



Project financing opportunities – international applications / tenders

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How to develop geothermal district heating systems? Zagreb, 20203. october 5



EU funding in a nutshell

EU funding phase 2021-2027: 1825 billion €

European Structure and Investment Funds (ESIF)

cca 70% of total funds available

Funds for the implementation of the Cohesion policy
→ to support less developed regions

Shared management of funds between the EC and national authorities in EU countries

National, regional and local administrations in EU countries choose which projects to finance and are responsible for their day-to-day management → application at national level

Large scale national / regional projects

Allow large investments

Action Programs (AP)

Funds to support the EU's common interests

Directly managed funds by the EC

Sector-specific programs (research, education, environment, etc.)

Calls for proposals → „individual” applications (consortia) → EC evaluates proposals, signs grant agreement, makes payments, etc.

All calls are available on the [funding and tenders portal \(SEDIA\)](#).

Smaller-scale international projects

No investments, mostly research, collaboration



ESIF - Cohesion Fund (48,3 billion €)

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/funding/cohesion-fund_en

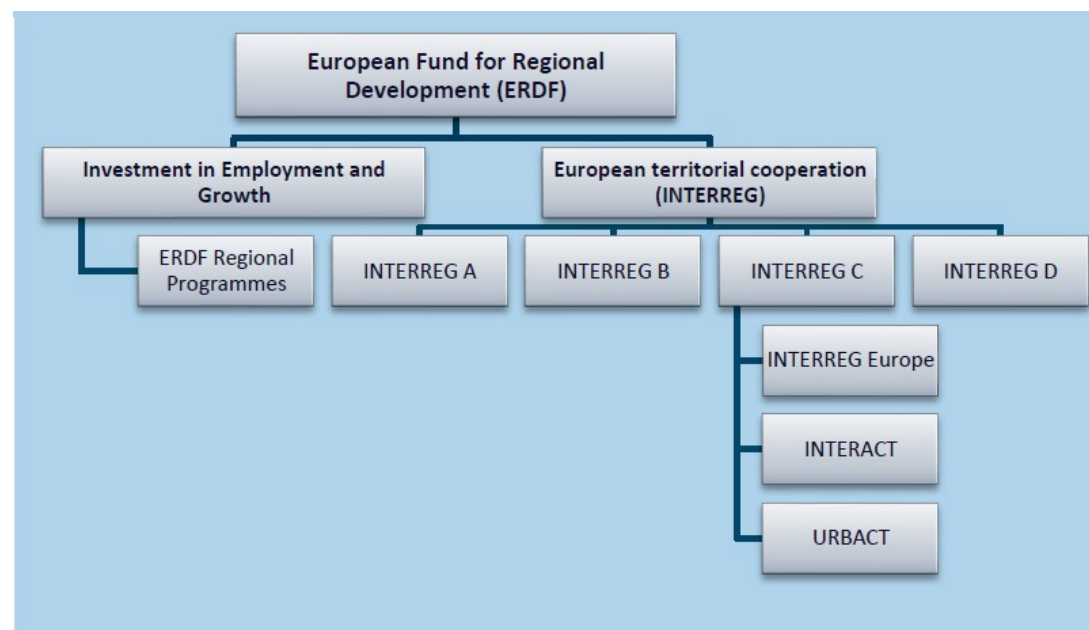
Overall aim: to reduce between European regions.

Funding priorities: greener, low-carbon and resilient Europe,
supporting infrastructure projects (mainly transport and energy projects with clear environmental benefits, e.g renewables, energy efficiency)



ESIF – European Regional Development Fund (274,3 billion €)

https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/european-regional-development-fund-erdf_en



Overall aim: to reduce disparities between European regions.

