



European Energy Communities Facility

In a nutshell



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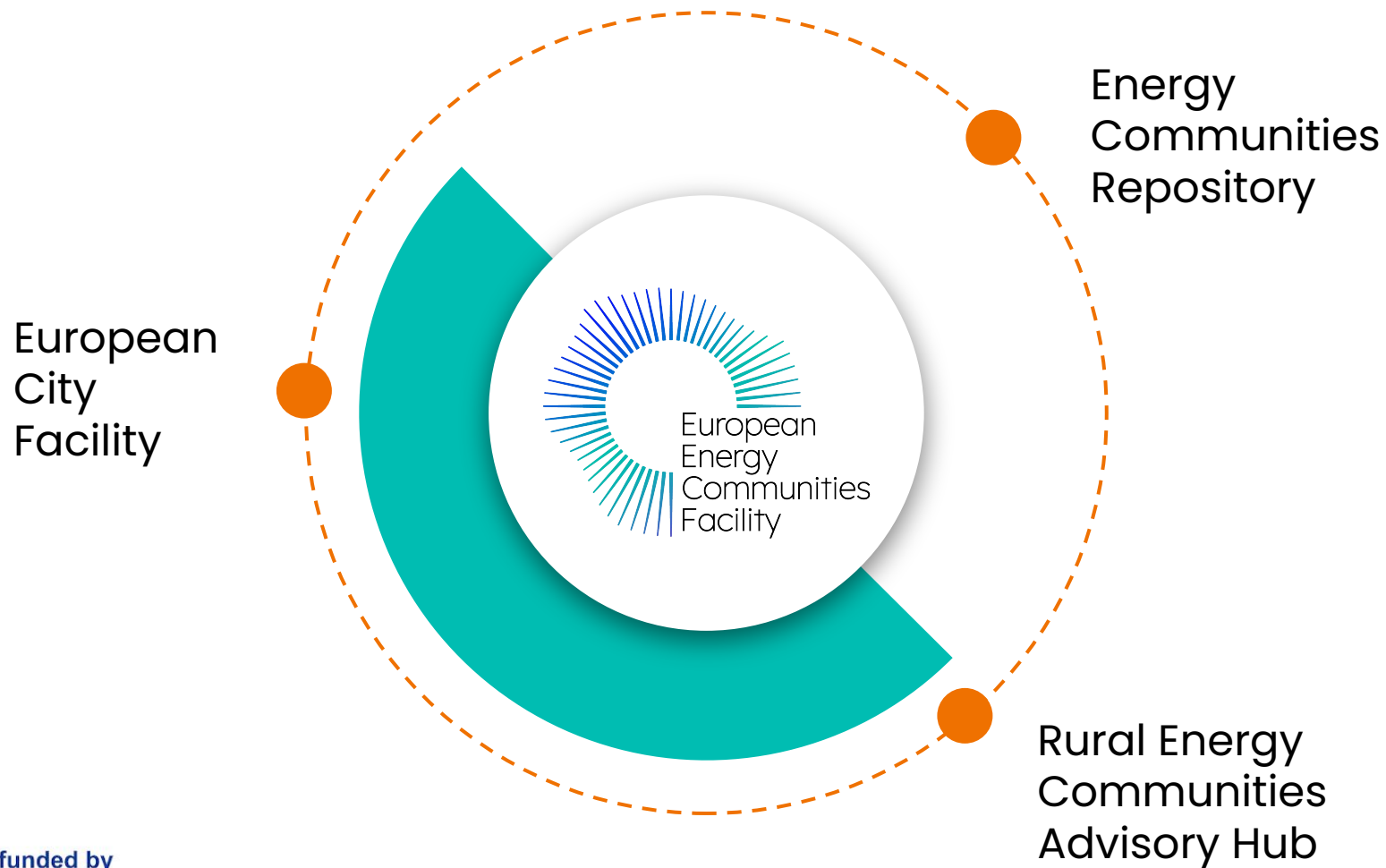
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REScoop.eu,

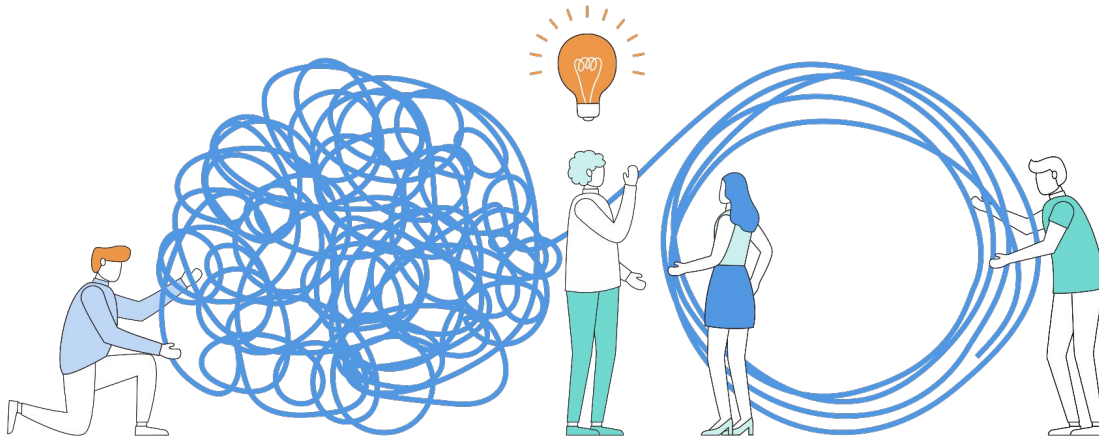
*Coordinator of the
European Energy
Communities Facility*



