

Questions and Answers from the second week (09–15 February 2026) of publication of the Call for Proposals under the EU4CAET – Grant Facility – Financial Window – Call No. 1 (EU4CAET Call)

Question 1.

We would like to submit several questions regarding the Call for Submission and Financing of Project Proposals under the EU4CAET project relating to a city from the Republika Srpska.

1. Can a city submit applications (i.e. is it eligible) for projects under both categories – first, as a local self-government unit (LSG) that has already received technical assistance, and at the same time for a photovoltaic power plant at another location, as an LSG that has not received technical assistance?
2. Must the second nominated project include Renewable Energy Community (REC) members whose facilities are physically located in close proximity to each other?
3. Can a city apply with two solar power plants at different locations within a single project, provided that both will be part of a Renewable Energy Community system?
4. With regard to the required documentation, permits are listed as mandatory documentation; however, local self-government units that are receiving technical assistance under CAET have not yet received all project-technical documentation necessary to apply for a construction permit. How should this situation be addressed?

Answer 1.

1. A municipality/city may submit multiple project proposals, including projects that have previously received technical assistance under CAET, as well as projects that were not covered by technical assistance. In such cases, different maximum grant amounts apply, in accordance with the rules of the EU4CAET Call:

- for projects that have previously received technical assistance, the maximum grant amount is up to EUR 170.000;
- for projects that have not received technical assistance, the maximum grant amount is up to EUR 99.999.



Each project proposal is assessed separately, in accordance with the conditions and evaluation criteria of the EU4CAET Call.

2. In accordance with the applicable legislation of the Republika Srpska, members of a Renewable Energy Community are not required to be in immediate physical proximity, but must comply with the prescribed territorial and technical requirements. In line with Article 7 of the Rulebook on Renewable Energy Communities:

- the residences or registered seats of the Renewable Energy Community members must be located within the territory of the local self-government unit where the project is implemented, or within the territory of a neighbouring local self-government unit;
- the metering devices supplying the members of the Renewable Energy Community and the metering devices of the project, i.e. those relevant for energy distribution within the Renewable Energy Community, must be located within the area of a single distribution system operator.

3. No. Within a single project proposal, it is possible to apply for only one solar photovoltaic power plant as part of a Renewable Energy Community system. If a city intends to implement two solar power plants at different locations, they must be submitted as two separate project proposals, which are submitted and evaluated independently, in accordance with the conditions of the EU4CAET Call.

4. In accordance with the EU4CAET Call, all projects must have obtained all necessary permits and approvals required under the applicable legislation in order to be able to commence implementation immediately upon grant approval. In other words, projects must be ready for construction. If a construction permit or another relevant permit is legally required for a specific type of intervention, it must be obtained and submitted as part of the project proposal. The absence of complete project-technical documentation and the required permits may affect the eligibility and scoring of the project proposal, in line with the evaluation criteria.

Question 2.

I would kindly ask for clarification: Can an individual apply for co-financing for the reconstruction of a household heating system, specifically the replacement of an electric boiler with a heat pump? Unfortunately, the local authority where I live has not joined this Project, meaning that the partnership mechanism foreseen by the



Project is not available to me. I consider the Project very important for ordinary citizens, as it enables significant cost savings and reductions in harmful emissions.

Answer 2.

Natural persons (individual citizens) cannot independently apply for financial support under the EU4CAET Call, including projects related to the reconstruction of household heating systems, such as replacing an electric boiler with a heat pump. In accordance with the EU4CAET Call, eligible project owners are municipalities and cities, Renewable Energy Communities (RECs – 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. The participation of the local authority (municipality/city) or the establishment of an appropriate partnership structure is a precondition for access to funding under the EU4CAET Grant Facility. If the local authority does not participate in the Project, individual citizens unfortunately do not have the possibility to apply independently under the EU4CAET Call.

Question 3.

Can a private company apply for grant funding under the EU4CAET Call?

Answer 3.

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 4.

In the case of replacing existing public lighting fixtures with LED luminaires, is it sufficient to submit a Rehabilitation and Replacement Study for the project proposal to be considered eligible?





Answer 4.

A Rehabilitation and Replacement Study may serve as a relevant technical basis for the project proposal. However, the Study alone is not sufficient if the applicable legislation requires additional permits or approvals. In accordance with Article 6.3 of the Call for Proposals – Mandatory Project Documentation, point E. Permits and Approvals, applicants are required to submit all permits and approvals necessary for the proposed technology and project location, prepared and issued in compliance with the applicable legislation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the relevant entity and/or cantonal regulations. Furthermore, as defined in the Guidelines for Applicants, projects must be ready for implementation, meaning that they must have an adequate level of developed project documentation (e.g. main design) and all legally required permits obtained, where applicable. The absence of complete documentation may affect the eligibility and scoring of the project proposal, in line with the evaluation criteria defined in the EU4CAET Call.



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