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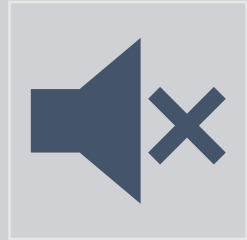
2026 Joint Call

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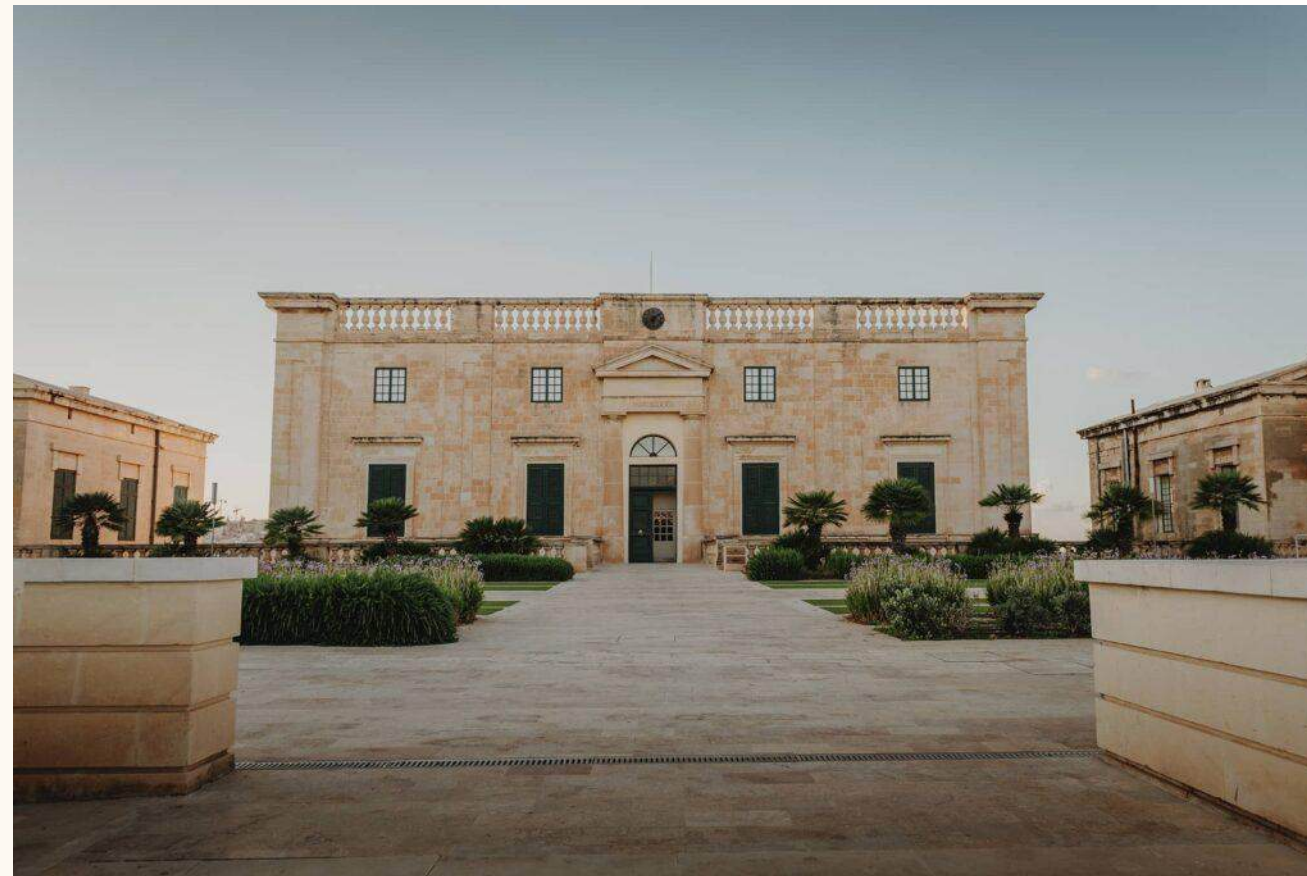


