

Questions and Answers from the first week (02–08 February 2026) of publication of the Call for Proposals under the EU4CAET – Grant Facility – Financial Window – Call No. 1 (EU4CAET Call)

Question 1.

Could you please inform us whether private entities are also eligible to apply for grant funding under the Call?

Answer 1.

In accordance with the EU4CAET Call, eligible applicants are municipalities and cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as partnerships involving municipalities/cities and other entities, such as renewable energy communities (established or in the process of establishment), private sector entities and/or citizens, established in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Private entities may therefore participate exclusively as part of a partnership with a municipality or city, but cannot apply independently as project applicants.

Question 2.

I am contacting you regarding the published EU4CAET Call. Although I have carefully reviewed the guidelines regarding eligible applicants, I would kindly ask whether a university, as a legal entity, can act as a project coordinator, or alternatively participate in a partnership with a city administration, with project implementation (infrastructure works) taking place at the university?

Answer 2.

In accordance with the EU4CAET Call, a university as a legal entity cannot independently act as a project owner. However, a university may participate as a partner within an eligible partnership that includes a municipality or city. In such cases, project implementation may take place on university premises, provided that all requirements of the EU4CAET Call are met, including clearly defined partner roles, ownership or right of use of the facilities, and alignment of the project with the objectives and eligible technologies of the EU4CAET Call.

Question 3.

In relation to your Call, we have a question from the audience. We are currently implementing a project within which we are required to register the first civil energy community or renewable energy community in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project is



financed by the EU through the network and the international development agency, and it runs from February 2026 to February 2027. We would like to know whether we are eligible to apply under your Call, of course not for the same purpose, as this project establishes a kind of foundation or base.

Answer 3.

Under the EU4CAET Call, eligible applicants are municipalities and cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as partnerships involving municipalities/cities, including renewable energy communities (established or in the process of establishment), private sector entities and/or citizens, established in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The existence or implementation of other projects, including those financed from EU sources, does not constitute an exclusion criterion, provided that the project proposal under the EU4CAET Call relates to an eligible project owner and to a project that is in line with the objectives and conditions of EU4CAET Call. However, any additional sources of financing must be fully disclosed in the application form, in accordance with the transparency requirements of the EU4CAET Call. Furthermore, the municipality or city, as the project owner or lead partner, bears full responsibility for the implementation of the project, including compliance with applicable public procurement regulations and all other obligations defined in the EU4CAET Call and the related contractual framework.

Question 4.

In October 2025, I installed a solar electricity generation system and I am currently in the process of becoming a prosumer. I would like to know whether I can apply under the Call on this basis and receive financial support for the reimbursement of costs.

Answer 4.

Under the EU4CAET Call, it is not possible to submit project proposals for the reimbursement of costs already incurred, nor for projects that have already been implemented prior to the submission of a project proposals. In addition, natural persons (individuals/prosumers) cannot independently apply under EU4CAET Call.

Question 5.

The Call mentions the requirement for community involvement in several places. Given that there are currently no officially registered renewable energy communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and that the legal framework is still being established or finalized, including registers that are yet to be launched, and that renewable energy communities have not yet been formally registered as such, is there a possibility to revise or adapt this requirement to



the current situation? Below is an excerpt from the Call as an example: *“Except for photovoltaic projects, which must be implemented through renewable energy communities, all other eligible technologies may be submitted as community-led projects implemented by municipalities or cities with the active involvement of citizens, local communities or partner organisations, without the obligation to establish a renewable energy community.”*

Answer 5.

The EU4CAET Call is already structured in a way that takes into account the current regulatory context in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including the fact that renewable energy communities are at an early stage of establishment. For this reason, the EU4CAET Call allows project proposals through renewable energy communities that are established or in the process of establishment, as well as, alternatively, through community-led projects implemented by municipalities or cities with the active involvement of citizens or partner organisations, for all eligible technologies except photovoltaic systems.

Question 6.

We operate in the legal form of an agricultural cooperative that brings together young farmers from rural, underdeveloped areas of north-western Bosnia and Herzegovina. The cooperative is engaged in vegetable production and the introduction of technological innovations in primary production, aimed at protecting soil from pollution, reducing water consumption, and avoiding the use of pesticides. Within the published Call, we see the need for a heat pump in order to ensure consistent greenhouse conditions and water temperatures in the tanks throughout all twelve months, thereby achieving maximum production. Are we eligible to apply for the project?

