

UK/SCOTLAND – Scottish Enterprise (SE)

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Information on the Funding Organisation in the Call

Budget	€3.5m
Anticipated number of projects to fund	6–8 projects
Website	https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/support-for-businesses/funding-and-grants/business-grants-and-funding-calls/clean-energy-transition-partnership-programme-cetp
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National/regional requirements and guidelines on proposals

Call Modules and topics	We will consider applications under all Call Modules. However, as part of our eligibility process, projects will be expected to demonstrate relevance to Scottish Government energy strategies and expected contribution to economic development in Scotland.
Proposal submission	<p>At the full proposal stage Scottish applicants will need to submit a separate Research and Innovation Application proposal (including supporting documentation) to Scottish Enterprise. This will be reviewed for eligibility if the CETP proposal is recommended for funding.</p> <p>Please speak to Scottish Enterprise contact prior to submitting a proposal to discuss the project scope.</p>
Project Consortium Partners	<p>Companies that are legal entities and that have their own operating presence in Scotland, or that wish to establish their own operating presence in Scotland, to carry out research and development activities. This includes subsidiaries of overseas companies.</p> <p>Universities or other organisations recognised as research organisations (ROs) that are legal entities registered and operating in Scotland, subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROs will only be eligible if there are at least two companies involved in the collaborative project, one of which must be located in Scotland and be eligible for and requesting SE funding.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The work being carried out by the research organisation should be of direct relevance to at least one of the participating Scottish companies. The total budget of the research organisation should be no greater than the combined total budgets of the Scottish companies involved in the collaborative project and seeking funding from SE. <p>For other eligibility conditions please refer to section 'Other requirements/guidelines'.</p>		
Project duration	Up to a maximum of 36 Months		
Project budget	Please contact Scottish Enterprise for guidance.		
Funding request			
Funding rates (%)	Basic research	Industrial/ applied research	Experimental develop- ment/innovation
Large enterprises	Up to 40%	Up to 40%	Up to 40%
Medium enterprises	Up to 50%	Up to 50%	Up to 50%
Small enterprises	Up to 50%	Up to 50%	Up to 50%
Universities, public re- search organisations	Up to 100% (equivalent to 80% Full Economic Costs)	Up to 100% (equivalent to 80% Full Economic Costs)	Up to 100% (equivalent to 80% Full Economic Costs)
Public authorities	n/a	n/a	n/a
Associations without economic activities, NGOs	n/a	n/a	n/a
Notes	Public authorities and Associations without economic activities, NGOs are not eligible for funding.		
Types of cost	Project-specific costs including salaries, overheads, equipment, subcontracting, consultancy, training, materials, trials, IP management (SMEs only), travel and subsistence, and audit certificates for financial claims (SMEs only). Detailed guidance available on request.		
RDI approaches and TRLs	No specific rules on TRLs; please refer to CETP call modules. Projects should include the development of new products, processes or services for Scottish companies.		

Other requirements/guidelines

The project cannot start or have spending committed to it in the form of commercial contracts before you have received an offer of grant, should your application to Scottish Enterprise be successful.

The project / activity must be strategically important to the Scottish company(ies) and in line with its business plan.

The project must involve research and development activity in Scotland. However, testing in a demonstration site outside Scotland is also eligible.

Projects must have the potential to deliver benefits to Scotland's economy and the new product, process or service must, in the case of non-SMEs, be able to compete in a global marketplace.

Proposals must demonstrate how the project will be implemented to ensure capability building and sustainability in Scotland to enhance the companies' future competitiveness and research and development capacity.

For large companies seeking support, the project must demonstrate the incentive effect of the grant (i.e. how the applicant's level of R&D expenditure or R&D jobs will be increased as a result of support).

As part of their Fair Work Action Plan, the Scottish Government has set out the goal to make Scotland a Fair Work Nation by 2025. To help achieve this goal, applicants for Scottish Enterprise grant support will be assessed against the Scottish Government's seven Fair Work First Criteria. To secure a R&D grant, you must be able to demonstrate that your business has met the Fair Work First Criteria. If you are unable to commit to the criteria, we may not be able to offer you an award at this time. We are committed to encouraging applicants from all backgrounds and sectors. We will treat all applications equally. You should only apply when you are able to meet these obligations.