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## **2 Introduction**

This document aims to provide cumulative figures and a comparative analysis of the results per region and per country of the EUCF calls for applications. Figures and statistics are provided for each step of the application and evaluation processes as well as for the investments and impacts expected by selected applicants with the investment concepts. The objective of the document is to work as an analytical tool to inform strategic decision-making within the EUCF and fine-tune its focus and activities.

**Section 3 – Submitted applications -** presents the number of submitted applications per country from the first to the fifth EUCF calls for applications in each region, including cumulative results across the five calls and the three regions. Overall, the results demonstrate that countries such as Poland in the CEE region, the Netherlands in the NC&WE region and Italy in SE had across the five EUCF calls the highest number of submitted applications. The majority of applications across the five calls was submitted in Central and Eastern Europe, followed by Southern Europe. The NC&WE presented the lowest numbers of submitted applications across the five EUCF calls.

**Section 4 – Evaluation results –** presents the evaluation results per EUCF call and per region, highlighting the number of applications rejected due to problems with the submitted documents, a score below the quality threshold in one of the evaluation criteria or a lower final score. The section includes also the number of selected applications in each regional call. Overall, across the five EUCF calls, the majority of applications was rejected due to a score below the threshold. These figures decreased in the fourth EUCF call across the three regions, when the quality threshold was revoked for criteria of category A (Investment size and Energy Savings). Overall, the first EUCF call presented the lowest overall success rate (12%). In the second EUCF call, the success rate increased to 31% and kept stable across calls three, four and five, with, respectively, 40%, 39% and 40%.

**Section 5 – Selected applications –** presents a regional overview of the expected impacts and investments; targeted investment sectors; and population size of selected applications as well as cumulative results for the five calls. Overall, across the five EUCF calls, energy savings corresponded to around 55% of the total expected impacts by selected applicants. The NC&WE region presents the highest total expected energy savings and renewable energy generation as well as the highest expected investments. Across the five calls, the building sector has been targeted by the majority of selected applications, with particular focus on public buildings. In terms of population size, most applicants selected for EUCF support during calls one to five present a total population ranging between 10 000 and 50 000 inhabitants.

## **3 Submitted applications**

## 3.1 Central and Eastern Europe

In total, **92 applications** were submitted in the Central and Eastern Europe region in the fifth EUCF Call for applications. The total of submitted applications was the highest across the three regions in the fifth call as well as the highest in the CEE region across the five EUCF calls. In the fifth call, countries such as Poland (26), Hungary (17) and Lithuania (15) can be highlighted in the region with the highest numbers of submitted applications. Figure 1 presents the number of applications submitted in each country in CEE in the fifth call:

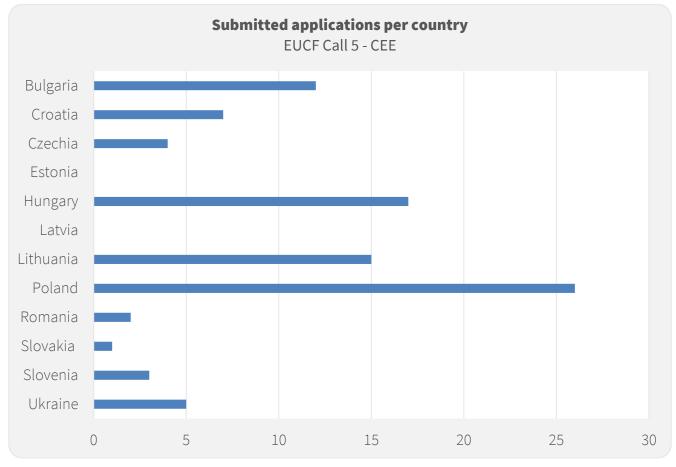


Figure 1. Submitted applications per country – EUCF Call 5 - CEE

In the fifth call, **Poland** has followed the trend of previous EUCF calls with a high number of submitted applications. Across the five calls, 103 applications were submitted by Polish applicants, corresponding to 27% of the total submitted applications in the CEE region. In the overall results across the five calls, also countries such as Bulgaria (59) and Hungary (51) can be highlighted in the region for the high numbers of submitted applications.

Countries such as Estonia (6) and Slovakia (6) present a lower number of submitted applications across the five EUCF calls. Applicants from Ukraine were not eligible for EUCF support in the first four calls for

applications. Ukraine was included as part of EUCF eligible countries in CEE in the fifth call for applications and five applications were submitted in the country.

