

Expert Facility

Announcement of the Round 4, 15th March 2015 cut-off date

Dear Madam/Sir,

Please be reminded that Clima East Expert Facility (EF) remains open for applications for support from eligible organisations involved with climate actions, targeting both mitigation and adaptation.

The Clima East Expert Facility is one of the channels through which the European Commission funded Clima East project provides technical assistance to Partner Countries' stakeholders to facilitate the development, adoption and implementation of effective and appropriate climate change mitigation and adaptation policies and actions.

Through this Expert Facility, eligible applicants from Partner Countries are able to request specific and dedicated short term expert support, as need arises, to assist in defined tasks that will contribute to achieving results on the ground in climate change policy and action. This support mechanism sits alongside other Clima East activities implemented at regional level through the Policy Project Annual Work Programme and the Clima East Pilot Projects and aims to build on these and other sources of support to respond to specific needs in a timely manner.

In the light of the high interest in the Expert Facility and the expressed need to support cross-institutional collaboration in climate action, additional resources have been allocated by the European Union. The total budget available for approved activities under the Expert Facility is now increased from €1,000,000 to €2,044,480 with an unchanged maximum 50 expert mandays per application.

Applications to the Expert Facility may now be made under one of two distinct categories or 'Tracks', as follows:

- Under **Track 1**, the Expert Facility will continue to accept applications corresponding to the original set of criteria, and the process for this remains unchanged.
- Under **Track 2** (a new funding window), the Expert Facility will only accept collaborative applications from two or more beneficiary organizations. This track should enable sectoral ministries, other national or local administration bodies, and in particular civil society organisations, to contribute successfully to the definition, development and delivery of national climate policy and actions. Applications under Track 2 will need to respond to the same technical criteria as those under Track 1.

The two tracks will provide support for both national (single-country) and regional (multi-country) applications.

The 15 March 2015 cut-off date implies that applications received later will only be processed at a later date hence allowing for a later start of requested activities. Therefore, we encourage all interested parties to come forward with their applications by the 15 March 2015 cut-off date.

Full details of how to apply for the Expert Facility Track 1 and Track 2 is provided by the Clima East team, and is published on the Clima East website www.climaeast.eu.

Guidance on eligibility for support and on the application and approval process is set out in the Expert Facility Application Guide downloadable from the following page both in English and Russian:
<http://www.climaeast.eu/expert-facility>.

Feel free to distribute this information about the Expert Facility among stakeholders within the region.

Should you have any questions regarding the EF and its application process please do not hesitate to contact the Expert Facility Manager Mr Roman Tertychnyy: roman.tertychnyy@climaeast.eu.

Sincerely,

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