Answer 6.

An agricultural cooperative, as a legal entity, cannot independently submit a project proposal under the EU4CAET Call. Eligible applicants are municipalities and cities, as well as renewable energy communities (established or in the process of establishment) and partnerships that include a municipality or city. However, an agricultural cooperative may participate as a partner within an eligible partnership with a municipality or city. In such cases, the project may be eligible, provided that it meets all requirements of the EU4CAET Call.

Question 7.

The Municipality is familiar with the EU4CAET Call that you have published and expresses its interest in participating therein. Within the planned project activities, the replacement of



clarification on what it means that such projects may be submitted exclusively as projects developed and implemented through the structure of a Renewable Energy Community (REC), in order to assess whether we are eligible to apply for these funds.

Answer 8.

In accordance with the applicable legislation of the Republika Srpska, a Renewable Energy Community (REC) is defined by the Law on Renewable Energy Sources of the Republika Srpska (“Official Gazette of the Republika Srpska”, No. 15/22 of 03 March 2022) as a legal entity established in accordance with the applicable regulations, with the purpose of using renewable energy sources for the generation of electricity primarily to meet the energy needs of its members, while delivering environmental, economic and social benefits to the members of the community and to society as a whole. Furthermore, the field of renewable energy communities is regulated in more detail by the Rulebook on Renewable Energy Communities, adopted by the Regulatory Commission for Energy of the Republika Srpska (RERS), which defines the conditions for establishment, organisation, rights and obligations of RECs, as well as their relationship with the energy system.

In this context, under the EU4CAET Call, solar photovoltaic projects may be submitted exclusively as projects developed and implemented through the structure of a Renewable Energy Community, which may be already legally established or in the process of establishment, in accordance with the applicable regulations. Where the applicant is a REC, at least one founding member must be a municipality or a city. Economic operators, including this company, may participate exclusively as partners within such a structure, provided that the project has a clearly defined community character, delivers benefits to the local community, and meets all other requirements of the EU4CAET Call.

Question 9.

Can an association for refugees and displaced persons apply for support for the implementation of a solar energy project, procurement of photovoltaic panels?

Answer 9.

An association for refugees and displaced persons, as a legal entity, cannot independently submit a project proposal under the EU4CAET Call. In accordance with the EU4CAET Call, solar photovoltaic projects may be submitted exclusively as projects developed and implemented through the structure of a Renewable Energy Community (REC), which may be established or in the process of establishment, in line with the applicable regulations. Where the applicant is a REC, at least one founding member must be a municipality or a city. An association for refugees and displaced persons may participate exclusively as a partner within an eligible structure, provided that the project has a clearly defined community



Question 11.

Can individual citizens apply under this Call? I am currently in the process of constructing a 10 kW photovoltaic solar power system on my family house, financed with my own funds, and I would like to know whether I am eligible to apply under this Call.

Answer 11.

Natural persons (individual citizens) cannot independently submit a project proposal under the EU4CAET Call. In accordance with the EU4CAET Call, solar photovoltaic projects may be submitted exclusively as projects developed and implemented through the structure of a Renewable Energy Community, which may be established or in the process of establishment, and which involves multiple members with clearly defined common objectives and benefits for the local community. Citizens may participate only as members or partners within a Renewable Energy Community or within projects led by a municipality or city, provided that all requirements of the EU4CAET Call are met.

Question 12.

Can I apply as a natural person, a resident of Bosnia and Herzegovina, for financial support for the installation of a heat pump for heating a family house in the City of Tuzla, and what documentation would be required?

Answer 12.

Natural persons (individual citizens) cannot independently apply for financial support under the EU4CAET Call, including projects related to the installation of heat pumps for heating family houses. In accordance with the EU4CAET Call, eligible project owners are municipalities and cities, Renewable Energy Communities (established or in the process of establishment), as well as partnerships that include a municipality or city. Projects intended exclusively for individual households are not eligible as standalone project proposals. Citizens may participate only as members or partners within projects led by a municipality or city, provided that the project has a clearly defined community character and meets all other requirements of the EU4CAET Call.