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Framework
Programme Unit

R&I Unit

Policy and Strategy
Unit

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Internationalisation
Unit

Internationalisation Funding Portfolio





The CETPartnership

An Introduction to the CETPartnership



The main aim of the partnership is to fund projects that develop applicative solutions and provide results for the clean energy transition

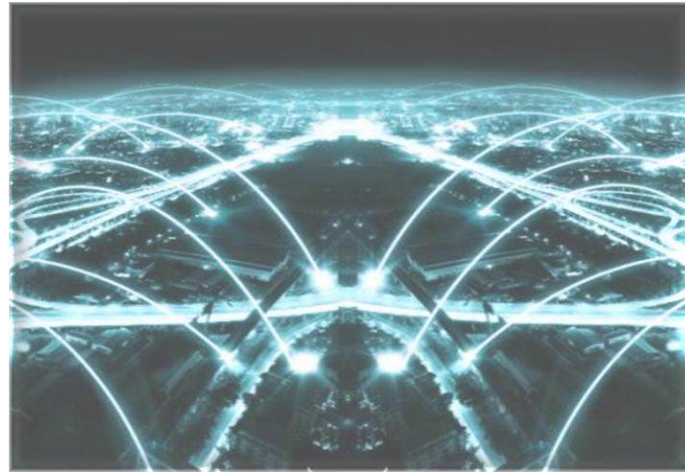


Funding is aimed on technologies and system solutions required to make the transition



40 national/regional Funding Organisations from 30 countries

Transition Initiatives (TRIs)



TRI 1: Integrated Net-zero emissions Energy System



TRI 2: Enhanced zero emission Power Technologies



TRI 3: Enabling Climate Neutrality with Storage Technologies, Renewable Fuels & CCU/CCS



TRI 4: Efficient zero emission Heating and Cooling



TRI 5: Integrated Regional Energy Systems



TRI 6: Integrated Industrial Energy Systems



TRI 7: Integration in the Built Environment



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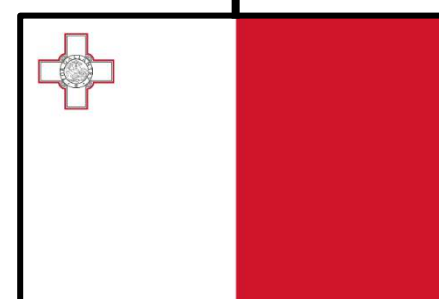
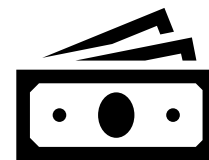
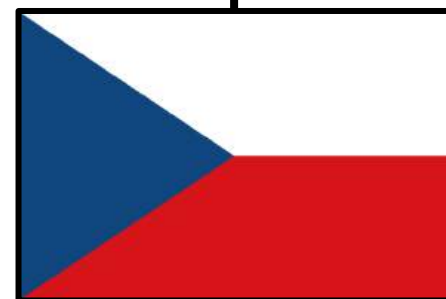
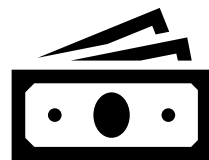
The 2026 Call Modules

Call Module	Description
CM2026-01	Integrated energy system resilience in a changing environment
CM2026-02	Energy system flexibility in a high renewable energy sources (RES) scenario: energy generation, storage and system integration
CM2026-03A	Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production (ROA)
CM2026-03B	Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production (IOA)
CM2026-04	Industrial carbon management
CM2026-05	Hydrogen and renewable fuels
CM2026-06	Stationary battery technologies and systems for climate-neutral industry and built environment
CM2026-07	Heating and cooling technologies
CM2026-08	Integrated regional energy systems
CM2026-09	Integrated industrial energy systems
CM2026-10	Clean energy integration in the built environment

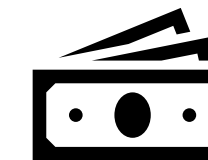
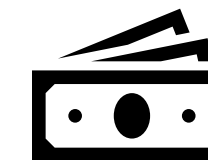
How does it work?



Joint Transnational
Call (JTC)



Funds the
National
Applicant



National Partners collaborate through a common call, each beneficiary funded by their own national funding agency

General Call Specifications

The Project Consortium has to include at least **3 partners** from **3 different countries**. At least **two partners** shall be from **EU Member States** or **Horizon Europe Associated Countries**.

