



INNOVATION FUND

Project Development Assistance (PDA)

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EIB - the EU Climate Bank

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- We raise our funds on the international capital markets.
- We pass on favorable borrowing conditions to clients.

Over €1.5 trillion invested since 1958

- More than **14,000 projects** in over **160 countries**.
- Crowding-in bank: **€4.9 trillion** overall investment supported.

Objectives as the EU Climate Bank

- Invest €1 trillion in climate action and environmental sustainability in the critical decade from 2021 to 2030
- Since 2025 more than 50% of financing dedicated to climate action and environmental sustainability
- Align all financing activities with the principles and goals of the Paris Agreement



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for over 60 years



Leading provider
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**EU Member
States**

EIB Product Service and Offering

LENDING

Loans:
EIB financing,
including co-
financing of
projects

Diverse offering also
includes Guarantees,
Equity participation

BLENDING

Combining
EU grants with
EIB loans and
financial
instruments

Amplifying impact of
EU and Member
States budget
resources

ADVISING

Advisory
capacity building
and project
preparation,
accelerates
investment

Financial & technical
support

PDA to improve maturity

Project Development Assistance (PDA) under the umbrella of the Innovation Fund.

EIB is mandated by the European Commission to **implement PDA**

Objective is improving maturity of projects for submission to future Innovation Fund Calls (not compulsory) or other EU funding requests, national grant preparation or other forms of financing

EIB experts with external consultants' support if needed deliver financial and technical **advisory** to support project beneficiaries

1. Improvement of project documentation, or components of the project design
2. Assessment of the feasibility of the project, including technical and economic studies
3. Advice on the financial and legal structure of the project
4. Capacity building of the project proponent

Examples of PDA advisory

Technical reviews

- Technology assessment: verification of key technical parameters of the project
- CAPEX & OPEX review
- Implementation plan review
- Pilot project review and scale-up risk assessment

Additional studies

- Business case modelling
- Market research
- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

Financial modelling

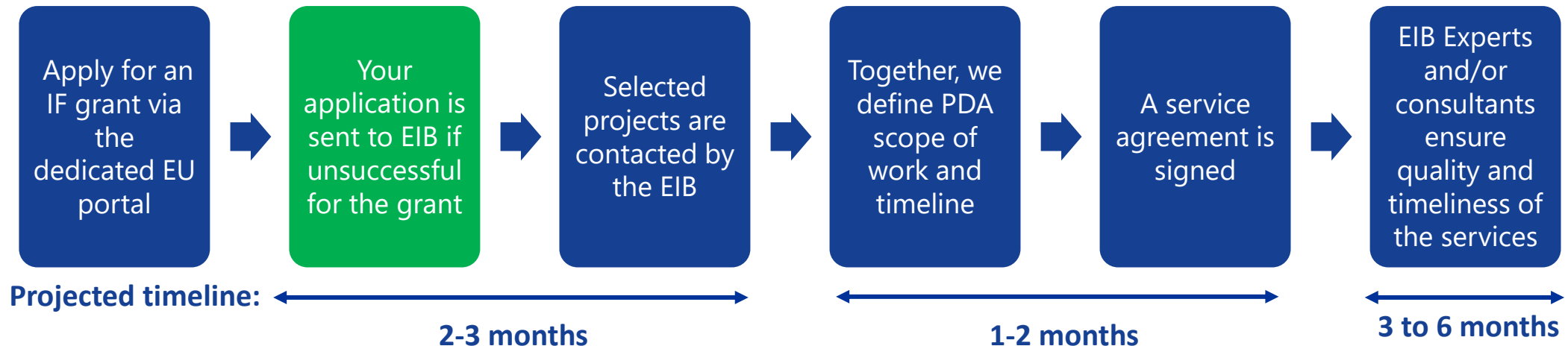
- Review of the existing financial model
- Development of a bank-standard financial model

Other financial advisory

- Business Plan assessment
- Corporate strategy guidance
- Advice on fundraising strategy
- Support with equity pitch documentation
- Market & Financial studies