Capitalising on the successful experiences



Key challenges of energy communities



- **Lack of capacity:** human and financial resources
- **Lack of knowledge** of managing authorities about available funding opportunities
- **Lack of engagement/skills:** many energy communities do not engage with EU funds, Lack of knowledge/information about funding opportunities,
- **Too small:** many energy communities are also excluded from programs such as ELENA, InvestEU or the Innovation Fund, due too high investment thresholds

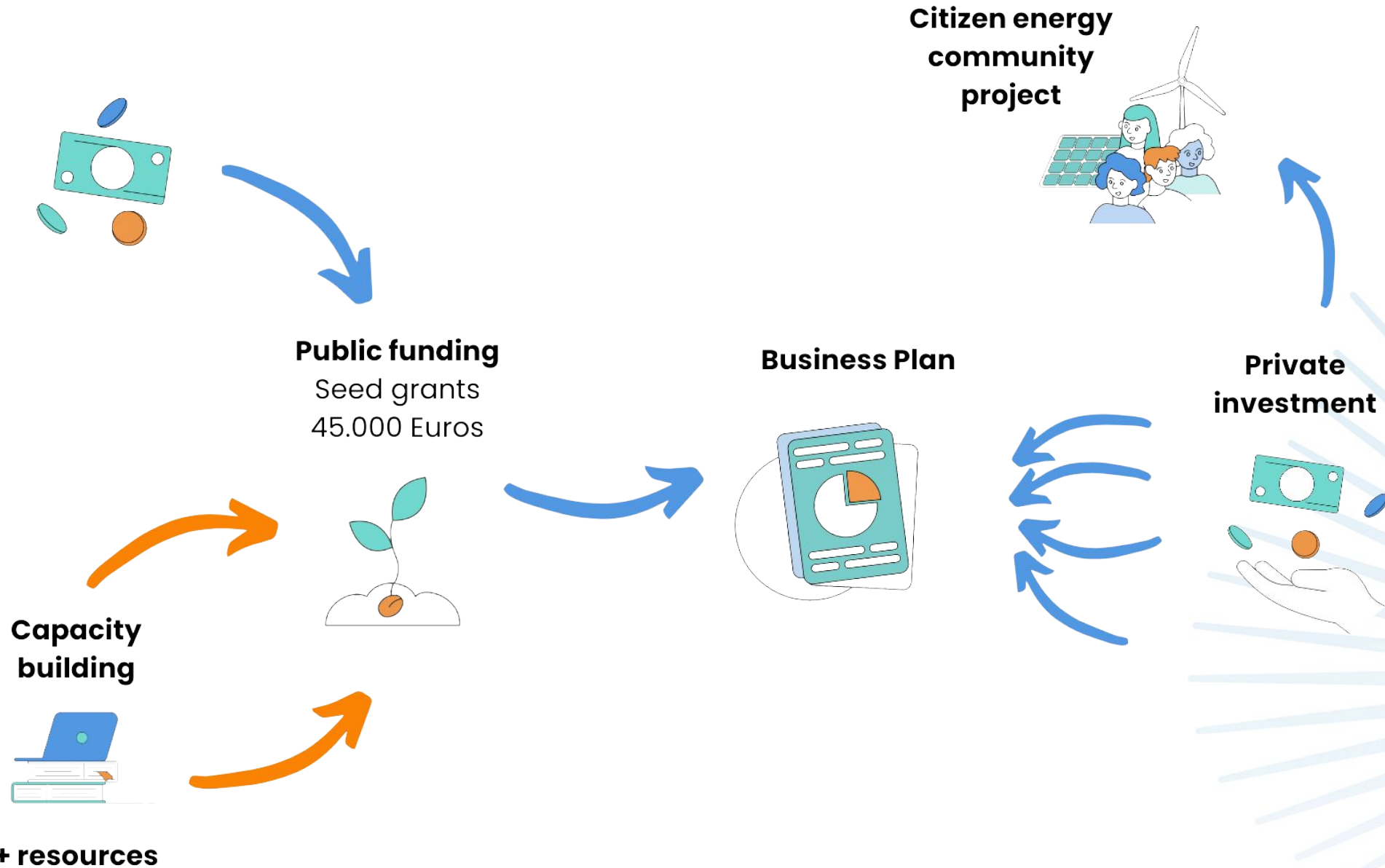
Filling the gap



Empowering energy communities across Europe

Support to at least **140** energy communities to develop and implement a solid **business plan**.





How does it work?

Where does the Facility operate?



Energy communities from:

- EU Member States
- Iceland
- Ukraine
- Moldova
- North Macedonia

Behind the scenes: Consortium members

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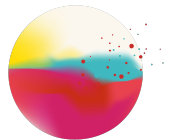
Project coordinator

