About the EUCF application

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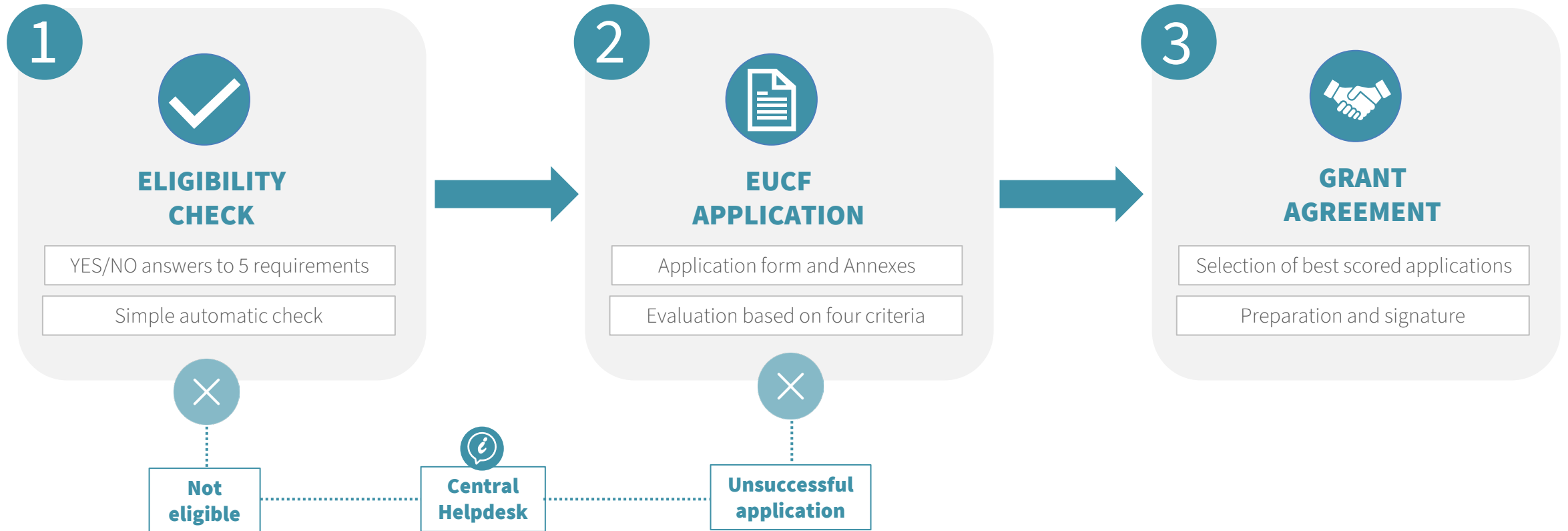

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Overall EUCF Application Process

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ELIGIBILITY CHECK

| YES/NO answers to 5 requirements |
| Simple automatic check |

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Not eligible

Central Helpdesk

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EUCF APPLICATION

| Application form and Annexes |
| Evaluation based on four criteria |

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Unsuccessful application

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GRANT AGREEMENT

| Selection of best scored applications |
| Preparation and signature |

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Full application and supporting documents

Application form

1. Identification of applicant

2. Political commitment

3. Proposed investment project

4. Use of EUCF support

Supporting documents

SECAP or other local climate and/ or energy plan with mitigation targets

Letter of support to the development of the investment concept

Common mistakes in Call 5

…and how we tried to address them for Call 6.

- **Lack of details in the descriptions of criteria 2 (Governance structure) and 3 (Stakeholder engagement)**

  Applicants must address all the elements listed in the requirements in the application form. Half of the total possible score in the evaluation of these criteria is based on the assessment of whether these elements are included in the description.

  Description was adjusted to highlight more clearly (in bullet points) the information to be included in the description.

- **Unrealistic/ deviating figures provided for impacts in energy savings and renewable energy generation**

  Applicants often provide these figures in units different than those required in the application form. Expected energy savings and/or renewable energy generation must be provided in GWh/y. Problems with the plausibility of the figures will be verified and penalised in the evaluation of criterion 4.

  Pop-up windows were added to the application form in case of very high impacts.

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- **Measures and expected investment refer to the use of the EUCF grant**

  The application form must provide information about the proposed investment concept to be developed by the applicant with EUCF support, in case selected. The expected investment size and the intended measures to be listed in section 3.7 of the application form does not refer to the used of the 60 000 EUR of the EUCF grant.

  Pop-up windows were added to the application form in case the expected investment size indicate is equal to 60 000 EUR.

- **Problems in filling table 3.7 – Intended measures**

  Most problems are related to the lack of details and specifications. Applicants often do not break down the proposed project in measures that allow for a better understanding the expected costs and impacts. Double-counting of identical energy savings and energy production of the same measure are also common.

  Examples were added as a reference in the updated Guidelines for Applicants as well as further tips and recommendations

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What to consider for the EUCF application

✓ **At least one mitigation target** from the SECAP or other local climate and/or energy plan must be indicated in the application form

✓ Expected investments and impacts must be **summarized per sector in a table** in the application. The total investment size and total impacts are automatically calculated from the investment components in this table. Examples are provided in the Guidelines for Applicants

✓ **Projects focused on energy efficiency** are appreciated in the evaluation of criterion 1 (Ambition of the proposed investment project)

✓ The description of the **Governance Structure** and **Stakeholder Engagement Strategy** should address all elements required in the respective questions

✓ **Incoherent and unrealistic figures** for expected investment size and impacts (energy savings and/or RE generation) will be penalised in the evaluation of criterion 4 (Coherence and Plausibility)

✓ Applications must **be unique and tailored to the local context**: applications with duplicate/similar content in the descriptions cannot be considered for EUCF support.

✓ **Beneficiaries from previous calls cannot apply again** in current EUCF calls for applications

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