

Scaling up smart and clean energy solutions for affordability in EU cities

LIFE

CODE	SCOPE
LIFE-2026-CET-EMPOWER	International
LOCATION	STATUS
Europe	Open
PROGRAM	CURATED BY
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Financial Details

SUPPORT TYPE	MAXIMUM FUNDING RATE
Non-Refundable	95%
BUDGET	ELIGIBLE PROJECT VALUE
6M€	Up to 6M€
MAXIMUM DURATION	
36 months	

Dates & Deadlines

PUBLICATION DATE	OPENING DATE
April 21, 2026	April 21, 2026

Application Phases

- Fase única: September 16, 2026 at 03:00 PM (113 days left)

Objectives

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This incentive, under the LIFE programme, aims to support projects that empower energy consumers for the clean energy transition. Eligible applicants include public and private entities, such as energy agencies, consumer associations, municipalities, and businesses committed to facilitating energy efficiency, renewable energy uptake, and greater consumer engagement in Europe's clean energy transformation. Projects should address the challenge of citizen and end-user involvement in sustainable energy practices and promote innovative solutions as part of the EU's efforts to achieve climate neutrality.

Funding

Funding under this call is in the form of non-refundable grants. The co-financing rate can reach up to 95% for eligible project costs, depending on the type of activity and applicant. The maximum grant contribution per project is 6.000.000€ and will depend on the project scope and relevance to the specific themes. Budgets should be commensurate with the scale and ambition of the proposed work plan.

Eligible Expenses

- Personnel Costs
- Travel costs
- Equipment costs
- Other goods, works and services costs
- Subcontracting
- Indirect Costs

Eligibility

Eligible Sectors

- Energy & Environment
- ICT & Software

Company Sizes

- Micro
- Sme
- Small Mid-Cap
- Mid-Cap
- Large
- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities
- Non-business entities of the R&I system (ENESII)

Application Mode

- Consortium / Copromotion

Action Types

- Empowerment of energy consumers
- Citizen engagement
- Renewable energy uptake
- Energy efficiency actions

EU Programme Details

CALL ID

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EXPECTED PROJECTS

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SUBMISSION MODE

Single-stage

FUNDING RATE RULE

Up to 95% co-financing rate

Official Links

Official Regulation:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/LIFE-2026-CET-EMPOWER?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503&frameworkProgramme=43252405>

Grantavia page: <https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/scaling-up-smart-and-clean-energy-solutions-for-affordability-in-eu-cities>

Schedule a meeting: <https://calendly.com/ines-carreira-fi-group/reuniao>