

# Merit criteria for assessing the application for co-financing under the Operational Programme of the EEA FM and NMF 2014-2021 Environment, Energy, Climate Change

## Substantive criteria PE12 - Municipal Heating Systems

### 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE SUBSTANTIVE CRITERIA

**Eligibility criterion – To be assessed by the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management**

No.	Criterion	Criterion description	Assessment rules: Yes/No	Comment
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
	Project eligibility	It will be assessed whether the type of project fits in the catalogue indicated on the open call announcement. Basis for assessment: application form with attachments	Yes/No	

**State aid appraisal – To be filled in by the technical unit responsible for the assessment in the field of state aid**

No.	Criterion name	Criterion description	Assessment rules: Yes/No	Comments
1	The financing is in line with the state aid rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• appraisal if the co-financing constitutes state aid;</li> <li>• if the grant constitutes state aid, appraisal if the aid complies with the provisions/regulations governing the state aid</li> </ul>	Yes/No	

**Financial evaluation - To be completed by the technical unit responsible for the financial evaluation of the project**

No.	Criterion name	Criterion description	Assessment rules: Yes/No	Comments
1	Applicant's financial standing/situation –current and forecasted - including feasibility and financial durability analysis	<p>As part of the criterion, the following will be assessed, in particular:</p> <p>1) the applicant's ability to ensure the feasibility and financial sustainability of the project on the basis of analysis of the applicant's financial reports and projections;</p> <p>2) the correctness of the assumptions used for financial analysis;</p>	Yes/No/Non-applicable	

		<p>3) confirmed, reliable sources of project co-financing (if applicable);</p> <p>4) possibility of establishing a financial security (if applicable).</p> <p>The criterion will be assessed using the provisions of the Instruction: "Securing the NFEPWM's claims arising from contracts for project co-financing", regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- rules for setting collaterals for any claims under loans/subsidies arising from concluded contracts and contracts in the process of conclusion for co-financing projects from the NFEPWM, including projects co-financed from non-returnable foreign funds, and</li> <li>- defining the general principles for carrying out financial evaluations of grant applications.</li> </ul> <p>Basis for assessment: application form with attachments.</p>		
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**Equality criterion – To be assessed by the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management**

No	Criterion	Criterion description	Assessment rules: Yes/No/Not applicable	Comment
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
	The project is in line with equal opportunities and non-discrimination rules	<p>As part of the criterion, it will be assessed whether the project has a positive (or at least neutral) influence on in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessibility for people with disabilities.</li> <li>• Gender equality</li> </ul>	Yes/No/Not applicable	

## 2<sup>nd</sup> DEGREE SUBSTANTIVE CRITERIA

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**Mandatory evaluation criteria to fill in:** achieving the status of an efficient heating system(6), costs eligibility(10)

No.	Criterion name	Criterion description	Max Weight	Max scoring	Max result
1.	Project Implementation Readiness	<p>Number of points awarded for the subsequent stages of project preparation (max. 5 points):</p> <p>1 point - the project has a valid environmental decision covering the entire investment</p> <p>1 point - the project has a construction design (may be unapproved) for 100% of the material scope of the project</p> <p>1 point - the project has obtained a building permit</p> <p>1 point - the investor has secured funds to finance the own contribution</p> <p>1 point - the investor has a documented right to dispose of the land or objects for the investment</p> <p>Note: If a given project does not apply to any of the above stages of investment preparation, the project is entitled to 1 point for readiness within this stage.</p>	2	5	10
2.	Expenditure from the EEA FM grant per 1 MWh of planned annual energy production	<p>The value of expenditures planned to incur from the EEA FM grant per 1 MWh of total annual planned electricity and heat production.</p> <p>For projects in which planned scope includes using non-RES achieving the value of the indicator X (calculated as the quotient of the grant amount from the EEA FM for the project (PLN) for the annual planned production of electricity and heat (MWh), the following points will be awarded within individual ranges:</p> <p>5 points - <math>X \leq 100</math>  4 points - <math>100 &lt; X \leq 200</math>;  3 points - <math>200 &lt; X \leq 300</math>;  2 points - <math>300 &lt; X \leq 400</math>;  1 point - <math>X &gt; 400</math></p> <p>For projects in which planned scope includes using <b>RES</b> achieving the value of the indicator X (calculated as the quotient of the grant amount from the EEA FM for the project (PLN) for the annual planned production of electricity and heat (MWh), the following points will be awarded within individual ranges:</p> <p>5 points - <math>X \leq 400</math>  4 points - <math>400 &lt; X \leq 500</math>  3 points - <math>500 &lt; X \leq 650</math>  2 points - <math>650 &lt; X \leq 800</math>  1 point - <math>X &gt; 800</math></p>	4	5	20
3.	Expenditures from the EEA FM grant	<p>The value of expenses planned to be incurred from the EEA FM grant for the annual reduction of 1 ton of CO<sub>2</sub>.</p>	4	5	20

	for unit reduction of CO2 emissions	For achieving the value of the indicator X (calculated as the quotient of the grant amount from the EEA FM for the project (PLN) for the annual potential reduction of 1 ton of CO2), the following points will be awarded within individual ranges:  5 points - $X \leq 300$ ; 4 points - $300 < X \leq 600$ ; 3 points - $600 < X \leq 900$ ; 2 points - $900 < X \leq 1500$ ; 1 point - $X > 1500$			
4.	Production of energy from renewable sources	1 point - for installations using energy from renewable sources 0 points - for installation using non-renewable sources	3	1	3
5.	Liquidation of local heat sources	Is the elimination of a coal fired source part of the project? 1 point - yes 0 points - no	4	1	4
6.	Achieving the status of an efficient heating system	The implementation of the project will allow to achieve an efficient district heating system or the project only contributes to achieving this status? [In accordance with the EED directive] 5 points - if it achieves this status 2 points - if it contributes to achieving such status; 0 points - if it does not contribute  <b>Obtaining 0 points in this element causes the application to be rejected.</b>	1	5	5
7.	The use of energy storage	Is the energy storage installation an element of the project: 1 point - yes 0 points - no	2	1	2
8.	Possession of energy management systems	2 points - the applicant holds an ISO 50001 or EMAS certificate or an equivalent certificate confirming the implementation of an energy management system 0 points - the applicant does not have an energy management system introduction certificate	1	2	2
9	Increasing public awareness of energy efficiency	5 points – the project’s scope includes carrying out an informational campaign on project’s impact on the environment  0 points – the projects’ scope does not include carrying out any informational campaign on project’s impact on the environment	1	5	5
10.	Costs Eligibility	Do all costs (incurred or to be incurred) within project are strictly related to the project scope and are necessary to its completion 1 point - all costs planned to be incurred are necessary to project implementation and its effect achievement and comply with eligible costs catalogue 0 points - not all expenses planned to be incurred are necessary to implement the project and its effect achievement and comply with eligible costs catalogue <b>Obtaining 0 points in this criterion causes the application to be rejected.</b>	1	1	1
10.	Participation of partners from Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein	3 points – The project is implemented in partnership with a partner from Donor States: Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein (letter of intent or partnership agreement) 1 point – The project is implemented in cooperation with a partner from Donor States: Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein (other documented partner participation/cooperation) –	1	3	3

		0 points – The project is not implemented in partnership/cooperation with a partner from Donor States: Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein			
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