Funding priorities: greener, low-carbon and resilient Europe, mainly infrastructure projects

ESIF - ERDF Interreg programs

<https://interreg.eu/>

Interreg A: cross-border cooperation (CBC)

cooperation between NUTS III regions from at least two different Member States lying directly on land, or maritime borders, to tackle common challenges identified jointly in the border regions (e.g. HR-HU, HR-SI)

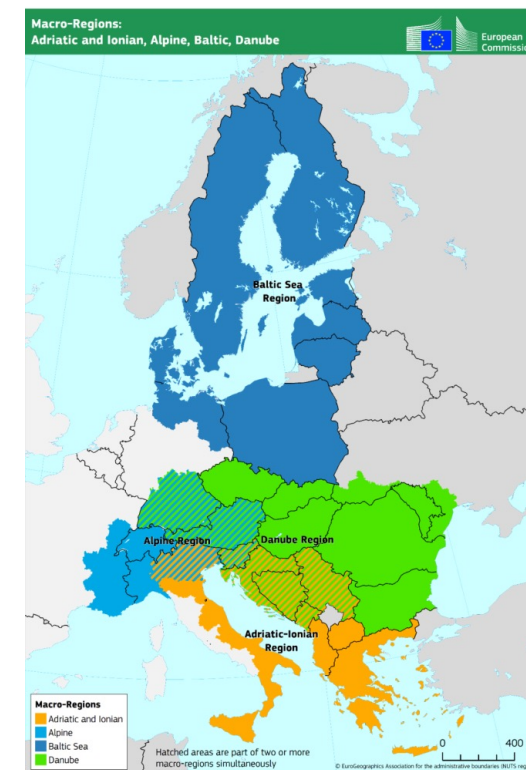
Enhance the institutional capacity of public authorities, administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens and institutions, etc.

No investments

Interreg B: Transnational cooperation

Territorial cooperation

Enhance institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies, no investments





HR: Program Competitiveness and Cohesion 2021-2027

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/in-your-country/programmes/2021-2027/hr/2021hr16ffpr001_en

Priority Axis	EU Investment	National Public Contribution	Total Public Contribution
CF	1.182.402.919,00	208.659.340,00	1.391.062.259,00
ERDF	4.020.629.175,00	709.522.799,00	4.730.151.974,00
Total	5.203.032.094,00	918.182.139,00	6.121.214.233,00

Priorities and specific objectives: Greener Europe

Energy efficiency, Renewable Energy, Smart energy systems



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Operational Programme

Programme Competitiveness and Cohesion 2021 - 2027

CCI

2021HR16FFPR001

ESIF - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Energy (8,7 billion €)

https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/connecting-europe-facility/about-connecting-europe-facility_en#cef-energy

Overall aim: Integration of the European energy market, improving the interoperability of energy networks, facilitating decarbonisation, and ensuring security of supply.

Funding priorities: **cross-border projects** in the field of renewable energy generation

CEF ENERGY 2023
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

€1 MILLION
EU Funding for Preparatory Studies for Cross-border Renewable Energy Projects

Deadline: 9 January 2024

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CEFE-E-2023-CBRENEW-PREPSTUDIES – CEF2 Energy – Cross-border renewable energy projects

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Topic Call for proposal

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General information

Programme
Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) [€ Budget overview](#)

Call
CEF2 Energy - Cross-border renewable energy preparatory studies (CEFE-E-2023-CBRENEW-PREPSTUDIES)

Type of action
CEF-IPJG CEF Project Grants

Type of MGA
CEF Action Grant Budget-Based (CEF-AG) [Open for submission](#)

Deadline model
single-stage

Opening date
21 September 2023

Deadline date
09 January 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time