 **FEDARENE**

Network of national experts

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High Impact Investments

Regranting scheme



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Capacity building
programme



Evaluation of applications &
policy work

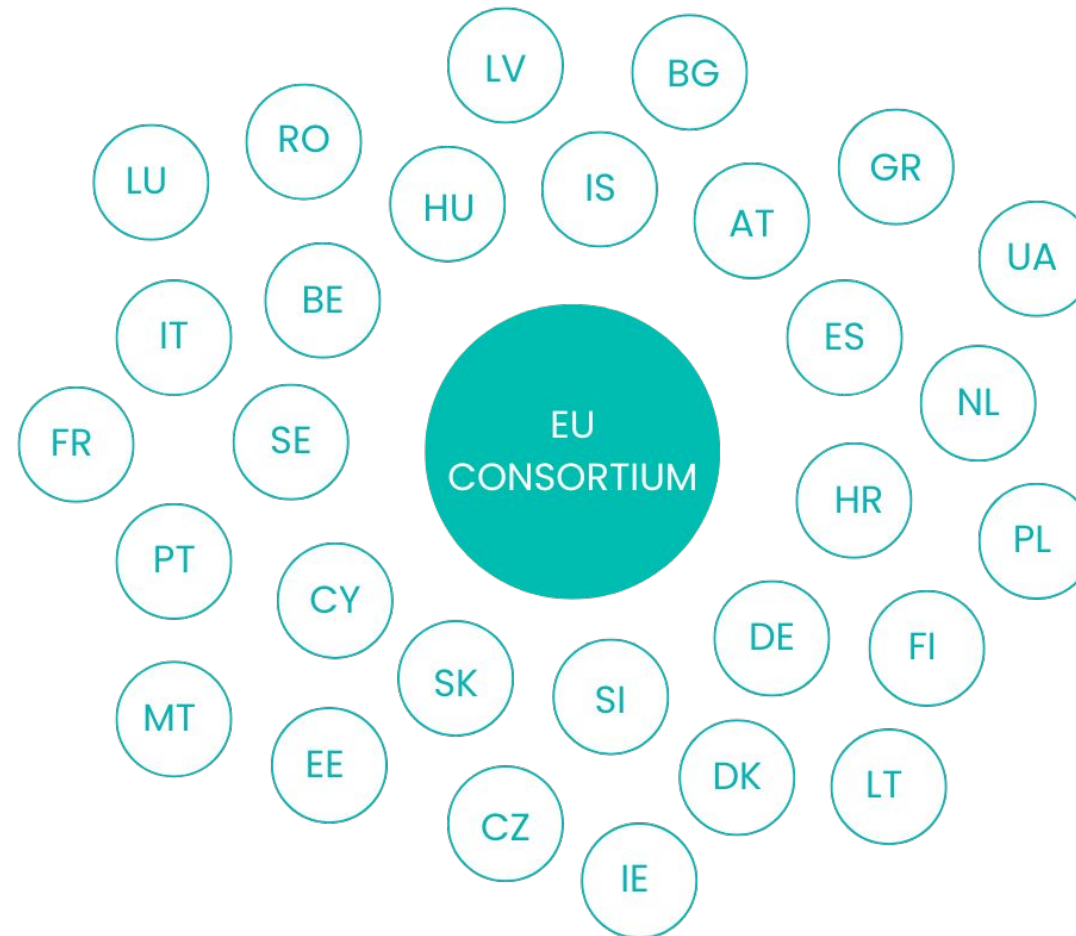


Evaluation of applications

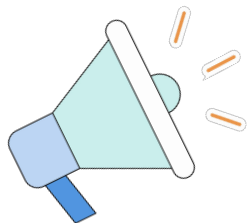
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Project platform and website

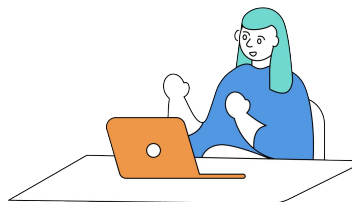
Anchored locally: A network of 29 experts



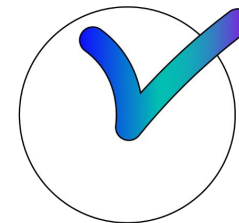
Our arms and legs on the ground



They promote the call at the national level and in local language.



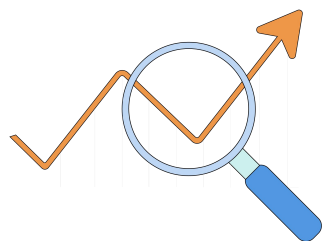
They support beneficiaries in the application process.



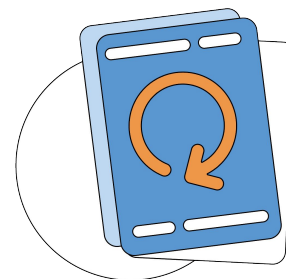
Whilst they are not involved in the evaluation process they do a *feasibility check* to ensure that what is proposed is realistic in the local context.



