



Introduction to the Support SE(A)CAP mechanisms through Selected reference projects (SRP)

1 Aim of the project

The SEACAP 4 SDG Project aims to reduce the energy consumption of public buildings, and to increase the capacity of the territories and actors, participating in the Project or targeted by its actions, to adopt measures to reduce their energy impact in the medium term. The reduction of CO2 emissions and energy consumption will be achieved, in the short term, through the realization of demonstrators implementing existing and tested capitalized results on selected public buildings (hospitals and schools), and more significantly in the medium term, by the definition and adoption of the 9 energy-mix efficiency plans, for further dissemination and capitalization.

SEACAP 4 SDG addresses this common challenge by integrating Sustainable Energy Access and Climate Action Plans(SE(A)CAP) via a uniform adapted assessment Toolkit and an innovative financing methodology, variant of European City Facility (EUCF), which will support selected cities in implementing tools and methods from the 16 selected reference projects (SRP). In this framework nine cities and four education and health buildings within them will receive sub grants to build capacity and implement energy improvements using the solutions capitalized on by the Project.

2 Support mechanism

2.1 *Process and general timeline*

The support mechanism provided by the SEACAP 4 SDG project (from now on the benefactor) has two supporting levels: the first, to promote the engagement of at least 9 municipalities or group of municipalities (from now on beneficiaries) to use selected reference project (SRP) outcomes (from now on TOOLKIT) in their day-to-day work, and the second, to support at least 4 of these entities in the Southern shore of the Mediterranean to use the sources for analysing detail measures in specific educational and health buildings, or other public buildings if beneficiaries cannot intervene on those typologies due to legal constraints, or do not have access to relevant data needed. The support will be given through the involvement of an external entity who will accompany the municipalities during the development of both phases and through specific training sessions.

The graph below summarises the process within the scope of the SEACAP 4 SDG project, from the pre-application phase towards the analysis of selected energy improvements in specific buildings.



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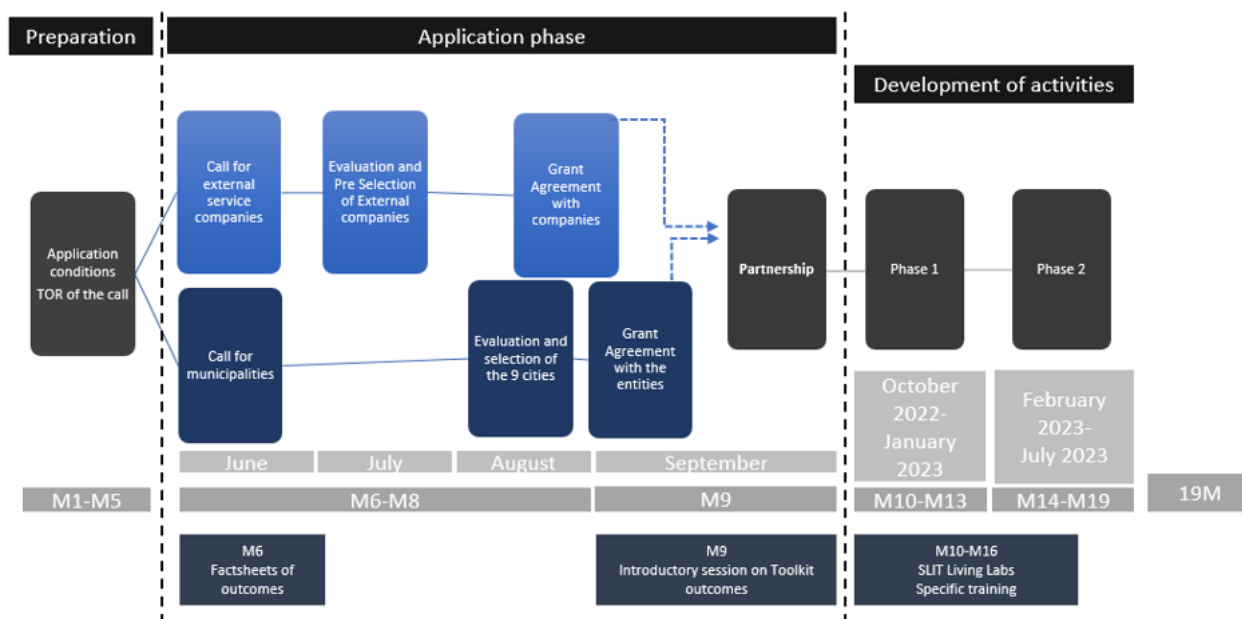


