

## **Indicative<sup>1</sup> Timeline for launching the calls**

### **Energy Programme in Romania**

### **EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021**

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- in case funds remain uncommitted further to the selection of projects, the Fund Operator may launch additional calls.

Focus area & Outcome	Modality	Indicative timing of the Call	Total available amount (€)	Maximum/ Minimum grant applied for (€)	Eligible applicants (Project Promoters)	Eligible partners
<b>Renewable Energy</b> <i>Outcome 1 -</i> Increased Renewable Energy production	<b>Call 1.1:</b> 'Increased capacity to deliver renewable energy' – Hydropower (Output 1.1) EEA Grants	<i>Relaunched on: 25 Nov. 2020</i> <i>Extended Deadline: 31 May 2021</i>  (NB: previously launched Call 1: Closed call: 14 Mar. 2019 Launched: 23 Oct. 2018)	€7,200,000	€200,000 / €2,000,000	Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in Romania	Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in <u>Norway</u> , <u>Iceland</u> , <u>Lichtenstein</u> or in <u>Romania</u> .
<b>Renewable Energy</b> <i>Outcome 1 -</i> Increased Renewable Energy production	<b>Call 2.1:</b> 'Increased capacity to deliver renewable energy' – Geothermal (Output 1.2)	<i>Relaunched on: 12 May 2021</i> <i>Deadline: 30 September 2021</i>  (NB: previously launched Call 2: Closed call: 7 May 2019 Launched: 23 Oct. 2018)	€3,251,000	€200,000 / €2,000,000	Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations,	Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in <u>Norway</u> ,

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	EEA Grants				established as a legal person in Romania	<u>Iceland, Lichtenstein or in Romania.</u>
<b>Renewable Energy</b> <i>Outcome 1 -</i> Increased Renewable Energy production	<b>Call 3.1:</b> 'Increased capacity to deliver renewable energy' – Other RES (Output 1.3) Norway Grants	<i>Relaunched on: 26 April 2021</i> <i>Deadline: 8 September 2021</i>  (NB: previously launched Call 3: Closed: 14 Mar. 2019 Launched: 23 Oct. 2018)	€ 4,608,100	€200,000 / €2,000,000	Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in Romania	Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in <u>Norway or in Romania.</u>
<b>Renewable Energy</b> <i>Outcome 1 -</i> Increased Renewable Energy production	<b>SGS-1.1:</b> Hydropower, geothermal and other renewables for SMEs and NGOs (Output 1.3) Norway Grants	<i>Tentative relaunch date: Q2 2021</i>  (NB: previously launched SGS-1: Closed: 7 May 2019 Launched: 23 Oct. 2018)	€ 1,900,100	€50,000 / €200,000	SMEs and NGOs (including social enterprises with economic activities) SMEs shall be understood as defined within the EC Recommendation (2003/361/EC).	Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in <u>Norway or in Romania.</u>
<b>Energy Efficiency</b> <i>Outcome 2 -</i> Reduced CO2 emissions in all sectors (Energy Efficiency)	<b>SGS-2:</b> Initial energy audits/energy balance (Output 2.1) Norway Grants	Closed: 25 Apr. 2019 Launched: 20 Feb. 2019	€300,000	€5,000 / €10,000	Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in Romania	Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in Norway or in Romania.
<b>Energy Efficiency</b> <i>Outcome 2 -</i> Reduced CO2 emissions in all sectors (Energy Efficiency)	<b>Call 4(a)</b> (EEA Grants) <b>and 4(b)</b> (Norway Grants): 'Increased energy efficiency in place' (Output 2.1) Norway Grants	Closed: 31 March 2020 Launched: August 2019	€9,985,175 <b>4(a):</b> €3,279,806 (EEA Grants) <b>4(b):</b> €6,705,369 (Norway Grants)	€200,000 / €2,000,000	Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in Romania	Call 4 (a): Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in <u>Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein or in Romania.</u>