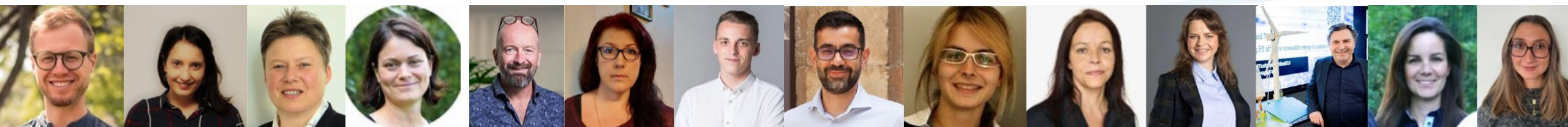
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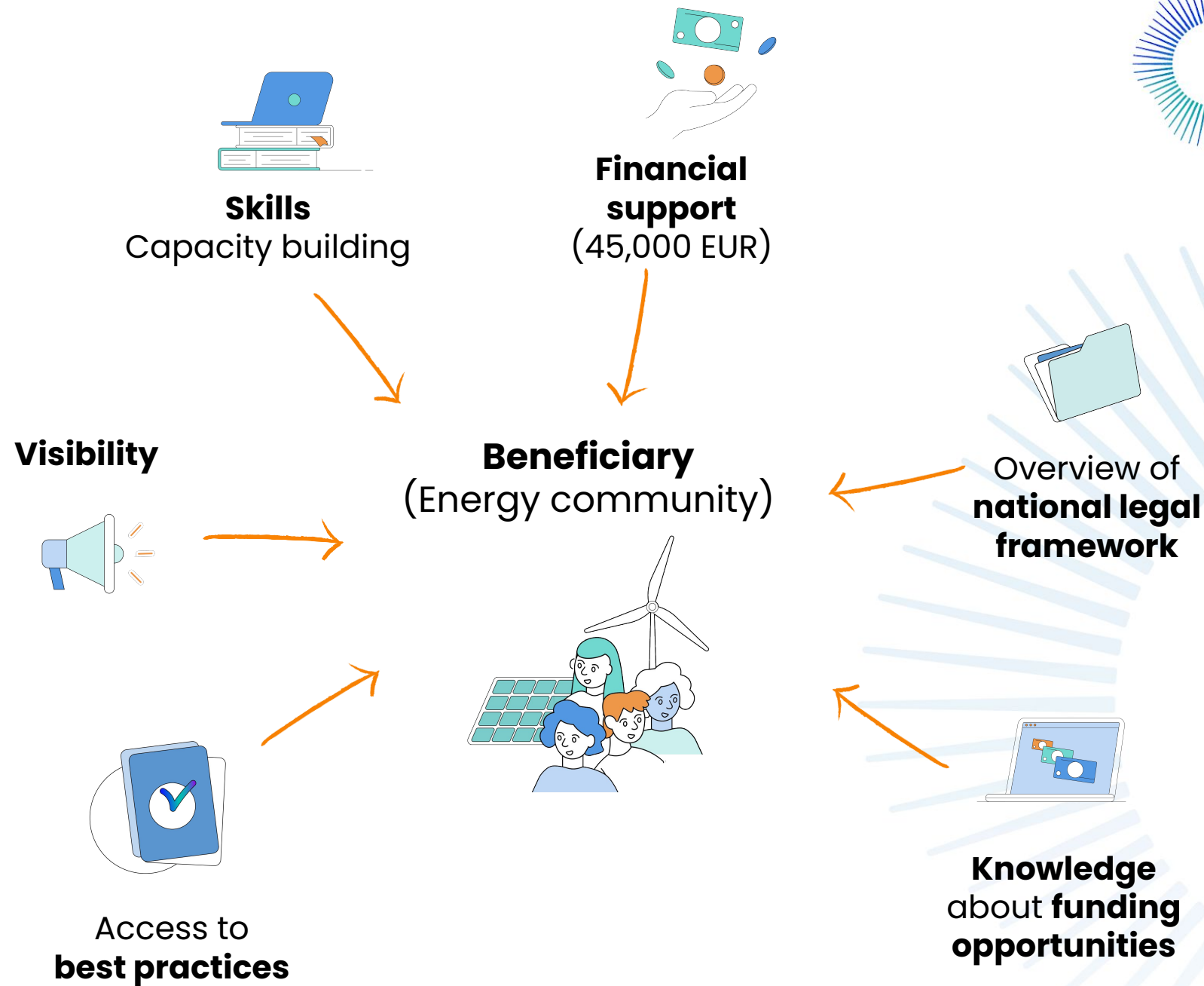
Monitor the development
and implementation of
the business plan.



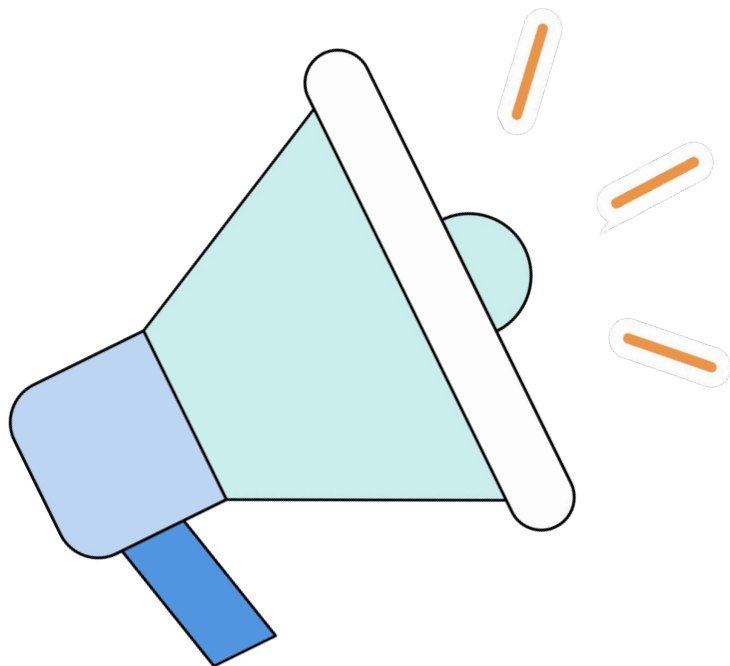
Support non selected
applicants and invite
them to re-apply.



What does a beneficiary get?