The Project Consortium must have a Coordinator

Every proposal must include a **work package addressing synergies with the CETPartnership Knowledge Community**.

The call follows a **2-stage process**, involving both **national and transnational applications**.



* Please refer to Call Text and National Rules for more information

General Call Specifications

Projects can last up to **36 months**.

Funding of up to **€500,000 per project** is available for **Malta-based applicants**.

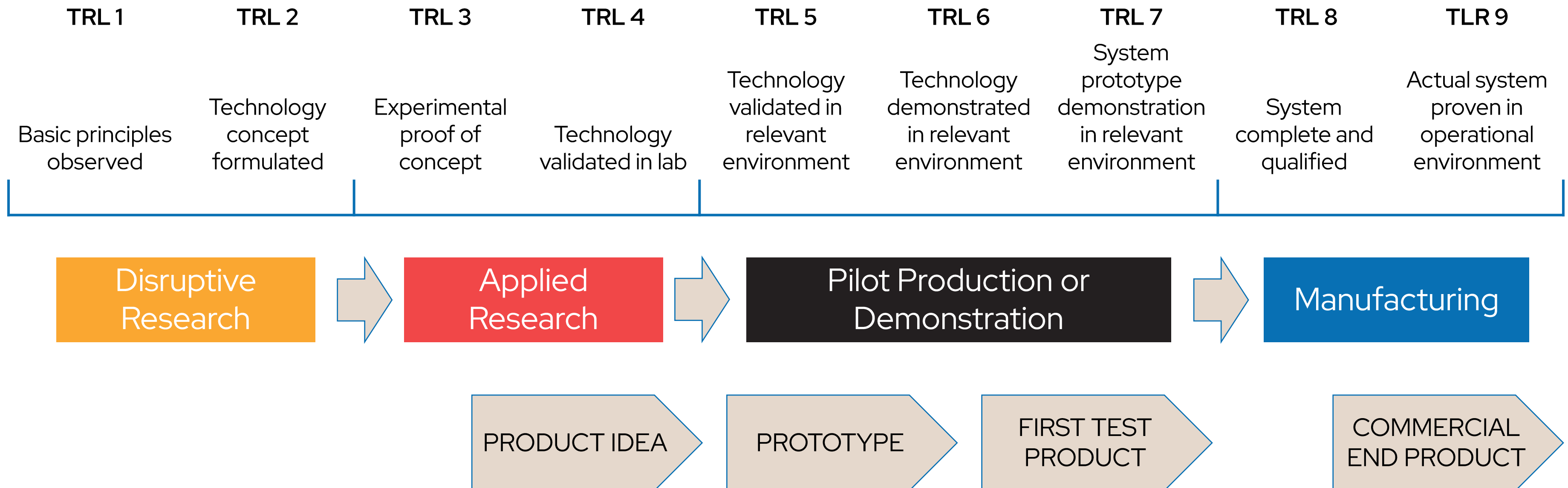
All Consortium Partners need a **Participant Identification Code (PIC)** and **NACE code**.

Projects can be between TRL 1 and TRL 8



* Please refer to Call Text and National Rules for more information

Technology Readiness Level (TRL)





National Requirements

National Funding requirements

Eligible entities must be registered and have an operating base in Malta

All Malta-based applicants must comply with the **National Rules for Participation**