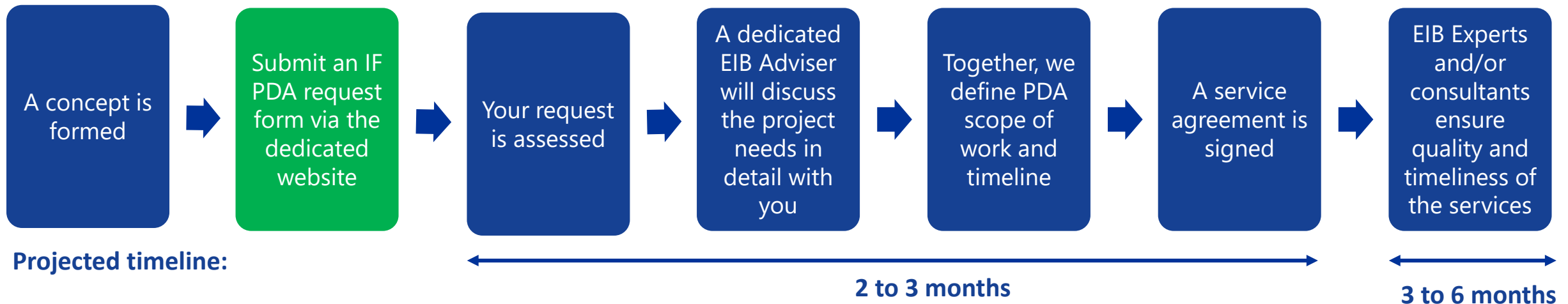
PDA following an Innovation Fund Call Application

- **After submitting an IF grant application, and if unsuccessful**, the project may be eligible for PDA.
- For projects that consented to have their applications sent to EIB in the Innovation Fund application, the European Commission will forward the selected list of projects to the EIB for potential PDA screening.



Direct application to EIB for PDA

- Project promoters who are interested in obtaining PDA support may **approach the EIB directly**.
- **Eligibility for the Innovation Fund is a prerequisite** for consideration of **direct PDA**.
- First-come first-serve basis, all year round.
- No need to have previously applied and subject to EIB's constraints.



Project assessment & selection

The EIB will assess the project proposals and will give priority based on criteria of:



Geographical balance: Priority will be given to projects implemented in countries with lower success rate in IF call application. Priority countries are: *Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia*



Sectorial balance: priority sectors are communicated by the EC once a year. Current sectors:

Energy intensive industries: Pulp & Paper and Glass, Ceramics & Construction Material

Storage: Intra-day electricity storage, other energy storage and manufacturing of components **Renewables:** Wind, geothermal, solar, hydro/ocean, manufacturing of components; **ETS2:** Aviation, maritime, buildings;

Other: DACCS



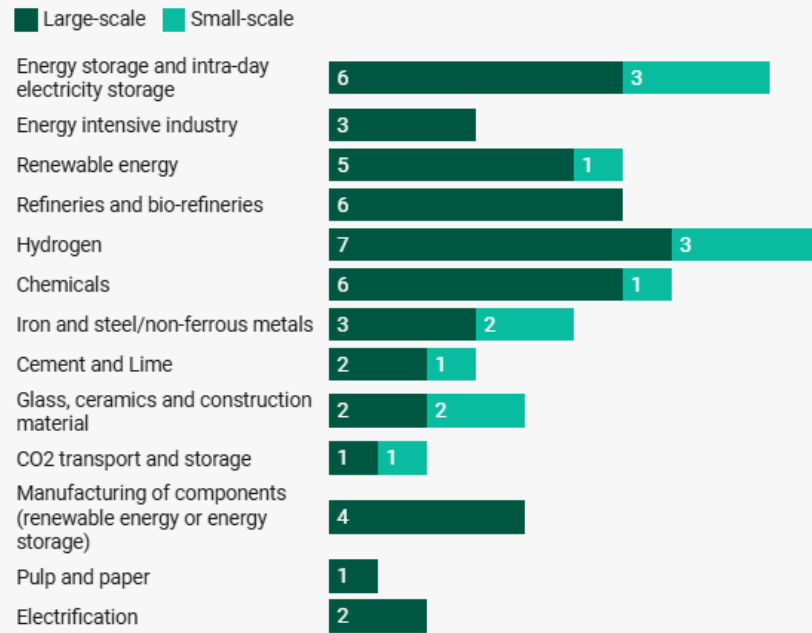
Project maturity: priority will be given to projects with lower maturity



