

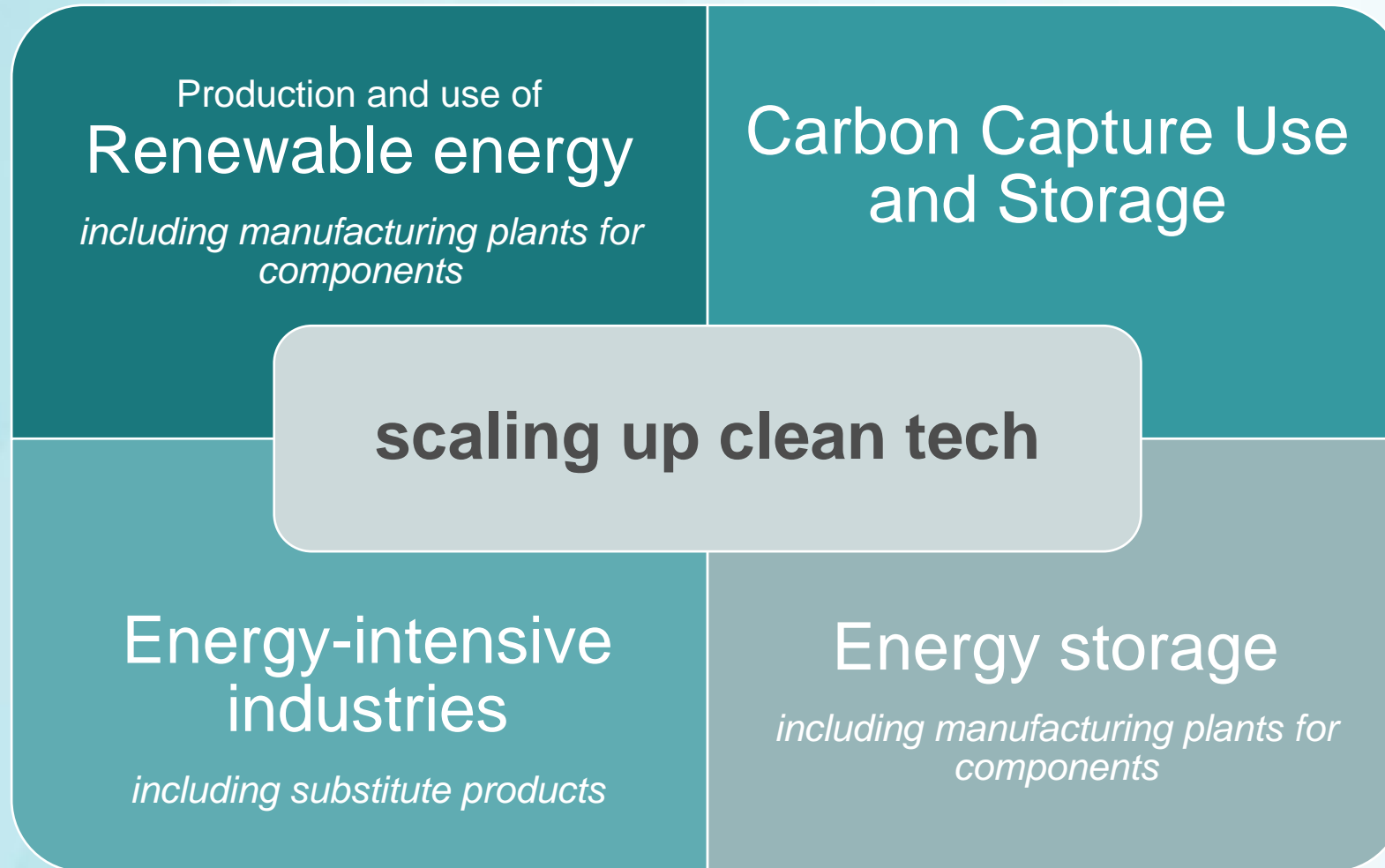


Innovation Fund

Call for small-scale projects



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Innovation Fund Small Scale Call

Main Features

CALL VOLUME

- EUR 100 million (grants)
- Project development assistance provided by EIB for around 20 projects

PROJECT SIZE

- Total project capital expenditure between EUR 2.5 and EUR 7.5 million

ELIGIBLE SECTORS

- Renewables
- Energy-intensive industries (incl. substitute products, CCUS)
- Energy storage

GRANT SIZE

- Max. 60% of total project capital expenditure

TIMELINE

Call open since 1 December 2020, apply by 10 March 2021!

