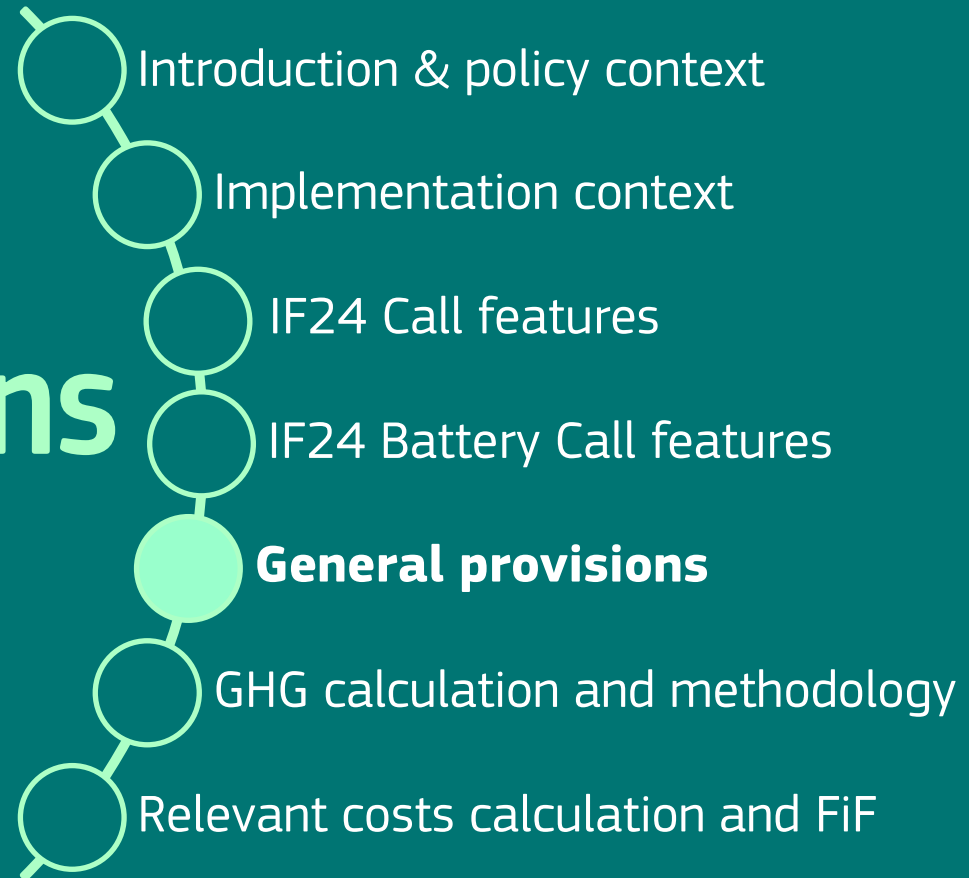


General provisions

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Which call should you apply for?

