

EU funding opportunities for cross-border RES cooperation

The CB-RES window under CEF Energy and the Union renewable energy financing mechanism

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Cooperation mechanisms for cross-border RES cooperation

Renewable Energy Directive

Governance Regulation

Statistical transfers

- Article 8
- Accounting procedure, incentive for countries to exceed their RES targets

Joint projects

- Articles 9 and 10
- Countries co-fund a RES project and share the energy to meet their targets

Joint projects with 3rd countries

- Articles 11 and 12
- Additional requirement: existence of a physical link, restricted to electricity

Joint support schemes

- Article 13
- EU countries co-fund a joint support scheme to encourage RES production in one or both of their territories

Renewable Energy Financing Mechanism

- Article 33
- Cross-border tenders with statistical transfers

The cross-border renewable energy projects under CEF Energy (CB-RES)



CEF ENERGY CB RES programme

Aim

Supports cost effective deployment of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy

Budget

15% of the total CEF energy budget (**875m€**), subject to market uptake

Legal basis

- Renewable Energy Directive – [2018/2001](#) (revised by [2023/2413](#))
- CEF Regulation - [2021/1153](#)
- Commission Delegated Regulation [2022/342](#)
- Commission SWD [\(2021\) 429](#)



General eligibility criteria for CB RES status

(p. 2 of Part IV of Annex to the [CEF Regulation](#))

1. **Cooperation agreement** or any other kind of arrangement (e.g. letter of intent expressing willingness to cooperate)
2. **Cost savings or benefits [...]** in comparison to a similar project implemented by one Member States alone
3. Potential **overall benefits** of cooperation **outweigh its costs**

Cost effective => positive cost benefit analysis

Cross-border => based on RED III cooperation mechanism

Renewable => new RES capacity generation as core element

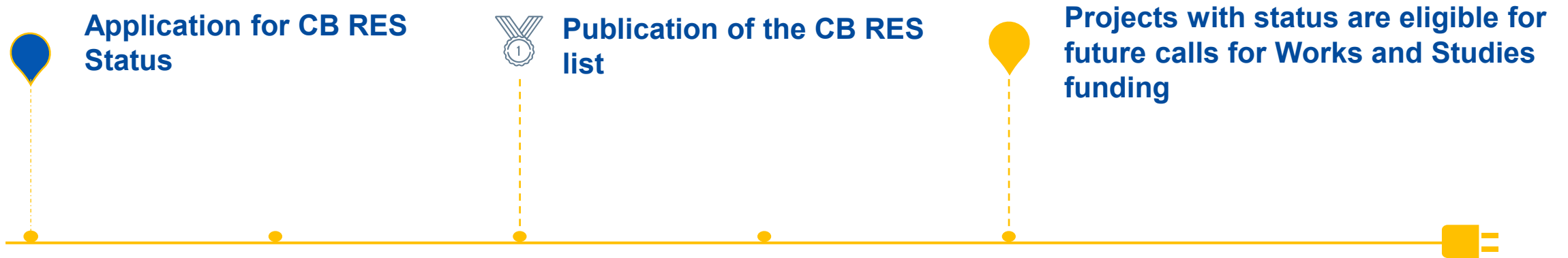


Joint project between Member States and third countries

- **Cumulative conditions of Article 11(2) of Directive (EU) 2018/2001**
 - (a) *the electricity is consumed in the Union (...)*
 - (b) *the electricity is produced by an installation that became operational after 25 June 2009 or by the increased capacity of an installation that was refurbished after that date, under a joint project as referred to in paragraph 1*
 - (c) *the amount of electricity produced and exported has not received support from a support scheme of a third country other than investment aid granted to the installation; and*
 - (d) *the electricity has been produced in accordance with international law, in a third country that is a signatory to the Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, or other international conventions or treaties on human rights.*



CB RES Process



Opportunity: The 5th Call for Cross-Border Renewable Energy (CB RES) projects has opened on 2 September 2025 and closes on 5 February 2026.