Topic description



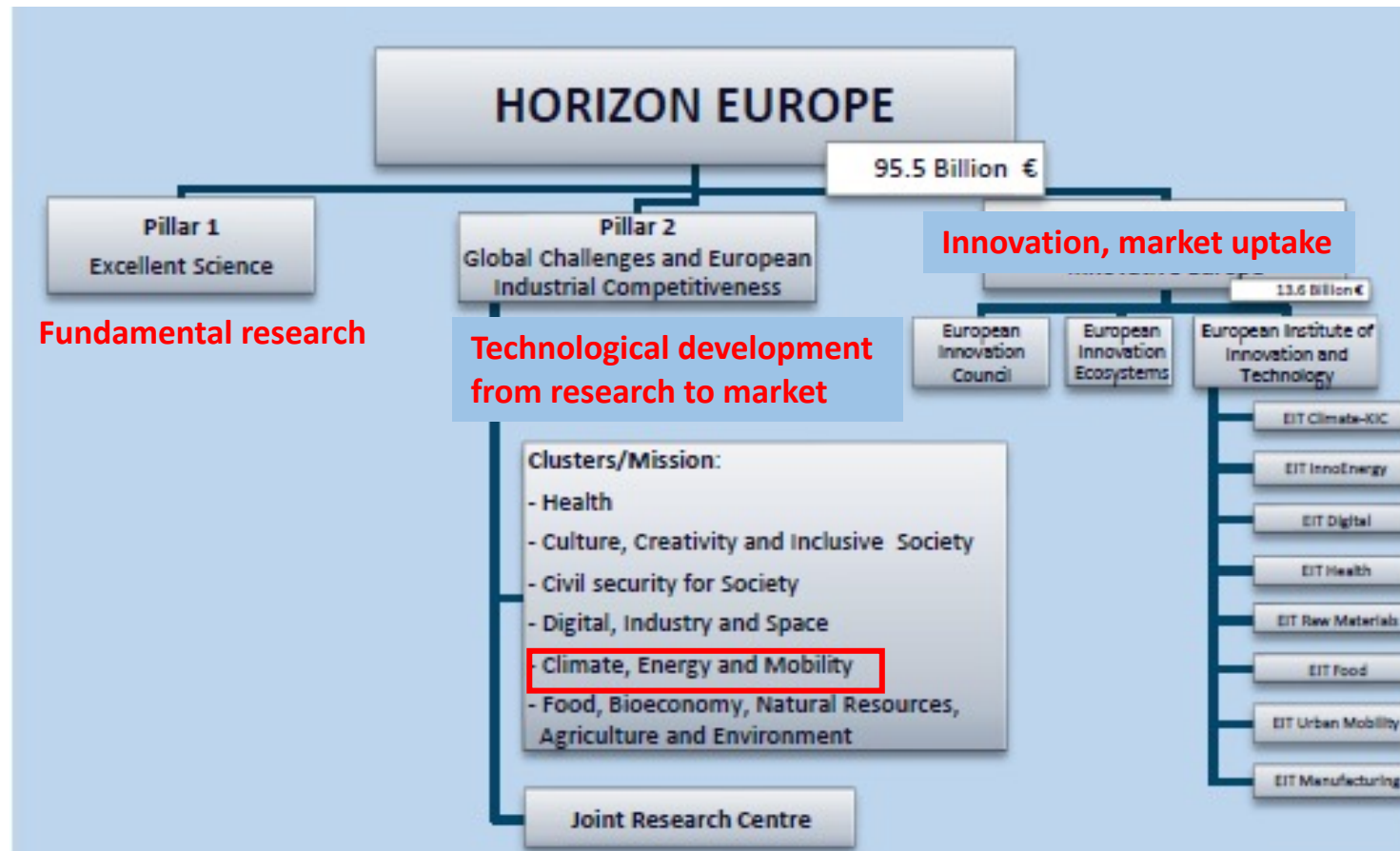
**Action Programs – AP
direct managed Programms
(EU-internal)**



Horizon Europe

https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en

Largest RI program in the world, supports research and innovation throughout the entire value chain, from frontier research to the market uptake of innovation





LIFE Clean Energy Transition sub-program

https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life/clean-energy-transition_en

Overall aim: facilitating the transition towards an energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral economy by *funding coordination and support actions*

Areas of intervention: Supporting the development of local and regional investment projects;

Min 3 partners from 3 countries

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS | Open

District heating and cooling: Enabling modernisation and fuel switch through support for investment plans and skills development

LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants

6,5 billion euro

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Technical support to clean energy transition plans and strategies in municipalities and regions

LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants

8 billion euro

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Innovation Fund

https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/eu-funding-climate-action/innovation-fund_en

In the EU, polluters have to pay for their greenhouse gas emissions via the Emissions Trading System (ETS). The money raised via the ETS is reinvested into the Innovation Fund: funding programmes for innovative low-carbon technologies.