With a total of **382 submitted applications**, Central and Eastern Europe can be highlighted with the highest numbers of submitted applications across the five calls, demonstrating the relevance of the EUCF for countries in the region. Table 1 presents the number of submitted applications in each CEE country in each EUCF call as well as the cumulative results across the five calls:

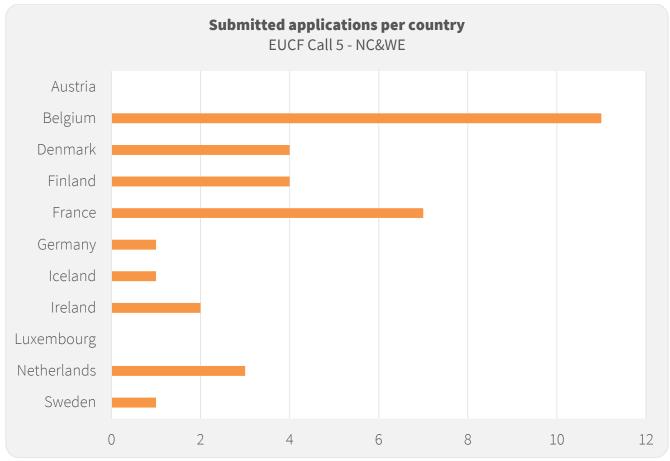
Country	Submitted applications – Central and Eastern Europe							
,	Call 1	Call 2	Call 3	Call 4	Call 5	Total		
Bulgaria	8	10	13	16	12	59		
Croatia	13	11	3	6	7	40		
Czechia	4	2	2	2	4	14		
Estonia	1	3	1	1	0	6		
Hungary	9	8	6	11	17	51		
Latvia	6	6	3	0	0	15		
Lithuania	10	6	2	2	15	35		
Poland	10	25	19	23	26	103		
Romania	7	6	16	2	2	33		
Slovakia	2	1	2	0	1	6		
Slovenia	3	4	1	4	3	15		
Ukraine	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible	5	5		
Total	73	82	68	67	92	382		

Table 1. Submitted applications per country – EUCF Calls 1-5 - CEE

## **3.2 Nordic countries and Western Europe**

In total, **34 applications** were submitted in the Nordic countries and Western Europe region in the fifth EUCF Call for applications. The number of submitted applications in the region was higher in relation to the fourth call, but lower in relation to the first three EUCF calls. Countries such as Belgium (11) and France (7) can be highlighted for the highest numbers of submitted applications in the region. Figure 2 presents the number of applications submitted in each country in the NC&WE region in the fifth call:

Figure 2. Submitted applications per country – EUCF Call 5 – NC&WE



Across the five EUCF calls, the **Netherlands** presents the majority of applications submitted in NC&WE with 52 applications, corresponding to 24% of the total submitted applications in the region. The number of submitted applications in the country has, however, strongly reduced from the first EUCF call to especially the four and fifth calls. Countries such as Belgium (37) and France (28) can also be highlighted with higher numbers of submitted applications in the region across the five EUCF calls. Countries such as Austria (5), Norway (3), Luxembourg (2) and Iceland (1), on the other hand, present a lower number of submitted applications. Applicants from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway were not eligible for support in the first EUCF call. The eligibility of these countries was introduced from the second EUCF call on. In the fifth EUCF call, Liechtenstein, Norway and the United Kingdom were removed from the list of eligible countries for EUCF support. From calls two to four, no applications were submitted in Liechtenstein.

Across the five EUCF calls, **218 applications** were submitted in the NC&WE region, corresponding to the lowest total among the three regions. Table 2 presents the number of submitted applications in each NC&WE country in each EUCF call as well as the cumulative results across the five calls:

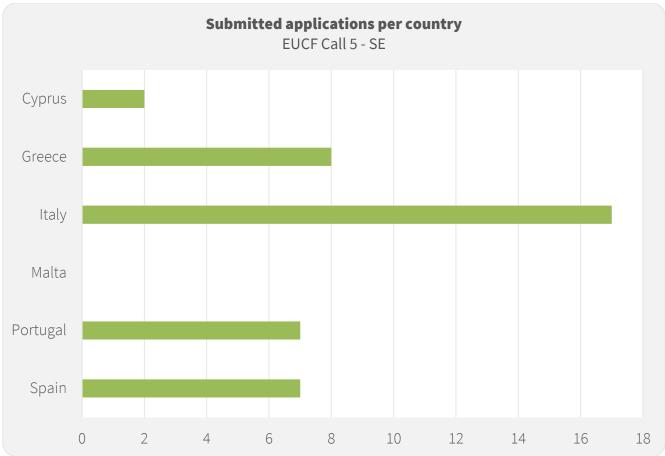
 Table 2.
 Submitted applications per country - EUCF Calls 1-5 – NC&WE

Country	Submitted applications – Nordic countries & Western Europe							
	Call 1	Call 2	Call 3	Call 4	Call 5	Total		
Austria	2	2	0	1	0	5		
Belgium	4	4	7	11	11	37		
Denmark	4	4	2	5	4	19		
Finland	2	6	3	0	4	15		
France	5	8	5	3	7	28		
Germany	3	4	0	1	1	9		
Iceland	not eligible	0	0	0	1	1		
Ireland	4	3	2	0	2	11		
Liechtenstein	not eligible	0	0	0	not eligible	0		
Luxembourg	1	0	0	1	0	2		
Netherlands	25	14	9	1	3	52		
Norway	not eligible	0	3	0	not eligible	3		
Sweden	6	3	5	2	1	17		
United Kingdom	11	2	4	2	not eligible	19		
Total	67	50	40	27	34	218		

### 3.3 Southern Europe

In total, **41 applications** were submitted in the Southern Europe region in the fifth EUCF Call for applications. The number of submitted applications in the region was higher in relation to the fourth call, but lower in relation to the first three EUCF calls. Countries such as Italy (17) and Greece (8) can be highlighted with the highest numbers of submitted applications in the fifth call. Figure 3 presents the number of applications submitted in each country in the SE region in the fifth call:





Across the five EUCF calls, **340 applications** were submitted in the SE region, making it second place among the three regions closely after the CEE region, where a total of 382 applications was submitted. Across the five EUCF calls, **Italy** presented the majority of applications (126) submitted in the SE region and overall across the three regions. Furthermore, countries like Spain (86) and Portugal (60) can be highlighted with higher numbers of submitted applications in Southern Europe across the five EUCF calls. Countries such as Cyprus (10) and Malta (3) on the other hand, presented the lowest number of submitted applications in the region. Table 3 presents the number of submitted applications in each SE country in each EUCF call as well as the cumulative results across the five calls:

Country	Submitted applications – Southern Europe							
	Call 1	Call 2	Call 3	Call 4	Call 5	Total		
Cyprus	2	3	2	1	2	10		
Greece	18	12	11	6	8	55		
Italy	46	28	20	15	17	126		
Malta	1	0	1	1	0	3		
Portugal	12	24	8	9	7	60		
Spain	38	22	16	3	7	86		
Total	117	89	58	35	41	340		

**Table 3.** Submitted applications per country - EUCF Calls 1-5 – SE

## 3.4 Cumulative results

### 3.4.1 Submitted applications per call

Following application periods applied to the five concluded EUCF calls:

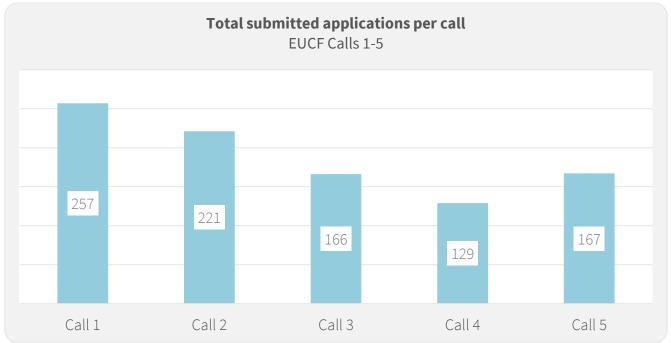
Call for applications	Application period				
Call 1	25 May 2020 – 2 October 2020				
Call 2	29 March 2021 – 31 May 2021				
Call 3	15 October 2021 – 17 December 2021				
Call 4	9 June 2022 – 30 September 2022				
Call 5	28 April 2023 – 30 June 2023				

**Table 4.** Application period – EUCF calls for applications

Overall, each EUCF call for applications is open for two months. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the application period for the first call has been extended. Similarly, the fourth EUCF call also had an extended application period, in order to better accommodate the reduced capacities of municipalities/local authorities and local public entities during the Summer holidays.