Project size: priority will be given to small scale projects

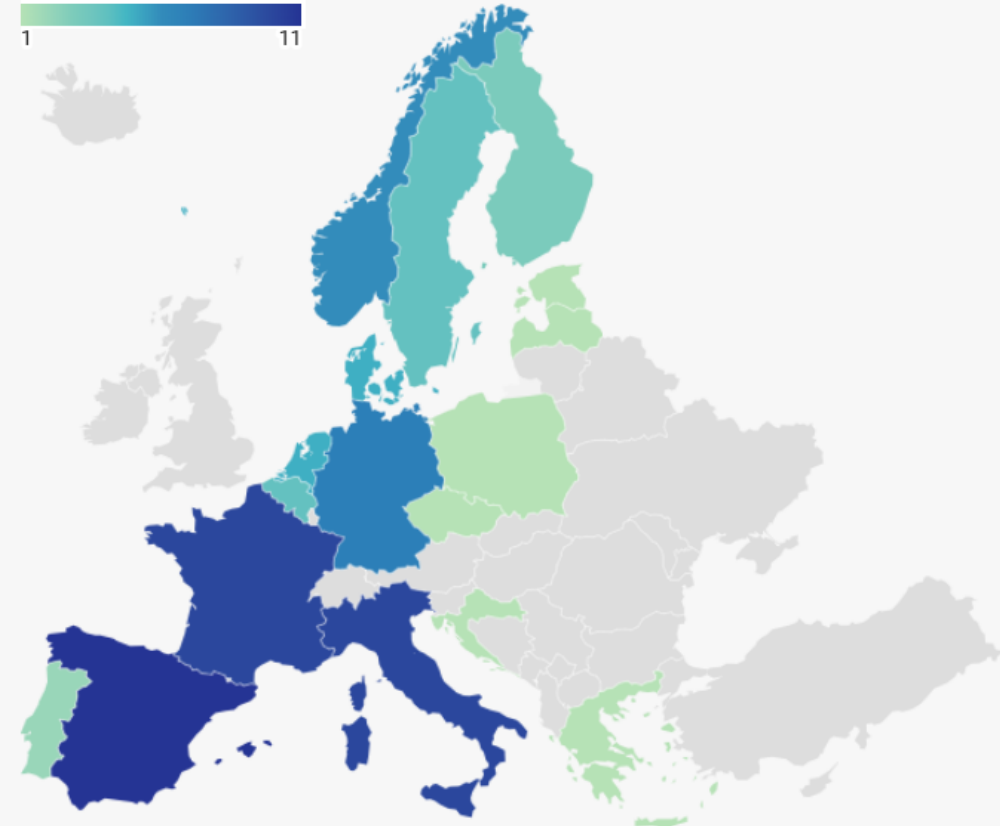
62 project`s in 15 countries supported by PDA

Number of projects that received project development assistance



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Our project development assistance across the European Union



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First Innovation Fund PDA success stories

INNOVATION FUND GRANT

IF-2024

- **Greenfield Biogaz** – France /Pulp and paper
- **VB1F** – Germany/Wind energy

IF-2023

- **Sagitta** – Norway /manufacturing for EII
- **NH1** – France/ocean energy
- **TripleWin** (Future) – Belgium/chemicals
- **GreenWave** – Denmark/refineries
- **AdriatiCO2** – Italy/ iron&steel
- **Swap2Zero** – Italy/maritime
- **Battolyser Factory** – Netherlands/manufacturing for RES
- **LessCO Surfaces** (CT Quarry) – Spain/glass, ceramics & construction material

- **VianaWave** – Portugal/hydro, ocean energy

SSC-2022

- **Custard** – Italy/iron&steel

LSC-2022

- **MEIGA** (Green MEIGA) – Spain/refineries
- **H2-LSE-TGN** (T-HYNET, Tarragona Hydrogen Network) – Spain/hydrogen
- **GIGAGREEN** (Giga Arctic) - Norway/manufacturing for energy storage
- **TRISKELION** – Spain/chemicals

SSC-2021

- **CO2ncrEAT** – Belgium/cement&lime

BREAKTHROUGH ENERGY CATALYST

- **CO2 Battery** (EnergyDOME) – Italy/energy storage (Grant and funding recipient)
- **Sun2Store** (MALTA) - Spain/storage (Breakthrough Energy Venture)

PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST

- **CCSPrinorsGR** – Greece/ Carbon capture and storage (CCS)

NATIONAL GRANT/PROJECT RECOGNITION

- **GreenHyseO** – Italy/hydrogen - funded by Regione Lombardia and by Italian National Resilience and Recovery Plan (NRRP) as part of H2iseO project
- **TRISKELION** – Spain/CCU - refineries, declared a Strategic Industrial Project in Galicia, Spain
- **H2Pole** – Spain/hydrogen - funding from Spanish national programme “H2 Pioneros” in Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan
- **SynBioS** – Italy/ energy storage and CCU technology - funded by NRRP in Italy

Key takeaways

- The purpose of PDA is to **strengthen your project's maturity** and **enhance the promoter's capacity**, thereby improving the project chances of success in future Innovation Fund calls or other financing sources.
- With its strong advisory track record, the **EIB can provide** financial and technical **PDA tailored to the specific needs** of your project.
- Two streams to apply for PDA, one is **flexible where you can apply throughout the year**, the other is only applicable when you are rejected for the IF grant
- You can only receive PDA once per project

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