Regio 1st Training 7

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EU's 2030 Climate objectives

3.000 billion EUR

10%-15%

85%-90%

Public funding
(EU & National)

Private funding

Source: Commission européenne 2023

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Local obstacles

City's lack of capacity/ressources

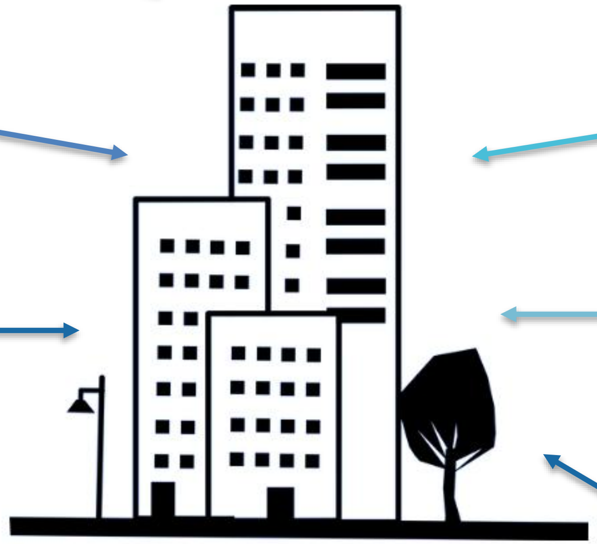
Lack of knowledge and involvement of financial sector

Difficulty to find the best financing opportunities/financial aids

Gap between strategies and implementation

Lack of national support

Discrepancy between investment cycles and electoral cycle



Budgeting problems at local level

Challenging to combine financing sources and lack of alignment between financial programmes and cities' needs

Source: adapté du NetZeroCities, BwB, 2022

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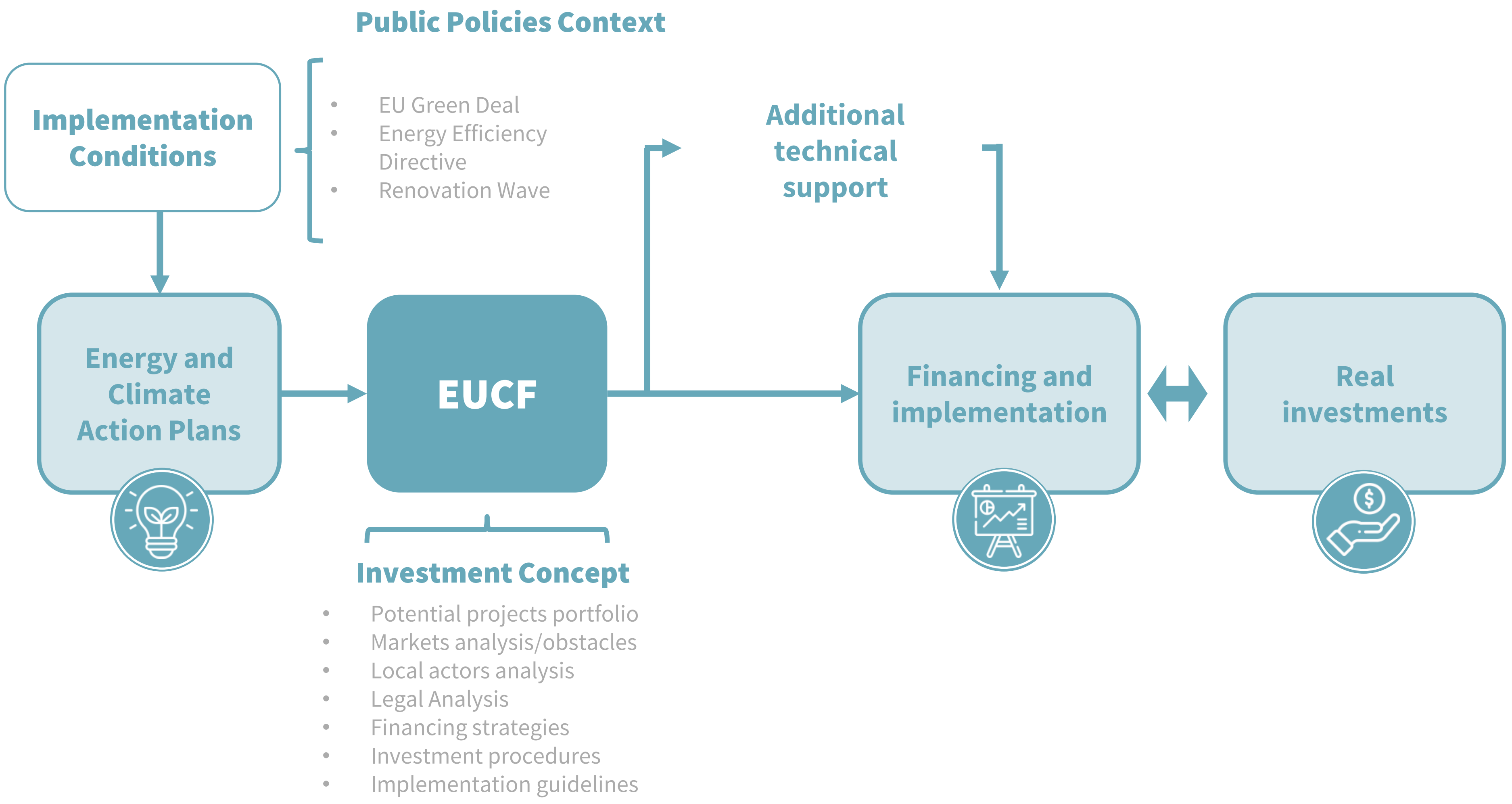
The missing piece



