



Citizen and Renewable Energy Communities

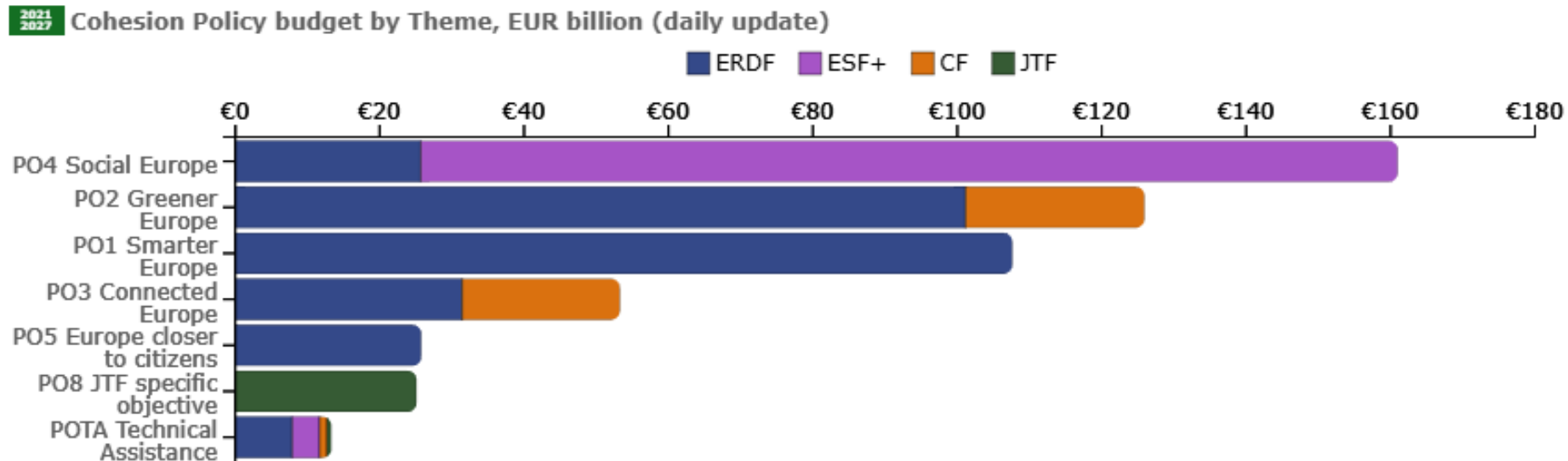
Overview of the EU Policy Framework for energy communities