All Malta-based applicants must submit a **National Application**

Eligible for National Funding

Limited Liability
Company

Partnerships

Professional Bodies

Voluntary Organisations

Research & Knowledge-
Dissemination
Organisations

Public entities

Cooperatives

Non-profit making
Organisations

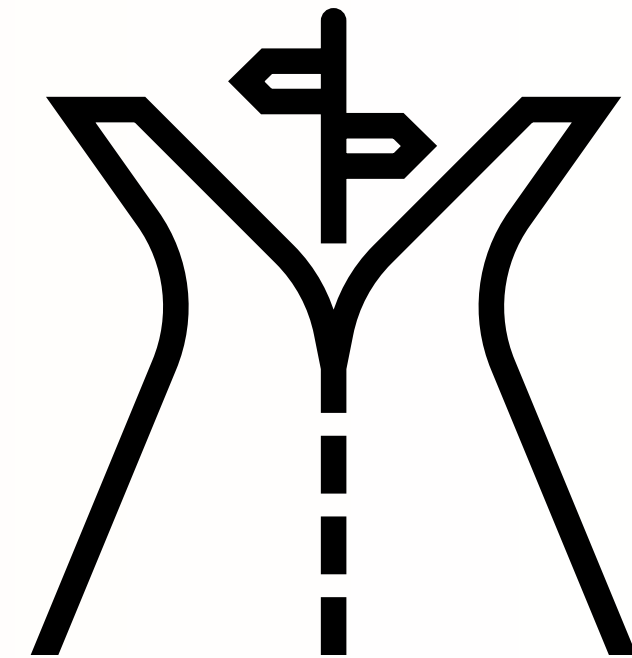
Funding Modalities

- **Non-economic entities** (e.g., public entities and public research organisations): 100%

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- **Economic entities** (e.g., private entities):
 - *De minimis* – Up to 75% Aid Intensity
 - GBER – Up to 70% Aid Intensity

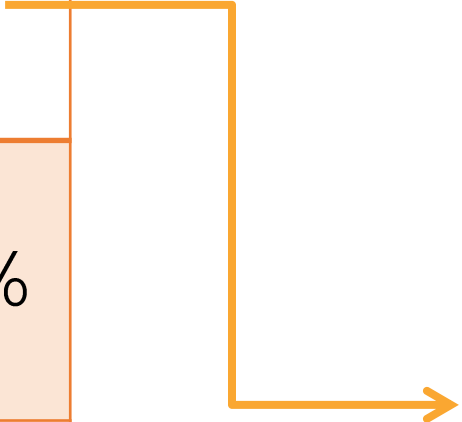
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Aid Intensities

Economic entity	de minimis*	GBER
Requested funding	Up to 75%	Up to 70%
Own contribution	Remainder % (not in-kind)	Remainder % (not in-kind)

*Capping of € 300,000 over 3 years



Aid Intensity	Undertaking Size		Extra funding for projects prioritizing Effective Collaboration & Wide Dissemination
25%	Small	+ 20%	+ 25%
	Medium	+ 10%	
	Large	+ 0%	

Eligible Costs

Personnel

**Specialised
Equipment &
Consumables**

Subcontracting

**IP and Knowledge
Transfer activities**

**Travel &
Subsistence**

**Overheads &
Other Operating
Expenses**

Personnel Costs

- Project Management hours linked with research tasks – up to 10% of the project value
- Students – EUR 6,000–8,000 p.a.
- Maximum of 1720 hours p.a. for full time employees

Role in Project	Hourly rates in 2027	Hourly rates in 2028	Hourly rates in 2029	Limits per project
Management or equivalent	Up to €63.82/hour	Up to €67.01/hour	Up to €70.36/hour	Max 2 per project
Senior Researcher or equivalent	Up to €44.98/hour	Up to €47.23/hour	Up to €49.59/hour	Max 2 per project
Researcher or equivalent	Up to €32.22/hour	Up to €33.83/hour	Up to €35.52/hour	No limits
Operational, technician, research support assistant or equivalent	Up to €17.67/hour	Up to €18.55/hour	Up to €19.48/hour	No limits

Rates are for the years 2027–2029. For subsequent years, a 5% increase per year is allowed

Instruments, Specialised Equipment and Consumables

Non-economic /de minimis

- Cost to purchase/lease specialised equipment
- Cost of research consumables should not exceed 30% of the project value

GBER

- Depreciation costs of specialised equipment for the extent and period used for the project. To be verified by a certified public accountant.
- The costs and/or leasing of specialised equipment, are eligible only to the extent and for the period used for the project. The depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project are eligible.
- Cost of research consumables should not exceed 30% of the project value

Travel and Subsistence

Non-economic /de minimis

- Economy flights, and public transport (most economic solutions) and per diems for up to 14 days in a row
- For the attendance of consortium meetings, up to two persons will be eligible to attend the meeting.
- For the attendance of international conferences, up to two persons will be eligible to attend per six months.

