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EUKI at a glance

Financing instrument by the German Federal Environment Ministry (BMU) established in 2017

Objective is to support an inner-European dialogue, exchange of good practices and creating networks of climate pioneers

Target groups are civil society, governments, businesses, and consumers

Geographic focus is on Central, Eastern, and Southern Europe as well as the Baltic States



... creating awareness and pooling knowledge



... establishing networks and exchanging successful models



... capacity development and building a bridge for EU funding

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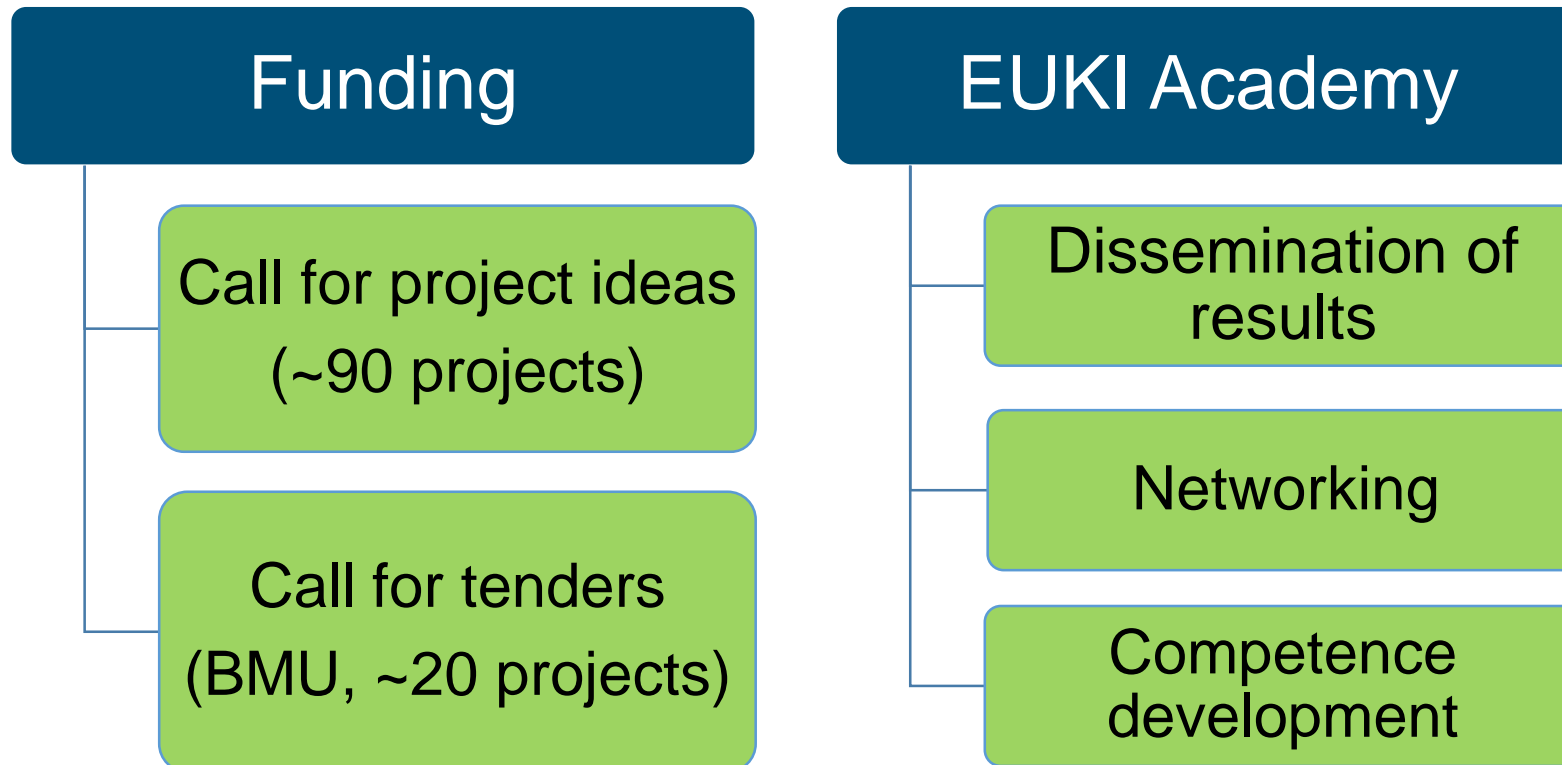