2 calls for proposals



1st call: 2 June 2025

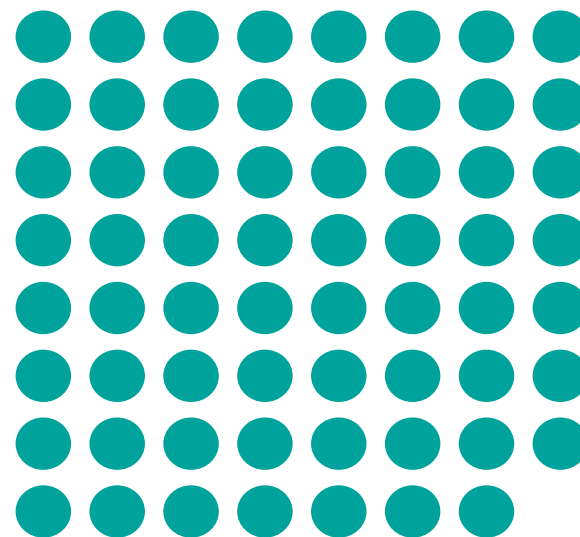
Deadline: 30 September 2025

2nd call: Spring 2026

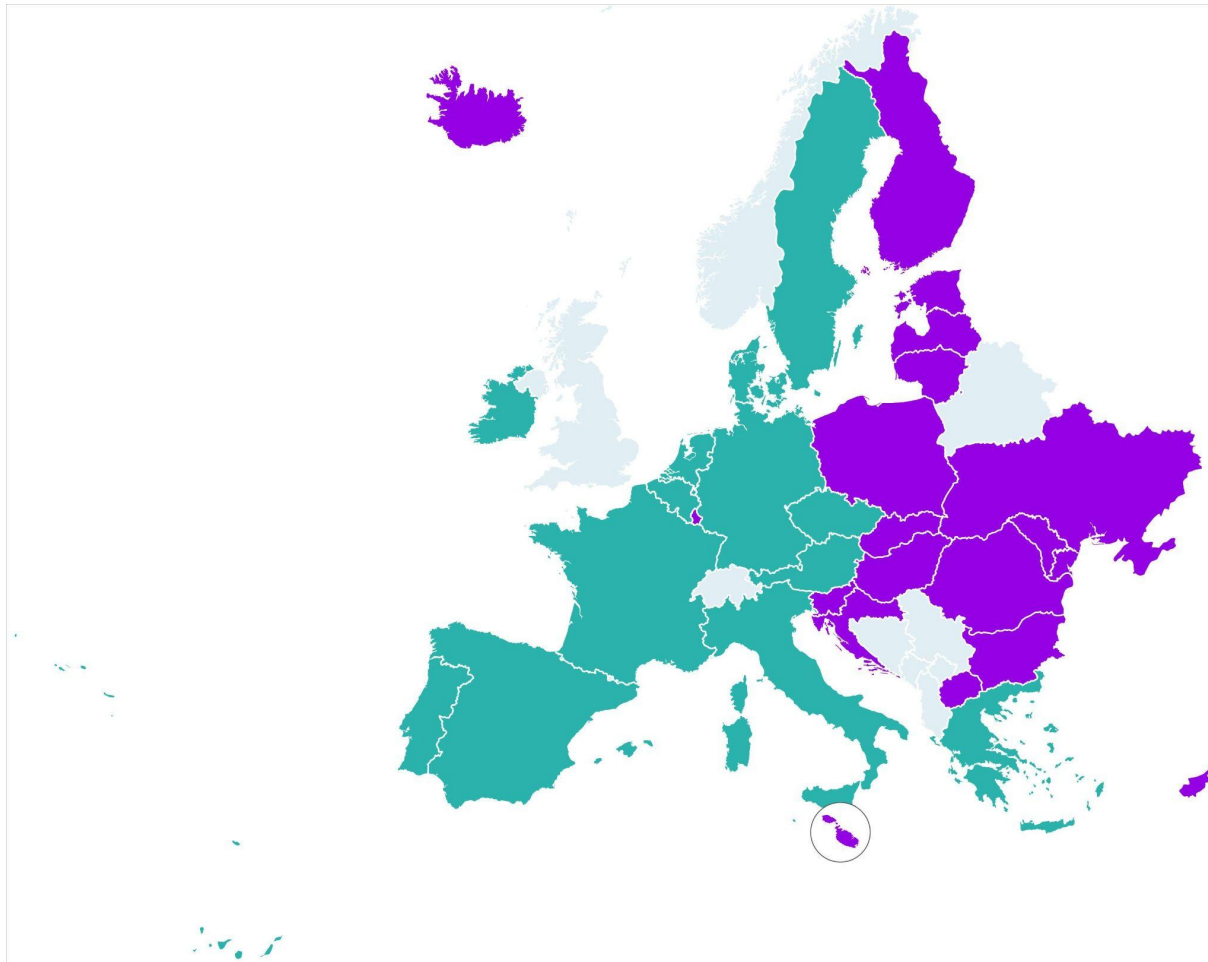
Overall budget (1st call)