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						Call 4 (b): Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in <u>Norway or in Romania</u> .
<b>Energy Efficiency</b> <i>Outcome 2 -</i> Reduced CO2 emissions in all sectors (Energy Efficiency)	<b>SGS-3:</b> 'Increased energy efficiency' (Output 2.1) EEA Grants	<i>Closed: 31 March 2020</i> <i>Launched: August 2019</i>	€3,000,000	€50,000 / €200,000	Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in Romania	Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in <u>Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein or in Romania</u> .
<b>Training and Awareness</b> <i>Outcome 3 -</i> Increased knowledge on renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy security in all sectors of society	<b>SGS-4:</b> Increased knowledge on renewable energy, energy efficiency – Awareness raising general public and Training/ Competence (Output 3.1) Norway Grants	<i>Tentatively planned: Q1 2022</i>	€3,000,000	€50,000 / €200,000	Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in Romania	Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in Norway or in Romania.
<b>Research and Development</b> <i>Outcome 4 -</i> Enhanced research and development capacity on renewable energy,	<b>Call 5(a)</b> (EEA Grants) and <b>Call 5(b)</b> (Norway Grants): Enhanced research and development capacity (Output 4.1)	<i>Tentatively planned: 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021</i>	€3,000,000 <b>5(a):</b> €1,500,000 (EEA Grants) <b>5(b):</b> €1,500,000 (Norway Grants)	€200,000 / €500,000	Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in Romania	Call 5(a): Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in <u>Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein or in Romania</u> .

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energy efficiency and energy security						Call 5(b): Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in <u>Norway or in Romania</u> .
<b>Research and Development</b> <i>Outcome 4 -</i> Enhanced research and development capacity on renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy security	<b>SGS-5:</b> Enhanced research and development capacity (Output 4.1) Norway Grants	<i>Tentatively planned: 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021</i>	€1,100,000	€50,000 / €200,000	Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in Romania	Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in <u>Norway or in Romania</u> .
<b>Electrification</b> <i>Outcome 5 -</i> Increased access to electricity for households in areas where connection to the electricity network is not feasible	<b>SGS 6.1(a)</b> (EEA Grants) and <b>Call 6.1(b)</b> (Norway Grants): Electrification of households (Output 5.1)	<i>Relaunched on: 21 Dec. 2020</i> <i>Extended deadline: 30 June 2021</i>  <i>(NB: previously launched Calls 6a and 6b: Closed: 12 June 2019 Launched: 21 Mar. 2019)</i>	€10,000,000  <b>SGS 6.1(a):</b> €5,000,000 (EEA Grants)  <b>Call 6.1(b):</b> €5,000,000 (Norway Grants)	<b>SGS 6.1(a):</b> €30,000 / €200,000  <b>Call 6.1(b):</b> €200,000 / €2,000,000	Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in Romania	Call 6 (a): Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in <u>Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or in Romania</u> .  Call 6 (b): Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal

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						person in <u>Norway or in Romania</u> .
<b>Bilateral</b> <i>Bilateral Outcome -</i> Enhanced collaboration between Beneficiary and Donor States entities involved in the programme	<b>Call for Travel Support</b>	<i>Call open</i> <i>Launched: Nov. 2017</i> Until depletion of the budget.	€100,000	Lump sum of: - EUR 1,500 (Iceland-Romania/Romania-Iceland), or - EUR 1,000 (Liechtenstein-Romania/Romania-Liechtenstein), or - EUR 1,200 (Norway-Romania/Norway-Romania) per entity	Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in Romania	Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in <u>Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or in Romania</u> .

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## Background and general information

The programme “Energy Programme in Romania” shall contribute to the general objectives of EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021, respectively to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area (EEA) and to strengthening bilateral relations between the EEA States and EU Beneficiary States. The Programme objective is “*Less carbon intensive energy and increased security of supply*”. The Programme seeks to stimulate and develop long-term cooperation between Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway (“the Donor States”) and Romania (“Beneficiary State”) and is encouraging **bilateral** Donor Partnership Projects.

