Proposal Evaluation Form



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Evaluation
Summary Report Coordination and
support actions

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Type of action: CSA
Proposal number: 101033752
Proposal acronym: 2ISECAP

Duration (months): 36

Proposal title: Institutionalized Integrated Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans

Activity: EC-5-2020

ACTIVI	LO-3-2020					
N.	Proposer name	Country	Total Cost	%	Grant Requested	%
1	ETAIREIA DIOIKISEOS EPICHEIRISEON KAI ERGON AE	EL	163,125	10.88%	163,125	10.88%
2	ANAPTYXIAKI KARDITSAS ANAPTYXIAKI ANONIMI ETAIRIA O.T.A	EL	59,875	3.99%	59,875	3.99%
3	CONSEJERIA DE FOMENTO Y MEDIO AMBIENTE - JUNTA DE CASTILLA Y LEON	ES	94,875	6.33%	94,875	6.33%
4	UNIVERSIDAD DE VALLADOLID LOKALNA ENERGETSKA AGENCIJA ZA POMURJE ZAVOD	ES	82,912.5	5.53%	82,912.5	5.53%
5	ZA PROMOCIJO IN POSPEVANJE TRAJNOSTNEGA ENERGETSKEGA RAZVOJA MARTJANCI	SI	98,250	6.55%	98,250	6.55%
6	RIJKSUNIVERSITEIT GRONINGEN	NL	101,000	6.73%	101,000	6.73%
7	ENERGY CONSULTING NETWORK AS	DK	125,625	8.38%	125,625	8.38%
8	DIMOS KARDITSAS	EL	40,250	2.68%	40,250	2.68%
9	León City Council - Ayuntamiento de León	ES	59,375	3.96%	59,375	3.96%
10	UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI BRESCIA	IT	94,125	6.28%	94,125	6.28%
11	HAUTE ECOLE SPECIALISEE DE SUISSE OCCIDENTALE	CH	128,000	8.54%	128,000	8.54%
12	OBCINA LJUTOMER	SI	53,750	3.58%	53,750	3.58%
13	COMUNE DI PADOVA	IT	67,250	4.48%	67,250	4.48%
14	MITTETULUNDUSUHING TARTU REGIOONI ENERGIAAGENTUUR	EE	98,500	6.57%	98,500	6.57%
15	TARTU LINN	EE	53,750	3.58%	53,750	3.58%
16	ENERGY SERVICES ADVISORS I.K.E.	EL	74,750	4.98%	74,750	4.98%
17	ENCO ENERGIE CONSULTING AG	CH	104,250	6.95%	104,250	6.95%
	Total:		1,499,662.5		1,499,662.5	
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Abstract:

The pThe project 'Institutionalized Integrated Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans' (2ISECAP) aims to bridge the gap between local sustainable energy planning and implementation by supporting the capacity building of public authorities and by developing interface capacities within public authorities to engage with civil society towards energy transition. 2ISECAP will attempt the creation of an institutional environment for effective decision-making processes combining the democratic legitimacy and legal power of formal plans/policies with the creativity, energy and social capacity of bottom-up initiatives, entrepreneurship and community involvement. 2ISECAP will develop and apply an innovative holistic approach for participatory and integrated sustainable energy and climate actions planning that considers the required institutional tools, legal frameworks and local initiatives. Emphasis will be given on driving the sustainable energy transition at cities level through the Climate City Contracts. The planning approach will enhance SECAPs visibility and implementation capacity and the development of sustainable relationships between government and civil society. 2ISECAP utilizes the Living Lab (LL) concept to activate participants to co-create knowledge, energy plans and future policies. The project will provide experiential learning to 6 European Municipalities, by applying 2ISECAP approach to revise/develop their SECAPs, within a LL environment. Eight EU Countries are involved in 2ISECAP. Over 100 public officers will enhance their institutional and technical capacity on participatory integrated planning and governance structures engaging civil society on local energy transition. At least 6 institutionalized collaborations between public authorities are expected to derive and about 30 policies to be influenced. In total, more than 1,300 stakeholders will be informed on Integrated SECAP planning and 5,500 citizens will be involved in the project's activities.

Evaluation Summary Report

Evaluation Result

Total score: 14.00 (Threshold: 10)

Form information

SCORING

Scores must be in the range 0-5.

Interpretation of the score:

- **0** The **proposal fails to address the criterion** or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
- 1- Poor. The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- 2- Fair. The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.

- 3- Good. The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.
- 4- Very good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
- 5- Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

Criterion 1 - Excellence

Score: 5.00 (Threshold: 3/5.00, Weight: -)

The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent that the proposed work corresponds to the topic description in the work programme:

Clarity and pertinence of the objectives.

Soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology.

Quality of the proposed coordination and/or support measures.

The proposal aims to bridge the gap between local sustainable energy planning and implementation, by supporting the capacity building of public authorities and by developing interface capacities within public authorities to engage with civil society towards energy transition.

The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

The objectives of the proposal are very clear and pertinent because they address several scopes of the topic in a consistent manner, such as the development of interface capacities within public authorities to engage with civil society and capacity building of public authorities on participatory planning. In particular, the proposed establishment of Integrated Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Planning Living Labs (ISECAP LL) at municipal level in six European regions is very promising and innovative, with respect to citizens' involvement and activation in energy transition planning.