73 energy communities will be funded under the first call

Total envelope
€3.271.028



Ensuring a fair playing field



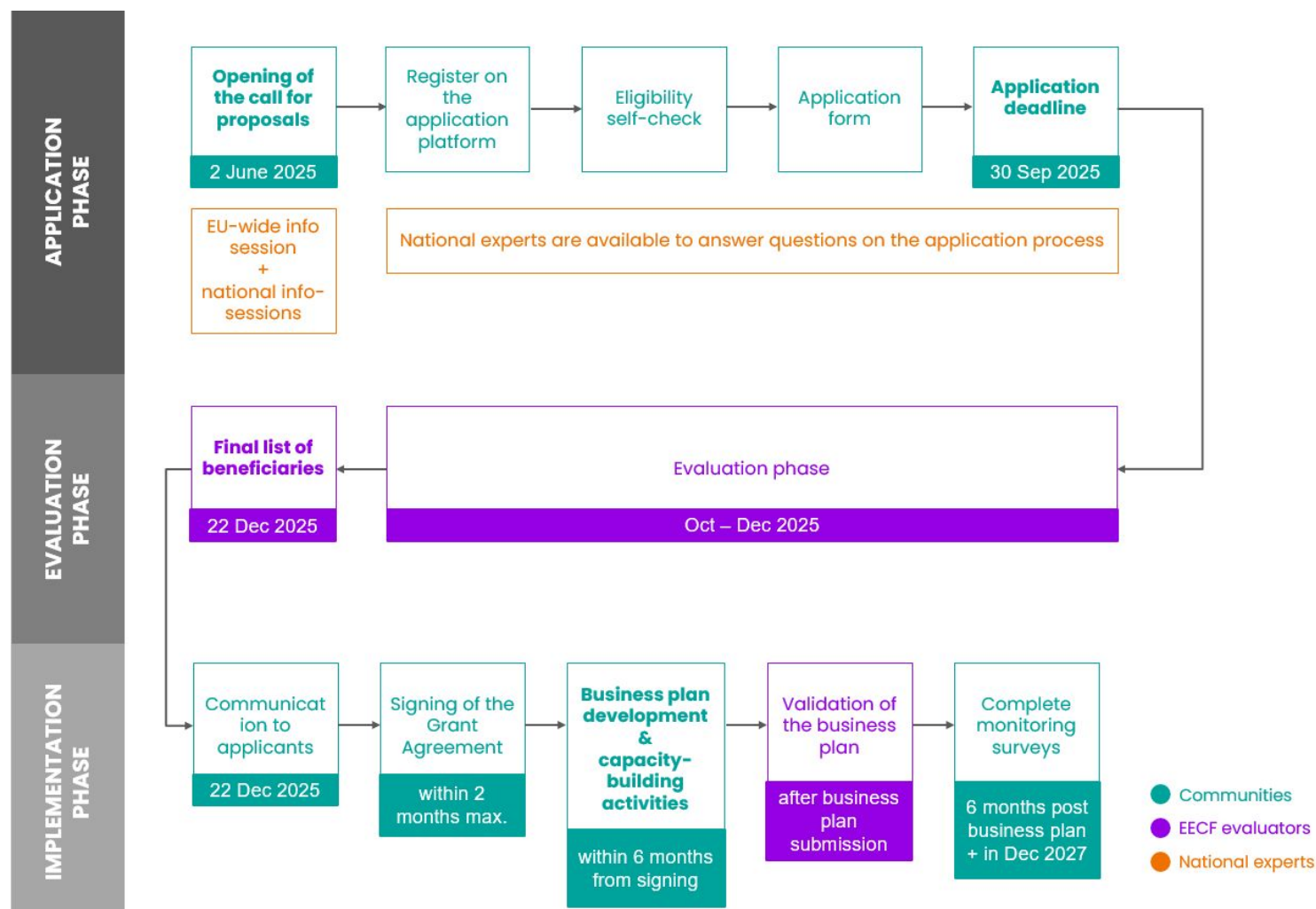
High-uptake countries:

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Netherlands, Greece, Ireland, Portugal and Czech Republic

Low-uptake countries:

Bulgaria, Hungary, Estonia, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Finland, Luxembourg, Malta, Ukraine, Iceland, Moldova, North Macedonia

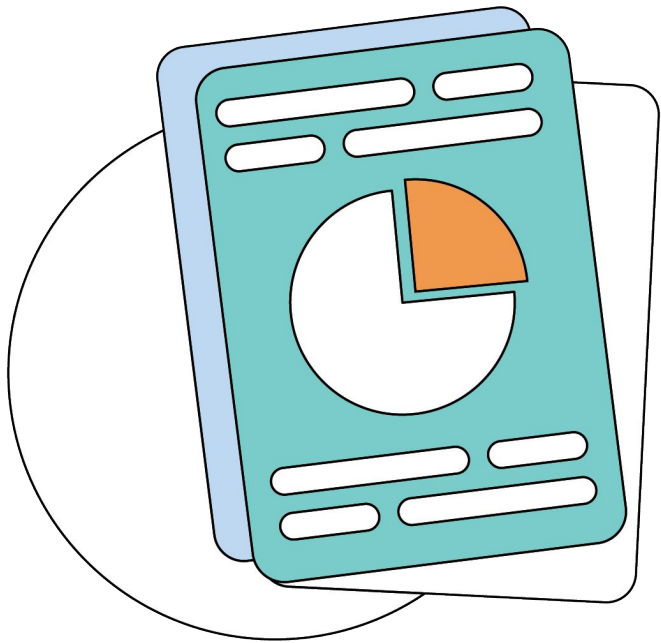
1st call for proposals – Timeline



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2 June 2025	Opening of the call
30 September 2025, 23:59	Deadline
October – November 2025	Evaluation
22 December	Expected results
December – January 2026	Grant Agreement preparation
February 2026	Business plan development
July 2026 onwards	Monitoring and implementation

What does a business plan include?



