



# Call for proposals Cross-border Energy Communities

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## Partnership of the call

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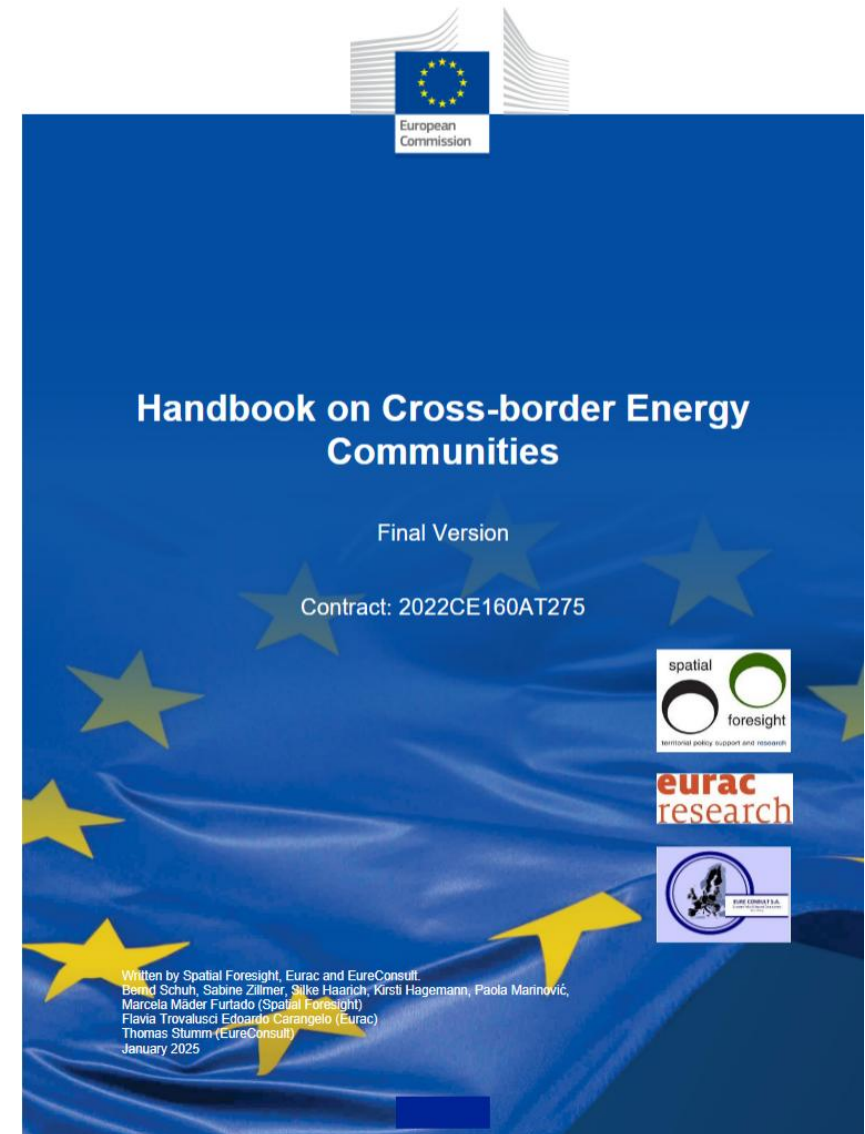


**CALL FOR PROPOSAL  
CROSS-BORDER  
ENERGY COMMUNITIES**

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## A call based on the Handbook on Cross-border Energy Communities

DG REGIO, Handbook on Cross-border Energy Communities (2024),  
[https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/sources/studies/2025/Handbook\\_on\\_Cross-border\\_Energy\\_Communities.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/studies/2025/Handbook_on_Cross-border_Energy_Communities.pdf)



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## Objective of the call



Selection of 7 pilot actions

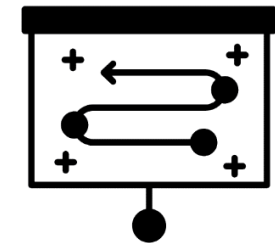


## Objectives of the pilots

Further develop a project or launch new initiatives seeking to explore the process of setting up and growing their community.



