

Questions and Answers from the seventh week (16 – 22 March 2026) of publication of the Call for Proposals under the EU4CAET – Grant Facility – Financial Window – Call No. 1 (EU4CAET Call)

Question 1.

We have the following questions regarding the Call for Proposals:

- If a local self-government unit applies with a project for another public institution for which it is the founder (energy efficiency measures – installation of heat pumps) and the connection of that institution to a biomass heating system (municipal pipeline), is a partnership statement required, or is it sufficient to provide proof that the city is the founder of that institution?
- Are energy efficiency measures such as building insulation (where an energy audit exists) eligible costs under this Call for the same institution, given that, in addition to connecting to the biomass heating system (municipal district heating plant), the building needs to be insulated and an energy monitoring system introduced (as envisaged in the energy audit)? If this cost is not eligible, can it still be included if the city finances it itself as part of the overall project?

Answer 1.

1) If a municipality/city submits a project proposal for an investment that will be implemented at the premises of another public institution (even if the municipality/city is the founder), it is necessary to have a written agreement/statement clearly defining roles and responsibilities, in particular who the final beneficiary of the investment is.

Also, in accordance with the EU4CAET Call requirements (Section D. Ownership / right of use), the applicant must provide evidence that it has the legal right to implement the investment at the relevant facility/location:

- proof of ownership, or
- if the applicant is not the owner, a formal statement from the owner or a legally valid contract confirming the applicant's right to use the facility/location for project implementation. The right of use must cover a period consistent with the expected operational lifetime of the investment (not less than 5 years) and ensure uninterrupted access for installation, operation, maintenance and verification.

As proof of partnership (Section F. Proof of partnership), where applicable, applicants may submit, for example, a cooperation agreement, a memorandum of understanding, a municipal council decision, or any other legally valid document confirming that the





partnership has been formally established and authorised for the joint implementation of the proposed project.

2) General energy efficiency measures such as building insulation or the introduction of a broader energy monitoring system cannot be included under the EU4CAET project and are not eligible costs under this EU4CAET Call. The EU4CAET Financing Window co-finances exclusively the costs that are directly related to the implementation of one of the eligible technologies listed in the EU4CAET Call.

Such measures, if needed or planned, must be implemented as a separate component and financed from other sources (including the municipality/city's own funds), with a clear separation of scope and budget.

We also note that the procurement of equipment and the execution of works must be carried out through a public procurement procedure, in accordance with the applicable regulations and the rules of the EU4CAET Call.



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