The concept of the proposal is extremely well elaborated and holistic: it integrates government and governance, draws a clear picture of the aims of the living lab approach and background information provided is complete and very convincing.

The proposed methodology is very credible, clearly defined and based on a robust, step-by-step process, which is very well designed to implement the concept and to reach the expected outcomes. The consortium demonstrates a thoughtful understanding of the theoretical and methodological framing of the proposed activities.

The support of key stakeholders is convincingly demonstrated by relevant letters of support, which show a strong interest of different players at national and international level, including regional and local governments, European associations of planners and living labs, energy agencies and building professionals. The geographical coverage in terms of target countries is excellent, because it covers different climates and governance frameworks.

The proposed coordination and support measures are fully consistent with the objectives and concept of the action.

The proposal demonstrates a very detailed and exhaustive knowledge of theories, methodologies, initiatives and practices and it is strongly built on the previous H2020 project INTENSSS-PA.

Criterion 2 - Impact

Score: 4.50 (Threshold: 3/5.00, Weight: -)

The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent to which the outputs of the project should contribute at the European and/or International level:

The extent to which the outputs of the project would contribute to each of the expected impacts mentioned in the work programme under the relevant topic

Quality of the proposed measures to:

- exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of IPR), and to manage research data where relevant
- communicate the project activities to different target audiences

The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.

The proposed impacts are fully in with the Work Programme, as the proposal intends to deliver, inter alia, public officers with increased skills, influenced policies and energy plans and primary energy savings. The proposed performance indicators are overall very well identified, comprehensive, credible and based on logical assumptions and baselines. However, impacts concerning primary energy savings and CO2 emissions are not ambitious enough taking into account the size of the cities involved. This is a shortcoming.

The proposal appropriately identifies some relevant barriers and obstacles that could limit the impacts, such as regulatory barriers for the setup of local energy coalitions.

Monitoring of impacts is clearly addressed by a relevant monitoring and verification plan.

The proposed communication and dissemination plan is well elaborated, with a clear identification of goals, target groups and activities. It is based on an appropriate three-phase approach, which involves different and critical target groups such as cities, networks and research institutions.

IPR management, which is very important for the proposed activities, is very well addressed.

The sustainability of the action beyond the project lifetime is carefully elaborated and based, among other valid strategies, on the establishment of a Transnational Living Lab, a very innovative approach which aims to involve stakeholders from different countries.



Criterion 3 - Quality and efficiency of the implementation

Score: 4.50 (Threshold: 3/5.00, Weight: -)
The following aspects will be taken into account:

Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, including extent to which the resources assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and deliverables

Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management Complementarity of the participants and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role

The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.

The overall structure of the work plan is clear, perfectly structured and fits the ambitious methodology, with logical interlinkages and feedback loops between the proposed work packages. The description and content of work packages and tasks is well presented and fully coherent with the proposed activities and the overall planning, as clearly presented in the Gantt chart.

The proposed deliverables are sound and fully in line with the work plan and the set objectives. The proposed milestones are clearly described and relevant.

The allocation of person-months is fully in line with the proposed actions and well allocated between work packages.

The proposed budget is very well justified, including subcontracting and other direct costs.

The management and governance of the action is excellent and includes, in addition to all the relevant structures, external quality control reviewers.

The key risks for the project are well identified and a clear mitigation plan is proposed.

The management of innovation, which is important taking into account the proposed process and the establishment of living labs, is not well elaborated. This is a shortcoming.

The composition of the team and proposed subcontractors is very well balanced. The consortium includes an interdisciplinary team of public authorities and private organizations, which strongly covers the necessary expertise to carry out the proposed action.

The allocation of tasks and resources to partners is fully consistent with the skills and activities assigned to them.

Scope of the proposal

Status: Yes

Comments (in case the proposal is out of scope)

Not provided

Operational Capacity

Status: Operational Capacity: Yes

If No, please list the concerned partner(s), the reasons for the rejection, and the requested amount.

Not provided

Exceptional funding of third country participants/international organisations

A third country participant/international organisation not listed in <u>General Annex A to the Main Work Programme</u> may exceptionally receive funding if their participation is essential for carrying out the project (for instance due to outstanding expertise, access to unique know-how, access to research infrastructure, access to particular geographical environments, possibility to involve key partners in emerging markets, access to data, etc.). (For more information, see the <u>Online Manual</u>)

Based on the information provided in the proposal, we consider that the following participant(s)/international organisation(s) that requested funding should exceptionally be funded:

(Please list the Name and acronym of the applicant, Reasons for exceptional funding and the Requested grant amount.)

Not provided

Based on the information provided in the proposal, we consider that the following participant(s)/international organisation(s) that requested funding should NOT be funded:

(Please list the Name and acronym of the applicant, Reasons for exceptional funding and the Requested grant amount.)

Not provided

Use of human embryonic stem cells (hESC)

Status: No

If yes, please state whether the use of hESC is, or is not, in your opinion, necessary to achieve the scientific objectives of the proposal and the reasons why. Alternatively, please state if it cannot be assessed whether the use of hESC is necessary or not because of a lack of information.

Not provided



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