- **Financial analysis:** Assessment of the project's investment needs, revenue streams, and operational costs to ensure long-term sustainability.
- **Technical analysis:** Feasibility, design, and implementation strategy of the energy project.
- **Market analysis:** Assess and reflect on the current market conditions for energy communities in your country, providing insight into opportunities and challenges.
- **Social and community section:** Focus on aspects such as open participation, citizen engagement, social inclusion, and the expected social benefits for the broader community.
- **Legal section:** Outline how the initiative complies with EU and national definitions for energy communities, including an analysis of the legal provisions and enabling frameworks established by national programmes.

Eligibility criteria



The applicant needs to be a legal entity.



The applicant's complies with the EU definition of Energy Community.



Applicants must be based in one of the eligible countries under the LIFE programme.



The applicant commits to completing the monitoring and impact measurement questionnaires and to follow the capacity building programme.

Evaluation system



Section 1: Community operation & readiness

- 1.1. Emerging energy community (first energy-related project)
- 1.2. Democratic governance structure and decision-making processes
- 1.3. Roles, responsibilities, and experience clearly described and support business plan development
- 1.4. Realistic and reasonable plan for use of resources

max. 5 points
minimum to pass: 2 points



Section 2: Project ambition

- 2.1. Innovativeness within the specific context
- 2.2. Intention to address specific needs of the community
- 2.3. Up-scaling and/or replication potential within the specific context

max. 6 points
minimum to pass: 4 points



Section 3: Coherence and plausibility

- 3.1. Proposed solution and technology
- 3.2. Investment size and funding approach
- 3.3. Impacts (energy savings, energy production, CO2 emission reductions)
- 3.4. Stakeholder engagement strategy
- 3.5. Implementation timeline

max. 9 points
minimum to pass: 6 points



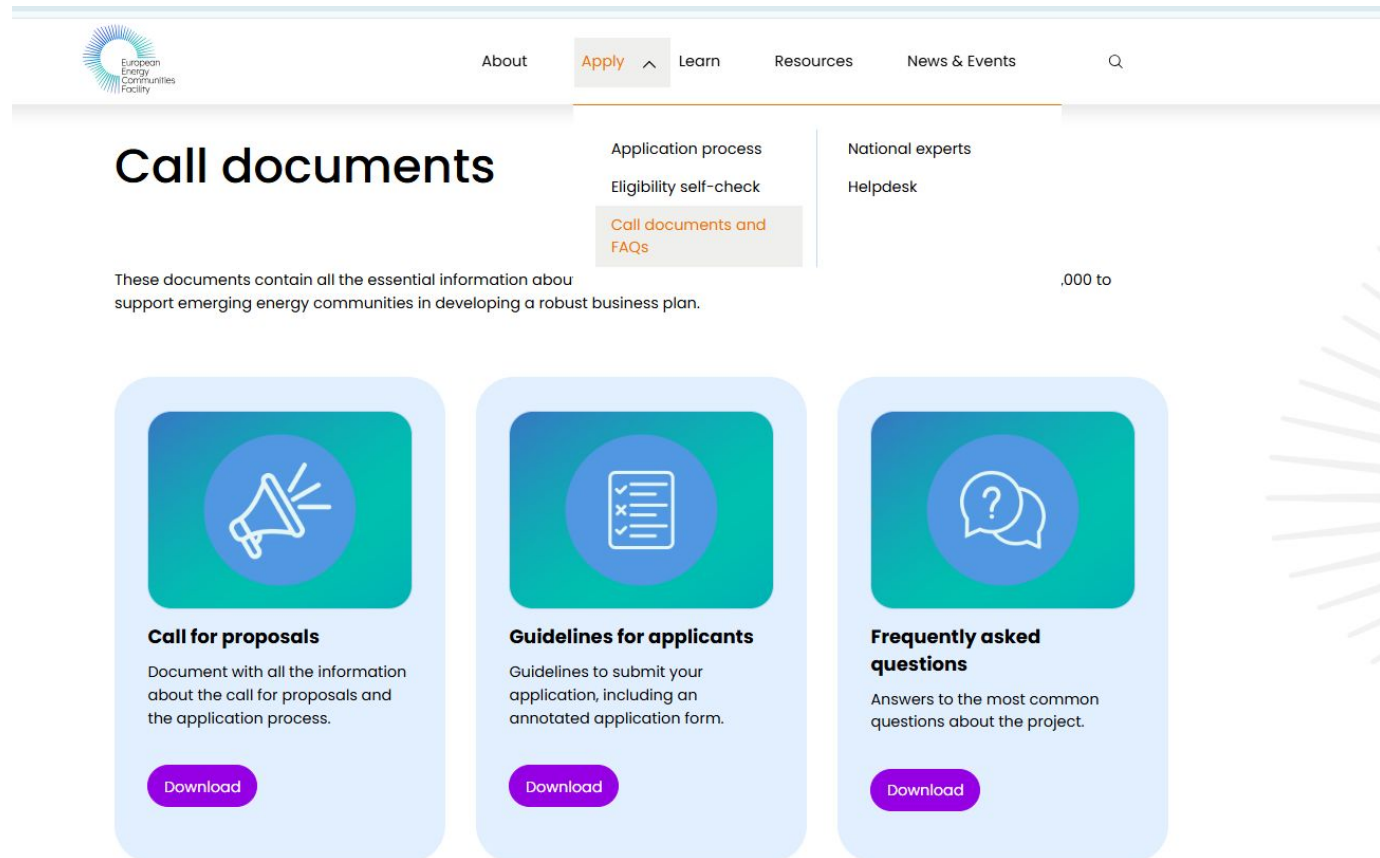
Section 4: Impact on the local community