IF24 Auction: Fixed premium auction for

- RFNBO hydrogen production
- RFNBO hydrogen production for the maritime sector

IF24 Call: Lump sum call for Net-Zero Technologies

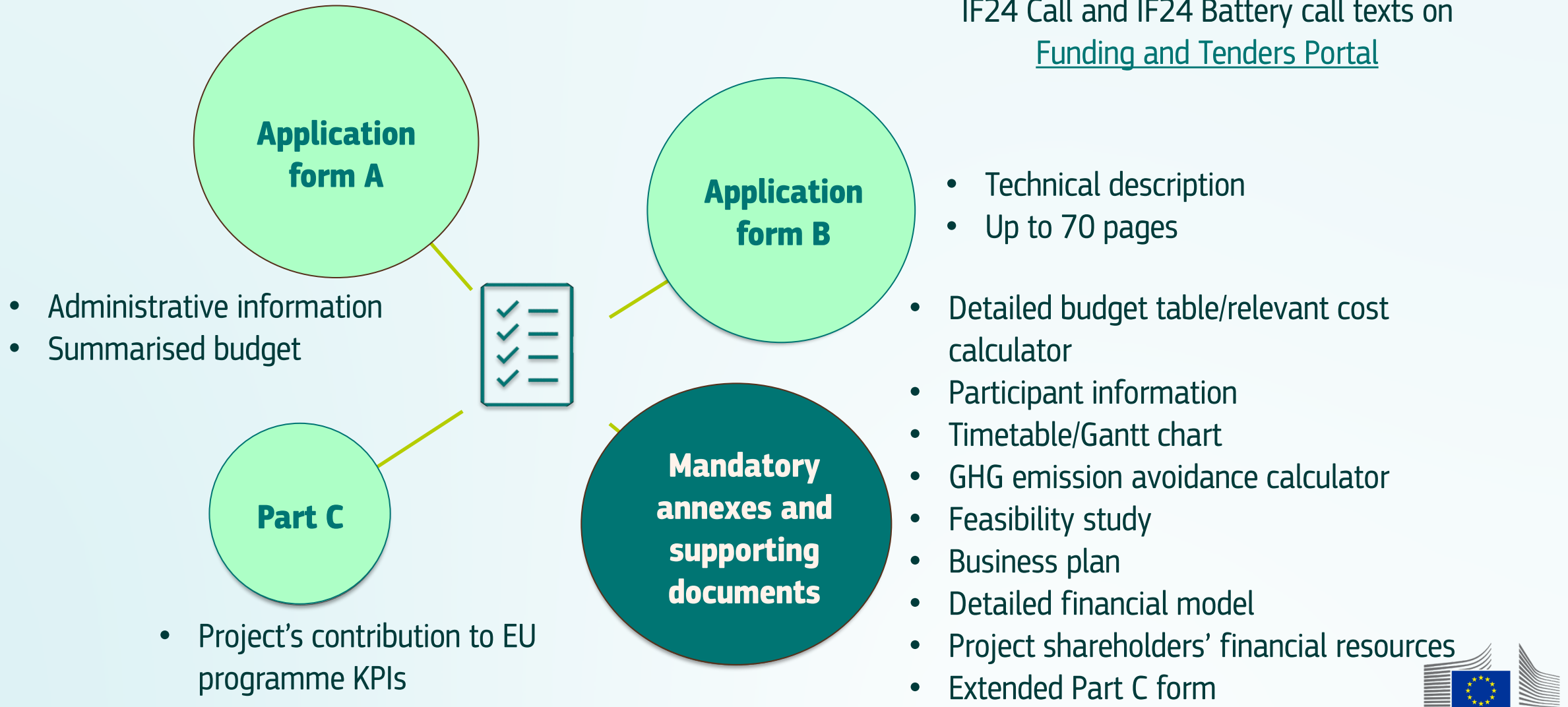
- Innovative commercialisation, demonstration, pilot plant or scale up of technologies, business models and processes that reduce GHG emissions

IF24 Battery: Lump sum call for

- Manufacturing of electric vehicle battery cell

Call text and mandatory documentation

IF24 Call and IF24 Battery call texts on
[Funding and Tenders Portal](#)



How to apply?

Tutorials

CINEA produces a series of **tutorials** to help you throughout the application process.

Where to find useful information (coming soon)	Application process 🔗	How to fill in PART C (coming soon)	Financial Information File (coming soon)
Introduction to Business Plan template and lessons learned on financial maturity (coming soon)	The extra file for data collection (coming soon)	GHG methodology calculation tutorials (coming soon)	

GHG Methodology videos

Find here a set of videos on the overview and guidance on the GHG calculations for each project category.

Main principles and step-by-step of the GHG calculation	Section 2: Energy Intensive Industries (EII)	Section 3: Renewable Energy Sources (RES)	Section 4: Energy Storage (ES)
Section 5: Mobility (MOB)	Section 6: Credit for carbon capture and storage (CCS) or utilisation (CCU)	Section 7: Batteries (BATT)	

Supporting documents

To complete the GHG Methodology tutorial and help you with your proposal, templates and examples of **GHG calculations** are available through the [following link](#) 🔗.

