

SUMMARY
OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR BILATERAL ACTIVITY
within
the Bilateral Fund on programme level
Renewable Energy Programme (HU03)
EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014

“A” component

PARTICIPATION AT
GEOHERMAL WORKSHOP IN ICELAND FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
(HU03-Bilat-A-2017)

1. OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND AND THE PRESENT CALL

The overall objective of the Fund is to strengthen bilateral relations between Donor States and Hungary.

The aim is to **increase the extent of cooperation** between institutions and individuals, through formal partnerships or through more ad hoc exchange and collaboration. The bilateral cooperation shall contribute to the collaboration between the partners through **sharing experience, knowledge, know-how and technology**.

The goal of “strengthen the bilateral relations between the Donor States and Hungary” under Renewable Energy Programme (HU03) will be implemented and granted by two sets of activities:

1. “Geothermal workshop in Iceland for local governments” so called “A” component (HU03-Bilat-A-2017, present summary of the call) and
2. “Cooperation with Donor partners”, so called “B” component (HU03-Bilat-B-2017, for further details, please see the relevant call for bilateral activities).

2. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND FIELDS OF INTERVENTION OF THE PRESENT CALL

The goal of the workshop is to bring together **decision makers, engineers and managers of local governments involved in geothermal energy related activities** as well as to provide a forum for exchange of knowledge and best practice on exploration, development and use of geothermal resource or communities that could benefit from the utilization of geothermal. The workshop will

create a platform for an opportunity to learn about geothermal management, sustainability in geothermal utilization, investments and explore the possible use of geothermal resources as a renewable energy source. The activity will also increase knowledge about Hungarian and EU policy and compare it to Icelandic legislation and regulations pertinent to geothermal development.

3. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants for the open call are local governments of Hungary with a geothermal potential and district heating system, the proper list of these settlements listed in the call (2.1.).

4. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The present specific bilateral activity focuses on participation at the “Geothermal workshop in Iceland for local governments”, which are specifically organized by the Hungarian Ministry of National Development in cooperation with the National Energy Authority of Iceland for decision makers, engineers and managers of the relevant local governments in Hungary.

Eligible Applicant agrees that in case of a positive decision, he/she undertakes:

- to delegate maximum three participants meeting the requirement defined in section 2.1;
- to ensure that each delegated participant participates at the 2 days workshop and 1 day field visit (further details set in Annex 1 of the present call for proposals), which will be implemented after each other not later than 30 September 2017 in Iceland; PO holds the right to prolong this deadline in case of necessity;
- to ensure that delegated participants prepare a professional report of at least 9,000 characters in Hungarian and at least 3,000 characters in English on behalf of all delegates of the respective local government presenting the results achieved and lessons learnt;
- to make a presentation for the local government’s decision makers (if possible, involving local stakeholders, public);
- to publish news and report on the Applicant’s website;
- to publish news at least in one printed local newspaper.

5. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

5.1. Budget of the call

All costs of the training, flight and the local travel in Iceland, insurance, accommodation and catering are covered for the participants. Working language is English, consecutive interpretation is provided.

Common indicative budget of “A” component and “B” component: 43.056.000 HUF (138.000 EUR)

Please note: Proposals under “A” component receive priority during the selection procedure.

5.2. Grant rate and grant amount

Please note: Applicant do not receive any grant directly, PO transfer the grant to the donor partner, who organize the training and cover all the expenditures.

The grant rate is 100%

6. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

6.1. The mode of the submission of applications

To submit an application, the applicant has to be registered at the official website of the Grants: www.eeagrants.hu / www.norvegalap.hu.

6.2. Deadline for the submission

- The deadline for submission the filled annexes electronically through the website:
31th July, 2017, 15:59 hrs,
- Deadline for submitting documents by conventional mail:
31th July, 2017, 23:59 hrs

Further information will be available on <http://www.norvegalap.hu/en/> website (also accessible through www.eeagrants.hu).