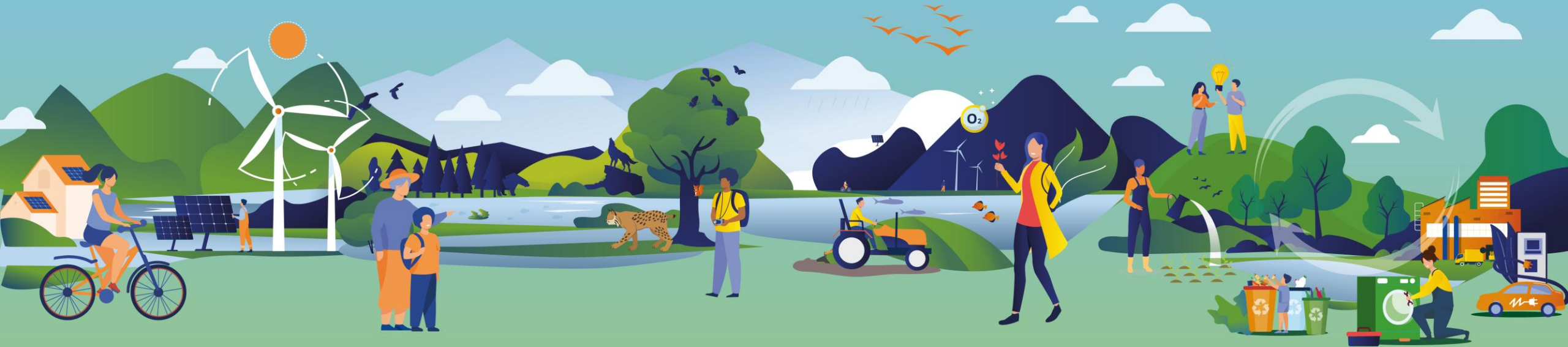


LIFE Clean Energy Transition (CET)



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EU Energy policy framework priorities

The interrelated energy framework to deliver on 3 priorities:

→ Competitiveness

- **Clean Industrial Deal** and **Affordable Energy Action Plan**
- **New Energy Efficiency Impetus:** (upcoming) Heating and Cooling Strategy, Electrification Action Plan, European Grids Package, Strategic Roadmap for digitalisation and AI in the energy sector

→ Decarbonisation

- **Green Deal** and **Fit for 55 Package:** including Energy Efficiency Directive, Renewable Energy Directive, Energy Performance of Building Directive

→ Security – REpowerEU

- Phase-out of strategic **dependencies**
- Strengthen the **resilience** of **EU energy system** vis-a-vis geopolitical crises impacting the global energy market