Innovation Fund Small Scale Call

Award Criteria & Focus

AWARD CRITERIA

- Degree of Innovation
- Greenhouse gas emission avoidance
- Project maturity
- Scalability
- Cost efficiency

GRANT DISTRIBUTION

- Up to 40% before or at financial close
- Remaining 60% over construction and operation phase (3 year default reporting period)

FOCUS

Innovative projects close to market
e.g. first sale of new technology to pioneer customers

Innovative small-scale projects ready for the market



Pioneer Customer(s)

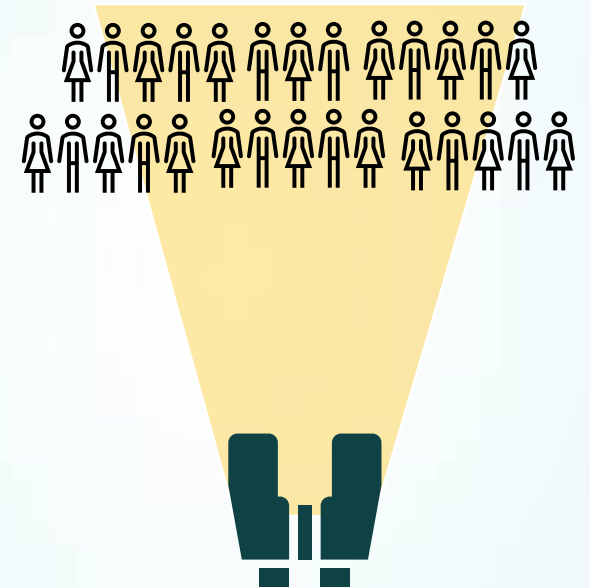
Installation of an innovation in a new “pioneer” market with a “pioneer” customer.

- *You have an exciting new technology but need a market*
- *Include the customer(s) in your application*

think of

- *Battery solutions*
- *Hydrogen fuel cells powered data centres*
- *climate neutral public buildings: renewable energy, energy storage and substitute materials pilot buildings*

examples



Award Criteria Small Scale Call

DEGREE OF INNOVATION

- Beyond incremental innovation
- Encouragement of specific activities (e.g. substitute products)