Progress from one stage to another within the LIGHT methodology



Produce a roadmap identifying the progress in the establishment and development of a (Q)-CBEC

How?

# What are (quasi) cross-border energy communities?

## The LICHT methodology

### Energy Community Stages



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## Support to pilot actions

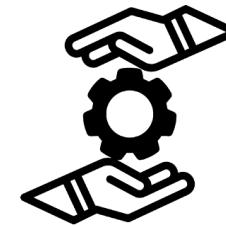
**Financial support**  
to implement the necessary tasks

A **sub-grant** of up to **15,000.00 €**  
to implement activities to develop  
the (Q-)-CBEC  
*(eligible activities to be further  
detailed)*



**Technical support by REScoop.eu**  
guidance for developing the communities

- **Needs analysis** and stakeholder mapping / an onboarding interview
- **Workshop support.** Each pilot will be involved in two in-person workshops
- Dedicated continuous **technical support**
- Peers-to-peers **webinars**



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## Eligible entities

### Who can apply?

- ✓ **Cross-border entities** (EGTC, Euroregions or similar CB structures with legal personality);
- ✓ **Local and regional authorities** of border regions\*;
- ✓ **Citizen cooperatives** with legal personality, **NGOs, associations** or **SMEs**\*.

*\*The application needs to involve a partner (eligible entity) from the other side of the same border*



There is **no maximum limit to the number of partners**, though the feasibility of the proposals should be taken into account when defining the consortia.



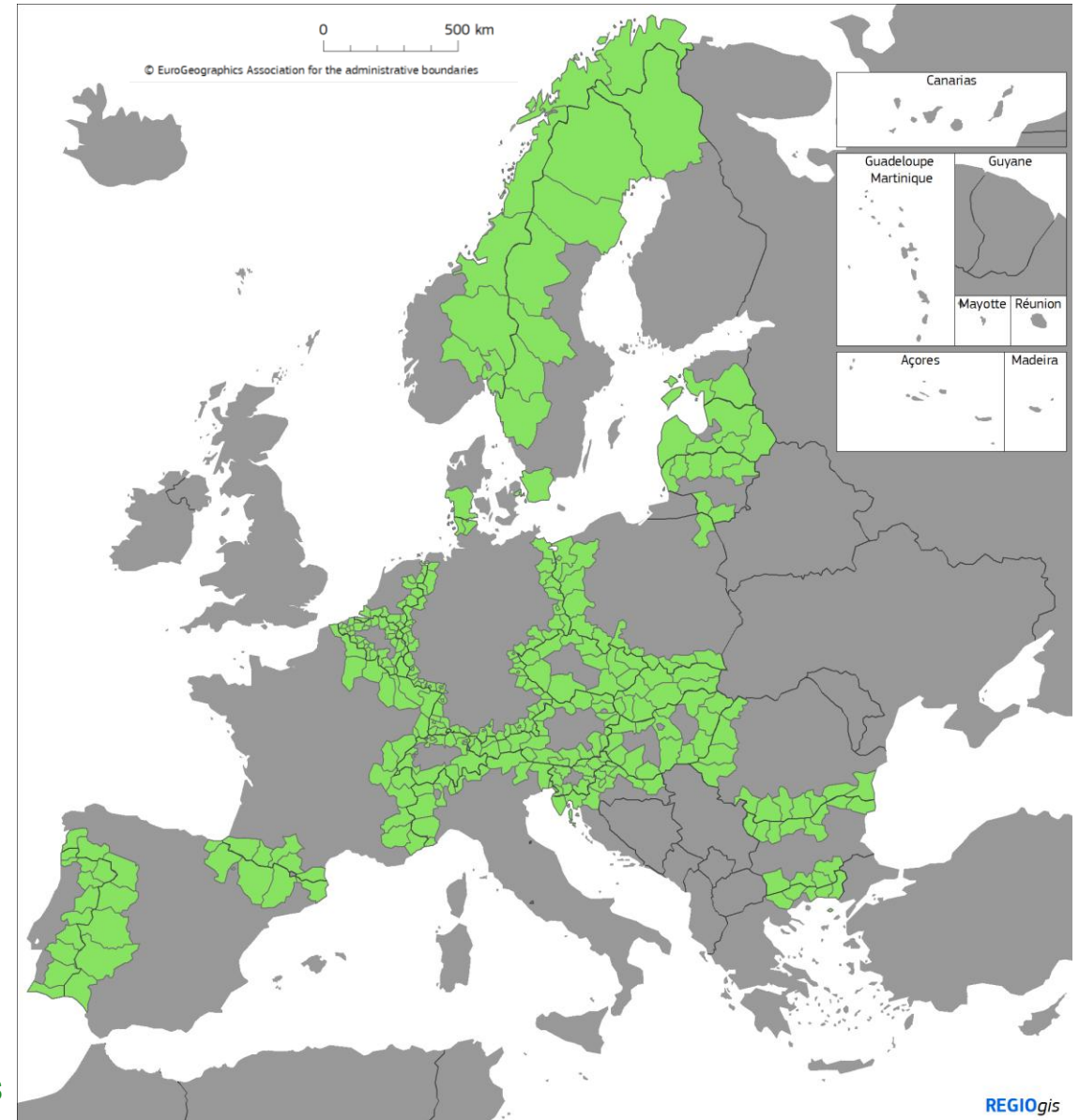
A **single natural person cannot** be considered as a partner.

