



Energy-Economy-Society Call 2021-2022

Answers to questions of general interest and relevance (26.01.2022)

- 1) Can the manager / main partner of an ongoing project currently funded by the Energy-Economy-Society research Programme submit a pre-proposal to the current call?

Answer: yes, provided there is no double financing.

- 2) Is it possible to submit a follow-up project to a project funded by the Energy-Economy-Society research Programme?

Answer: yes provided:

- The new project fits the current call
- The project is clearly delimited from the previous one and has a clear value-added (no double-financing)
- The new project starts in the timeframe defined in the current call text
- Important remark: the new project will be evaluated for itself.

- 3) How important is the participation of PhD students in the projects?

Answer: The participation of PhD students is an evaluation criterion under Q5 (Monitoring, dissemination, and educational effects, see call text).

- 4) Can a private institution act as the main project partner?

Answer: yes

- 5) Regarding the pre-proposal form, we would like to have some additional information about point 4.3. Monitoring.

Answer: Monitoring refers to activities you plan

- To internally monitor the progress of your project
- To get an external feedback to your work. It can be an accompanying/advisory group, the organization of workshops with stakeholders or experts from outside your project team, seminars at your university, etc.

You have to define these activities and the people that will be participating.

- 6) In-kind and third party contribution: do projects submitted to the EWG Call have to provide a minimum percentage of total project cost as in-kind or third party contribution?

Answer: According to the Directive on the submission and evaluation of applications for financial support of energy research, pilot and demonstration projects:

"Within the energy research programme projects may receive up to 100% support from the SFOE. No overhead contributions will be paid to compensate for research costs. Measuring devices,





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laboratory facilities and similar items are not financed by the SFOE but may be taken into consideration as an own contribution.”

However,

“Cost-benefit ratio, subsidiarity” is an evaluation criteria in the call under Q1 (see call text) and an appropriate in kind and/or third party contribution is expected.

- 7) Are cost for data collection eligible?

Answer:

According to the Directive on the submission and evaluation of applications for financial support of energy research, pilot and demonstration projects: “The only expenditure which can be eligible is that which is actually incurred and is absolutely necessary for the practical implementation of the project (Art. 14, para. 1 SuG). Double funding is not permitted.”

Cost for data collection are eligible if they meet the above criteria.