GBER

- Travel costs are not eligible



Subcontracted Activities

- Allowed up to 25% of the project value
- Must follow fair procurement procedures
- To be discussed with the Call Manager at application stage



IP and Knowledge Transfer Activities

- Costs of knowledge transfer activities and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions.
- To be discussed with the Call Manager at application stage



Overheads and Other Operating Expenses

Overheads & other operating expenses are covered at 20% of direct eligible costs claimed



Ineligible Costs

- Expenses related to loans, interest etc.
- Expenses which are recoverable through other funding mechanisms
- Re-purchase of the same equipment originally procured through other funding mechanisms
- Purchase and/or leasing of equipment and services from partners or their subsidiaries
- Standard office equipment
- Personnel hours for travelling
- Any other costs that are not listed as eligible costs in the National Rules.



Application Process

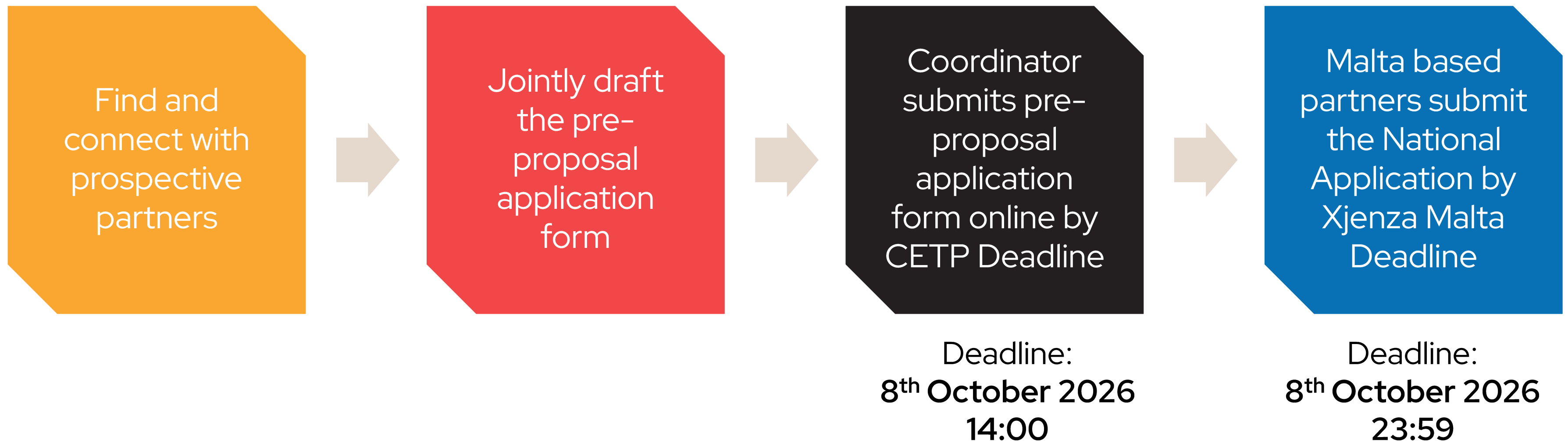
Submission Procedure – Stage 1

Stage 1: Pre-Proposal Submission

- The coordinator **creates an account on the [CETP Submission Platform](#)**.
- The coordinator receives input from the partners and submits a pre-proposal form.
- Indicative budget required for each partner. Category budgets can be indicative, but the **total cannot increase**.
- Malta-based partners must submit National documentation and annexes as per National Rules.

