

EU FUNDED PROJECT
EU4 Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors in Western Balkans and Turkey

CALL FOR PROPOSAL
Development of Sustainable Energy and Climate Plan (SECAP) for municipalities and cities in Turkey

APPLICANTS' QUESTIONS

Questions received up to *24/05/2021*

DISCLAIMER

This document is intended as useful information for applicants. The replies included in this document cannot and do not replace or overrule the information contained in Application form and (or) Instruction for applicants that are published for this call for proposal.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As per interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of applicants, and action or specific activities.

Question 1:

Is there any examples of budget plan? Or Could you explain the budgetary items, for example is it suitable to build a center? Which expenses are beared?

Answer 1:

This is a call to Turkish municipalities seeking technical and capacity building support to prepare their SECAPs in line with the Covenant of Mayors initiative.

It is important to emphasize that during other activities of the Project, as an incentive for the municipalities to participate in the fulfilment of the targets set by the CoM, the Project foresees the possibility to support the implementation of the SECAPs through small scale projects, which will be financed by the Project budget.

Question 2:

What are the specific priority issues for this call?

Answer 2:

The specific priority of this call is to select municipalities in Turkey and, after the selection, to provide advisory services, technical and capacity building support in the development of their SECAPs in line with the requirements of the CoM initiative. A core methodological principle of the action is to strengthen the learning process and increase the capacity of local authorities to meet their commitments under the energy and climate targets as well as to increase resilience by adapting to the impacts of climate change. This action provides an important contribution to the process of approximation and integration of the EU. The basic prerequisite for municipalities to participate in this action and be selected as beneficiaries is membership in the CoM initiative or a strong commitment to it.

Question 3:

The Municipality prepared its SEAP in 2018. Besides, municipality has already a SECAP Plan however, it is aiming to be improved and to revise its goals and actions.

Can the municipality that already has a SECAP also apply to revising it? Is that municipality eligible applicant?

Answer 3:

The priority of this call is to select pilot municipalities to be supported in the preparation and development of the *first* SECAPs (Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans) in accordance with the requirements of the Covenant of Mayors initiative. However, it is essential to develop and improve SECAP under the new 2030 targets. It is important to note, that the CoM municipalities pledge action to support implementation of the EU 40% greenhouse gas-reduction target by 2030 and the adoption of a joint approach to tackling mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

In such case if municipality has SEAP or SECAP already prepared – it is still an eligible applicant for this call.

Question 4:

The Mayor is being out of the office and the document will get signed by the Secretary General who has authority to sign it on behalf of the Mayor according to the signature directive. Would this be a problem on your side?

Answer 4:

The completed application form must be signed by the mayor and stamped.

If the mayor is unable to the sign the application form and has lawfully delegated his functions to another representative of the municipality as Secretary General, then the application form signed and stamped by the representative is appropriate.

In this case, proof of the legal representative's right to sign the document must be provided in the application form or in an attached document.

Question 5:

"Part e. Strategic Planning": it is asked to click some relevant reports in which we have completed and/or study on currently. For example; we have already received grant support from EU - IPA to develop SUMP. In addition, we formed a consortium of local actors to realize Environmental Action Plan with our own resources. In this sense, should we leave this section blank, or are we expected to mention it briefly, as we don't have any SUMP and Environmental Action Plan already finished?

Answer 5:

Please mark * in the SUMP section and briefly describe about the ongoing actions.