For more information: [2025 - 5th Call for Cross-Border Renewable Energy \(CB RES\) projects - Application process for CB RES status - European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency](#)



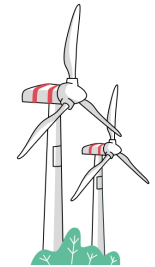
CB RES projects having received the status



[Transparency Platform](#)



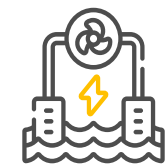
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(LV, EE)



ULP-RES WP
(EE, LV)



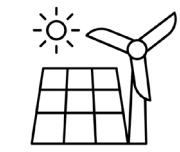
Goerlitz-Zgorzelec
(DE, PL)



CICERONE
(DE, ES, NL)



TMNHSA
(RO, BG)



MedGen*
(IT, Algeria, Tunisia)

SLOWP
(EE, LU)

UELJO-WP*
(LT, LV)

Twin Heat*
(DE, PL)

PONTIS
(ES, NL)

BEI
(DK, DE)

LiiviBayWind*
(LV, EE)

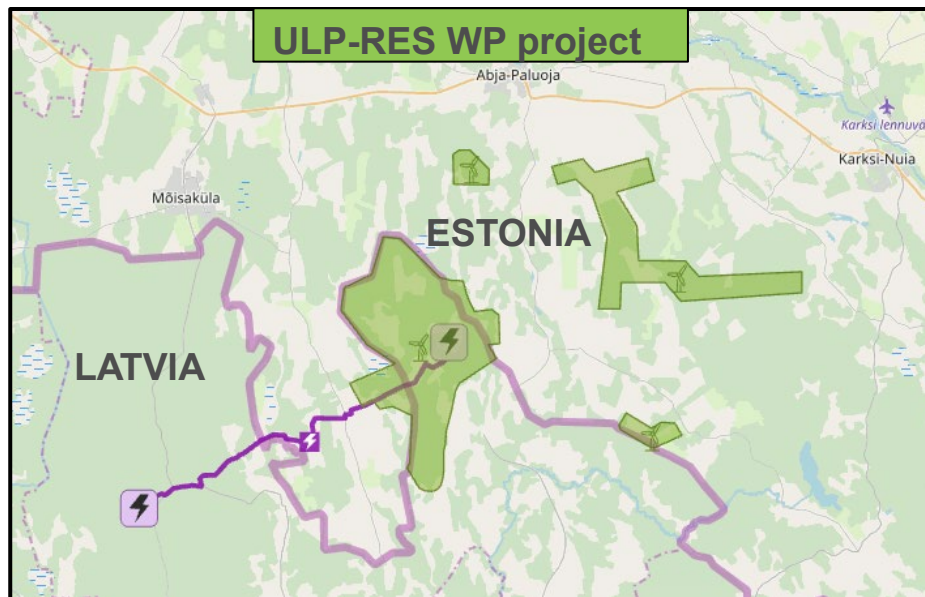
CORES*
(PT, LU)

