it launched.
- *Responsible authoroties:*
  - European Commision (general)
  - CINEA (multiple tasks, such as grant agreement and dispursement)
  - EIB (PDA, monetisation of ETS allowances)
  - Member States: Information dissemination, consultations, (legislation)

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- May amount to e.g. 30 billion euros to be invested 2020-2030
- Legal framework based on Emission Trading Directive, the funds are collected by auctioning of ETS allowances
- Fit for 55 package and RePowerEU might effect the scope and available funding.
  
- Renewable energy (production and use)
- Energy storage
- CCUS
- Energy Intensive industry
  - + substitute products
  - + component manufacturing and piloting
  
- Official facts about Innovation Fund  
[https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/innovation-fund\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/innovation-fund_en)



# Small scale call open until 19 September 2023 at 6 PM Finnish time – available funding 100 mEUR

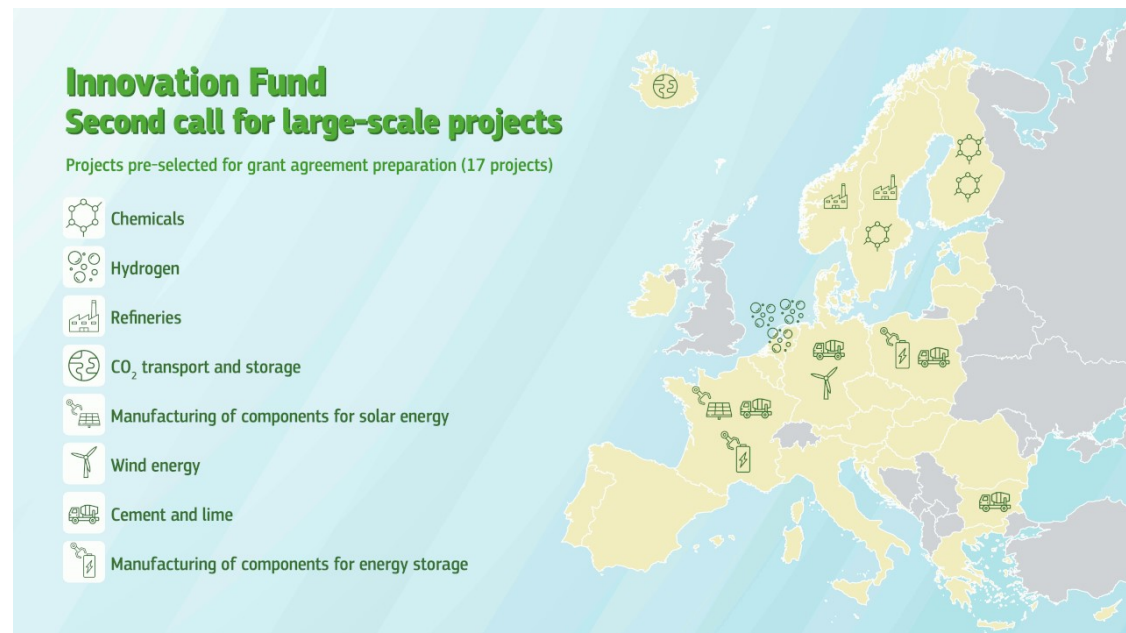


- **The available call budget is**
  - EUR 100 000 000 for grants and
  - EUR 5 000 000 for project development assistance (PDA) support.
- **Maximum aid 60 % of the relevant costs**
- **ETS sector low-carbon projects, CCUS, construction and operation of renewable energy and energy storage technologies**
  
- **Timeline**
  - Closure 19 September 2023 at 18:00 Finnish time
  - Information to applicants Q1/2024
  - Grant agreements Q2/2024



## About the criteria

- The Commission, together with the consultants, has developed methodologies related to the use of different criteria.
- Each call may have different points/weights for different criteria
- GHG emission avoidance
- Degree of Innovation
- Maturity
- Scalibility
- Cost efficiency





## About the future – possible new features

- ETS directive's new version soon to be finalized
  - Renewal of the Innovation Fund delegated act
- New project size categories
  - Possible limits: below 20 meur CAPEX, mid-size 20-100, Large over 100
  - Some other more technical changes
- Hydrogen bank – auction based subsidy schemes
  - Implementation of the hydrogen bank – competitive bidding scheme
  - To be expected 800 meur auction for renewable hydrogen projects 2023



Source: European Commission

# Thank you!

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