APPENDIX

List of funding support programs

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Financial incentives

Country	Name	Description	Link
Slovenia	**Public Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation of the Republic of Slovenia (ARIS)**	The aim of the public call will be to support consortia of companies to implement PD projects that focus on the circular economy to achieve environmental goals and objectives in the NEPN - the National Energy and Climate Plan of the Republic of Slovenia. The purpose of the public call will be to encourage final recipients to carry out development and innovation activities, the result of which is the implementation of pilot demonstration projects (hereinafter: PD projects) for the development and testing or demonstration of new or improved products, processes or services with high added value and market potential, in the field of green transition and for strengthening resilience.	
Slovenia	**Slovenski podjetniški sklad (Slovenian enterprise fund)**	Financial incentives for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises: V1 | Voucher for participation in economic delegations abroad	
Slovenia	**Slovenski podjetniški sklad (Slovenian enterprise fund)**	Financial incentives for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises: V2 | Voucher for patents, designs, trademarks	
Slovenia	**Slovenski podjetniški sklad (Slovenian enterprise fund)**	Financial incentives for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises V3 | Certificate Voucher	
Slovenia	**Slovenski podjetniški sklad (Slovenian enterprise fund)**	Financial incentives for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises V4 | Ownership Transfer Voucher	
Slovenia	**Slovenski podjetniški sklad (Slovenian enterprise fund)**	Financial incentives for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises V5 | Voucher for corporate transformation	
Slovenia	**Slovenski podjetniški sklad (Slovenian enterprise fund)**	Financial incentives for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises V6 | Voucher for co-financing the preparation of project proposals for calls for proposals under the second pillar of the EU Framework Programme Horizon Europe	

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Slovenia	**Slovenski podjetniški sklad (Slovenian enterprise fund)**	Financial incentives for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises V7 | Voucher for co-financing the preparation of project proposals for calls for proposals under the European Innovation Council (EIC) sub-programmes under Horizon Europe	
Slovenia	**Slovenski podjetniški sklad (Slovenian enterprise fund)**	Financial incentives for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises Digitalization vouchers are an incentive for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises with the possibility of 60% co-financing of key areas of digitalization. The Slovenian Enterprise Fund (SPS) has published public calls for digitalization vouchers. Four vouchers are being offered on the topics of increasing digital competences, digital marketing, preparing a digital strategy and cybersecurity.	
Slovenia	**SPIRIT Slovenia Business Development Agency**	Financial incentives for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises Public call for proposals to promote partnerships for entry into foreign markets 2025-2028	
Slovenia	**SPIRIT Slovenia Business Development Agency**	Financial incentives for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises Public call for co-financing of individual company appearances at international fairs in 2024–2028	

Financing investment

Country	Name	Description	Link
Slovenia	**SID Bank (SID – Slovenska izvozna in razvojna banka, d.d., Ljubljana)**	Financing investment projects that contribute to the transition to a circular economy (INVESTMENTS 3): Loan for financing sustainable investment projects by type of de minimis state aid	

Funding

Country	Name	Description	Link
Europe	**Interreg**		
Europe	**The Up2Circ Accelerator**	The Up2Circ Accelerator's Second Open Call aims to support up to 40 projects that validate the adoption of circular business models and implement concrete actions toward circular products, processes, and services. Small Scale Projects (Feasibility Studies): Funding: €15,000 Project Duration: 6 months; Large Scale Projects (Piloting and Demonstration): Funding: €50,000; Project Duration: 12 months. Applications can be submitted online starting March 1, 2025.	
Europe	**Tekniker**	greenSME is a European Union-funded initiative under the Horizon Europe program, designed to assist manufacturing small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in adopting sustainable practices through advanced technologies and social innovation. SME will receive financial support of up to 35.000 EUR, to implement the elaborated action plan.	
Europe	**Eureka Innowide**	What: up to 60,000EUR for feasibility study target markets in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Oceania If you are an innovative SME, you can apply to Innowwide for a grant of 60,000 euro to assess the viability of your research or commercial ambitions in international markets. Over a six-month period, SMEs can conduct market feasibility studies for innovative projects or solutions and work with local experts in the selected target country.	
Denmark Finland Iceland Norway Sweden	**NEFCO**	International financial institution founded by the five Nordic countries, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Nefco finances the initial scale-up of Nordic green solutions on the international markets. Nefco offers a range of different finance options incl. loans and equity-type financing, Green recovery loan financing, and concessionary loans for internationalization.	