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EUCF

European City Facility

One remaining call: **Fall 2024**

Objectif

1. EUCF supports cities and their groupings **financially (60k €)** in the **development of their Investment Concept**
2. EUCF provides a **technical support** with the aim to incrase their ability to attract **public and private investments** for their projects

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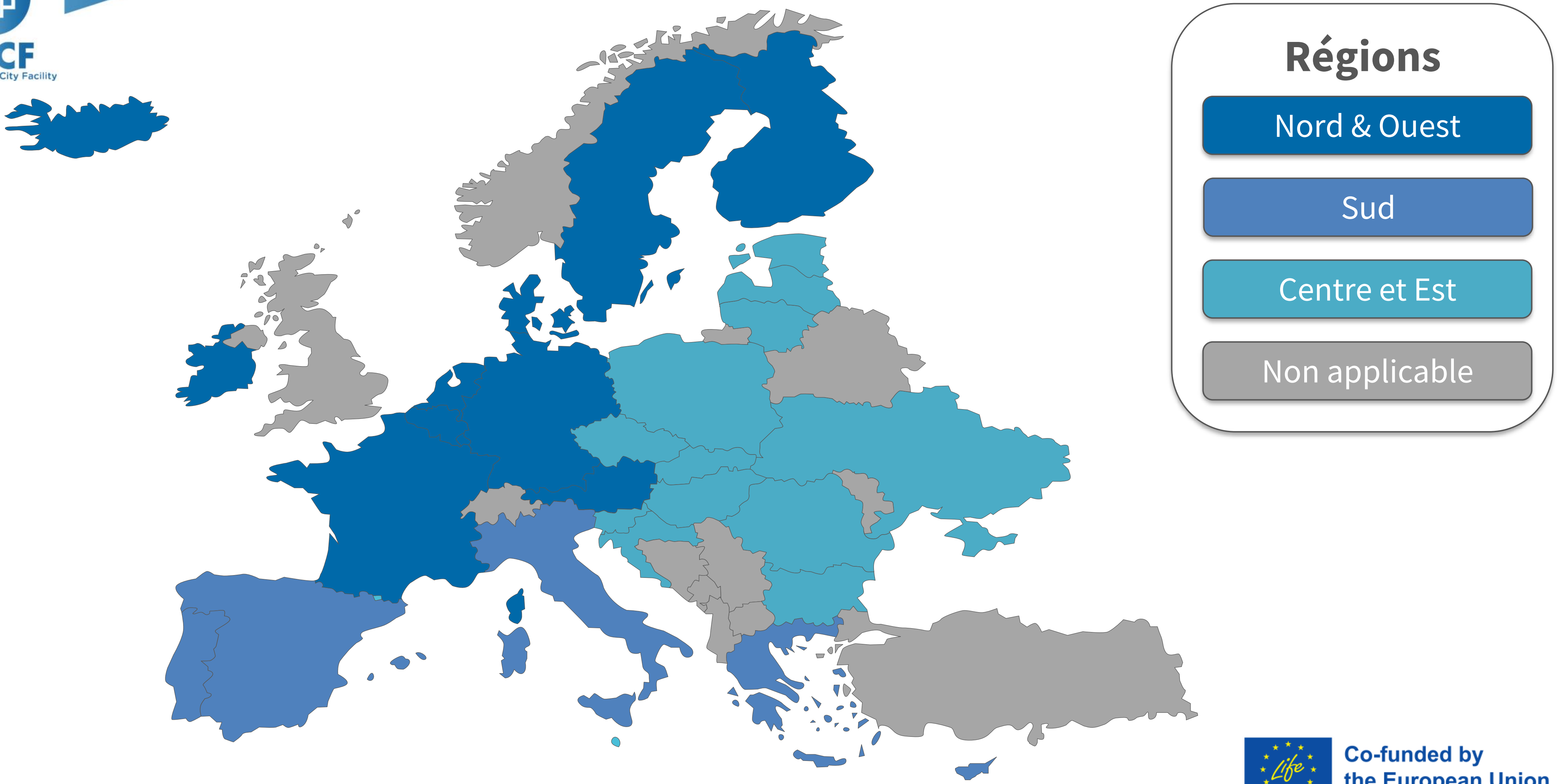