Still have doubts? Check out the [Frequently Asked Questions section](#) on the Funding and Tenders Portal. If you still need further assistance, don't hesitate to contact the [Innovation Fund Helpdesk](#).

Check all relevant information to apply

- [Funding and Tenders Portal link](#)
- [CINEA website: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/funding-opportunities/calls-proposals/innovation-fund-2024-call-and-battery-calls_en](https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/funding-opportunities/calls-proposals/innovation-fund-2024-call-and-battery-calls_en)
- Where to find useful information tutorial (coming soon)
- Application process tutorial (available)
- How to fill in PART C and the extended Part C form (coming soon)
- Financial Information File tutorial (coming soon)
- Introduction to Business Plan template & Lessons Learned on Financial Maturity (coming soon)
- GHG methodology calculation: tutorials (coming soon)
- GHG methodology: videos
- [Info Day recording and slides](#) (available after the event)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Helpdesk](#)

Admissibility and eligibility criteria

Admissibility:

- Submitted **before** call **deadline**, electronically and using forms in the Submission System
- Complete all the application forms and include mandatory annexes and supporting documents

Eligibility:

- Participants have to be legal entities; can be established anywhere in the world
- Projects must be located in the EEA (EU Member States and Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway)
- The project must:
 - Reach financial close within four years after grant signature (maximum time to financial close)
 - Operate at least (minimum GHG emission avoidance monitoring period) five years after entry into operation (except PILOTS and SSP)
- SSP and PILOTS – operate at least three years after entry into operation
- Project budget: the maximum grant amount must not exceed 60% of the relevant costs
- Eligible activities



Geographical location for maritime projects

- When the projects concern investments on ships, those **ships must**:
 - Carry a flag of an EU Member States or an EEA country* and call ports under the jurisdiction of an EU Member State or EEA country at least 15% of their calls on ports over two years
 - Or must call ports under the jurisdiction of an EU Member State or EEA country at least 30% of their calls on ports over two years
 - Or perform service or support activities in ports under the jurisdiction of an EU Member State or EEA country
- When the **projects concern investments in ports infrastructure or perform services or support activities**, the ports must be under the jurisdiction of **an EU Member States or an EEA country***
- Some examples: renewable alternative fuel bunkering infrastructures in ports, including container transshipment ports

**(see the list in the call text)*



Cascade approach

1. Check **eligibility** and **admissibility**

(if all requirements are not met, the evaluation is stopped)

2. Assess **Degree of Innovation** criterion

(if the score is below threshold, the evaluation is stopped)

3. Assess **GHG Emissions Avoidance** and **Project Maturity** criteria *(if GHG minimum requirements are not met or score in any of the sub-criteria is below threshold, the evaluation is stopped)*

4. Assess **Cost efficiency** sub-criterion *(if the score for 'Quality of the cost calculation and min. requirement' is below threshold, the evaluation is stopped)*