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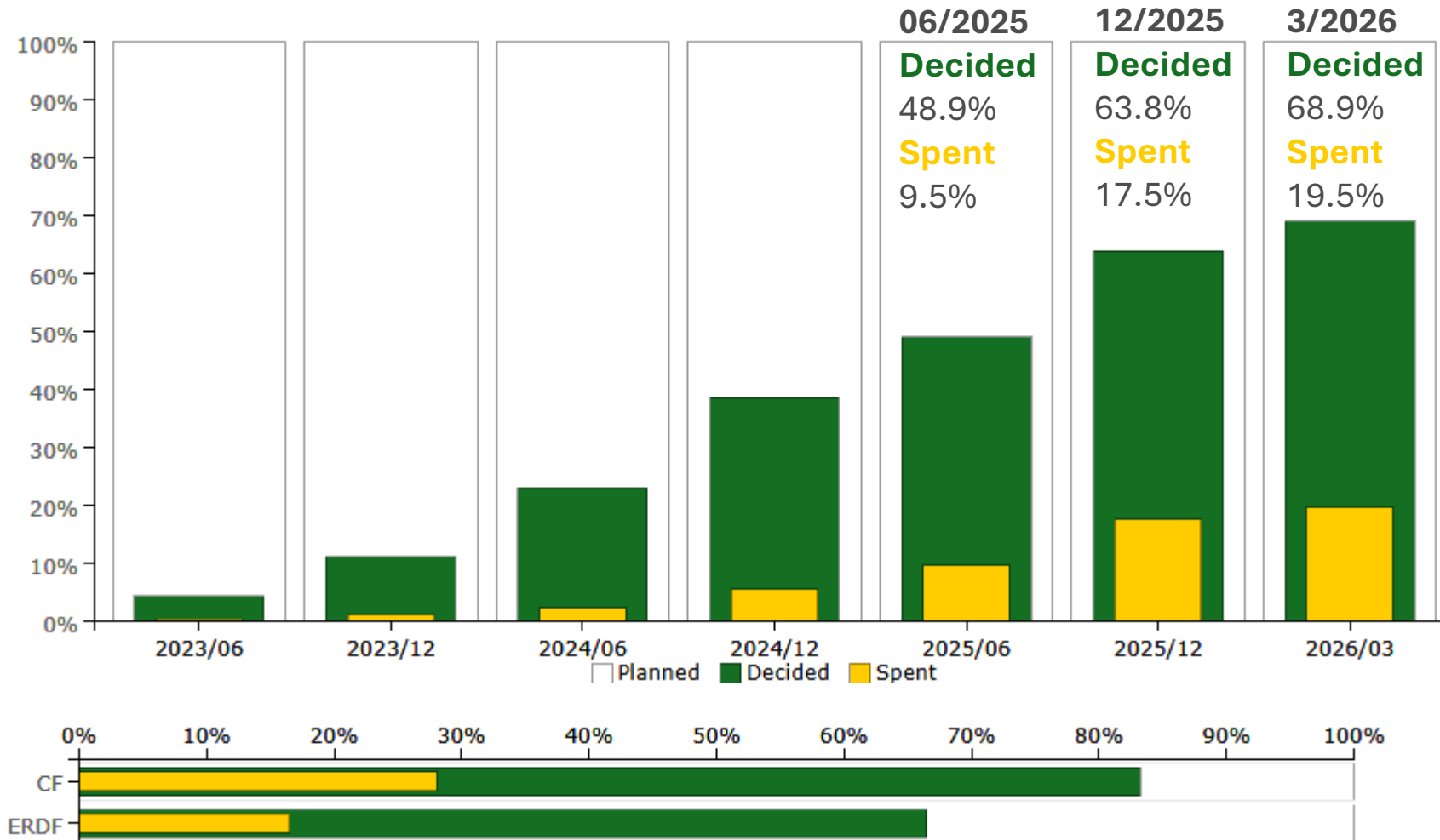
Cohesion Policy 2021-2027

- **EUR 129 billion in total amount** (EUR 94 billion EU) allocated for 2021–2027 **under PO2**.
- **EUR 60 billion in total amount** (EUR 43.7 billion EU resources) to the energy sector – including deployment of RES and investments in energy communities **under SO 2.2** mainly.



Refresh Date: 14/05/2026

PO2 implementation state of play 2021-2027 (03/26)