- 4.1. Intention and strategy to re-invest into the EC's long-term development and sustainability
- 4.2. Inclusive practices

max. 5 points
minimum to pass: 3 points

Total possible points: 25 (minimum pass threshold: 15 points)

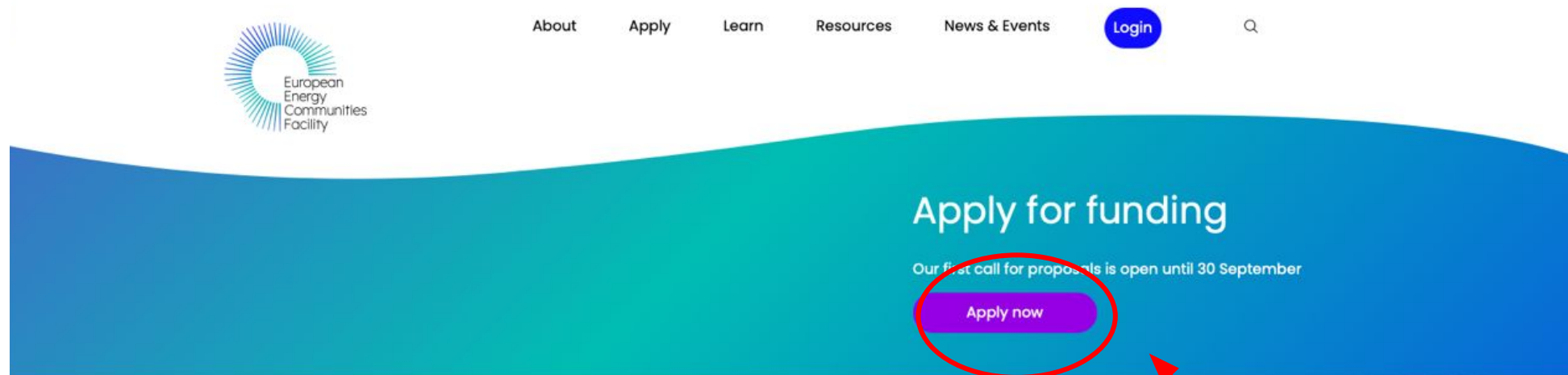
Useful documents



The screenshot shows the 'Call documents' section of the European Energy Communities Facility website. The navigation bar includes 'About', 'Apply' (highlighted), 'Learn', 'Resources', and 'News & Events'. The 'Call documents' section features a list of links: 'Application process', 'Eligibility self-check', 'Call documents and FAQs' (highlighted), 'National experts', and 'Helpdesk'. Below the links, a paragraph states: 'These documents contain all the essential information about support emerging energy communities in developing a robust business plan.' To the right, there is a partially visible text fragment: ',000 to'. Below this, there are three cards, each with an icon and a 'Download' button:

- Call for proposals**
Document with all the information about the call for proposals and the application process.
[Download](#)
- Guidelines for applicants**
Guidelines to submit your application, including an annotated application form.
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- Frequently asked questions**
Answers to the most common questions about the project.
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How to apply

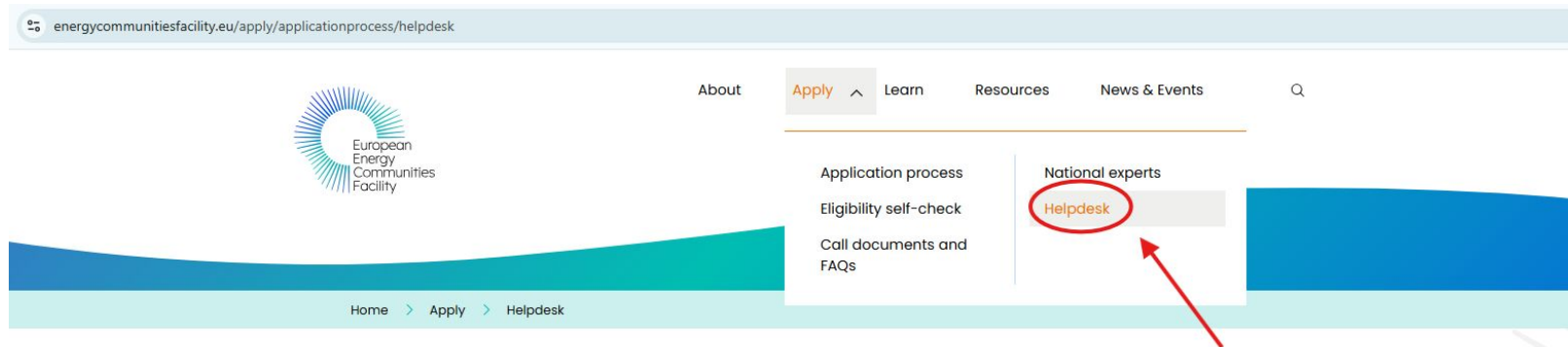


Strengthening access to finance for your energy community

One of the biggest challenges for energy communities is securing economic viability and access to finance. From developing a solid business plan to navigating complex administrative processes, articulating a clear vision, and building credibility with financial institutions, the journey can be daunting.



The helpdesk



Helpdesk

You can use this form to contact the national expert of the European Energy Communities Facility in your country. Feel free to contact them with any questions you may have about the project or the call for proposals. They are here to support you!

For technical issues with this website, please send an email to itsupport@energycommunitiesfacility.eu.

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