

**Criteria of the 1st degree merit evaluation of project concept notes submitted
under the Environment, Energy and Climate Change Programme
implemented as part of the EEA Financial Mechanism for 2014-2021
“The construction of an installation for fuel (pellets) production
from agricultural and forestry biomass“**

Criteria for assessing project concept notes	Number of points
1. Criterion of the consistency of the project with the assumptions of local planning and strategic documents	
The objective of the implementation of the project in light of local planning and strategic documents – the need to implement the project is consistent with a strategy and/or plan addressing the problem of combating energy poverty at the local level, and/or the Low-Emission Economy Plan, and/or the local energy strategy.	0-10
2. Criterion of project feasibility and viability (the overall project logic)	
<p>A diagnosis of the needs based on current data – the results of the diagnosis indicate the existence of the problem.</p> <p>The description of the project objective and possible alternative ways of solving the problem – a description of the main goal of the project has been presented and a viable method(s) has been selected, appropriately justifying the manner of attaining the assumed objective.</p> <p>The validity/adequacy of the actions proposed – actions create a logical and consistent whole and they are appropriate for achieving the results and the assumed environmental effect of the project.</p> <p>The project budget and timetable – the financial plan has been realistically estimated, corresponds with the values set out in the announcement of the call for proposals and the project can feasibly be implemented in the proposed timeframe.</p> <p>Indicators – the project takes into account the required indicators resulting from its material scope and the target values can realistically be achieved in light of the actions planned in the project.</p>	0 - 10
3. Criterion of the potential impact of the project and a pilot character of the project	
<p>A pilot character of the project is understood as the development of new solutions suitable to address the problem of energy poverty and low emissions, promoting, at the same time, the energy self-sufficiency of municipalities.</p> <p>It is possible to replicate and adapt solutions applied in the project in other locations where the energy poverty problem occurs. The assumptions adopted will make it possible to assess whether the planned actions bring the desired results as well as enable risk identification and management in projects of this type.</p>	0 - 10
4. Criterion of energy poverty mitigation by introducing sustainable energy solutions	
<p>The instruments applied enable the reduction of energy poverty in the project area, while ensuring, at the same time, sustainable energy policy based on renewable energy sources from biomass.</p> <p>The scope of the project encompasses the largest possible number of energy poor households which have been/will be equipped with installations designed for pellet combustion.</p>	0-10

5. Criterion of the raw material base and the origin of the raw material for pellet production	
The raw material for pellet production derives from agricultural and forestry biomass with a high calorific value. In the applicant's area, there is a sufficient raw material base which can be used for pellet production to meet the needs of the energy poor households. In the case where in applicant's area the quantity of the raw material is not sufficient, a reliable, reasonable and logistically feasible manner of acquiring the raw material for pellet production to meet the needs of the energy poor residents has been presented.	0 - 10
6. Criterion of the selection of educational actions in the project	
Information and educational actions – the project provides for the implementation of an information and educational campaign to raise the residents' awareness of the need to protect the air and climate, in particular, against pollutants from individual combustion sources.	0 - 5
TOTAL	0 – 55

The minimum number of points for the particular criteria which qualifies a project for the further stage of the verification procedure is more than 0 in the case of criteria 2, 3, 4 and 5.