5. Assess **Replicability** criterion and **Bonus points**

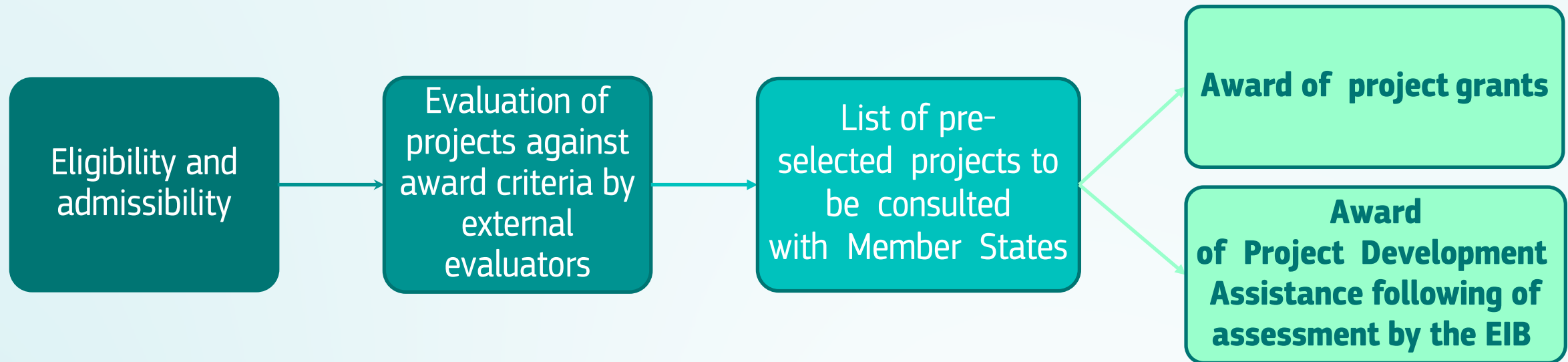


Simplifications compared to IF23 Call

- **Detailed Knowledge Sharing Plan no longer required** at submission. Knowledge sharing plan outline still mandatory in Application form B and assessed under Replicability award criterion
- **Number of pages** for Application form B (Technical Description) **reduced** to 70
- **Annex 3 to the call document on Minimum requirements** for documentation of project funding support and project contract terms added to guide applicants
- **Feasibility study (FS) template** — available in the Submission System (under "Part B templates") - FS is mandatory, if template not used ensure at least the same level of detail and information
- **Business plan (BP) template** — available in the Submission System (under "Part B templates") - BP is mandatory, if template not used ensure at least the same level of detail and information
- Technical, financial and operational **risks and mitigation measures**: no longer needed to in the Application form B, information must be **included in the Feasibility** Study (technical and operational) **and** in the **Business Plan** (financial)



Selection Procedure



Lessons learned from IF23 Net-Zero Technologies call – (IF23 Call)

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IF23 Call

- **337** received proposals
- **95** resubmissions
- **283*** admissible & eligible
- **85** invited for Grant Agreement Preparation
- **149** STEP Seal projects

Topic**	Received proposals	Eligible proposals
GENERAL-LSP	139	132 (95%)
GENERAL-MSP	50	38 (76%)
GENERAL-SSP	42	22 (52%)
MANUFACTURING	56	52 (91%)
PILOTS	50	39 (78%)

**2 proposals withdrew during the evaluation*

***LSP = Large-scale projects ; MSP = Medium-scale projects ; SSP = Small-scale projects*



IF23 Call Results per topic

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Full overview including all proposals

General large-scale projects

High quality: 58% of proposals passed the evaluation
<5% failed Admissibility & Eligibility (A&E)

