

Funding opportunities for geothermal projects

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Forthcoming calls

- European Innovation Council (EIC)
- LIFE
- European Innovation Fund

European Innovation Council 2022

EIC Pathfinder [EIC Pathfinder Open 2023 \(HORIZON-EIC-2023-PATHFINDEROPEN-01\)](#)

- Topic: **Clean and efficient cooling**
- Research teams can apply for up to €3 or €4 million in grants. Calls will open on 20 June (Pathfinder Challenges)

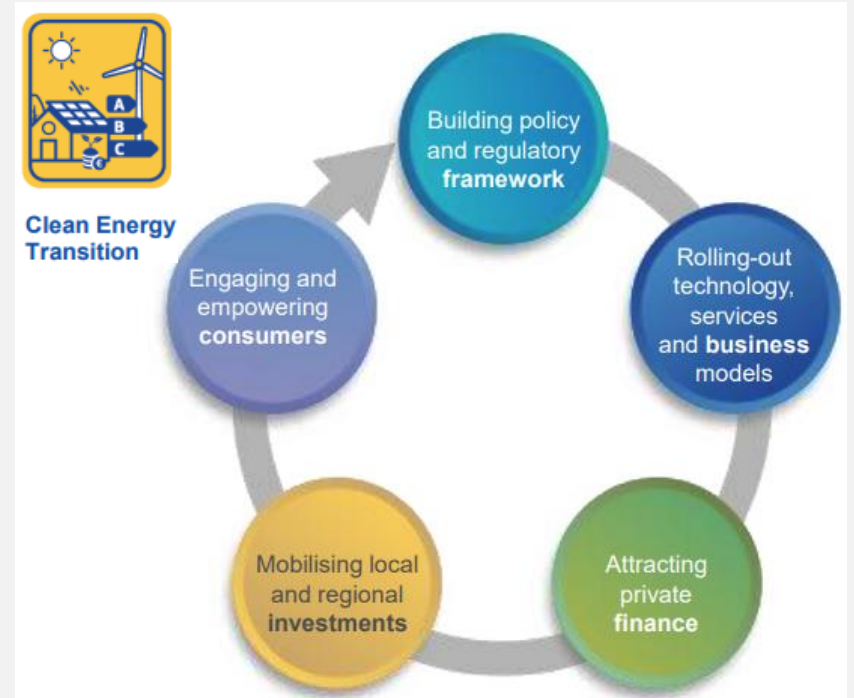
EIC Accelerator Challenge: Energy storage (develop a range of breakthrough solutions for electrical and thermal energy storage)

EIC Accelerator Challenge: New European Bauhaus and Architecture, Engineering and Construction digitalisation for decarbonization

- Grants below €2.5 million, equity investments from €0.5 up to €15 million. Apply anytime (cut-off dates: 11 January 2023 (Accelerator Open only), 22 March 2023, 7 June 2023, 4 October 2023)

LIFE calls 2022

- All LIFE Calls for proposals 2022 were published on the Funding & tender opportunities portal on 17 May 2022.
- LIFE Action Grants for clean energy transition sub-programme: deadline was 16 November 2022



LIFE calls 2022

[LIFE-2022-CET-BUILDSKILLS - BUILD UP Skills – Strategies and training interventions enabling a decarbonised building stock](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-HOMERENO - Integrated Home Renovation Services](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-LOCAL - Technical support to clean energy transition plans and strategies in municipalities and regions](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-BUSINESS - Supporting the clean energy transition of the business sector](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-INNOFIN - Innovative financing schemes for sustainable energy investments](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-BUILDPERFORM - Energy performance and Smart Readiness of buildings – making the instruments work](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-FINROUND - National Finance Roundtables for sustainable energy investments](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-ENERCOM - Developing support mechanisms for energy communities](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-DEEPRENO - Towards a zero-emission building stock: strengthening the enabling framework for deep renovation](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-MAINSTREAM - Mainstreaming sustainable energy investments in the financial sector](#)



LIFE calls 2022

[LIFE-2022-CET-ENERPOV - Addressing building related interventions in vulnerable districts](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-EE1st - Making the “Energy efficiency first” principle more operational](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-HEATPUMPS - Accelerating deployment and affordability of heat pumps through collective purchase actions and procurement](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-PDA - Project Development Assistance for sustainable energy investments](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-COMPLIANCE - New ecodesign and energy labelling compliance support facility for suppliers and retailers](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-DH - Integration of low-grade renewable energy or waste heat in high temperature district heating](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-RENOPUB - Setting up facilitation structures to accelerate the renovation wave in the public sector](#)

[LIFE-2022-CET-POLICY - Towards an effective implementation of key legislation in the field of sustainable energy](#)

LIFE Action Grants 2022 call

Proposals:

- LIFE-2022-CET-DH: Integration of low-grade renewable energy or waste heat in high temperature district heating
 - 12 proposals
- LIFE-2022-CET-HEATPUMPS: Accelerating deployment and affordability of heat pumps through collective purchase actions and procurement
 - 5 proposals