GHG EMISSIONS AVOIDANCE

- Absolute & relative emissions
- Below ETS benchmark
- Biomass sustainability

PROJECT MATURITY

- Implementation maturity (e.g. contract with customer)
- Financial maturity

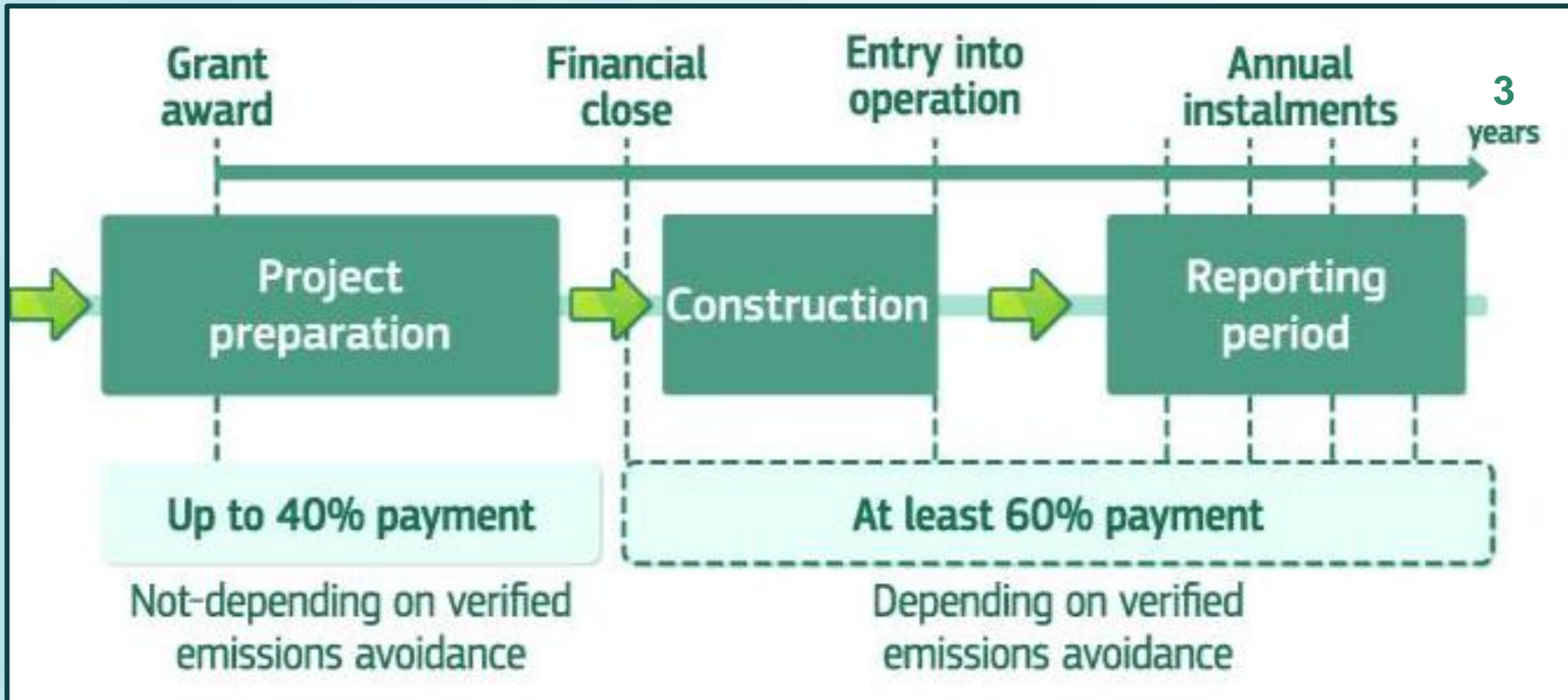
SCALABILITY

- Project & regional level
- Sector level
- Economy level

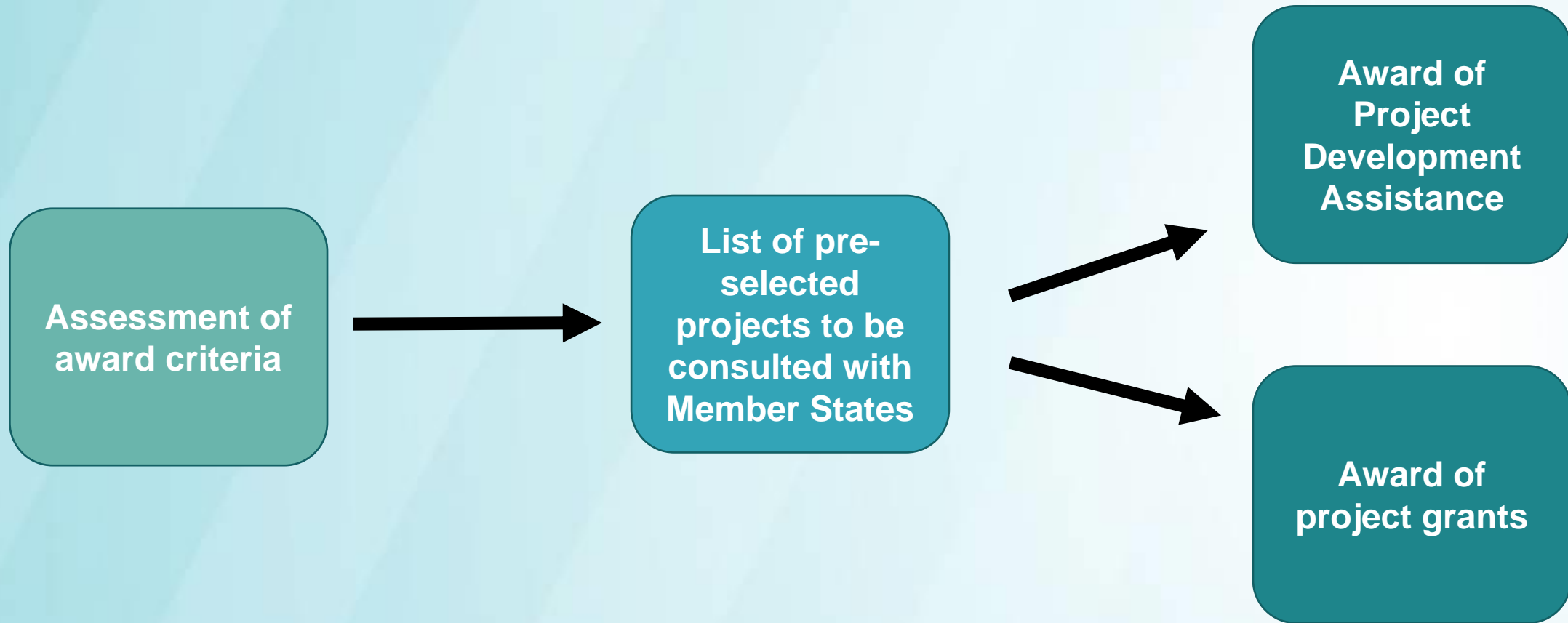
COST EFFICIENCY

- EU contribution requested per tCO₂ avoided
- Max EU contribution = 60% of CAPEX
- Up to 7.5 million CAPEX