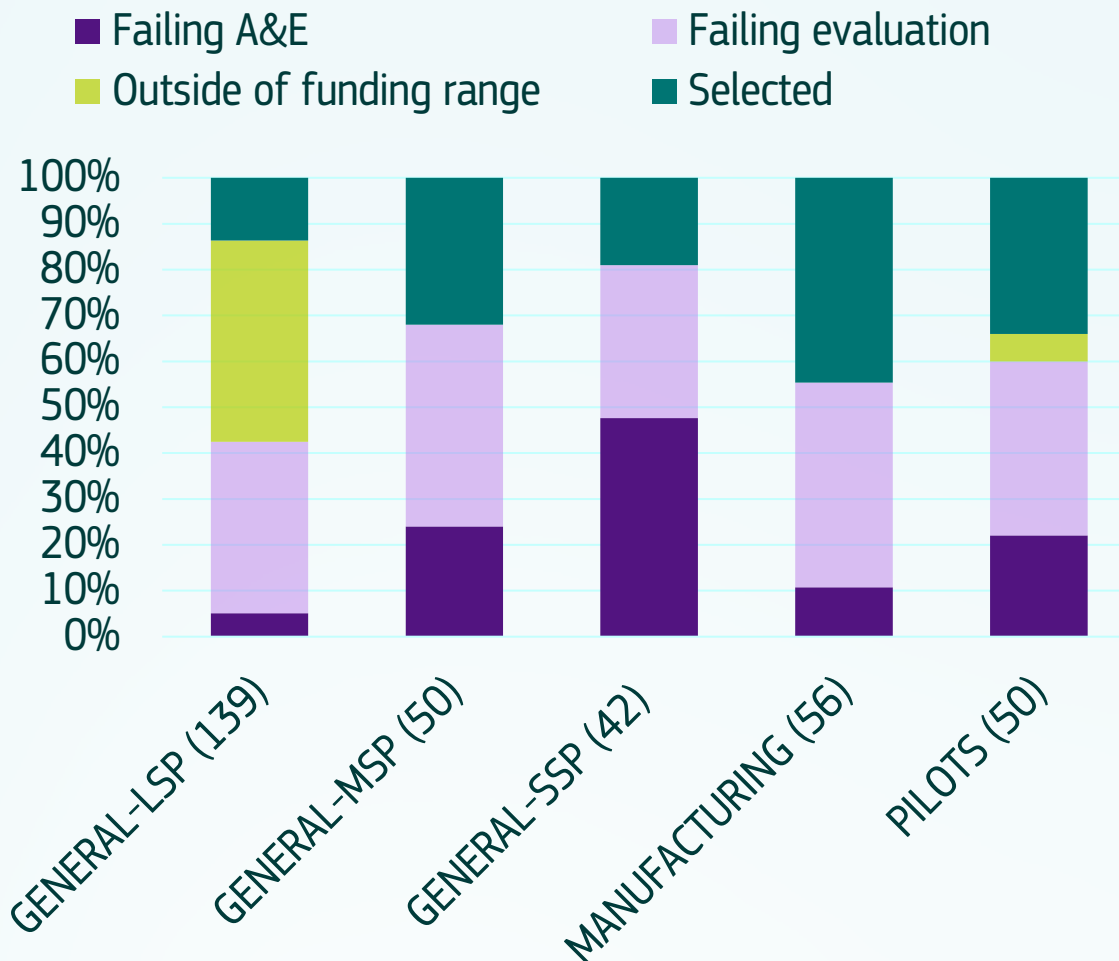
General medium-scale projects

> 30% passed the evaluation:
All projects passing the evaluation were selected
24% failed A&E

General small-scale projects

Low quality: less than 20% passed the evaluation
48% failed A&E

Results of all 337 proposals per topic*



*LSP = Large-scale projects ; MSP = Medium-scale projects ; SSP = Small-scale projects



IF23 Call Results per topic

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Full overview including all proposals