**The highest number of applications to the EUCF was submitted during the first call for applications** (257). From calls 1 to 4, the overall number of submitted applications decreased with 221 applications submitted in the second call, 166 in the third call, and 129 in the fourth call. In the fifth EUCF call for applications, the first under the LIFE Programme of the European Union, the number of submitted applications has again increased in relation to the third and fourth calls with a total of 167 applications across the three regions.





### 3.4.2 Submitted applications per region

In the first and second EUCF calls for applications, the highest number of applications was submitted in the Southern Europe region, followed by Central and Eastern Europe. This changed from the third call on, with the highest number of applications being submitted in the CEE region in calls three to five, followed by SE. Across the five EUCF calls, the Nordic countries and Western Europe region has presented the lowest numbers of submitted applications in comparison to the other two regions.

In total, across the five EUCF calls for applications, 382 applications were submitted in the CEE region; followed closely by 340 in the SE region; and 218 in the NC&WE region.

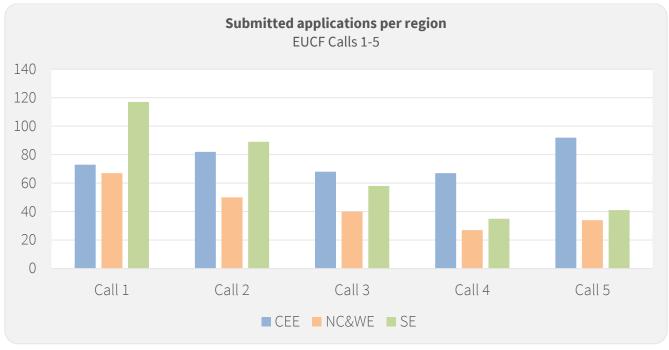


Figure 5. Submitted applications per region – EUCF Calls 1-5

### 3.4.3 Submitted applications per country

Across the five EUCF calls for applications, the highest number of applications was submitted in Italy (126), followed by Poland (103), Spain (86) and Portugal (60). The overall results demonstrate the relevance of the EUCF and the demand for the provided technical and financial support in countries in the Southern Europe region. The region has a track record of participation and active involvement in various European Union initiatives, including the Covenant of Mayors, as well as a high number of implemented climate and energy action plans.

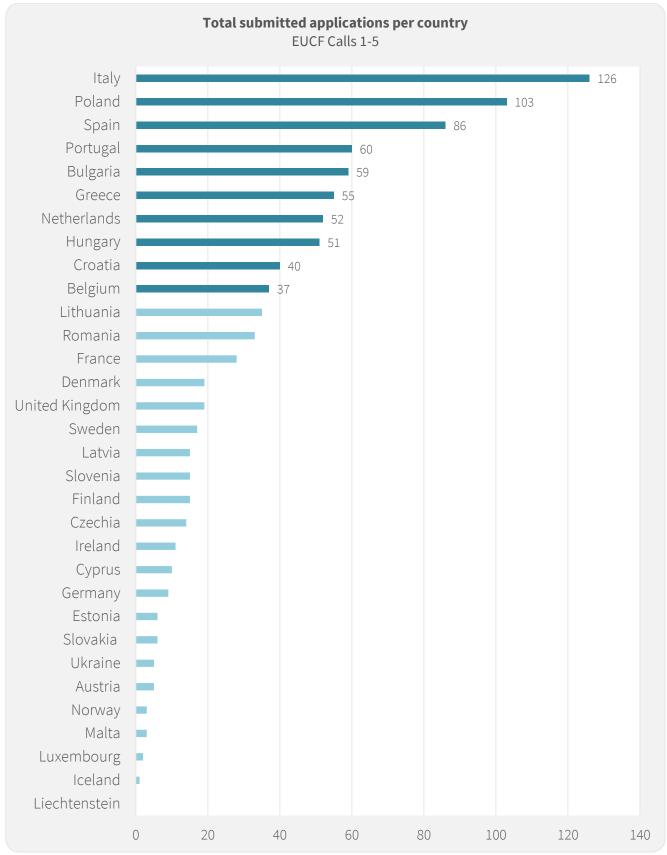
Among the ten countries with the highest numbers of submitted applications, highlighted in figure 6, four are located in the SE region (Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece), four in the CEE region (Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary and Croatia) and two in NC&WE (Netherlands and Belgium). Regarding the countries with the lowest numbers of applications across the five EUCF calls, such as Liechtenstein, Iceland, Luxembourg, Malta and Norway, potential reasons for the lower uptake can be:

• the lack of local climate and energy plans in countries such as Cyprus, Estonia and Slovakia;

- language barriers, as the EUCF application form must be filled in English;
- the unfamiliarity with the use of EU funds in municipalities/local authorities and local public entities aggregating municipalities/local authorities;
- the lower engagement in EUCF communication and dissemination activities conducted by the National Hubs;
- the unattractiveness of the EUCF grant compared to national programmes and funds in some countries, especially in the NC&WE region;
- the smaller size and lower number of municipalities of some countries, such as Malta and Liechtenstein.

Figure 6 presents the total submitted applications per country across the five EUCF calls, highlighting the countries with the highest numbers across the three regions:





## **4 Evaluation results**

### **4.1 EUCF Evaluation Process**

The evaluation of EUCF applications is conducted after the closing of each call for applications by a dedicated team of evaluators during a period of two months. Along the five conducted calls, some adjustments and changes have been implemented in the evaluation process and criteria. These are described below and illustrated in figure 7.

#### EUCF Calls 1-4

The evaluation of applications submitted within calls one to four was conducted in two steps: (1) the documents check and (2) the full evaluation. In the documents check, evaluators verified whether the mandatory annexes to the application were appropriately submitted and included the required content. From calls one to four, five mandatory annexes had to be submitted with the EUCF application: (A1) SEAP, SECAP or plan of similar ambition; (A2) Summary of SEAP, SECAP or plan of similar ambition; (B) Letter of support to the project by the Mayor or other relevant political representative; (C) Self-declaration form by a legal representative; (D) Calculation log – Expected energy saving and/or renewable energy production; and (E) Calculation log – Expected investment size. In case of incomplete documents, the application was rejected at this step and did not move forward to the full evaluation.

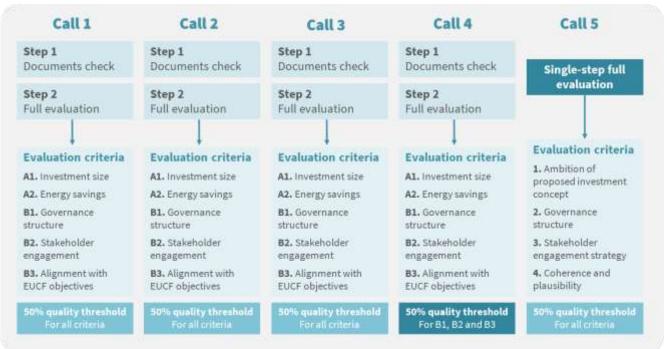
Applications that did not present any issues with the submitted documents were evaluated based on five evaluation criteria: (A1) Investment size; (A2) Energy savings; (B1) Governance structure; (B2) Stakeholder engagement strategy; and (B3) Alignment with the EUCF objectives. A quality threshold of 50% of the total possible score in each criterion applied. Applications with a score below the threshold in one of the evaluation criteria were not considered for EUCF support. In the fourth EUCF call, the quality threshold for criteria of category A (Investment size and Energy savings) was revoked.

#### EUCF Call 5

In the fifth EUCF call, all submitted applications were fully evaluated in one-single step, with the verification of attached documents being included in the assessment of the evaluation criteria. The number of mandatory annexes to be submitted with the application was reduced and the information required in the previous documentation was integrated into the application form. From the fifth EUCF call on, two mandatory annexes must be submitted in the EUCF website user zone: (A) a SECAP or other local climate and/or energy plan with mitigation targets; and (B) a letter of support to the development of the investment concept within the EUCF:

Four criteria applied to the evaluation of applications submitted in the fifth call: (1) Ambition of the proposed investment concept; (2) Governance structure for the development of the investment concept; (3) Stakeholder engagement strategy; and (4) Coherence and plausibility. As in the previous calls, a quality threshold of 50% of the total possible score in each criterion applied.