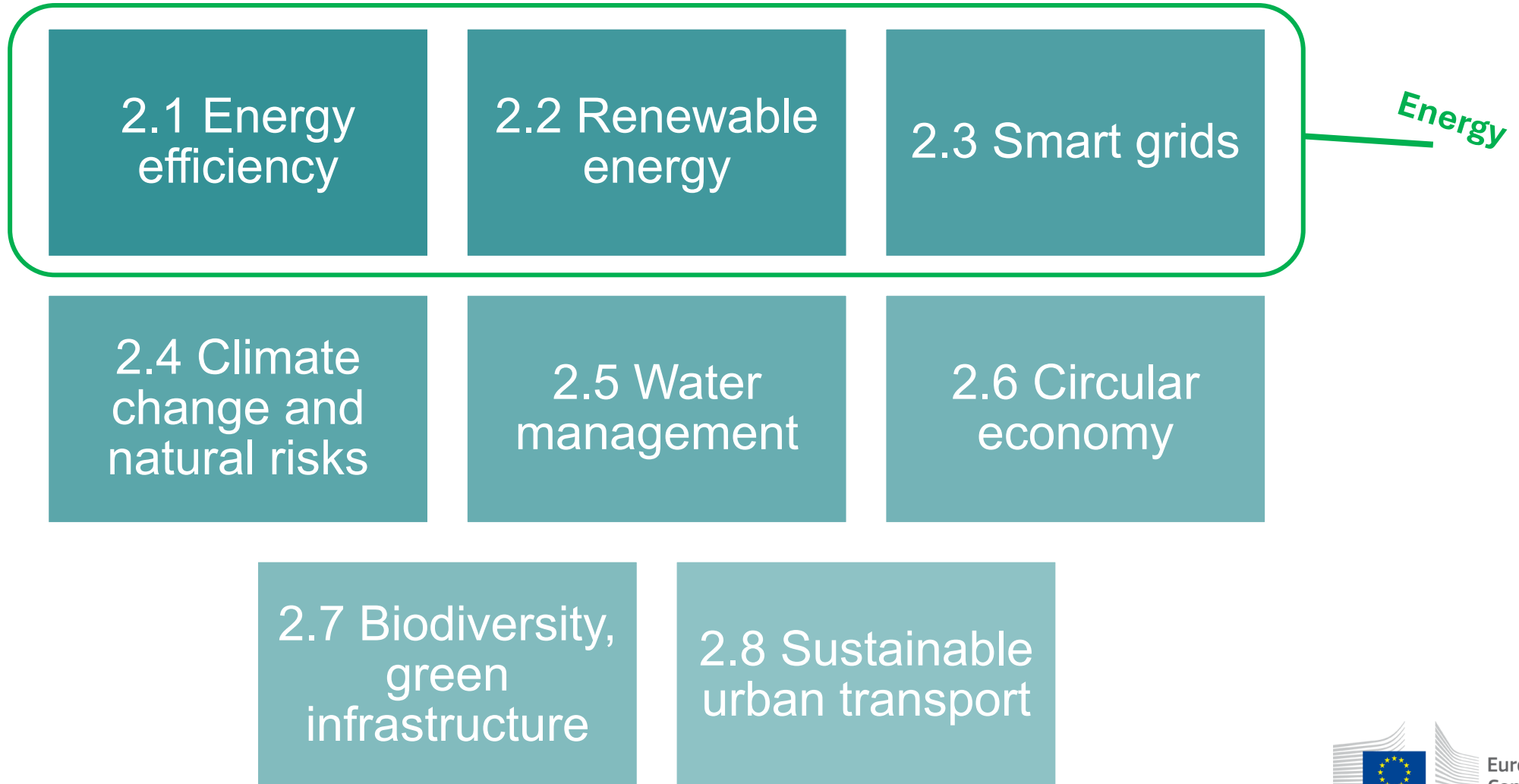
Findings:

Project selection reached nearly 70%, while expenditure more than doubled within last 10 months.

Cohesion Fund constantly outperforming ERDF on both selection and expenditure.