Country	Name	Description	Link
Denmark Finland Iceland Norway Sweden	**NOPEF (the Nordic project fund)**	Established by the Nordic countries and financed through the budget of the Nordic Council of Ministers. Nopef offers funding for feasibility studies	
Norway Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus Czech Rep. Estonia Greece Hungary Latvia Lithuania Malta Poland Portugal Romania Slovakia Slovenia	**EEA/Norway Grants**	The EEA and Norway Grants are funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The Grants have two goals – to contribute to a more equal Europe, both socially and economically – and to strengthen the relations between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, and the 15 Beneficiary States in Europe. - Innovation, Research, Education and Competitiveness - Social Inclusion, Youth Employment and Poverty Reduction - Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy - Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance and Fundamental Rights and Freedoms - Justice and Home Affairs - Fund for Regional Cooperation - Fund for Youth Employment	
Norway	**Trøndelag Fylkeskommune**	The region in Mid-Norway that can support clusters, collaboration between political and private organisations. Funded RENERGY for 2023-2024	
Poland	**Aid for Energy-Intensive Industries Program**	Funding for business: The aim of the program is to reduce the emissions of energy-intensive sectors of Polish industry.	
Poland	**Programs supporting innovation and energy technologies**	Funding for business, startups and science: The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) supports innovative technologies, for example in the field of renewable energy, energy storage and hydrogen.	

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Poland	**Renewable energy programs**	Funding for business: It includes support for My Wind Power Plant, the development of energy storage facilities and renewable energy technologies.	
Portugal	**ANI - Agência Nacional de Inovação (R&D Incentives)**	Funding to Portuguese entities: Funding schemes to support research and technological development, individually or in co-promotion.	
Portugal	**Compete 2030**	Funding to Portuguese entities: Support for companies in productive innovation, qualification, and internationalization.	
Portugal	**Fundo Ambiental**	Funding to Portuguese entities: Supports projects on decarbonization, circular economy, energy efficiency, and sustainable mobility.	
Portugal	**Portugal 2030**	Funding to Portuguese entities: Framework of European Structural and Investment Funds (successor of Portugal 2020) with multiple open calls for projects.	
Portugal	**Portugal Ventures**	Funding to Portuguese entities (with some international co-investment possible) : Programs for funding, incubation, and investment in innovative startups and SMEs.	
Portugal	**PRR - Plano de Recuperação e Resiliência**	Funding to Portuguese entities: National program funded by NextGenerationEU to support projects in digital transition, climate action and economic resilience.	
Portugal	**Startup Portugal**	Funding to Portuguese entities (with some international co-investment possible) : Programs for funding, incubation, and investment in innovative startups and SMEs.	
Sweden	**Blekinge län**	Funding to Swedish companies: Support for companies can be provided as energy mapping checks, support for consulting services, micro grants, participation in fairs, investment grants and skills checks.	
Sweden	**EKN - Exportkreditnämnden**	Insuring export companies and banks against the risk of non-payment in export transactions. EKN's guarantees are utilized by banks and exporting companies. Companies providing credits to their customers and banks providing loans to buyers of Swedish goods and services cover their risks of non-payment. Banks also cover their risk on Swedish companies in connection with operating and investment financing.	
Sweden	**Kalmar län**	Funding to Swedish companies: Support for small and medium-sized companies in Kalmar County. The aim is to stimulate sustainable development and growth throughout the county.	

Country	Name	Description	Link
Sweden	**Kronobergs län**	Funding to Swedish companies: Market development for a new or existing market. 20,000 SEK - 200,000 SEK – corresponding to a maximum of 50% of the costs of the requested investment.	
Sweden	**Region Skåne**	Funding to Swedish companies: Business development checks will help increase the competitiveness of Skåne companies. Internationalization checks up to SEK 250,000 to prepare for a venture in a market outside Sweden	
Sweden	**SEK – Svensk Exportkredit**	Finances Swedish exporters, their subsidiaries, and foreign customers. The target group is companies that have a turnover of more than SEK 500 million.	
Sweden	**Tillväxtverket - The Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth**	Knowledge, networks and financing	
Ukraine	**AI Accelerator**	Funding for startups: Acceleration program for scaling startups with MVP	
Ukraine	**AngelOne**	Funding for startups: Funding startups for scaling	
Ukraine	**Brave fund**	Funding UA SMEs and startups: Grant for the development of artificial intelligence technologies in the field of defense and security	
Ukraine	**CLUST**	Funding for startups: Grant for startups and co-founders to create and develop MVP	
Ukraine	**Entrepreneurship Development Fund**	Funding for business: Grant project "From training to employment for women and other target groups"	
Ukraine	**Entrepreneurship Development Fund**	Funding for business: Program "Access to Finance and Support for the Sustainability of MSMEs in Ukraine"	
Ukraine	**European Commision**	Funding for UA+EU consortia: EU Connecting Europe Facility Program — Energy (CEF Energy)	