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## Geographical scope

- ✓ Located in a **NUTS3 land border regions** of a **European Economic Area (EEA)** member state or **Switzerland**.
- ✓ This call for proposals is **focused on land border regions**.
- ✓ Proposals involving (Q)-CBEC or installations **along maritime border regions may be considered** if they align with the core objectives and eligibility criteria of the call.

Map illustrating the geographical scope of the applicants



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## Examples of eligible activities

### Stakeholder Engagement

- **Engage citizens and local stakeholders** in cross-border energy initiatives
- **Launch public awareness campaigns**
- **Partner with local and regional energy agencies, Distribution System Operators (DSOs), and other key stakeholders** to assess existing infrastructure and align new projects with ongoing efforts in the region
- **Develop training programs for public officials, technical experts, and citizens**

### Legal and Governance

- **Conduct feasibility studies** to determine the most suitable legal and governance structure for a CBEC
- **Draft or implement a cooperation agreement** between relevant partners
- **Prepare the necessary steps to set up a legal entity** establishing a CBEC

### Technical and Spatial Planning

- **Map energy demand, supply, infrastructure, and renewable resource potential**
- **Prepare spatial and technical or administrative documentation**

### Infrastructure Development

- **Design and plan cross-border infrastructure projects,**
- **Plan the set up and connexion of shared production systems**
- **Set up shared services and infrastructure for electro-mobility**

### Financing and investment

- **Explore and identify public and private funding sources**
- **Develop joint business models**
- **Explore economic opportunities for joint renewable energy generation, distribution, and sharing**

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## Evaluation criteria

Evaluation Criteria	Score
<b>Relevance</b>	
1. The proposal is <b>aligned with the definition</b> of cross-border or (quasi) cross-border energy community.	1-5
2. The proposal offers potential to <b>increase cross-border cooperation</b> in this field.	1-5
3. The proposal's purpose is to provide <b>environmental, economic or social community benefits to</b> the (quasi) cross-border energy community's <b>members and shareholders</b> rather than financial profit.	1-5
<b>Quality</b>	
4. The proposal aims at <b>developing a roadmap</b> to initiate or strengthen the development of a (quasi) cross-border energy community.	1-5
5. The proposal is <b>clear, and includes a well-defined concept, methodology, and organisation of activities</b> with detailed allocation of resources for implementing the pilot action.	1-5
6. The proposal reflects a <b>strong partnership</b> , through both its community approach and its cross-border dimension	1-5
<b>Impact</b>	
7. The proposal highlights the expected <b>long-term impact</b> of the pilot action.	1-5
8. The proposal demonstrates the <b>replicability</b> potential of the pilot action.	1-5

- ✓ Pilots actions will be **evaluated on 8 criteria**
- ✓ Must **score above 24/40 pts**
- ✓ Must **score above 50% in Relevance, Quality and Impact**

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## How to apply?