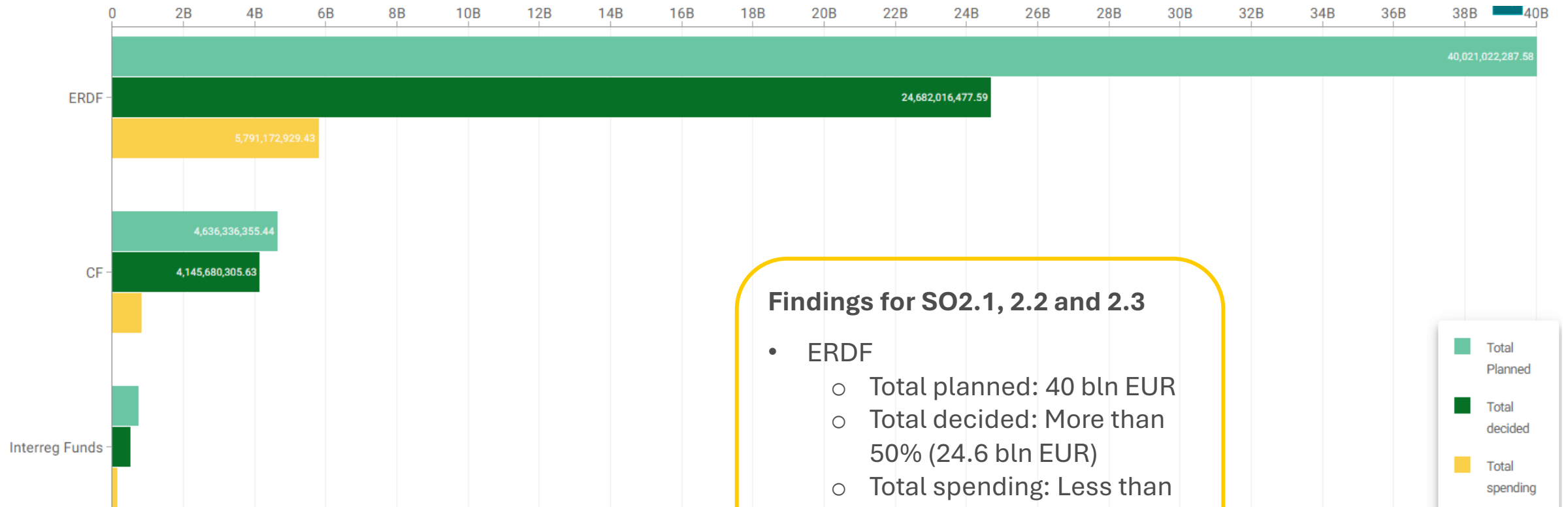
Source: Cohesion Open Data Platform

Policy objective 2: a greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe



State of play energy sector

Planned total amounts, selected/decided amounts and payments (cutoff date: 3/26)



Source: Cohesion Open Data Platform

Conclusions

- **Cohesion funds** have potential to act as a catalyst, launching community energy projects and crowding in private investment
- **Not all the funds are allocated yet** – differences between the MS
- **Difficult to track allocations for energy communities** due to lack of dedicated intervention field
- **RCO 97 - Renewable energy communities supported** (common output indicator under PO2)
 - Used by IT, PL, EL, NL, PT
 - Milestone value 2029: 5879
 - Implemented value (03.2026): 137 (IT mainly, NL and PL)
- So far **limited use of Cohesion funds** for energy communities

Interreg – Cross-border energy communities



Handbook

- Tool for citizens and local actors that provides a practical **step-by-step methodology for setting up a CBEC** or Q-CBEC and for developing its activities.
- Support to institutions at European, national, regional and local level in **understanding and promoting the benefits of CBEC** and Q-CBEC for territorial development.

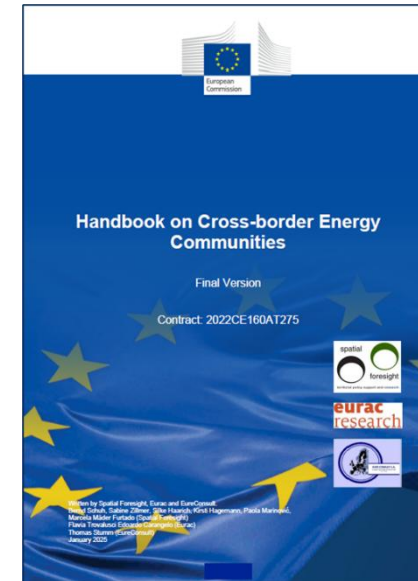


CBEC Pilot Action

- **7 Cross-Border Energy Community pilot projects selected**
- Initiative coordinated by MOT, AEBR, with the support of REScoop.eu, on behalf of the European Commission
- **15.000 EUR** for each pilot action + **Technical support** by REScoop.eu (2 dedicated workshops per pilot, continuous technical assistance and organization of thematic webinars)
- **Implementation:** March 2026 to February 2027

Useful links

- [Handbook on cross-border energy communities](#)
 - [Annex: Border Fiches](#)
- More info about call for pilots on CBECs:
 - cbec@mot.asso.fr
 - [Cross-Border Energy Communities \(CBECs\) - AEBR](#)



C4T technical assistance offered by DG REGIO



C4T conference (18 June, Brussels)

- **Register:** [C4T Conference - 4th Edition](#)



Agenda

- **Cohesion funds for clean technology** (STEP and MTR results)
- **Wildfire prevention and preparedness**
- **Update on the new DNSH guidance**
- Break out rooms centred around specific **PO2 projects**:
 - Nature-Based Solutions for water resilience
 - Climate adaptation in cities
 - Tackling energy poverty



C4T Technical assistance

- **C4T Groundwork** – support to overcome challenges with the implementation of the PO2 investments (including energy communities)
- Synergies with other TAs, including JASPERS
- **Next call:** beginning of June 2026
- **Online info session:** 26 June, 13:00-14:00 CET
- TA help desk at the conference



Designing effective calls for energy communities

C4T Guidance for MAs

Energy communities can support key goals of Cohesion Policy through:

- Energy affordability
- Social inclusion
- Local economic development
- Clean energy transition objectives

Practical recommendations

1. Clarify eligibility

- Clarify eligible legal entities
- Clarify eligible activities
- Define what is not eligible

2. Strengthen applicant support

- Partner with local/national federations
- Work with DSOs
- Use One-Stop-Shops for support