Manufacturing

45% passed the evaluation

**All projects passing the evaluation
were selected**

~10% failed A&E

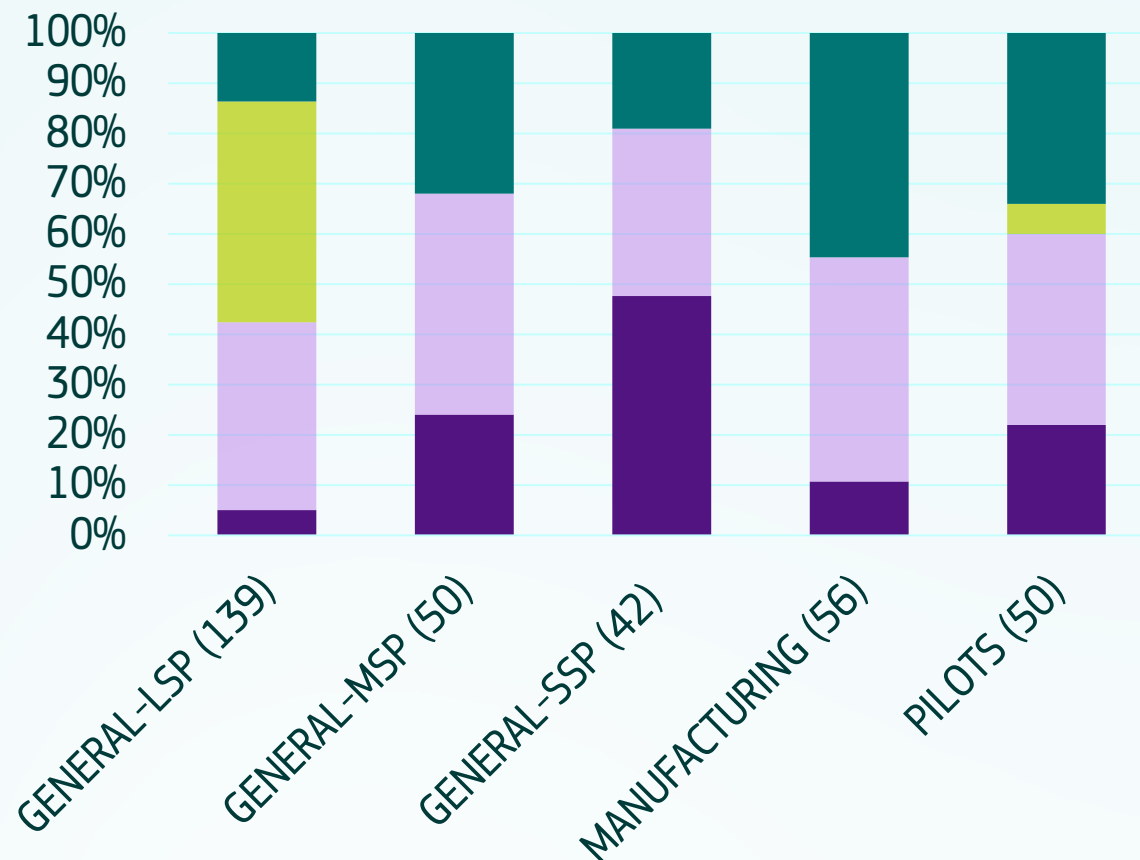
Pilots

40% passed the evaluation

22% failed A&E

Results of all 337 proposals per topic*

■ Failing A&E ■ Failing evaluation
■ Outside of funding range ■ Selected



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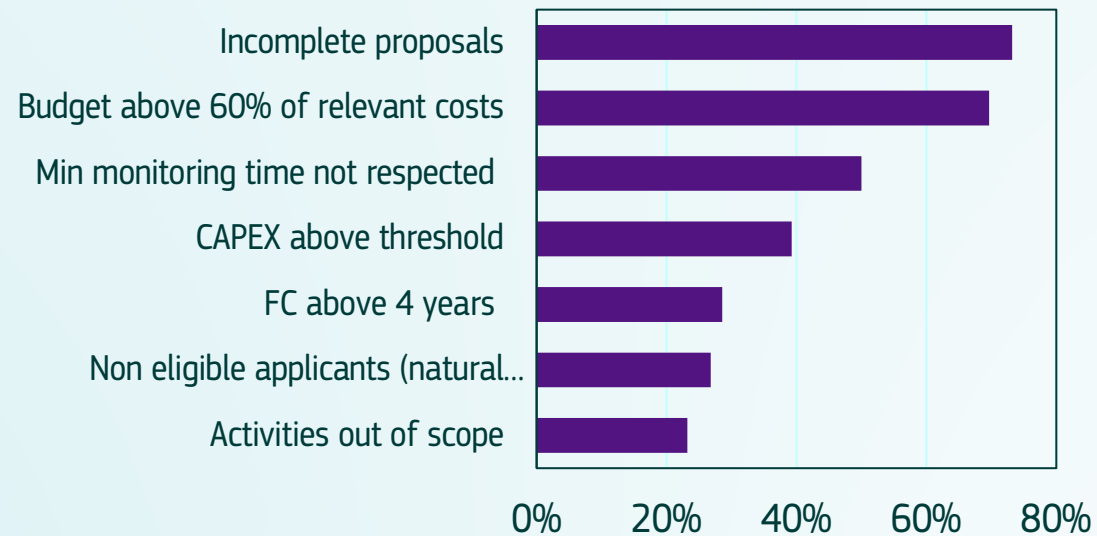


Admissibility and Eligibility (A&E)

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IF23 Call

Why are proposals failing A&E?



