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Module: Funding & Financing Possibilities



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Overview

The below content will give a brief idea to the civil servants in the local authorities about funding possibilities to realise the actions in their energy plan SEAP Sustainable Energy Action Plan.



Overview of different funding programmes

- Funding programmes designed to support projects across a wide array of sectors and initiatives.
- These programmes are instrumental in fostering innovation, economic growth, social cohesion, and environmental sustainability throughout Europe.
- These funding programmes play a vital role in advancing the EU's policy objectives and priorities while promoting collaboration, innovation, and sustainable development across member states.
- They offer opportunities for organizations, institutions, and individuals to access financial support for their projects, contributing to the overall prosperity and cohesion

Few different types of funding programme

- Horizon Europé
- Life programme
- Interreg Baltic Sea Region
- Interreg South Baltic Sea Region
- Interreg ÖKS
- Innovation Fund
- Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)
- National funding programmes - Sweden



Horizon Europe

- The Horizon programme, formally known as Horizon Europe, is the European Union's flagship research and innovation funding programme.
- It addresses climate change, contributes to fulfilling the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, and enhances the EU's competitiveness and economic growth.
- It aims to stimulate research, innovation, and technological development to address societal challenges, promote economic growth, strengthen the EU's scientific leadership on a global scale.
- Horizon Europe spans from 2021 to 2027, supporting projects at different stages of development, from fundamental research to market deployment.
- Programme site: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon-europe_en

LIFE Programme



- It supports initiatives aimed at conservation, biodiversity, resource efficiency, and climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- Aims to contribute to the implementation, updating, and development of EU environmental and climate policies and legislation, as well as to the achievement of the objectives of the European Green Deal and the EU's commitment to the Paris Agreement.
- The current phase of the LIFE programme spans from 2021 to 2027
- The programme is structured into two main components: LIFE Environmental Projects and LIFE Climate Action Projects, each targeting specific environmental and climate priorities.
- Programme site: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life_en

Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme

- The programme is an EU-funded initiative aimed at fostering cooperation and sustainable development. programme receive financial support from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- There main areas are sustainable transport, clean and efficient energy, maritime safety and security, sustainable development, and so on.
- The objective of programme is to promote integrated territorial development and the goal is to create a more prosperous, sustainable, and cohesive region.
- Programme site: <https://interreg-baltic.eu/>



Source: <https://eufonder.se/>

Interreg South Baltic Sea Region Programme

- Programme focuses on addressing common challenges, promoting innovation, and enhancing the competitiveness of the participating regions.
- Its goal is to contribute to economic growth, social cohesion, and environmental sustainability in the region.
- Main areas are Blue and Green growth, transport and connectivity, sustainable tourism, environment protection and resource efficiency and so on.
- Programme site: <https://southbaltic.eu/>



Source: <https://eufonder.se/>

Interreg
South Baltic



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Interreg Öresund-Kattegat-Skagerrak Programme

- The Interreg Öresund-Kattegat-Skagerrak programme is a cross-border cooperation initiative between Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.
- It aims to strengthen economic, social, and territorial cohesion in the Öresund-Kattegat-Skagerrak region by promoting sustainable development and fostering collaboration across borders.
- Programme site: <https://interreg-oks.eu/larkannaoss.656.html>



Source: <https://eufonder.se/>

List of few Swedish Funding Programmes

Sweden offers various funding programmes to support research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable development across different sectors.

- **Vinnova** – Vinnova is Sweden's innovation agency, which supports research and innovation projects aimed at promoting sustainable growth and societal benefit. They offer a wide range of funding programmes for businesses, academia, and public sector organizations. For more details visit: <https://www.vinnova.se/en/>
- **Energimyndigheten** – The Swedish Energy Agency provides funding for research, innovation, and demonstration projects aimed at promoting sustainable energy solutions. They support projects in areas such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, and climate mitigation. For more details visit: <https://www.energimyndigheten.se/>

List of few Swedish Funding Programme

- **Tillväxverket** – Tillväxverket provides investment opportunities that create competitive companies and sustainable development in country. To companies they offer knowledge, networks and investment. For more details visit: <https://tillvaxtverket.se/>
- **Nopef** – Nordic Project Fund is a financial Institution provides fund to Nordic companies who are seeking to establish themselves in international market. Its focus areas include promoting sustainable development, innovation, and competitiveness among Nordic businesses. For more details visit: <https://nopef.com/>

How to process for the project application?

- **Identify Funding Opportunities** - Visit various funding programmes sites offered by EU such as Horizon, Interreg, LIFE, and others. Each programme may have specific objectives, priorities, and eligibility criteria.
- **Review the Guideline** - Carefully read the guidelines and documentation provided for the specific funding call you are interested in.
- **Develop a project idea** - Define a clear and innovative project idea that aligns with the objectives and priorities of the funding call.
- **Consortium Building** - Identify potential partners and stakeholders to collaborate with on the project. This may include other organizations, research institutions, universities, businesses, NGOs, or public authorities.



How to process for the project application?