Documents	Public entities	Public RKDOs	<i>de minimis</i>	GBER
<i>Pre-Proposal Stage (Stage 1)</i>				
<i>National Application Form</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>CVs</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>Public entities - Annex</i>	X			
<i>Public RKDOs - Annex</i>		X		
<i>Memorandum & Articles of Association (Or any respective constitutive documents)</i>			X	X

Submission Process



Submission Procedure – Stage 2

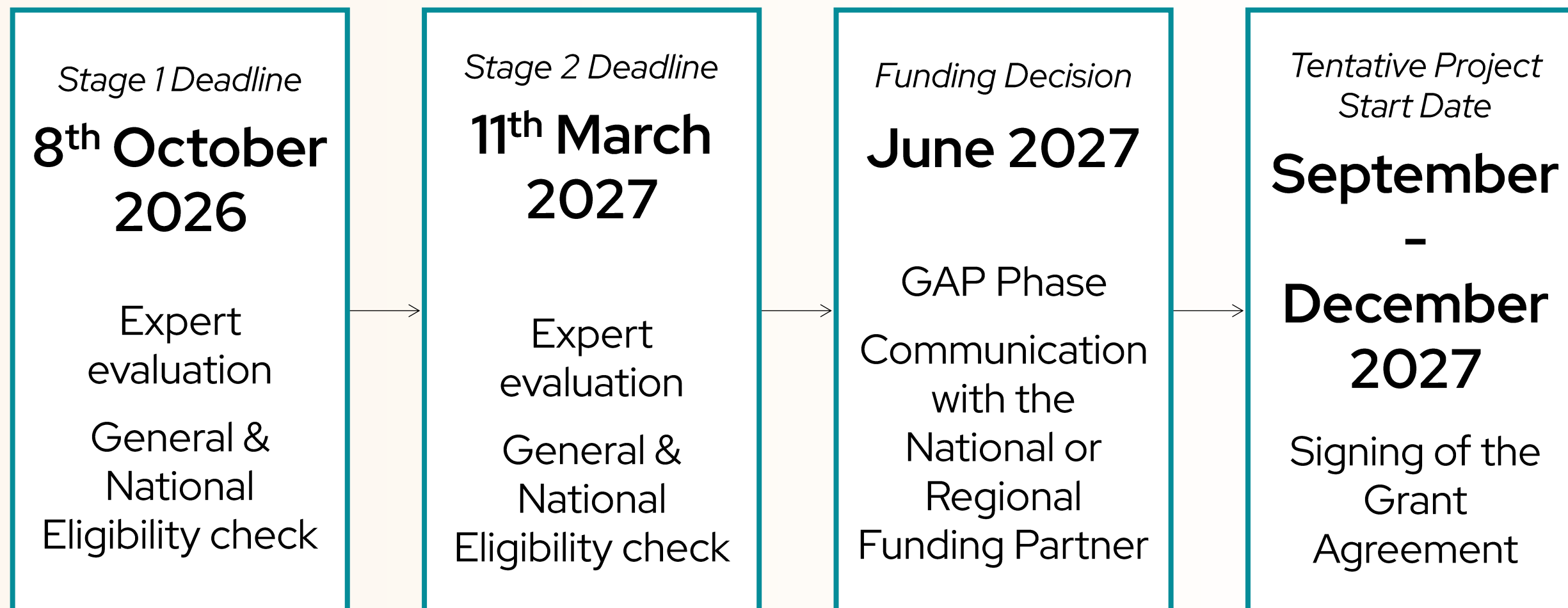
Stage 2: Full Proposal Submission (Upon Invitation)

- The Secretariat will send the full-proposal application template to coordinators of those proposals invited to stage 2.
- Coordinator submits the full proposal on behalf of the partners after input from each partner
- Malta-based entities need to submit national documentation and annexes as per national Rules.

Documents	Public entities	Public RKDOs	<i>de minimis</i>	GBER
<i>Full Proposal Stage (Stage 2)</i>				
<i>Budget Breakdown Form</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>Audited financial statements (last 3 years)*</i>			X	X
<i>de minimis Form</i>			X	
<i>Enterprise Size Declaration Form & Undertaking in Difficulty</i>				X
<i>Declarations for Augmented Aid Intensity</i>				X

**start-ups that do not have the above documents available, please provide financial projections for three (3) years signed by an auditor*

Joint Call 2026 – Timeline



Getting Acquainted & Finding Partners

Partner Search Tools



b2match

<https://www.b2match.com/e/clean-energy-transition-partnership-2024>

**PART
FINDER**

<https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl/>



plumtri

<https://www.plumtri.org/member/login>

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Welcome to the event- and matchmaking platform of the CETPartnership!