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Project funding + Capacity development



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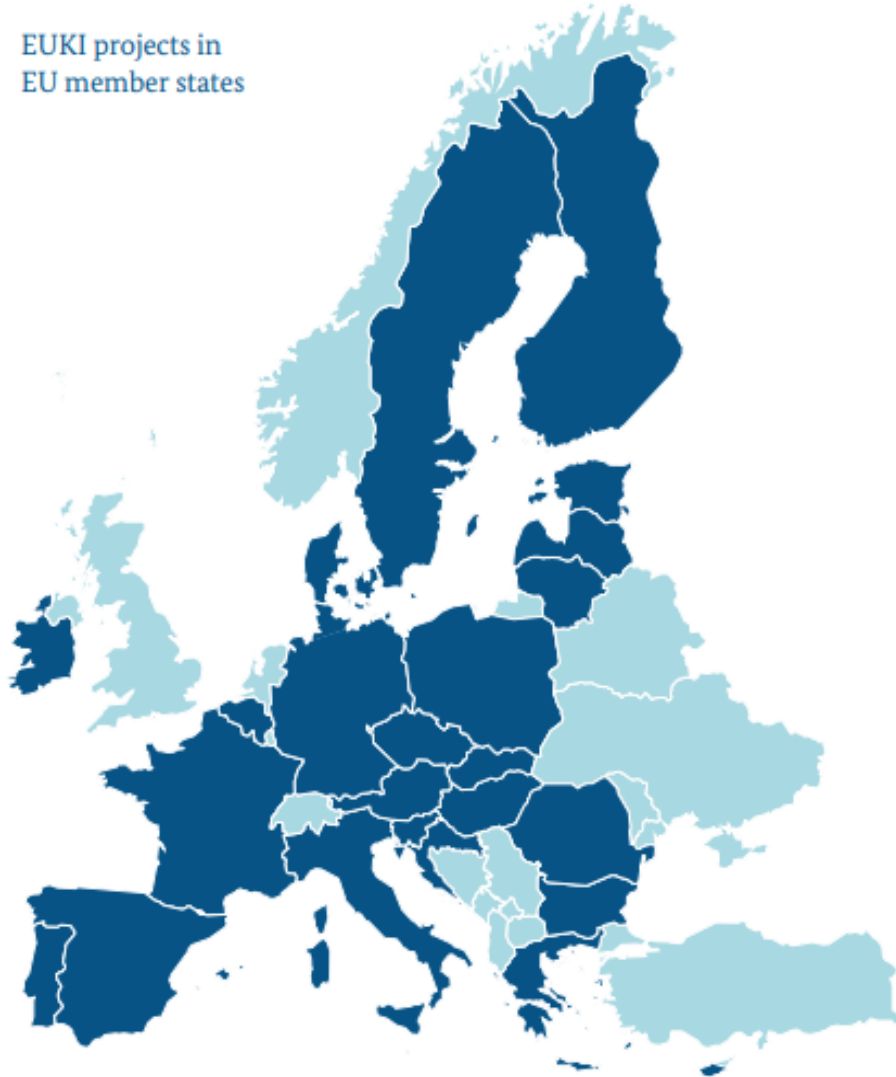
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EUKI projects in
EU member states



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Outreach

- >120 ongoing projects in 26 EU Member States & 5 Western Balkan countries
- involving >240 project partners

