

Supporting digitalisation of Distribution System Operators for a smart energy transition (Smart Grid Academy)

LIFE

CODE	SCOPE
LIFE-2026-CET-DIGITAL	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
10M€	Up to 2M€
MAXIMUM DURATION	
36 months	

Dates & Deadlines

PUBLICATION DATE

April 21, 2026

OPENING DATE

April 21, 2026

Application Phases

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

Objectives

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This call is part of the LIFE programme, targeting projects that support clean energy transition through digital solutions. Eligible applicants include legal entities from EU Member States, such as companies, public bodies, and non-profit organizations involved in the development or deployment of technologies for increased energy efficiency and climate action. Projects are encouraged to leverage digital advancements to address key challenges in the clean energy sector and contribute to the European Green Deal goals.

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 2.000.000€ 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

- Development of Digitalisation Roadmaps
- Capacity building & training
- Pilot implementation of digital solutions
- Validation of tools (AI, EMS, IoT systems)
- Data management & interoperability actions
- Grid observability & smart operation
- AI deployment and digital solutions

EU Programme Details

CALL ID

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SUBMISSION MODE

Single-stage

EXPECTED PROJECTS

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FUNDING RATE RULE

95% co-financing rate

Official Links

Official Regulation:

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

Grantavia page: <https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/supporting-digitalisation-of-distribution-system-operators-for-a-smart-energy-transition-smart-grid-academy>

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