LIFE Clean Energy Transition

Competitiveness

Renewable
Energy Directive

Decarbonisation

Energy Efficiency
Directive

Security

Energy Performance of
Buildings Directive



**Heating &
Cooling**

**Industry &
Products**

Digitatisation

**Mobilise investment
and private finance**

**Energy
Communities**

One-Stop-Shops

**Building Renovation &
Building Performance**

**Clean Energy &
Construction Skills**

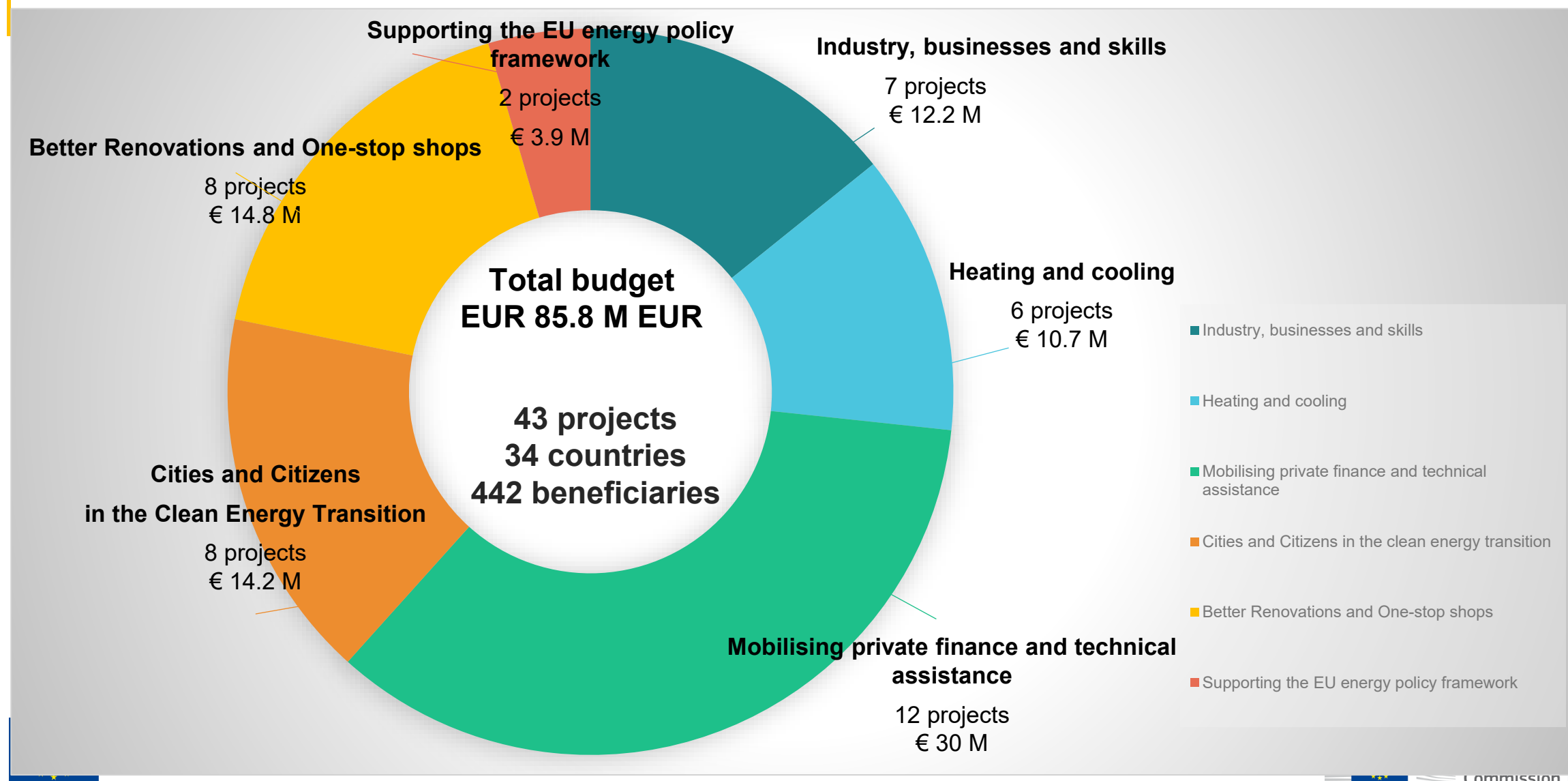
**Policy Support
& Energy
Efficiency First**

Cities & Regions

Energy Poverty



Outcomes of LIFE CET Call for proposals 2025*



* Subject to successful Grant Agreement Preparation (GAP) and signature

LIFE CET – Call 2026 Funding topics (II)

Involving and empowering citizens in the clean energy transition

- Alleviating household energy poverty in Europe
- Facilitating cooperation among energy communities

Decarbonisation of buildings and building skills

- Energy renovation solutions – Boosting building renovations through effective markets and instruments
- BUILD UP Skills – National Platforms on energy efficiency skills for the clean energy transition

Capacity of Industry and Digitalisation

- Supporting the clean energy transitions of European industry and businesses
- Supporting digitalisation of Distribution System Operators for a smart energy transition

LIFE CET – Call 2026 Funding topics (I)

Building a national, regional and local policy framework supporting the clean energy transition

- Towards an effective implementation of key legislation
- Delivery of integrated local heating and cooling plans
- Strengthening national frameworks for renewable and efficient heating and cooling in existing buildings