Figure 7. EUCF Evaluation process – EUCF Calls 1-5



The evaluation results presented in this section include:

- the number of applications rejected due to issues with the mandatory documents submitted by the applicant, either at the step of "Documents check" for applications from calls one to four, or during the full evaluation process, for applications submitted within the fifth call. Although all applications submitted in the fifth call have been fully evaluated, applications with problems in the mandatory documents are not considered for EUCF support;
- the number of applications rejected due to a score below the threshold in one of the evaluation criteria;
- the number of applications that were included in the final ranking, but presented a lower score in relation to the other submitted applications in the region; and, finally,
- the number of successful selected applications.

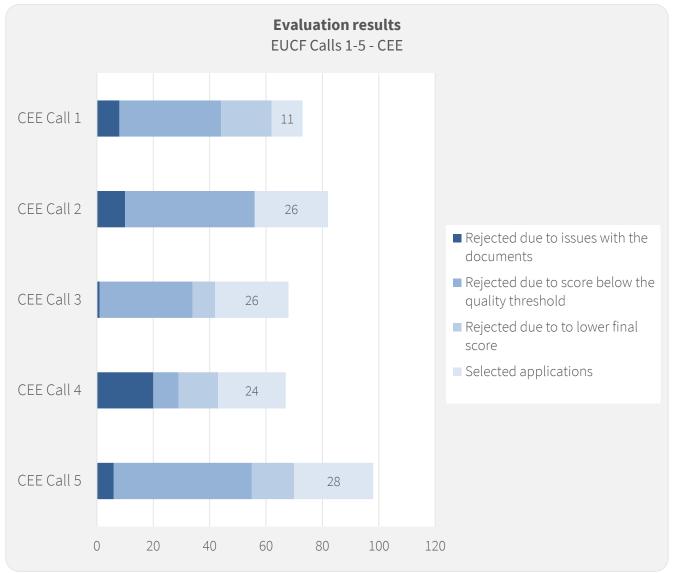
### 4.2 Central and Eastern Europe

Overall, in Central and Eastern Europe, a **score below the quality threshold** in one of the evaluation criteria was the major rejection reason for submitted applications across the five EUCF calls, followed by a lower final score in relation to the other submitted applications in the region. With the revocation of the quality threshold for category A criteria in the fourth call, a much-reduced number of applications was rejected due to a score below threshold in CEE in this call, only 9 applications in comparison to 36 in the first call; 46 in the second call; and 33 in the third call.

In the first EUCF call, 11 applications were selected for EUCF support in the CEE region. 26 applications were selected in each the second and third call, 24 applications were selected in the fourth call, and 28 in the fifth. Across the five EUCF calls, **the overall success in the CEE region was 30%**, with 115 applications selected out of the 382 submitted applications. The lowest overall success rate in the region was perceived in the first

call, with 15%; and the highest, in the third call, with 38%. Figure 8 summarizes the evaluation results for each call in the CEE region:

Figure 8. Evaluation results – EUCF Calls 1-5 - CEE



## 4.3 Nordic countries and Western Europe

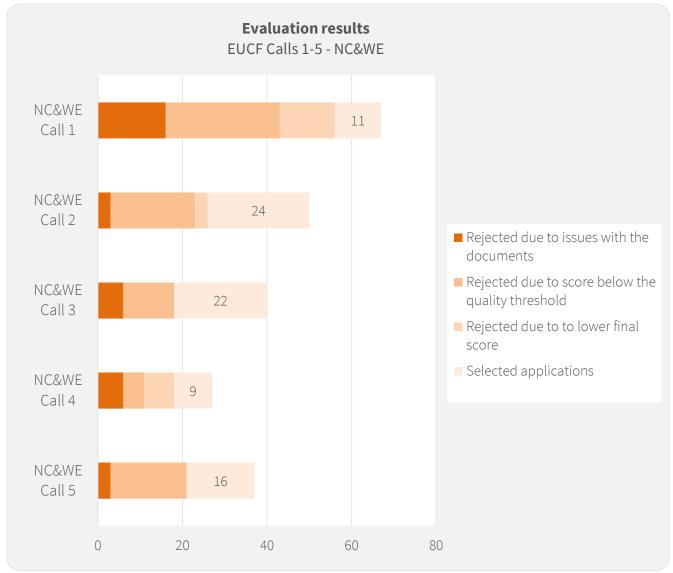
Similar to Central and Eastern Europe, a **score below the quality threshold** in one of the evaluation criteria was the major rejection reason for submitted applications across the five EUCF calls in the Nordic countries and Western Europe region. Also in this region, with the revocation of the quality threshold for category A, less applications were rejected due to a score below threshold in NC&WE in the fourth call: only 5 applications in comparison to 27 in the first call; 20 in the second call; and 12 in the third call.

