



Innovation Fund Expert Group

12 July 2022



Agenda

10.30 – 10.45

Stefaan VERGOTE, Head of Unit CLIMA

- Welcome and introduction: [REPowerEU Plan](#) and the Innovation Fund

10.45 – 11.15

Ewelina DANIEL & Carla BENAUGES, Policy Officers

- Results of the stakeholder consultations on the 3rd call for large-scale projects: manufacturing workshops and survey

11.15 – 11:35

Ewelina DANIEL, Policy Officer

- Proposed structure and coverage of the 3rd call for large-scale projects

11.35 – 12:00

Q&A

Lunchtime

14.00 – 15:00

Roman DOUBRAVA, Head of Unit CINEA

- 2nd call for large-scale projects: process, results and next steps

15:00 – 15:30

Q&A

15:30 – 15:40

Closure



REPowerEU Plan & Innovation Fund

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1. Fitfor55: progress in co-decision

End of June: ENV Council General Approach as well as EP Plenary vote: key issues

- Size of the Innovation Fund
- Scope of the Innovation Fund (& rebranding?)
- Earmarking/special attention for specific areas
- Geographical balance
- Transparency
- Support for competitive bidding (CCFD's)
- Frontloading of monetization of allowances

Next steps

- Trilogue process
- Next year : implementation - revision of the delegated act

2. REPowerEU



REPowerEU Plan Communication, Annexes and Staff working paper



Amendments to Renewable Energy Directive, Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and Energy Efficiency Directive



EU Save Energy Communication



EU Solar Strategy Communication



EU External Energy Engagement Communication



Recommendation on speeding up permit-granting procedures for renewable energy projects and facilitating Power Purchase Agreements

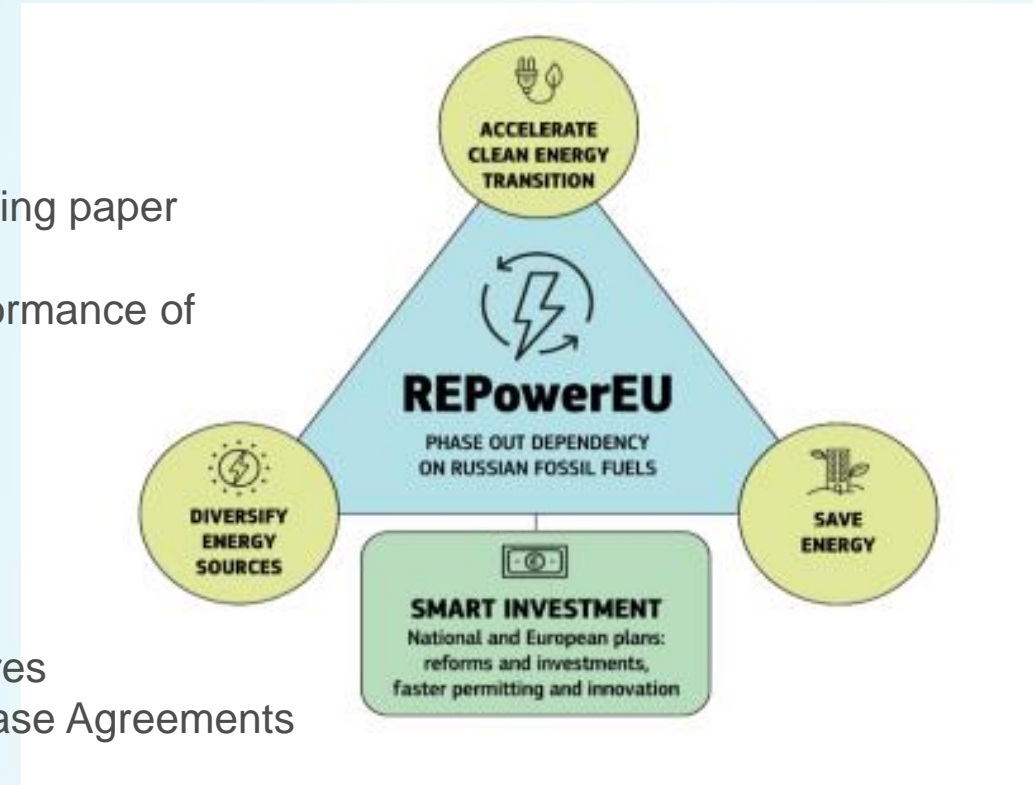


Amendment to RRF Regulation and Guidance



Outside the package but adopted on the same day:

Electricity Market Design Communication



REPowerEU: Smart Investment

REPowerEU chapter in revised recovery and resilience plans

Synergies and complementarities with **cohesion policy**

New call under **Connecting Europe Facility**

Enhanced transfer possibility of cohesion policy and EAFRD to RRF

Innovation Fund

- 1) **accelerating the deployment,**
- 2) **dedicated REPower windows**
- 3) **new tool of C(C)fD**

REPowerEU: Next Large-Scale Call

- Budget made available for **3LSC: 3bn** + 20% flexibility reserve
- In the 3 LSC, thanks to increased budget and due to REPowerEU priorities, the IF will become **more focused** by creating 3 dedicated windows (topics) for:
 - innovative **electrification and hydrogen applications in industry**
 - innovative **clean tech manufacturing** (such as electrolysers and fuel cells, innovative renewable equipment, energy storage or heat pumps)
 - **mid-sized pilot projects** that focus on validating, testing and optimising highly innovative solutions.
- **Fully bottom-up approach** (in the main window) **and award criteria** as defined in Delegated Regulation are preserved to serve existing project pipeline that covers all areas eligible under IF, as defined in ETS Directive

Thematic REPowerEU windows

- The windows definitions aim to continue to **benefit numerous/all sectors** eligible under the IF and avoid “parcelling” IF
- will allow to cater for specific **policy priorities**
- will reserve a **dedicated budget envelope**
- will make **competition among projects more focused**
- Commission is minded to **elicit projects that can enter into operation faster**
- Commission is minded to **provide additional guidance on some methodological aspects** and **adapt call conditions where necessary**