3. Facilitate financing

- Enable simplified financial reporting
- Ensure timely reimbursements
- Allow pre-financing / lump sum options

Eligibility & evaluation criteria

- Governance
- Social inclusion
- Environment
- Economic viability

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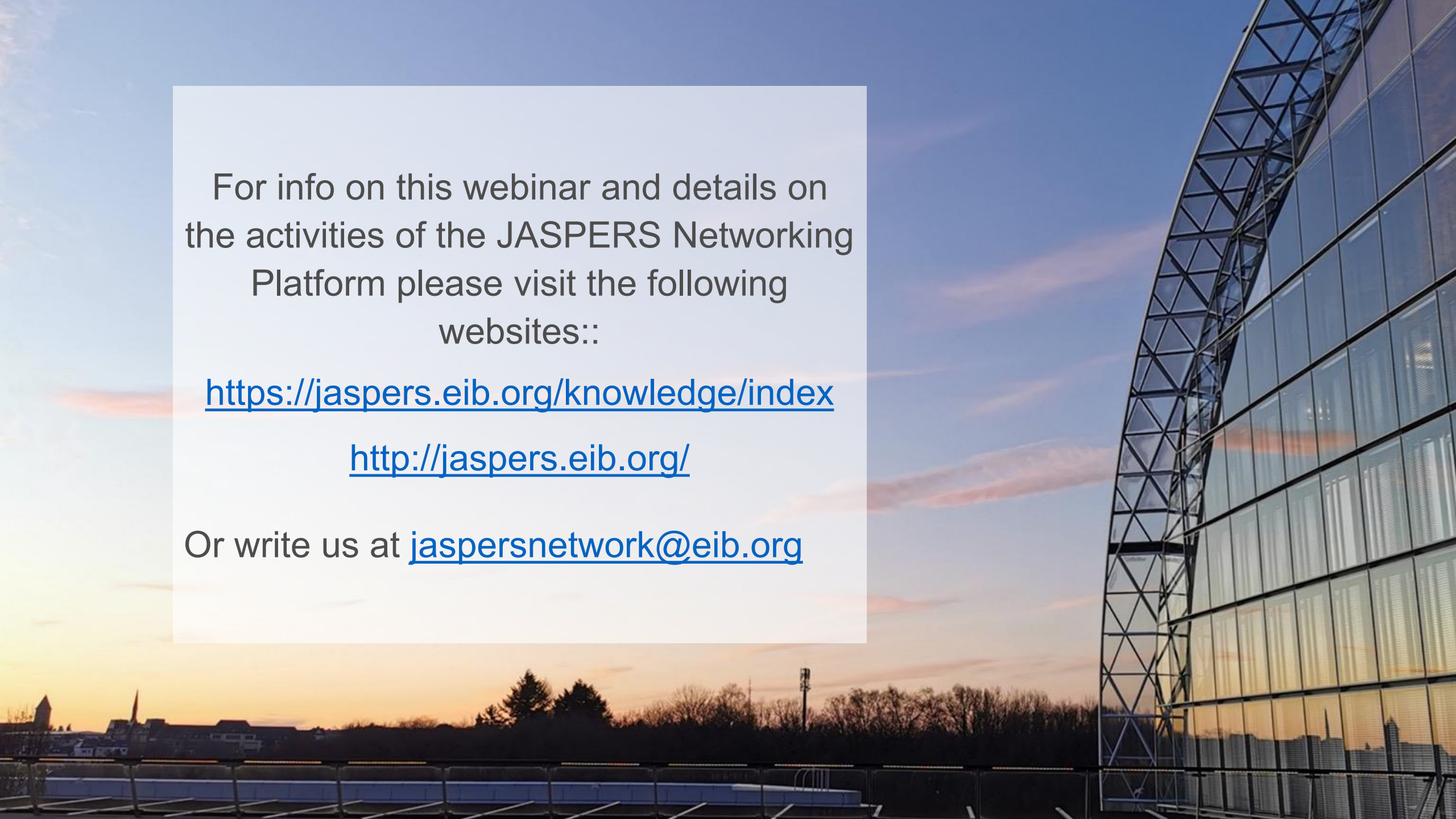


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A photograph of a modern glass skyscraper at sunset. The building's curved facade and steel framework are visible on the right side. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with a few wispy clouds. In the foreground, there's a dark silhouette of a city skyline and some trees. The overall scene is a mix of urban architecture and natural light.

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