*Scrutiny period

CB RES Projects set up

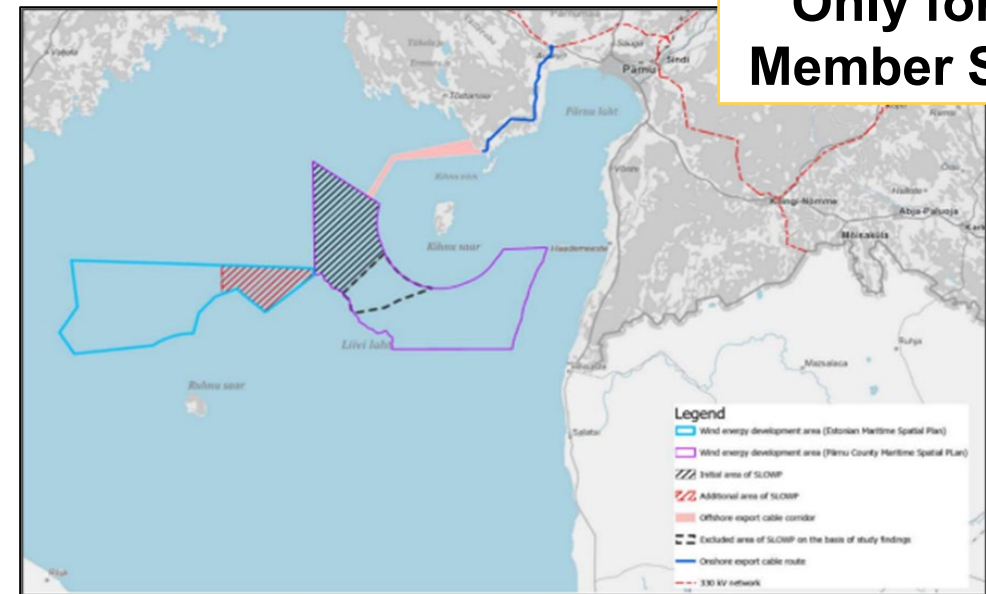
Physical cross-border impact

e.g. RES project at the border of two countries, connected to both grids

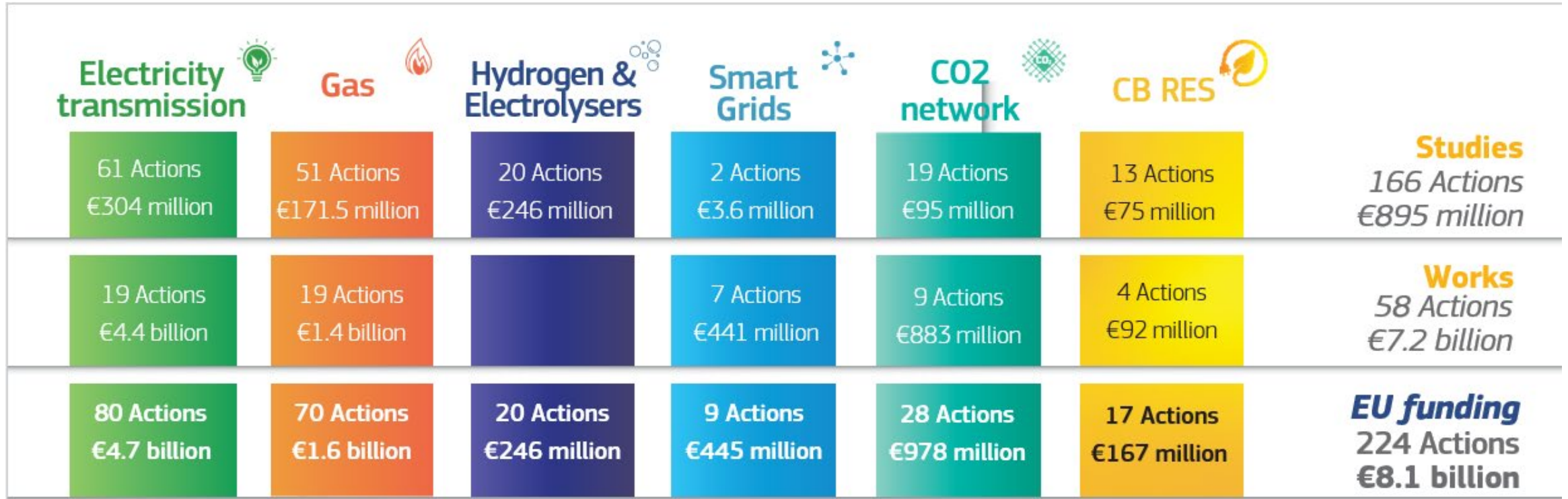


No physical cross-border impact

e.g. two distant countries jointly financing a wind offshore park



CEF Energy approved actions 2014 – 2024



- EUR 8.1 billion already allocated in CEF-E
- EUR 167 million already allocated to CB RES projects

Focus on the Union Renewable Energy Financing Mechanism (RENEWFM)