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Financial support

60.000 EUR

- For :
  - ✓ inhouse work
  - ✓ consulting services
  - ✓ other needs
- Flat-rate aid
- Simplified reporting conditions

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Investment Concept

Translates a project idea into financial language

Goal

- Provide investors and financial institutions with the necessary information to **evaluate a project with the aim of financing it.**
- Transform Local Energy and Climate plans into solid investment portfolios in order to **facilitate access to local authorities to funding opportunities.**

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From the Investment Concept to the Investment implementation

- Trainings provided during the development phase:
  - ✓The financial model
  - ✓The financing mechanisms
  - ✓What’s the Investment concept – Clues for a strong IC
- Support beneficiaries to take action through investments

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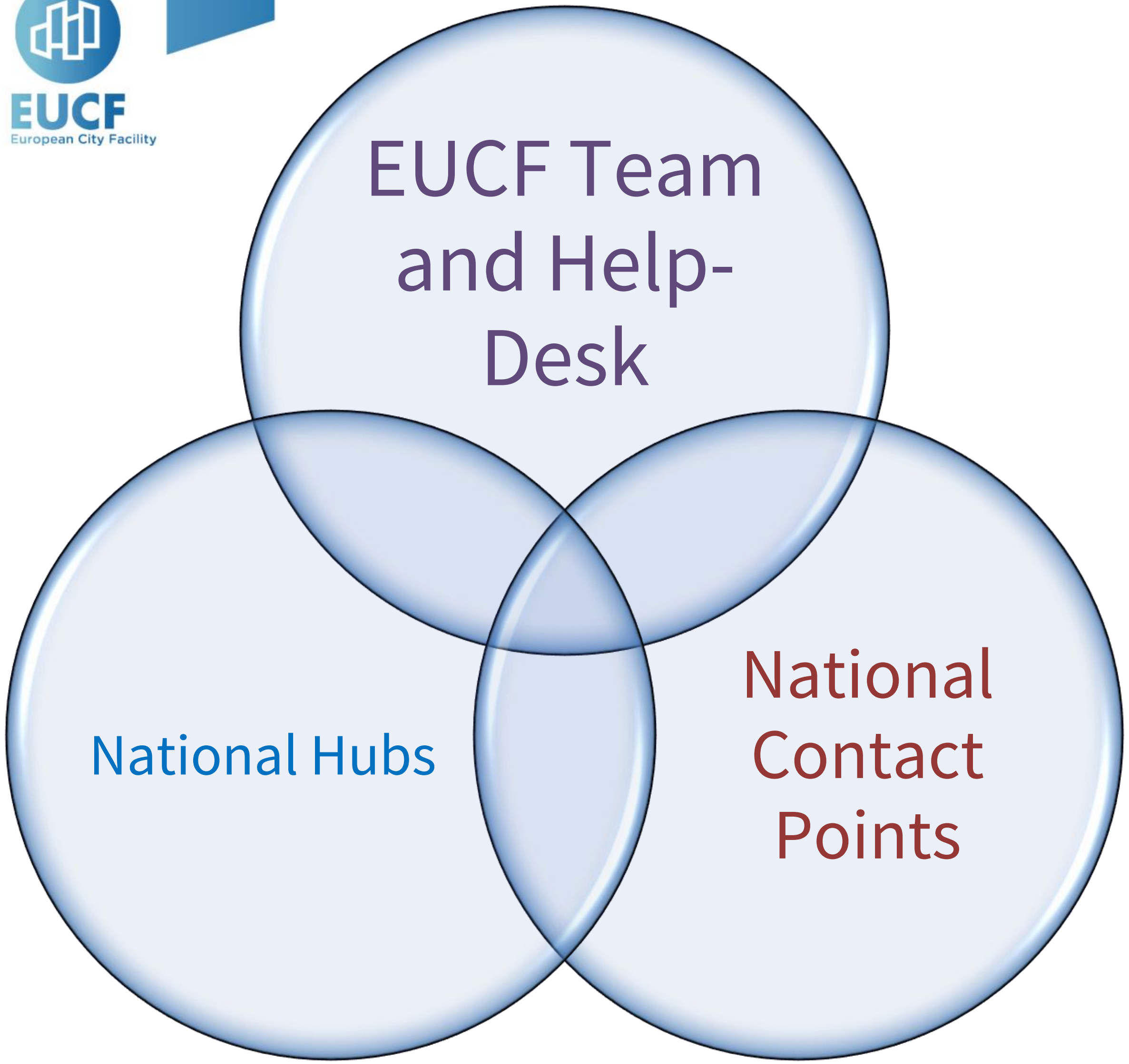
Support system