Application **to be submitted on CBEC website**

Submit the application **ONLY via the online form.**



**Annexes to join: Calendar, budget, declaration of partnership.**



Possible to attach **additional documents**: Map presenting the intervention area, a graph, an infographic...

- Application in **English** or **French**
- For other languages, use the UE's [eTranslation Tool](#) if needed

**Deadline is**  
**21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**  
**18:00 CET**

Form and templates available under:  
[border-energy-communities.eu/callforproposal](https://border-energy-communities.eu/callforproposal)

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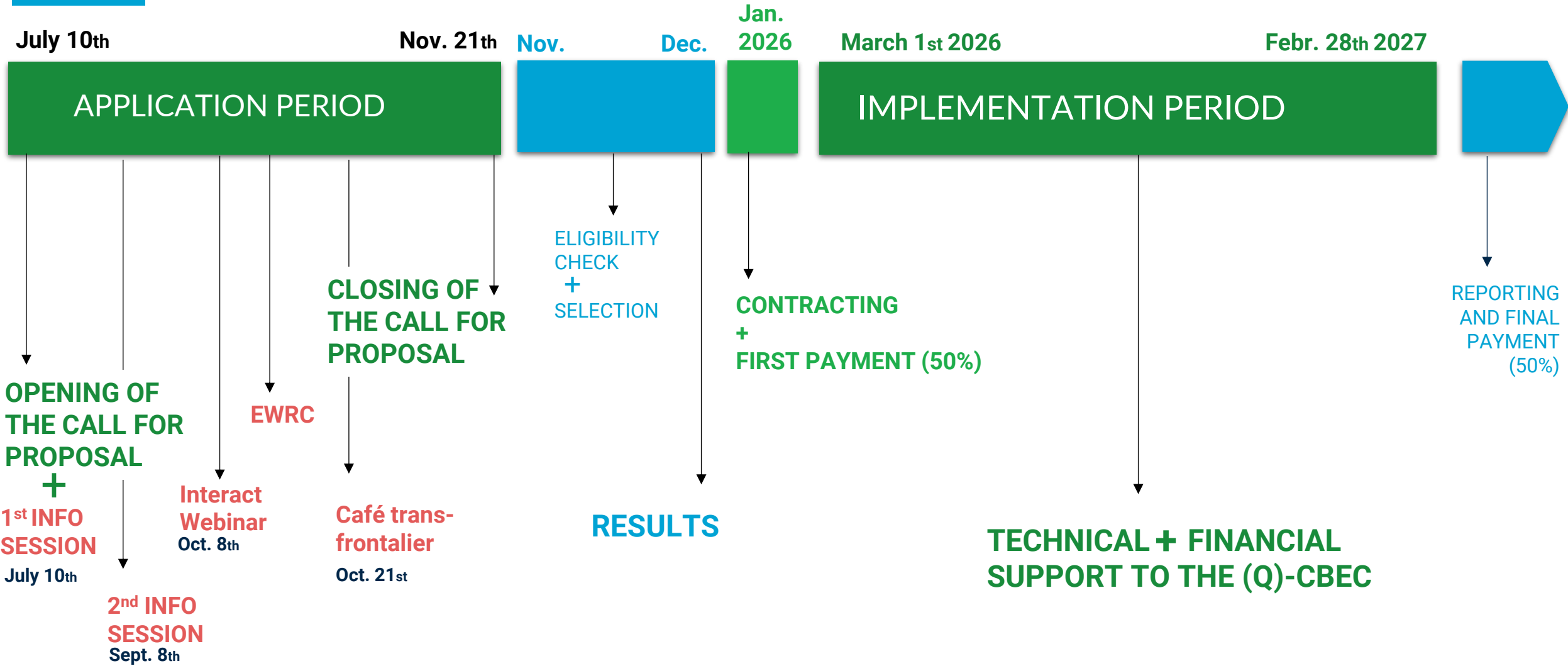
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## Key dates



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**European Week of Regions and Cities**  
**14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2025**



**Café transfrontalier**  
**Appel à projets "CBEC"**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2025 - 9:00 AM (CET)**

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