

**COMMISSION COMMUNICATION ON THE GRANTING OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR  
DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY**

**Invitation to submit project proposals in the following fields: energy saving (industry, including agro-food; buildings; transport; energy industry), solar energy, biomass and energy from waste, geothermal energy, hydro-electric power, wind energy, use of electrical energy and heat, use of solid fuels, liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels**

(88/C 300/02)

1. Pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3640/85 of 20 December 1985 <sup>(1)</sup>, the Community may grant, on the basis of the European Communities' general budget for 1989, financial support to:
    - demonstration projects in the fields of the exploitation of alternative energy sources, energy saving and the substitution of hydrocarbons,
    - pilot industrial and demonstration projects in the field of liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels.
  
  2. 'Demonstration' is the link between the research and development phase, sometimes tested at the pilot plant stage, and the later investment phase. It differs from the research and development and the pilot phases in the industrial scale of projects and the requirement of having prospects of economic viability, and from the investment stage in that the inherent risks are still too high for entrepreneurs.
 

In the context of the liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels, 'pilot industrial projects' refers to installations having adequate capacity and using components which are large enough to increase the reliability of the economic and technical data needed to progress from the research and development stage to the demonstration stage and, in certain cases, directly to the industrial and commercial stages.
  
  3. All projects must satisfy the following conditions:
    - they must relate to the creation of full-size installations enabling alternative energy sources to be exploited or energy to be saved or hydrocarbons to be substituted in significant quantities, or solid fuels to be converted into hydrocarbons in liquid or gas form; in the latter area, projects may relate to pilot industrial installations,
- they must exploit innovatory techniques, processes or products or a new application of techniques, processes or products which are already known;
  - they must be based on completed research and development work,
  - at the demonstration stage, they must offer promising prospects of industrial, economic and commercial viability, and in the longer term offer similar prospects for pilot projects,
  - they must be such as to encourage and promote the commercial development of the technique, process or product, and they must envisage actions and means for replicating the same type of project,
  - in reference to the abovementioned techniques, processes or products, they should be submitted by the following persons or undertakings:
    - producers,
    - users, provided that such users enter into a partnership with appropriate producers,
    - users for whom partnership with producers is not appropriate may apply alone, provided that clear indications are given in the proposal as to how they intend to stimulate replication if the project is successfully demonstrated,
  - they must present difficulties with regard to finance because of the considerable technical and economic risks involved,
  - they should, in principle, be carried out within the territory of the Community.
- Subject to the conditions set out above, account shall also be taken of the following characteristics of projects when they are assessed:
- that they are the subject of cooperation between persons or undertakings from two or more Member States,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 350, 27. 12. 1985.

— that they offer particularly appropriate solutions with regard to protection of the environment.

4. The financial support cannot be higher than 40 % of the eligible cost of the project. It is fixed in ECU.

5. Details on the compulsory procedure for the submission of a proposal (including the questionnaire which must be completed by the proposer(s)), as well as information on the eligibility conditions, selection criteria and other relevant information, are assembled in the document entitled '1989 Energy Demonstration Projects — Information Note and Procedure for Submitting Projects'

This document can be obtained (*written requests only*) from the following address:

Commission of the European Communities,  
Directorate-General for Energy,  
Energy Demonstration Projects,  
200, rue de la Loi  
B-1049 Brussels;  
telex 21877 COMEU-B,  
telecopier 32 (2) 235 01 50.

6. All copies for each proposal shall reach the Commission, at one of the addresses given in point 7 below, not later than 12 noon on 14 April 1989. Proposers are therefore invited to send the documents in their entirety in good time, taking account of possible postal delays.

All documents must be sent fully post- and, if need be, customs-paid, the Commission not being liable for any of these charges.

*Proposals received after the closing date will not be considered.*

All proposers will be informed of the results of the examination of their application as soon as possible.

In no case are documents returned to the proposers.

7. List of addresses to which the proposals can be delivered or sent according to the disposals of point 6 above:

By hand to:  
Office of the Directorate-General for Energy,  
226-236 avenue de Tervuren,  
B-1150 Brussels.

Postal address:  
Commission of the European Communities,  
Directorate General for Energy,  
Energy Demonstration Projects,  
200, rue de la Loi  
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1000 Berlin 31;  
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Erhardstraße 27,  
8000 München;  
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Calle de Serrano 41,  
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Rue des Belles-Feuilles, 61,  
75782 Paris CEDEX 16;  
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13241 Marseille CEDEX 01;  
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20123 Milano;  
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Edinburgh EH2 4PH;  
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