National contact points and national hubs cannot draft EUCF applications, nor develop Investment Concepts

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National Hubs and National Contact Points List [here]

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Eligibility check

- Are you a municipality/local authority, a grouping of municipalities/local authorities, or a local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities?
- Is your municipality/local authority, grouping of municipalities/local authorities, or local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities located entirely in the EU-27 Member States, Iceland or Ukraine?
- Does your municipality/local authority, grouping of municipalities/local authorities, or local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities have a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) or other local climate and/or energy plan with mitigation targets?
- Will you be able to provide a proof of political commitment to develop the investment concept signed by the Mayor or other relevant political representative?
- Do you commit to the EUCF monitoring period of two years?

Eligibility check: www.eucityfacility.eu

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Application process

1 Check d’éligibilité

2 EUCF Application

3 Grant Agreement

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What to consider for the EUCF application

- ✓ **At least one mitigation target** from the SECAP or other local climate and/or energy plan must be indicated in the application form
- ✓ Expected investments and impacts must be **summarized per sector in a table** in the application form. The total investment size and total impacts are automatically calculated from the investment components in this table. **Examples** are provided in the Guidelines for Applicants.
- ✓ **Projects focused on energy efficiency** are appreciated in the evaluation of criterion 1 (Ambition of the proposed investment project)
- ✓ A good description of the **Governance Structure** and **Stakeholder Engagement Strategy** should address all elements required in the respective questions
- ✓ **Incoherent and unrealistic figures** for expected investment size and impacts (energy savings and/or RE generation) will be verified in the evaluation of criterion 4 (Coherence and Plausibility)
- ✓ Applications must be **unique and tailored to the local context:** applications with duplicate/similar content in the descriptions cannot be considered for EUCF support
- ✓ **Beneficiaries from previous calls cannot apply again** in the EUCF calls for applications

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Evaluation criteria

1. Ambition of the proposed investment project

1.1 Investment size
1.2 Investment per capita
1.3 Impacts
1.4 Impacts per capita
1.5 Cost-effectiveness
1.6 Focus on energy efficiency
1.7 Replication and/or up-scaling

7 points

2. Governance structure for development of the IC

2.1 Elements of the governance structure
2.2 Quality of the description
2.3 Quality of the governance structure for investment concept development

5 points

3. Stakeholder engagement strategy

2.1 Elements of the stakeholder engagement strategy
2.2 Quality of the description
2.3 Quality of the stakeholder engagement strategy for investment concept development

5 points

4. Coherence and plausibility

4.1 Coherence and plausibility of the proposed investment project
4.2 Coherence and plausibility of the provided figures
4.3 Uniqueness and singularity of the application's content

3 points

20 total possible points

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The EUCF Journey

Pre-application

Potential applicants are informed about the EUCF through:

- EUCF website
- EU Events
- National info sessions

Application

1. Eligibility check
2. Full application

- Successful applications
- Rejected applications
- Helpdesk support

Grant Agreement

- Preparation and signature of the EUCF Grant Agreement
- Beneficiary receives the first payment of the grant (65%)

IC development

EUCF provides support to beneficiaries in developing their investment concepts:

- Technical support
- Capacity building
- Standard tools and documents

IC implementation

- IC Validation
- Beneficiary receives second payment of the grant (35%)
- Monitoring of IC implementation
- Capacity building events

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