56 projects did not pass A&E

Most common mistakes from **incomplete proposals**:

- *Relevant cost calculator* missing
- *Part B* not fully completed
- *Detailed financial model* missing
- *Business plan* missing
- *GHG calculator* missing
- *Feasibility study* missing
- *Gantt chart* missing
- *Knowledge sharing plan* missing

Follow the call text guidance precisely

- Provide all requested documents to be admissible
- Watch budget limits



Results per evaluation criterion

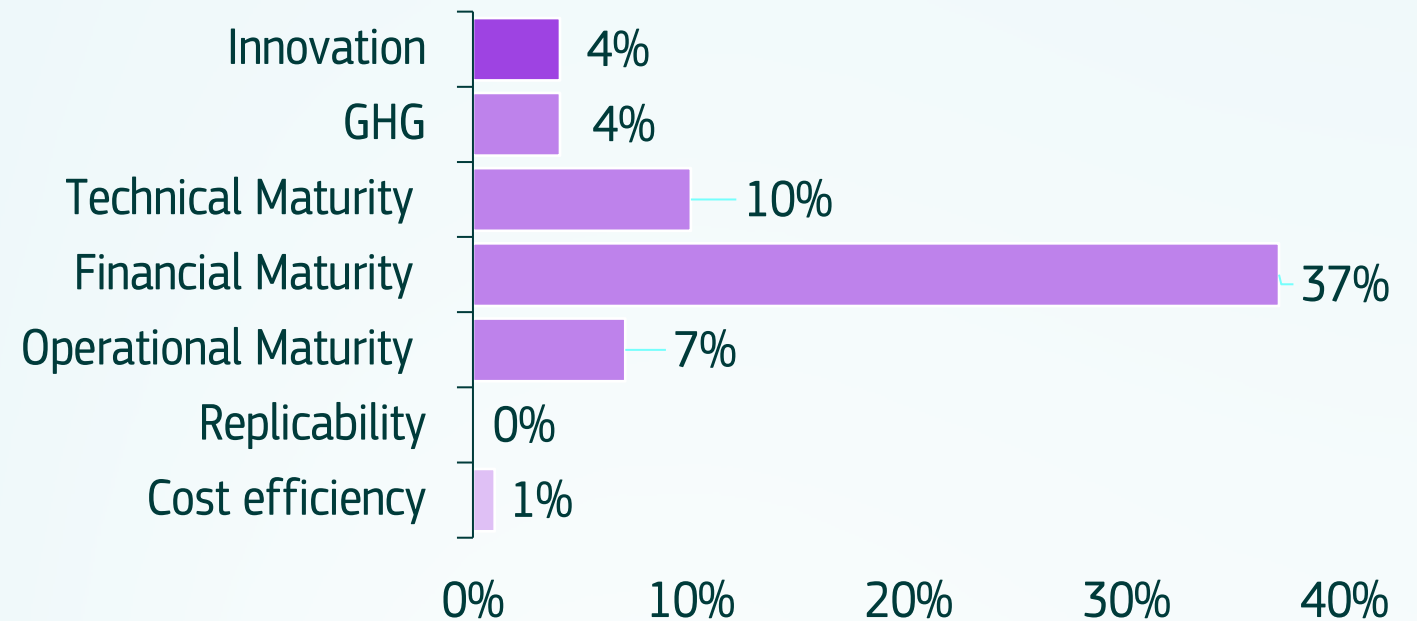
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IF23 Call

Out of 281 evaluated proposals, 85 were pre-selected for funding, 64 additional projects cannot be funded due to lack of budget

- Demonstrating financial maturity is the most challenging step of the evaluation process
- All proposals that reached the replicability assessment passed it

Failure rate for all eligible proposals*



* Some proposals failed various criteria simultaneously