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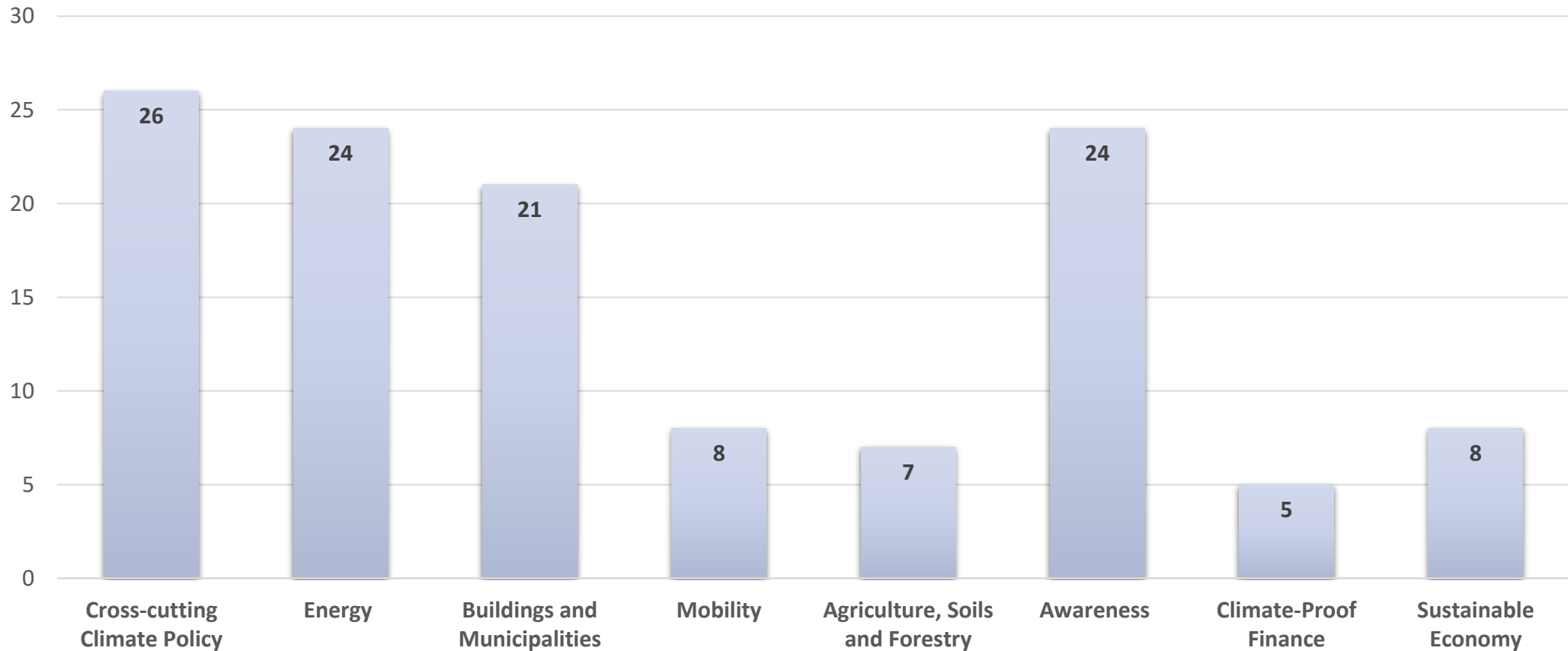


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Thematic areas



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Funding opportunities

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Application procedure

- Annual calls for project ideas (5th call to be published end of November 2020)
- 2-stage selection procedure
 - 1st stage: project outlines (submission deadline mid-January 2021)
 - 2nd stage: full project proposal (invitation to be sent to pre-selected projects in June 2021)
- Proposal language: English

<https://www.euki.de/en/selection-procedure/>

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Available funding

- Project volumes from 50.000 – 1.000.000 Mio. EUR
- Duration from 4 – 30 months
- Project partnerships up to 5 partners (lead + 4 implementing partners)
- Own and/or third party contribution is mandatory (no in kind contribution!)

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Eligibility criteria

- Legal entities officially registered in an EU MS
- Institutions from candidate countries (AL, BA, KS, MK, MN, RS, TR) may participate as implementing partners
- Non-profit organisations belonging to one of the following categories:
 - Non-governmental organisations
 - National/regional/local authorities
 - Non-profit enterprises
 - Academic and educational institutions

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Eligible activities

- Capacity development
- Creation of networks
- Implementing policies and measures, developing strategies and conducting feasibility studies
- Dialogue formats, dissemination projects, education

Strong focus on implementation is expected!

