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// ELENA – European Local ENergy Assistance (European Investment Bank) European Union

Short Description

ELENA is a joint initiative by the European Investment Bank and the European Commission under the Horizon 2020 programme. A team of experts, consisting of engineers and economists with extensive experience in the energy and transport sectors, lead the ELENA facility.

Year // duration

Established in 2009, ongoing

Objective

ELENA provides technical assistance for energy efficiency and renewable energy investments targeting buildings and innovative urban transport. ELENA technical assistance projects should not be profit making.

Eligibility (sectors & activities)

ELENA provides support to three different sectors and for that purpose, three different envelopes were developed:

Energy efficiency

ELENA supports the preparation of projects that improve energy efficiency and renewable energy use in buildings. Eligible projects include:

- energy efficiency in residential and non-residential buildings
- building-integrated renewables (such as solar panels)
- public lighting
- district heating (including combined heat and power plants and biomass boilers)
- smart grids

Sustainable residential

We help private individuals and homeowner associations prepare and implement energy efficiency renovations and renewable energy projects for residential buildings. Projects include:

- Single family buildings;
- Multi-family buildings;
- Social housing.

Urban transport and mobility

We also support innovative transport and mobility projects in urban areas that save

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energy and reduce emissions. Eligible projects include:

- Investments to support the use and integration of innovative solutions that promote alternative fuels in urban mobility, such as vehicles and refuelling infrastructure.
- Investments to promote the wide-scale rollout of new, more energy-efficient transport, which in urban areas can take many forms, such as shared mobility, urban logistics, intelligent transport systems, urban infrastructure (including investments in soft mobility, or mobility that does not involve motorised transport.)

Activities eligible for ELENA grants include:

- technical studies, energy audits
- business plans and financial advisory
- legal advice
- tendering procedure preparation
- project bundling
- project management

Eligibility (stakeholders)

Public sector

- EU Member States
- Government organisations
- Regional, local and municipal authorities
- Public corporations
- Financial institutions

Private sector

- Private entities planning to develop and support eligible investments (associations, mixed public/private, banks etc.)
- Other private associations (social housing associations or homeowner associations).

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Implementing body

European Investment Bank EIB

Investment programme size (EUR)

Typically, ELENA supports investment programmes above €30 million with a three-year implementation period for energy efficiency (residential projects included) and four-year period for urban transport and mobility. ELENA encourages and supports the aggregation of different projects to increase the attractiveness for contractors and financiers.

Results

Established in 2009, the ELENA facility has awarded more than €180 million of EU support, mobilising an estimated investment of around €6.6 billion (as of end 2019).

For successfully completed projects funded by ELENA, visit:

<https://www.eib.org/en/products/advising/elena/completed-projects/index.htm>.

Since 2021, the Jelgava Municipal Housing Management Company JNIP is implementing an ELENA project in Latvia: a selection of numerous outdated multi-family buildings owned by homeowner associations (HOA) and managed by JNIP will be refurbished to increase energy efficiency and meet significantly higher energy standards. For more information, please contact GREEN Home project partner IWO.

Application // requirements

- 1) To submit an initial proposal for funding, contact ELENA directly by email at elena@eib.org and use the pre-application form available online (link see bottom).
- 2) If your project meets the eligibility criteria and is selected for full appraisal, the ELENA team will support you



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during the next steps of the application process, during which you need to complete one of the following application forms:

- ✓ ELENA application form for energy and residential projects
 - ✓ ELENA application form for mobility projects
 - ✓ Declaration by the applicant. By submitting the declaration, you agree to ELENA's Privacy Policy
- 3) The European Commission will provide the final approval based on the ELENA team's assessment.
 - 4) More information about ELENA and its eligibility criteria are also available in the FAQ available online (link see bottom).

Source:

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