- **Budget Preparation** - Develop a detailed budget for the project, including costs for personnel, subcontracting, equipment, travel, and other expenses.
- **Submission** - Complete the application form and submit the proposal online through the funding portal or the relevant submission platform.
- After submission the application goes for an evaluation process. The evaluation criteria may include relevance, excellence, impact, quality and efficiency. Based on these criteria one gets the project funding.
- Once the approval comes, it is important to clarify details for budget allocation, reporting requirement, other contractual obligations.
- Upon signing the agreement one can begin the project implementation.



How to find new project partners?

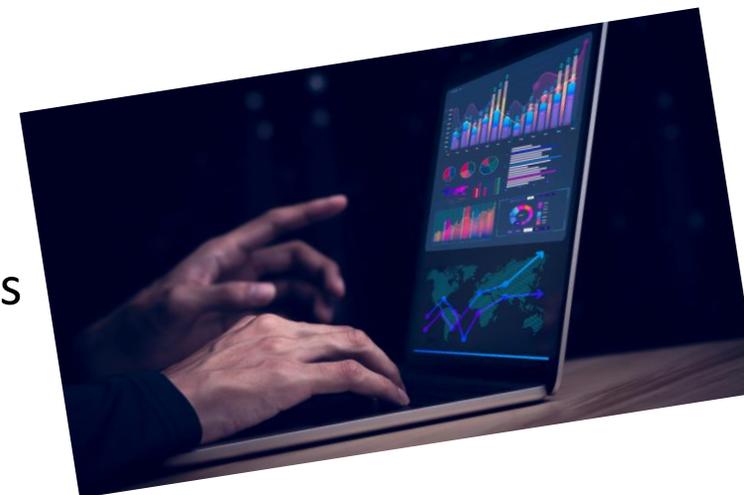
- To find project partners for a new project application, start by speaking your existing network and connections, spreading the word about your project's vision and needs.
- Attend relevant industry events, conferences, workshops, and meetups relevant to your project domain and engage with professionals and entrepreneurs who may be interested.
- Utilize online platforms such as LinkedIn to connect with potential partners who possess complementary skills.
- Finally, maintain open communication and be transparent about expectations to foster trust and alignment within the partnership.



List of portals to find new partners:

One can search for potential partners based on specific criteria such as expertise, location, and project interests in mentioned few portals:

- European Commission's Participant Portal
- Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) - EEN is a network of business support organizations across Europe that provides services to help businesses grow and innovate. They offer a partner search tool to connect organizations interested in EU funding programmes.
- CORDIS (Community Research and Development Information Service) - It provides information on ongoing and past projects, as well as partner search functionalities.
- Horizon Results Platform:
- LinkedIn



Local and Regional funding procedure

- Internal budget process
 - Investigation of local possibilities for the actions required in the SEAP
 - Define action and the cost estimation of the action
 - Presentation to the authority - the project plan and expected
 - Applying for local funding
- The same above process can be followed for the regional funding requirement.

National Funding programme

- Pre investigation is required to be done at the national level to identify relevant authorities for different theme for instance energy efficiency, renewable energy production, etc.
- Identifying relevant authorities and funding possibilities of actions.
- Develop an application / business plan along with the budget and the expected result.
- It is important to see the criteria to apply for the funding programme.
- If the organization fulfills the said criteria, then apply for the funding.

European Funding programme

- There are many relevant funding programme for action within energy and climate area.
- For example:
 - ✓ Interreg programme - BSR, SBSR, Others
 - ✓ LIFE programme
 - ✓ Horizon Europe
 - ✓ Innovation Fund
 - ✓ Others
- The process to apply for these above programme will be same as national level application.



Cooperation Projects with Business Sector

- Identify relevant business stakeholders in your area.
- Investigate their expertise in the energy and climate area.
- Are involved in any ongoing projects? Is it possible to involve in SEAP or in the energy plan?
- Is it possible for local authority to cooperate with business stakeholders in developing the project.

Finance Sectors

- Banking sectors working for green loan at Local / Regional / National / European level
- Regional and National level funding may varies for different countries
- On the European level for example European Investment Bank, I3 Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument



Internationalization

- Project funding possibilities within different nationals.
- National authority having cooperation funding possibilities for other countries.



Success Stories links from different project

Visit following links for few success stories:

- Horizon Europé programme: <https://horizoneurope.ie/success-stories>
- Interreg South Baltic Sea Region: <https://umbrellaproject.eu/the-south-baltic-success-story-8-focus-interreg-south-baltic-project/>
- Interreg Baltic Sea Region: <https://interreg-baltic.eu/project-posts/success-story-social-responsibility-as-part-of-reciprocal-trade-off/>
- LIFE programme: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/celebrating-successes-life-projects-2023-2023-12-21_en

Few relevant Links to the funding programmes

- <https://interreg-baltic.eu/gateway/>
- https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/funding-opportunities/calls-proposals_en
- <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/horizon>
- https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/eu-funding-climate-action/innovation-fund/calls-proposals_en
- https://eisma.ec.europa.eu/programmes/interregional-innovation-investments-i3-instrument_en#funding-opportunities



Thank You!

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