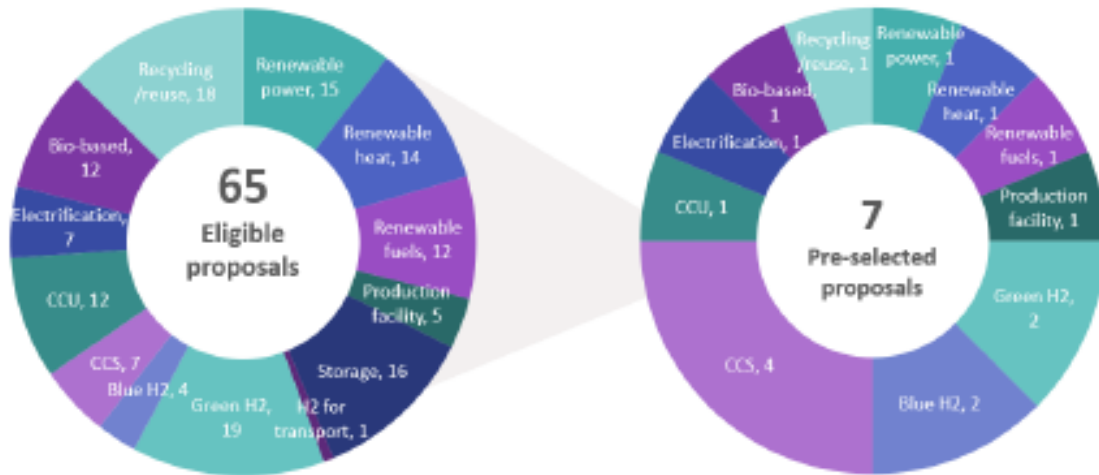
EU Innovation Fund: calls 2021-2022

- Innovation Fund:

- Large scale ie >7,5€mio: 1st call (7 projects awarded/311 applied but 65 eligible at 2nd stage) and 2nd call for large scale with a deadline on 3 March 2022; 3rd call open

- Small scale projects: 1st call (32 projects awarded/232 applications), 2nd call in 2022 (deadline was 31/08), 3rd call in 2023

Figure 2.2. Technological Pathways for eligible and pre-selected proposals

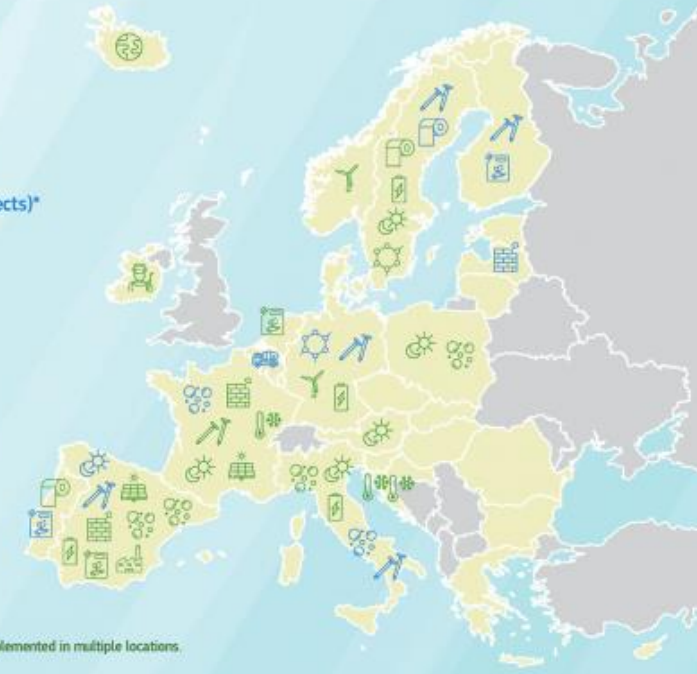


Innovation Fund Small-scale projects

Green: Grant agreements signed (30 projects)*

Blue: projects awarded project development assistance (10 projects)*

Biofuels and biorefineries	Other energy storage
Chemicals	Bio-electricity
CO ₂ transport and storage	Pulp and paper
Hydrogen	Refineries
Intra-day electricity storage	Renewable heating/cooling
Iron and steel	Solar energy
Non-ferrous metals	Wind energy
Glass, ceramics and construction material	Cement and lime



*The number of symbols is higher than the number of projects, as some projects are implemented in multiple locations.

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 - 1 project under grant negotiation (EAVOR project in Germany)
 - Small scale projects: 1st call (32 projects awarded/232 applications), 2nd call in 2022
 - 1st call 1 awarded on geothermal for 4,5 €mio: CCGeo: Closed Carbon Geothermal Energy
 - 2nd call 1 project under grant negotiation on geothermal for GeoHuberila: An innovative heating and cooling system for Huberila
 - [Innovation Fund projects](#)
 - [Innovation Fund Project Portfolio Dashboard](#)

EU Innovation Fund: calls 2022 - 2023

Third call for large-scale projects:

- Deadline 16th March 2023
- Budget doubled to **EUR 3 billion**. This third call counts four topics, three of which are part of REPowerEU:
 - **Innovative electrification in industry** and hydrogen (budget: EUR 1 billion)
 - Clean tech manufacturing (supporting manufacturing of components and final equipment such as electrolysers and fuel cells, innovative renewable equipment, **energy storage, or heat pumps**), (budget: EUR 700 million)
 - “Mid-sized pilots” projects for validating, testing and optimising **highly innovative solutions** (budget: EUR 300 million)
 - **General decarbonisation**, which is available to all projects eligible for the Innovation Fund except those which fall under dedicated RePowerEU topics (budget: EUR 1 billion).

Innovation Fund's third call for small-scale projects results

- Expected in 2023 with same elements than for large scale projects