In the first EUCF call, 11 applications were selected for EUCF support in the NC&WE region. 24 applications were selected in the second call; 22 applications in the third call; 9 applications in the fourth call; and 16 in the

fifth call. Across the five EUCF calls, **the overall success in the NC&WE region was 38%, the highest among the three regions**, with 82 applications selected out of the 218 submitted applications. The lowest overall success rate in the region was perceived in the first call, with 16%; and the highest, in the third call, with 55%.

Figure 9 summarizes the evaluation results for each call in the NC&WE region:

Figure 9. Evaluation results – EUCF Calls 1-5 – NC&WE



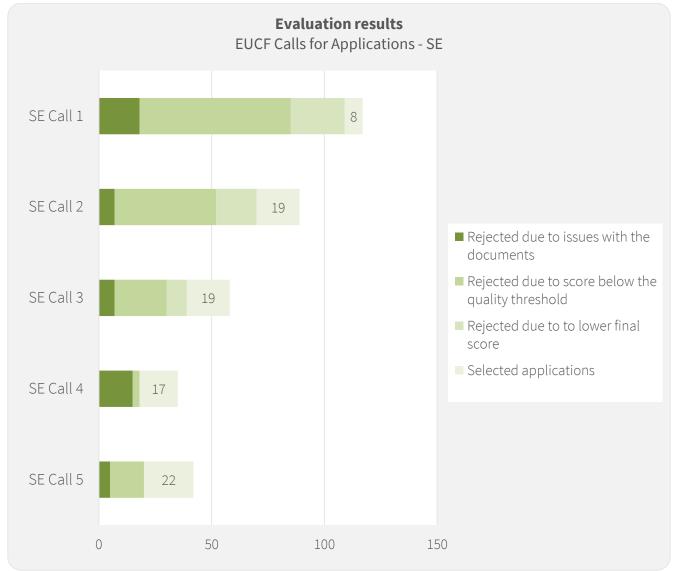
## 4.4 Southern Europe

Similar to the other regions, in Southern Europe, a **score below the quality threshold** in one of the evaluation criteria was the major rejection reason for submitted applications across the five EUCF calls. Also in this region, the revocation of the quality threshold for category A in the fourth call had an impact in the number of applications rejected due to a score below the threshold, with only 3 applications, in comparison to 67 in the first call; 45 in the second call; and 23 in the third call.

In the first EUCF call, 8 applications were selected for EUCF support in the SE region. 19 applications were selected each in the second and third calls. 17 applications were selected in the fourth call and 22 in the fifth call. Across the five EUCF calls, **the overall success in the SE region was 25%, the lowest among the three regions**, with 85 applications selected out of the 340 submitted applications. The lowest overall success rate in the region was perceived in the first call, with 7%; and the highest, in the fifth call, with 54%.

Figure 10 summarizes the evaluation results for each call in the NC&WE region:





## 4.5 Cumulative evaluation results

With the highest number of submitted applications across the five calls and funds available for the selection of 30 successful applications, the first EUCF call presented the lowest overall **success rate** (12%). In the second

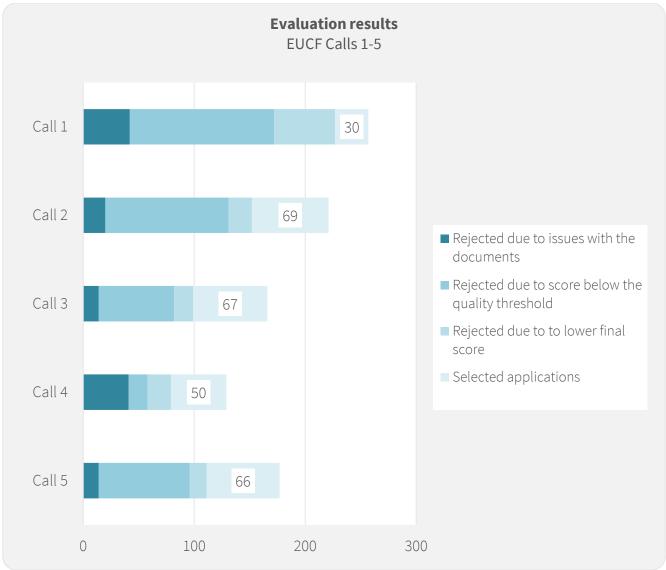
EUCF call, the overall success rate increased to 31% and kept stable across calls three, four and five, with success rates of, respectively, 40%, 39% and 40%.