Figure 1. Overall process of the call¹

1) Pre-application phase

Potential beneficiaries will receive information about the scope and the benefits of the call by visiting the SEACAP 4 SDG website, attending promotional events other relevant info sessions. Factsheets with relevant information related to the outcomes are available here <https://www.enicbcmmed.eu/seacap-4-sdg-identifies-main-tools-and-instruments-be-proposed-mediterranean-cities-updating-their> as a complementary document to the calls for interested external service entities and municipalities. For further information, the ToR can be downloaded in the SEACAP4SDG website <https://enicbcmmed.eu/projects/seacap-4-sdg>

2) Application phase

Presentation of a specific template which includes the declaration of eligibility (automated questionnaire, answered by the applicant directly, You can fill it here <https://forms.gle/XDJS6bhKvmdZ4JYp7>. To be eligible, applicants must be able to answer YES to all the questions. Eligible applicants can move forward in the application process and complete the full application form and supporting documents. The applications will be submitted via google form.

If any of the answers is NO the applicant will not be able to make the application process. However, the applicant can fill the other google form for Local authorities and municipalities interested in project updates and developments. You can fill it here <https://forms.gle/amtBPWXJMcHc8wwP7>

3) Evaluation phase

Conducted after the close of the call for applications by a dedicated evaluation team. Each application will be evaluated individually by at least two different evaluators composed by the partner responsible for the activities in the corresponding region and one additional evaluator of the partnership. In case of incomplete documents, the application will be rejected and the applicant will receive an email notification. Each applicant will be informed about

¹ SLIT: SE(A)CAP Local Implementation Team (SLIT)



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the final results with corresponding letter by email. The best scored applications will be selected to receive the support.

4) Agreement phase

Successful applicants will sign a Grant Agreement to benefit from the SEACAP 4 SDG support.

5) First level.

With the support of external entities, beneficiaries will analyse which Toolkit outcome to apply and participate in transferring activities and capacity workshops to train technicians to be able to implement and test the outcomes. SEACAP 4 SDG project partners will accompany the process by organising capacity building events, monitoring the implementation, and facilitating relevant information related to the TOOLKIT outcomes such as tools and documents. Beneficiaries shall conduct the activities of the first phase over a period of four months from October 2022 to January 2023. Before starting this phase a short training in the SRP TOOLKIT will be offered.

As a result of the first phase the external entities will elaborate, in collaboration with beneficiaries, an updated energy efficiency assessment plan to prioritize and implement the solutions introduced in the Capitalization Toolkit.

6) Second level.

SEACAP4SDG partners, external entities and beneficiaries will work together to select the demonstrator buildings (primarily education and health buildings). After selecting the target typologies, the external entity will support the beneficiaries in the elaboration of a roadmap to implement the most cost-effective technologies for EE and RE in the selected demonstrators. These activities will be conducted over a period of six months from February to July 2023.

2.2 Activities funded by the grant

The SEACAP 4 SDG will provide support within the field of sustainable energy by providing a TOOLKIT of selected outcomes, the support of an external entity, and specific training sessions to analyse the actions needed to boost the execution of long-term energy plans, and the implementation of measures to improve the energy performance of buildings, the achievement of energy savings and promoting the implantation of cleaner energy sources.

2.2.1 Phase 1. Updating energy-mix efficiency plans

The external entities will elaborate in collaboration with beneficiaries a customized energy efficiency assessment to prioritize and implement the solutions introduced in the Capitalization Toolkit. After finalisation of the first phase, the final results will be validated through the presentation of 9 energy-mix efficiency plans.

2.2.2 Second phase. Roadmap for the implementation of action in selected buildings

Beneficiaries will be required to present an upgraded and customized roadmap with the set out of the priorities and measures to be implemented, as well as a guide for the gradual implementation and the corresponding improvements foreseen. In addition, the actions implemented in the roadmap and guidelines must be in line with the objectives of the project, hence each pilot beneficiary must implement measures to obtain a minimum of 10.000kWh savings per building (non-renewable primary energy) and a 5% saving over the total energy consumption of the city with “no cost/low cost” measures and through behavioural change campaigns (estimated saving of 50.000kWh non-renewable primary energy per city, per year).



2.3 *Who can apply*

Municipalities and local authorities as well as groupings of municipalities/local authorities located in the partner regions or in the regions (detailed list in the TOR) of associated partners can apply to receive support.

Local administrative units (LAU) and Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) 3 codes* of the municipality/local authority for the entities located in the north shore of the Mediterranean (*see Eurostat website).

For entities located in the southern shore equivalent nomenclatures must be provided from the ministry of interior.

For groupings, the name of the lead applicant as well as the LAU and NUTS 3 codes of each participating municipality/local authority have to be provided.

3 *Timelines*

Once the TOR is published, the applicants will have until the 15 of August to apply. From the 30 of August, the selected municipalities will be contacted and they will have up to one month to sign the agreement.