Large-scale projects (above 7.5 million €)

Small-scale projects (below 7.5 million €)

The IF23 Auction and Call will both open on 23 November 2023. The Auction will close on 8 February 2024 (estimated) and the Call on 9 April 2024 (estimated).

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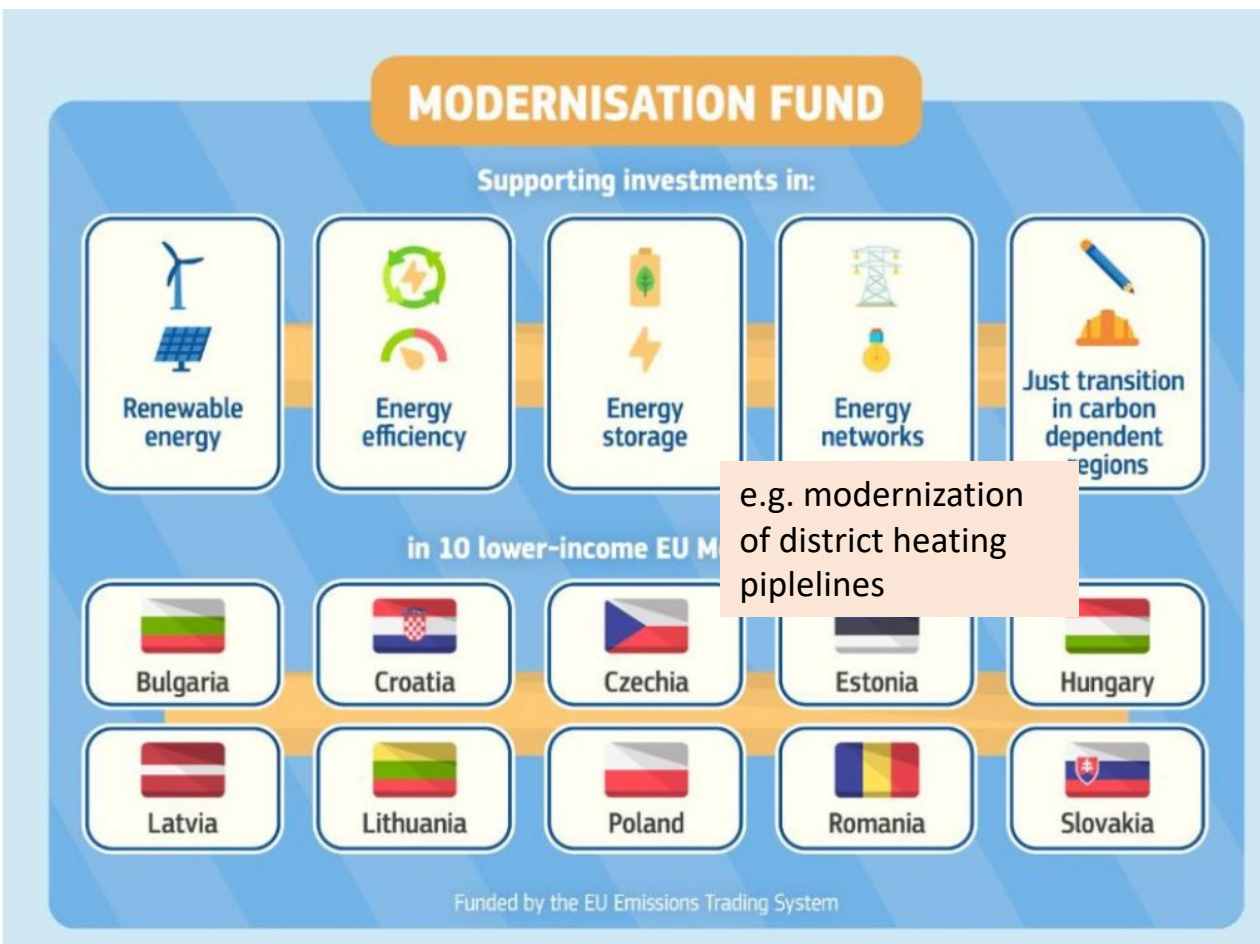
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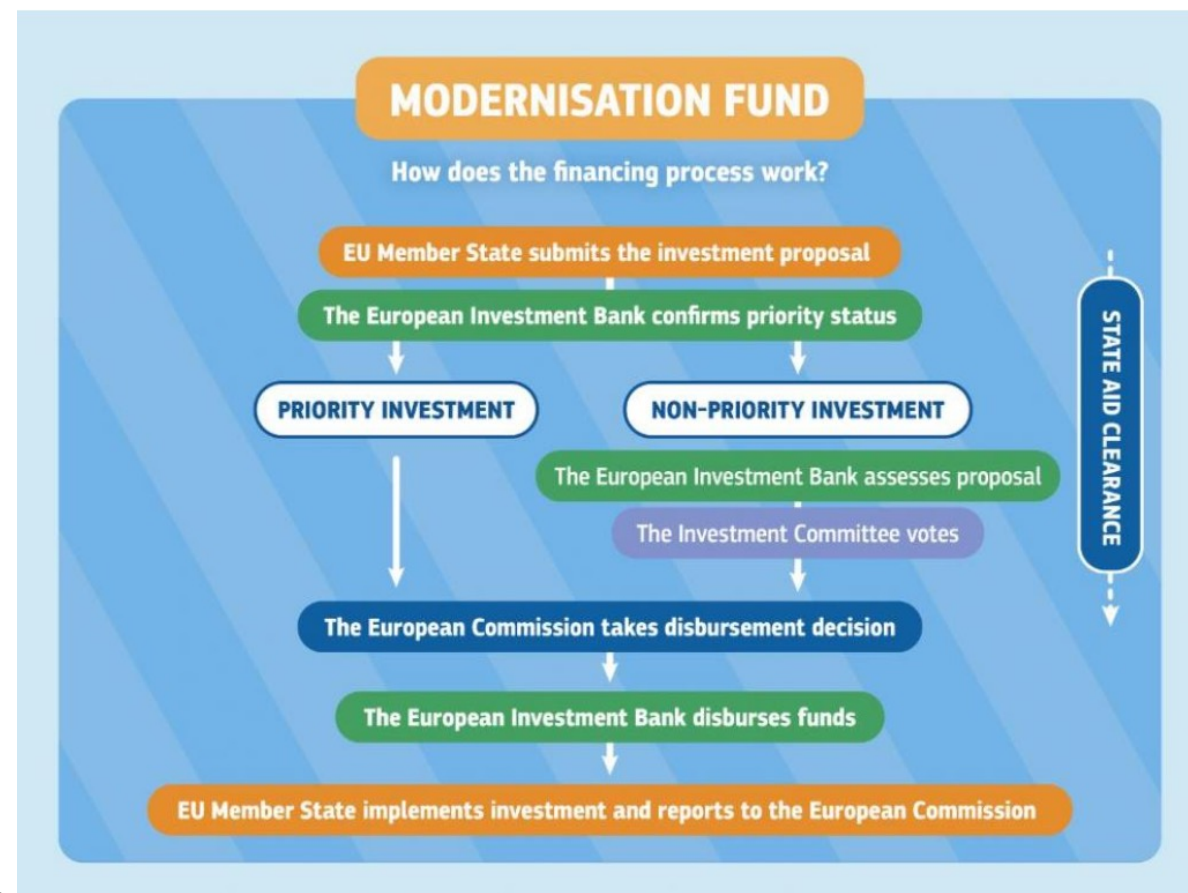
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Modernization Fund

