## The call for applications for the EU City Facility grant is open



☐ The second <u>call for applications for EU City Facility</u> grant is open until the 31 May. All municipalities and local authorities, their groupings, and local public entities aggregating municipalities or local authorities from the EU Member States, EEA-EFTA States and the United Kingdom that have a politically approved climate and energy plan are eligible for the 60.000 EUR grant.

The <u>European City Facility</u> (EUCF) aims to support the energy transition of cities and thus, it offers financial resources to municipalities and local authorities to develop Investment Concepts related to the implementation of actions identified in their climate and energy action plans. The ultimate objective of the EUCF is to build a substantial pipeline of sustainable energy investment projects across municipalities in Europe.

Technical feasibility studies, market analyses, stakeholder analyses, legal, economic and financial analyses or risk analyses are some of the activities that can be financed by the EUCF grant. Applicants will have to demonstrate political commitment to the development of the Investment Concept and will also have to commit to the EUCF monitoring for a two years' period.

A total of 69 projects will be selected (26 in Central and Eastern Europe, 24 in Nordic countries and Western Europe and 19 in Southern Europe). Each Investment Concept selected will receive a grant of 60.000 EUR to be developed.

The projects will be evaluated based on five criteria: investment size, energy savings, governance structure, stakeholder engagement and alignment with EUCF objectives. The call opened on 19 March and the deadline is the 31 May. The evaluation results with the selected projects will be published in

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