We invite you to become part of our **community of change makers** from researchers, corporates, entrepreneurs, policy makers to visionaries who have created scalable and impactful solutions towards a climate neutral world!

Please **register to this platform** (top right) and join our community so you can stay in the loop and get information about CETPartnership's

CETP Events Page



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Events

To register for CETPartnership events, go to the [CETPartnership Event- and Matchmaking platform!](#)

Start date

dd/mm/yyyy

End Date

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**CETPartnership Annual Conference 2026:
Impactful RTDI for Energy Security and
Resilience**

[international](#) [own event](#)

**Matchmaking Session 2 CETPartnership
2026: Call Module 01**

[international](#) [own event](#)

10/07/2026 - 10:00

<https://cetpartnership.eu/events>

Important Links and Documents

Call Text

<https://cetpartnership.eu/calls/joint-call-2026/documents>

National Rules and Application Form

National Application Form
State Aid and Non-State Aid
National Application Form
Annexes.

Other Useful Links

CETP Website
XjenzaMalta Website

What We Can Offer

Organise
Information
Sessions

Organise One-
to-One sessions
for tailor-made
advice

Help get you in
touch with
potential
partners

Networking
opportunities
Brokerage
events

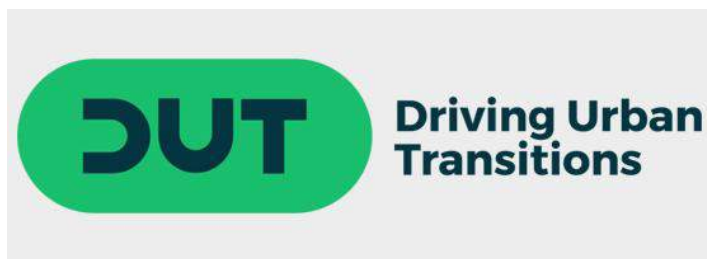
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The Xjenza Malta Access2Partnerships Scheme (A2P)



Participate in Horizon Europe Partnerships where Malta is not an official funding partner.



Get up to €300,000 per project from Xjenza Malta to participate as 'Self-funded' partners.



Eligibility Criteria & Important Deadlines

1. Compliance with the **A2P National Rules** for participation & the **Partnership Call Text**
2. The same **eligible entities & eligible costs** apply
3. The same funding modalities apply (**GBER/De minimis/Non-State Aid**)



Please speak to us if you're interested!





THANK YOU!

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Any Questions?



Call Modules – CM2026-01

Integrated energy system resilience in a changing environment

- This call module supports projects addressing resilience in power systems and energy systems.
- Proposals shall focus on situations that may jeopardise reliability and quality of supply if not adequately managed (e.g. cyberattacks, natural extreme weather events)
- Proposals shall address at least one type of resilience challenge and one or more steps of the system resilience cycle

Project start: TRL 3 or higher

Project end: 1 or more TRL higher
than start



Call Modules – CM2026-02

Energy system flexibility in high renewable energy sources (RES) scenario: energy generation, storage and system integration

- This call module supports R&I projects addressing large-scale integration of renewable energy sources into the power grids, storage solutions, digital technology application, smart management of energy demand, data platforms and AI for optimised operation of energy systems and integration of equipment based on power electronics.
- Proposals shall demonstrate measurable progress towards flexible, highly renewable and system-integrated energy systems that maintain high standards of security and quality of supply.

Project start: TRL 3 or higher

Project end: 1-2 TRL higher than start



Call Modules – CM2026-03A/B

Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production (ROA/IOA)

- Proposals should target RE technologies for power production at primarily utility scale and for distributed generation.
- Technology areas include wind energy, solar energy (PV and CSP/STE) ocean energy and other offshore renewables, geothermal energy for power production excluding drilling, medium- to long-term storage solutions for stationary applications (utility scale).
- Projects shall demonstrate measurable progress towards competitive, sustainable and system-ready renewable power technologies supporting Europe's climate neutrality and energy security objectives.