https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/eu-funding-climate-action/modernisation-fund_en



e.g. modernization of district heating pipelines



Danube Region Programme projects funded by the contribution of partner states and institutions.

Recovery and Resilience Facility (RFF)

https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility_en

Temporary instrument to handle to current energy crisis.

Through the Facility, the Commission raises funds by issuing bonds on behalf of the EU, which are then available to MS to implement reforms and investments that target e.g. green transition

Total Grants Allocated
€6.295 Million

Total Loans Allocated
€0 Million

RRP Allocation as Share of GDP
11.01 %

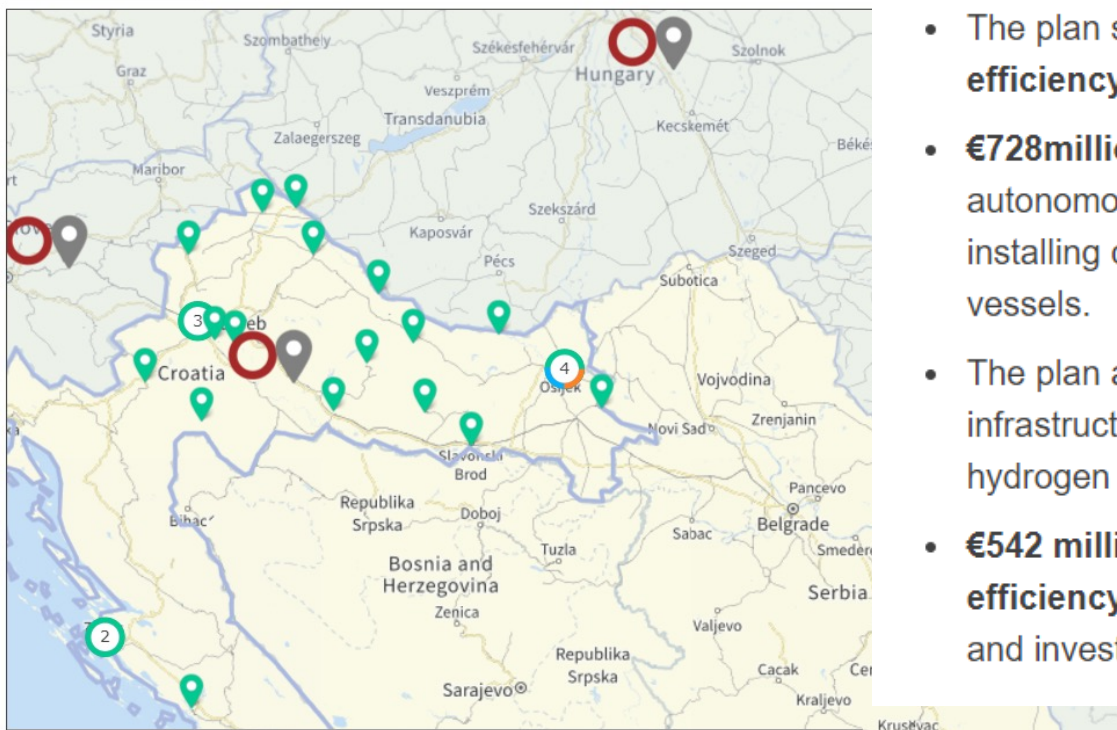
Timeline

- 2023-08-31  Croatia submits a modified recovery and resilience plan / Croatia recovery and resilience plan
- 2023-07-24  Croatia submits a payment request of €700 million
- 2022-12-16  European Commission disburses second payment of €700 million to Croatia / European Commission preliminary assessment
- 2022-12-12  Croatia organises an annual RRF event with stakeholders / Video
- 2022-09-19  Croatia submits a payment request of €700 million

RRF funded projects in Croatia

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Energy renovation of buildings



Key measures for the green transition

- The plan supports the green transition through investment of **€789 million in energy efficiency and post-earthquake reconstruction** of buildings
- **€728million** will be invested in **sustainable mobility**, notably in upgrading railway lines, autonomous electric taxis with supporting infrastructure adapted for people with disabilities, installing charging stations for electric vehicles and introducing zero-emission vehicles and vessels.
- The plan allocates **€658 million to low-carbon energy transition** through modernising energy infrastructure, supporting investments for the production of advanced biofuels and renewable hydrogen and financing innovative carbon capture and storage projects.
- **€542 million will be invested in supporting businesses for green transition and energy efficiency**, supporting their projects aimed at boosting the green economy, sustainable tourism and investing in green technologies.



<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

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