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Topics covered

- Energy
- Buildings
- Mobility
- Agriculture, soils and forests

- Industry
- Private households
- Commerce, trade and services
- Waste

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Evaluation criteria

- Relevance
- Quality of project concept
- Networking and synergies
- Sustainability
- Efficiency

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Project examples

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Just Transition Eastern and Southern Europe

Duration: October 2017– February 2020

Countries: Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Poland

Implementers: WWF Bulgaria, WWF Germany, WWF Greece, WWF Poland

Objective: Developing transition strategies for the economic transformation of coal regions

Measures:

- Modelling of transition pathways as a basis for regional Just Transition strategies
- Initiating multi-level dialogues with state actors, trade unions, journalists, civil society
- Study trips to DE, BG, RO, PL
- Initiating and support to a new Forum of progressive mayors from coal regions



View from the “Turm am Schwersen Berg” in Lusatia. Photo: GIZ/EUKI Benjamin Struss



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South East Europe Energy Transition Dialogue

Duration: January 2018 – June 2021

Countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Romania

Implementers: Agora Energiewende, Centre for the Study of Democracy, Energy Policy Support Group, National Observatory of Athens, Uni Zagreb

Objective: Advancing progressive thinking and action about decarbonisation and national/regional energy transition strategies in SEE

Measures:

- Building an SEE think tank network working on decarbonisation and strengthen its capacity
- Developing science-based, cost-effective, politically feasible solutions to power system transition maximizing opportunities from regional cooperation & EU-level support



The Southeast European
power system in 2030
Flexibility challenges and benefits from regional integration
ANALYSIS

Agora
Energiewende



European Commission | European Energy Research Institute | National Energy Research Institute of Romania | GREEK IES

Project study by
Agora
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CLIMATE RECON 2050

Intra-EU Exchange to Raise Awareness and Build Capacity on Long-Term Climate Strategies

Duration: November 2017– October 2019

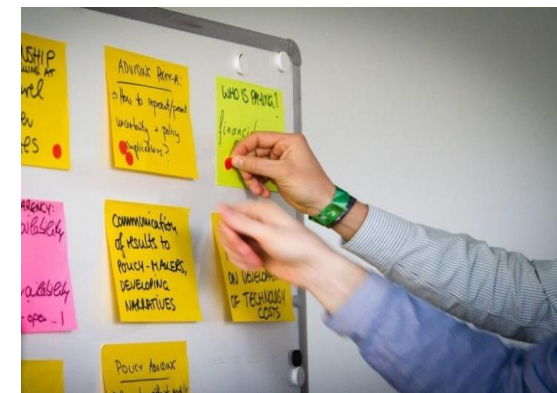
Countries: Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Poland

Implementers: Ecologic Institut, négaWatt, Technical University of Denmark, ENEA, Energiaklub, Fraunhofer-ISI, IDDRI, Öko-Institut, WiseEuropa

Objective: Building a policy maker platform to exchange experiences on long-term climate strategies

Measures:

- Technical dialogues with governmental representatives, modelers, researchers
- Generation and exchange of knowledge on decarbonisation scenarios development, analytical approaches and results presentation



Meeting of the technical dialogue in April 2018. Photo: Ecologic



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Enterprise-Level GHG Reduction Initiative, Business4Climate+

Duration: September 2018 – April 2019
Countries: Cyprus
Implementers: adelphi research gGmbH, Cyprus Employers & Industrialists
Federation (OEB)

Objective: Developing tools for enterprise-level solutions to reduce GHG emissions

Measures:

- Involving non-ETS enterprises in Cyprus in climate action, with a focus on financing energy efficiency projects
- Committing enterprises to reduce GHG emissions by at least 8 percent
- Identifying financing models most suitable for Cyprus, based on European experiences, and make an online tool available for use by interested enterprises



Group picture at a Business4Climate workshop. Photo: OEB



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