The target group for the Programme is defined as *any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organizations, established as a legal person in Romania*. Partnerships are not mandatory, but Donor Partnership Projects are strongly encouraged and will be awarded extra points during the project assessment process.

A **Donor Partnership Project** is defined as cooperation between a Project Promoter in Romania and at least one legal entity in the eligible Donor States (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), implementing a project where all entities are independent of each other and perform substantial and relevant tasks in the completion of the project. Such projects will be awarded additional points during project assessment. To qualify for such points, the Donor State Partner should be actively involved in, and effectively contributing to, the implementation of the project, and it should share with the Project Promoter a common economic or social goal which is to be realized through the implementation of the project. The simple provision of services does not qualify as a Project Partnership.

### Fund Operator:

- [Innovation Norway](http://www.innovationnorway.no), a state-owned company under the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries and the Norwegian County Municipalities. Innovation

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Norway is the Norwegian Government's main instrument for innovation and development of Norwegian enterprises and industry, both in Norway and abroad. Currently, Innovation Norway, is responsible for three [EEA and Norway Grants programmes in Romania](#), for the financial period 2014-2021, as follows: “Energy Programme in Romania”, “SMEs Growth Romania” and “Decent Work and Social Dialogue”.

**Beneficiary State Programme Partners:**

- [Ministry of Energy](#), Romania;
- [Ministry of Environment](#), Romania.

**Donor Programme Partners:**

- [Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate \(NVE\)](#), Norway;
- [National Energy Authority \(OS\)](#), Iceland.

**National Focal Point for EEA and Norway Grants:**

- [Ministry of European Funds](#), Romania

**Programme Budget:**

- EUR 62.826.500

**Eligible economic sectors:** with few limitations, all economic sectors are eligible for the Programme. The **limitations** are set by the following EU Regulations:

- Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 (e.g. Regional aid, Aid to SMEs, Aid for research and development and innovation, Innovation aid for SMEs, Training aid, Aid for environmental protection);
- Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1407/2013 (i.e. *de minimis* state aid).

**Grant rate and co-financing:**

The financial contribution from this Programme will be determined on a case-by-case basis, taking all relevant factors into account. The applicable rules on public procurement and on state aid, procedural and substantive, shall be complied with.

The Applicant (Project Promoter) shall secure the full financing of the project. The Project Promoter (and/or the Project Partner(s)) shall provide or obtain the remaining co-financing in the form of cash. All eligible expenditures of a project can form the basis of the required co-financing. In-kind contribution is not accepted as co-financing.

For undertakings (economic operators), the grant rate will be determined based on the applicable provisions of **Commission Regulation 651/2014**<sup>3</sup> declaring certain categories of aid as compatible with the Internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, as amended by Commission Regulation 2017/1084.

**Programme outcomes:**

*Outcome 1* - Increased Renewable Energy production

*Outcome 2* - Reduced CO2 emissions in all sectors (Energy Efficiency)

*Outcome 3* - Increased knowledge on renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy security in all sectors of society

*Outcome 4* - Enhanced research and development capacity on renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy security

*Outcome 5* - Increased access to electricity for households in areas where connection to the electricity network is not feasible

*Bilateral Outcome* - Enhanced collaboration between Beneficiary and Donor States entities involved in the programme

**Programme area specifics:**

- projects targeting greenhouse gas reductions and/or avoidance through **energy efficiency measures** shall deliver considerable reductions at a reasonable cost; a maximum of 150 EUR grant per tonne CO2 equivalent per year reduced/ avoided should be aimed for;
- Priority shall be given to bilateral partnerships offering added value.

The funding will be made available through open calls and competition. Further inquiries may be done at the programme official e-mail address: [ro.energy@innovationnorway.no](mailto:ro.energy@innovationnorway.no).