Call Modules – CM2026-03A/B

Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production (ROA/IOA)

CM2025-03A

**Research-oriented approach
(ROA)**

Project start: TRL 3 or higher

Project end: TRL 4 or higher

CM2025-03B:

Innovation-oriented approach (IOA)

Project start: TRL 5 or higher

Project end: TRL 6 or higher

Projects shall comprise at least one
industry partner / private for-profit
companies



Call Modules – CM2026-04

Industrial Carbon Management

- Aims to contribute to global decarbonisation efforts and accelerate development and implementation of capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS)
- Call Module supports projects that address one or more of the three individual carbon management pathways (CCS, CCU, CDR)
- Proposals shall contribute to EU ambitions for industrial carbon management and demonstrate clear potential for scaling up to industrial size
- The Project Consortium shall include at least one industrial partner.

Project end: TRL 5 or higher



Call Modules – CM2026-05

Hydrogen & renewable fuels

- This Call Module aims to accelerate the substitution of fossil fuels by supporting R&I in hydrogen, renewable fuels and advanced biofuels.
- It aims to contribute to achieving the EU target of at least 45% renewable energy in the energy mix by 2030 and supports the “EU Fit for 55” policy package.
- Proposals shall generate new knowledge and competences that significantly contribute to fossil fuel substitution, greenhouse gas reduction and achieving climate neutrality objectives.
- The Project Consortium shall include at least one industrial partner.

Project end: TRL 5 or higher



Call Modules – CM2026-06

Stationary battery technologies and systems for climate-neutral industry and built environment

- This Call Module aims to advance stationary battery technologies tailored for behind-the-metre and microgrid applications across industry, commercial buildings, residential areas, AI data centres and energy communities.
- Proposals shall demonstrate how proposed activities generate verifiable knowledge, validated tools or improved processes enabling future industrialisation.
- The Project Consortium shall include at least one partner representing stakeholders beyond the research community (e.g. industry, residential property, commercial buildings, home batteries).

Project start: TRL 2 or higher

Project end: TRL 8 or lower



Call Modules – CM2026-07

Heating and cooling technologies

- This Call Module aims to accelerate the deployment and development of robust, affordable and climate-neutral heating and cooling technologies and systems across Europe's diverse climate zones.
- The overall expected impact of this Call Module is to accelerate the clean energy transition in heating and cooling, a sector that currently lags behind electricity in renewable market penetration.
- Projects should demonstrate how their solutions are scalable, impactful and contribute to a climate-neutral and resilient Europe.

Project start: TRL 3 or higher

Project end: TRL 4 or higher



Call Modules – CM2026-08

Integrated regional energy systems

- This Call Module supports multidisciplinary projects that develop, demonstrate and validate integrated regional energy system solutions. Development of technological components without system integration is ineligible.
- The expected impact of this Call Module is strengthened regional capacity to coordinate a decentralised, efficient and digitalised energy system, including increased stakeholder engagement and societal acceptance.
- Project Consortia must involve at least one Need Owner as a project partner.

Project end: TRL 6 or higher



Call Modules – CM2026-09

Integrated industrial energy systems

- The Call Module aims to accelerate the transition to climate-neutral and resource-efficient industrial energy systems by supporting integrated solutions at industrial site level. These solutions shall aim to reduce direct process emissions, increase electrification, enable the use of renewable energy and green hydrogen and strengthen the role of industry as an active, flexible and secure component of renewable-based energy system.
- A Project Consortium must have industrial involvement by at least one industrial Project Consortium Partner (private for-profit company), preferably an end user.
- Projects shall generate new knowledge, skills and technologies that support a competitive, climate-neutral and resilient European industrial base.

Project end: TRL 5 or higher



Call Modules – CM2026-10

Clean energy integration in the built environment

- The scope of the Call Module is to transform the built environment from a passive towards an active role in the future energy landscape
- The aim of this Call Module is the integration of already existing energy production / conversion, energy storage and energy management technologies into the (existing) built environment and to enhance its energy flexibility. The built environment should become an active part within the overall energy landscape.
- The overall expected impact of this Call Module is to contribute to a climate neutral building stock/built environment.

Project start: TRL 3 or higher

Project end: TRL 5 or higher