Supporting the development of Local and Regional Investment Projects

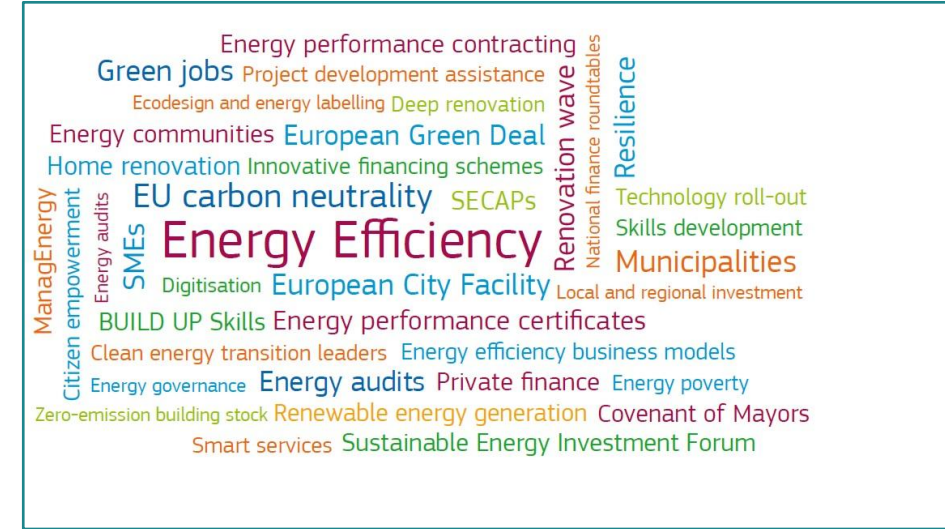
- One-Stop-Shops – Integrated services for private building renovation
- Project Development Assistance for sustainable energy investments
- EmpowerEUcities – Scaling up smart and clean solutions for affordability in EU cities

Mobilising private finance for sustainable energy

- Crowding in private finance

LIFE CET Call 2026

- Προθεσμία: **16 Σεπτεμβρίου 2026**
- **13 θέματα-topics, +/- 85.5 mEUR** διαθέσιμα
- Θέματα συνδεδεμένα με Ευρωπαϊκές πολιτικές με λεπτομερείς κατευθυντήριες γραμμές
- Στα περισσότερα θέματα: **τουλάχιστον 3 (επιλέξιμοι) εταίροι από 3 διαφορετικές επιλέξιμες χώρες** (μέσος όρος εταίρων συνήθως μεγαλύτερος)
- **95% ποσοστό συγχρηματοδότησης**
- Ηλεκτρονική υποβολή μέσω: [Funding & Tender opportunities portal](#)



Lessons Learnt: Concept & Methodology

- Maintain a clear focus: check the scope in the call document and avoid addressing too many areas
- Define a clear starting point (e.g. existing gaps) and explain the policy, market, and technological context
- Explain the added value: what the project intends to do and achieve beyond existing initiatives
- Build on previous initiatives and clearly reference how the project advances the state of the art
- Ensure the concept and methodology are clearly outlined and credible
- Align the project objectives with the call and topic requirements visibly
- Proposed activities must credibly lead to concrete achievements and measurable impacts

Key Principle
Focus on clarity
and credibility



Lessons Learnt: Work Packages & Implementation

- Work Packages need to be interrelated with clear logical connections
- Avoid redundancies and overly high-level descriptions
- Develop clear and targeted stakeholder engagement strategies
- Include a realistic and clearly structured Gantt chart
- For pilots: provide sufficient detail (location, type, surface areas, systems) in Part B, not in the annex

Key Principle
Detail matters
for pilot sites

Resubmissions: Key Considerations

- You may use feedback from a previous evaluation (ESR) to adjust and resubmit
- However: improving based on a previous ESR does not guarantee a higher score
- Topic text can evolve or change completely between calls
- State of the art evolves and policy priorities may shift
- The degree of innovation may change as the field advances
- Competition is expected to remain high across all calls

Important
A revised proposal
may still not succeed

Tips to Succeed

1

Start early

Give yourself enough time to develop a strong proposal

3

Choose your idea

Structure it well and stick to it throughout

5

Create your budget

Realistic, justified, and aligned with the work plan

7

Final polishing

Proofread, check consistency, and verify requirements

2

Read the information

Call text, topic fiches, guidelines, and FAQs

4

Build a consortium

Complementary expertise and geographic balance

6

Write coherently

Ensure consistency between all parts of the proposal



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LIFE Clean Energy Transition – European Info Day



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→ Registration: [EU Life Info Days 2026](#)

→ LIFE CET EU Info Sessions:
30 April 2026 (on-line)



LIFE Call 2026:

→ [LIFE Calls for proposals 2026 - European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency](#)





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