Country	Name	Description	Link
Ukraine	**European Commision**	Funding for UA+EU consortia: LIFE program: Transition to clean energy	
Ukraine	**European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA)**	Funding UA SMEs and startups: Support for Ukrainian tech SMEs and start-ups	
Ukraine	**Horizon Europe**	Funding for UA+EU consortia: Grant for optimization of operation and maintenance of distribution networks	
Ukraine	**Horizon Europe**	Funding for UA+EU consortia: Grant to improve the reliability and efficiency of wind energy systems	
Ukraine	**Horizon Europe**	Funding for UA+EU consortia: Grant for the development of innovative thermal storage technologies in the energy sector	
Ukraine	**Ivano-Frankivsk Regional State Administration**	Funding for business: SME Development Program for 2021-2025 in Ivano-Frankivsk region	
Ukraine	**Ministry of Economy of Ukraine**	Funding for business: State program "Made in Ukraine"	
Ukraine	**State agency of energy efficiency and energy saving of Ukraine**	Funding for business: Support programs for small and medium-sized businesses	

Innovation

Country	Name	Description	Link
Nordics and Baltics	**Nordic Innovation**	Innovative Solutions for 2030 Nordic Forward: Resilience and Competitivenes for 2050 Nordic Growth and Capital Attraction Nordic Innovation is an organization under the Nordic Council of Ministers. We aim to make the Nordics a pioneering region for sustainable growth by promoting entrepreneurship, innovation and competitiveness in Nordic businesses. We support the Nordic prime ministers' vision that the Nordic region will become the most sustainable and integrated region in the world in 2030.	
Norway	**Innovasjon Norge**	Innovasjon Norge supports companies to grow, evelop sustainable solutions nd increase export.	

Liquidity loans

Country	Name	Description	Link
Slovenia	**Slovenski podjetniški sklad (Slovenian enterprise fund)**	Liquidity loans for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.	

National program for enterpreneurs and business

Country	Name	Description	Link
Poland	**Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy of Poland**	European Funds for Infrastructure, Climate, Environment (FEnIKS) - Support for enterprises in the field of energy efficiency, energy generation from renewable sources (photovoltaics, wind energy, biomass), biomethane production and energy storage.	
Poland	**Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy of Poland**	European Funds for a Modern Economy (FENG). This flagship program offers support across various thematic modules, such as the SMART Path. Entrepreneurs can obtain funding for research and development (R&D), innovation implementation, digital and green transformation, research infrastructure expansion, and employee competency development.	
Poland	**Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy of Poland**	National Reconstruction Plan (KPO). This program, supports, among other things, the green and digital transformation in the cultural and creative sectors.	
Poland	**Modernization Fund**	A new European Union instrument for 13 countries facing the greatest challenges in achieving EU CO2 emission reduction targets.	
Ukraine	**E-Work (єРобота)**	State grants for opening business.	

Research and development

Country	Name	Description	Link
Norway	**Forskningsrådet**	Supports research and developent projects for both private companies, research organisations and similar organisation	

Support

Country	Name	Description	Link
Nordics	**Nordic Research**	The purpose of Nordic cooperation is, on the one hand, to make it attractive to live, work and do business in the Nordic Region, and on the other hand, to strengthen the Nordic countries internationally. This is done by Nordic cooperation in many areas, such as research.NordForsk is an organisation under the Nordic Council of Ministers that provides funding for and facilitates Nordic cooperation on research and research infrastructure.	
Norway	**Enova**	Funding activities that shall reduce climate emissions, smaller or more efficient energy use in Norway	
Norway	**SIVA**	Siva develops, invests in and finances industry and national infrastructure using incubators, business gardens, catapult centres, innovation companies and centres and industrial buildings.	
Ukraine Norway	**NORAD Nansen programme**	Norad is an administrative and specialist body for development cooperation and supports the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Climate and the Environment in achieving the goals of Norwegian development policy and promoting sustainable development. The Nansen Programme for Ukraine is a Norwegian support programme for both civilian and military aid, with a total budget of NOK 205 billion for the period 2023–2030. In December 2024, both the budget and the duration were extended, and in March 2025, the budget was further increased by NOK 50 billion.	

About EU-UA Sunrise

The EU-UA SUNRISE project is committed to create **resilient, decentralised and smart energy systems** by promoting cross-border collaborations between SMEs and other energy stake-holders in six countries – Norway, Sweden, Slovenia, Portugal, Poland, and Ukraine.

The project provides matchmaking between SMEs with a focus on RES (solar, wind, biomass), energy efficiency, energy storage (including hydrogen), and smart energy management.

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