



Checklist for EEP Africa Applications in CfP15

Minimum Eligibility Criteria	
<i>All these claims need to be true for the concept note to be considered for shortlisting.</i>	
The Lead Applicant is a registered legal entity (e.g. a private company, including start-ups, non-profit or social enterprise) at the time of application.	
The Lead Applicant is not an individual, research institution or government institution, e.g. Ministries, National/Provincial/District authorities or UN agencies). (Such organisations are eligible only as partners, not leads.)	
The project can be categorised as a feasibility study or a pilot, demonstration, replication, or scale-up project.	
The project is NOT in pre-feasibility stage and is not focused solely on research or policy development.	
The project supports the introduction of renewable energy or energy efficiency technologies.	
The main project focus is NOT on fossil fuels, e.g. natural gas, LPG etc. (See the NDF Environmental & Social Policy and Guidelines for exclusion list.)	
Key project activities take place within the 15 target countries of EEP Africa.	
The planned project duration does not exceed 24 months (after signing of the contract).	
Applied EEP Africa financing is within the range of EUR 200,000-500,000.	
Minimum co-financing constitutes 30% of the total project budget. Higher co-financing is preferred.	
The project is aligned with national policies and legislation of the country of implementation.	
The project is aligned with EEP Africa's cross cutting objectives (climate change, poverty reduction, development effectiveness, inclusive development, and human rights).	
The project complies with NDF's Environmental and Social Policy and Guidelines 2017	

Characteristics of a Strong Application

The following statements illustrate characteristics that enhance the strength of an application. Strong performance in one of these areas may compensate for deficiencies in another, but clear deficiencies in multiple areas will likely lead to exclusion. Checking all the boxes in this table is not a guarantee of shortlisting.

The project promotes gender inclusion and creates opportunities for women in the clean energy sector.	
The application is from a women entrepreneur or a women-led organisation. (This is NOT a requirement; all eligible entities are welcome to apply.)	
The business model of the project and future steps towards financial sustainability are clearly defined.	
The project demonstrates strong co-financing (for example "skin in the game" in terms of equity investment by the project partners).	
The project demonstrates a strong element of innovation in either technology / business model / geographical focus / partnership / productive use or other.	
The project developer can clearly articulate the additionality of EEP Africa financing. The proposal answers the question why is this funding needed.	
The projects supports the SDGs, with particular focus on: No Poverty (SDG 1); Gender Equality (SDG 5); Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7); Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8); and Climate Action (SDG 13).	
The project demonstrates a strong and quantifiable contribution towards one or more of the key development targets of EEP Africa: people with enhanced energy access, savings on energy-related expenditure, women in leadership, direct job creation, mobilised finance, reduced GHG emissions, and clean energy capacity.	
The project demonstrates strong local engagement and partnerships and/or a deep understanding of the project environment. Local engagement can be demonstrated through local companies, ownership, employment, co-financing, community participation and years of operation in the country.	
The project clear articulates its contribution to the empowerment of vulnerable groups (e.g. women, youth, minorities).	
The project location within a country/region is clearly defined.	
The technology(ies) that the project plans to apply are clearly defined.	