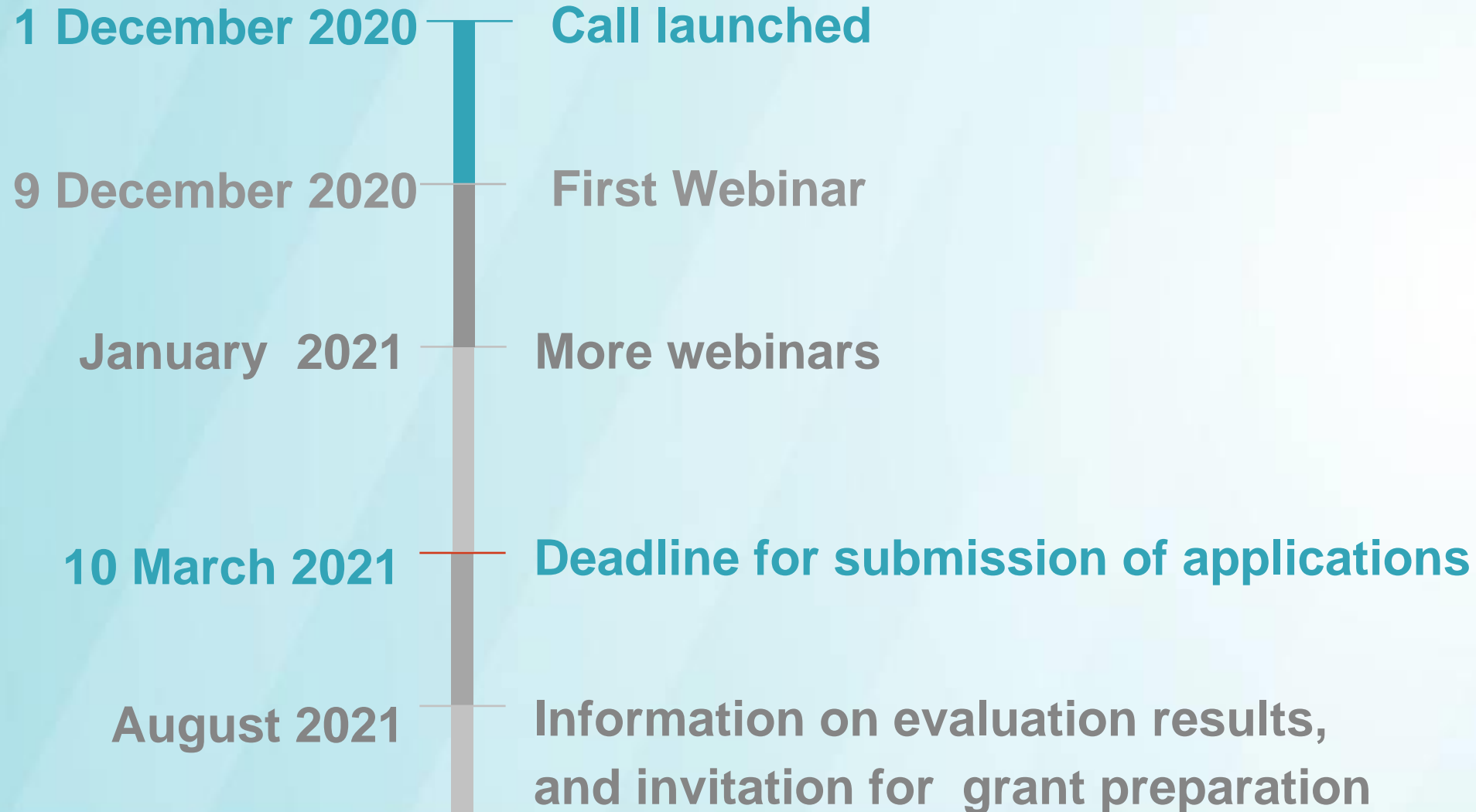
Grant Disbursement



Selection process



Timeline



Useful links

- Direct link to the Funding and Tender portal, IF small scale text call, FAQs: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/innovfund-ssc-2020-single-stage>
- Helpdesk Innovation Fund: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/contact-program;programCode=INNOVFUND;callType=>
- Webinar video: <https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/innovation-fund-webinar>
- DG CLIMA website: https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/innovation-fund_en#tab-0-2

Project Development Assistance

Which projects
can benefit from
PDA?

- Rejected proposals that:
 - meet minimum requirements under degree of innovation and GHG emissions criteria and are awarded at least 50% points under project maturity;
 - are considered by evaluators as having potential to improve their maturity with PDA; and
 - are confirmed by the EIB as shortlisted projects for the PDA

How does it work?

- The PDA support consists of the **EIB expert services** for further development of projects
- Managed separately under project - specific contract with the EIB
- **Up to 20 projects** could benefit from the PDA in this call

Join us as a project evaluator!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR



Technical Experts



Expertise on Life
Cycle Assessment



Financial Experts



Legal Experts

Check INEA website for the
application process!

- **Individual** evaluation
 - 5 working days
 - To be organized fully remotely from your office or home
 - Can be performed during weekends and evenings
- **Consensus group**
 - Full week of discussion with other fellow evaluators
 - Either in Brussels or virtually
- Up to € 5000 compensation OR pro-bono
- **Confidentiality and conflict of interest rules apply**

Thank you



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