



The Horizon 2020 Energy Research Programme at a Glance

Programme	Societal Challenge 3 – Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy
Funding agency	European Commission, DG Research & Innovation
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system • Create opportunities for new jobs and economic growth
Theme	Mostly predefined topics (top-down)
Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for proposals: Three-year work programme with one call for proposals each year • Proposal submission: Several months after the call for proposals (about half of the call topics follow a single stage application procedure, the remaining call topics use a two stage procedure) • Project start: About 8-12 months after proposal submission
Consortium	Estimated average of 5-15 partners
Duration	Usually 3-5 years
Funding rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research & Innovation Action: 100% of all direct costs + fixed overhead rate of 25% • Innovation Action: 70% of all direct costs (100% for non-profit organisations) + fixed overhead rate of 25% <p>Direct costs include: personnel, consumables, equipment, travel and others</p>
Funding	€ 1-9 million for most projects; few significantly larger projects up to € 40 million
Success criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific and Technological Quality • Implementation • Impact
Success rate	Estimated 10-12%
Website	http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020
Relevant additional funding sources	ERA-NET Bioenergy, SOLAR-ERA.NET Cofund

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