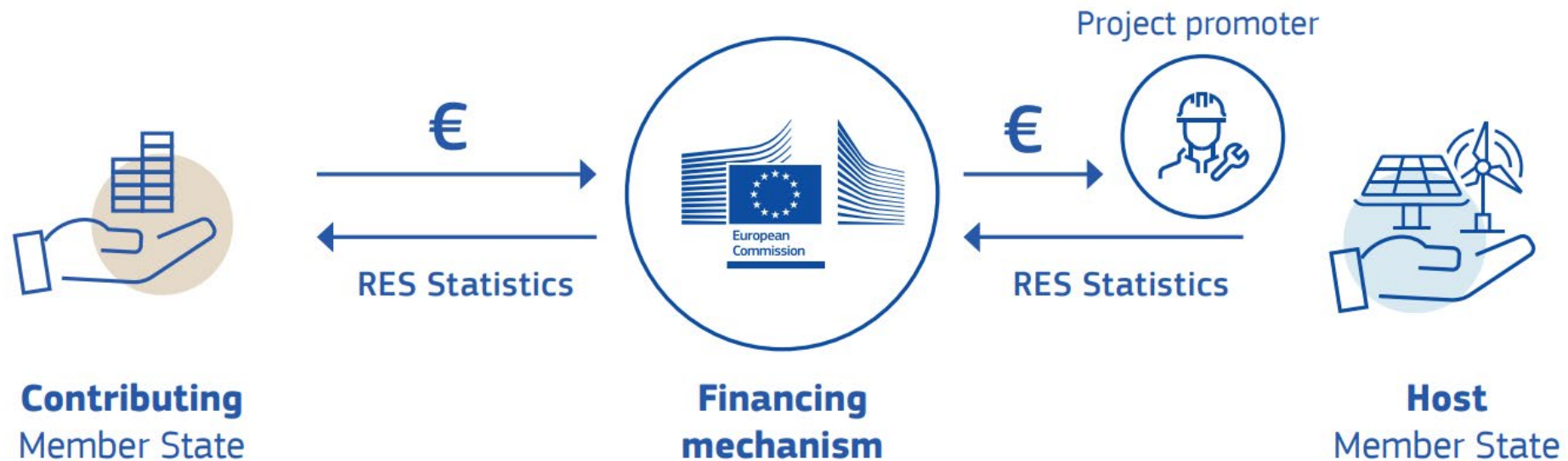
State of play and new developments



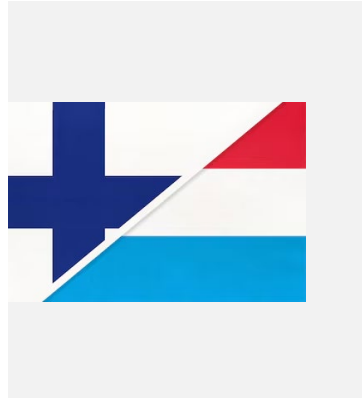
What is the RENEWFM and how does it work?

- The mechanism pools the financial contributions from EU countries and then allocates funding through a system of competitive tenders.

➤ Functioning of the mechanism



RENEWFM tenders so far



€27.5 million

of investment support (call
budget: €40 million)

7 projects

213 MWp

of new solar PV
generation capacity



€52 million

of investment support (call
budget: €52.4 million)

8 projects

445.6 MWp

of new solar PV
generation capacity

Conditions for third country participation

[Implementing Regulation 2020/1294](#)

Article 6(1)

The mechanism shall contribute to the enabling framework pursuant to Article 33(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999, inter alia for the purpose of reducing the cost of capital for renewable energy projects and enhancing regional cooperation between Member States and between Member States and third countries.

Article 7(2)

Member States interested in participating as host Member State, and, where relevant, third countries in line with the requirements of Article 11 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001, shall provide the Commission at least with the following information (...)

Article 27(6)

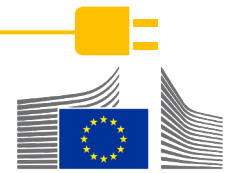
In case of renewable energy generated by installation supported by the mechanism which are located in third countries participating in the mechanism, 100 % of the statistical benefits shall be distributed to the contributing Member States, in line with Article 11 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001.



Procedural overview - Indicative timeline



Q3 Year +1
Evaluation of the proposals to the call
Publication of the results of the call.





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