The number of applications rejected due **issues with the submitted documents** reduced from 42 in the first call, to 20 in the second call and 14 in the third call. During the evaluation of application submitted in the second and third calls, applications were rejected at the step of the "Documents check" only in case of very clear problems with the submitted documentation, e.g. missing mandatory annexes, non-use of the mandatory EUCF templates, letter of political support not signed by the Mayor or another relevant political representative, etc. In case of issues related to the information provided in Annex D (Calculation log – Energy savings) and Annex E (Calculation log – Investment size), the applications and the provided figures were further assessed at the step of full evaluation.

In order to better address the high relevance of the energy efficiency for achieving the goals of European climate and energy policy, a new sub-criterion was introduced in the evaluation of the expected impacts of applications submitted in Call 4. In this call, the EUCF provided support solely to **projects focused on energy efficiency**, i.e. with higher impacts in the generation of energy savings. Applications in which the impacts on renewable energy production indicated in the calculation log (Annex D) represented more than 50% of the total foreseen impacts were not considered for EUCF support and rejected at the step of documents check. Due to the introduction of this sub-criterion within the evaluation of Annex D, an increased number of applications was rejected due to issues with the documentation in the fourth EUCF call (41). In the fifth call, again a reduced number of applications was rejected due to issues to be submitted with the EUCF application and information required in the previous annexes was integrated to sections of the application form.

Across the three regions, it is notable the reduction of the number of applications rejected due to score below threshold in the fourth EUCF call with the revocation of the **quality threshold of 50%** for the criteria of category A (Investment size and Energy savings), which assesses the application's ambition. In the fifth call for applications, the quality threshold of 50% of the total possible score was again set for all evaluation criteria, including criterion 1 – Ambition of the proposed investment concept - which addresses particularly the expected investments and impacts foreseen in the application. With this, the number of applications rejected due to a score below threshold in one of the evaluation criteria increased again from a total of 17 applications in the fourth call to 82 in the fifth call.



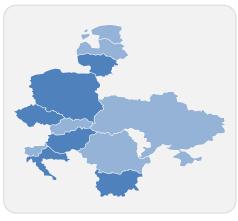


## **5 Selected applications**

### **5.1 Central and Eastern Europe**

### 5.1.1 Selected applicants

*Figure 12.* Countries with selected applicants CEE Call 5



In the CEE region, **28 successful applications** were selected to receive EUCF support in the fifth call. **Poland** was by far the country in the region with the highest number of selected applications (15). This is followed by Croatia (5), Bulgaria (3) and Hungary (3). From the applications submitted in Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine, none was selected for support in the fifth call.

Across the five EUCF calls, Poland was the country with the highest number of selected applicants in the CEE region (43), followed by Hungary (24) and Croatia (20). These countries present also the highest success rates in the region: Croatia leads with a success rate of 50%, followed by Hungary with 45% and Poland with 43%.

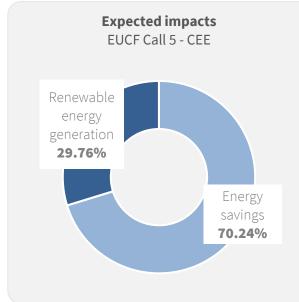
Across the five EUCF calls, no applications were selected from Estonia, Slovakia and Ukraine. Table 5 presents the total selected applications per country in each EUCF call as well as cumulative results for calls one to five:

	Selected applications per country - Central and Eastern Europe								
Country	Call 1	Call 2	Call 3	Call 4	Call 5	TOTAL			
Bulgaria	1	3	3	2	3	12			
Croatia	3	5	2	5	5	20			
Czech Republic	0	1	1	1	1	4			
Estonia	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Hungary	4	5	5	7	3	24			
Latvia	0	1	3	0	0	4			
Lithuania	1	0	1	0	1	3			
Poland	2	10	8	8	15	43			
Romania	0	0	2	0	0	2			
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Slovenia	0	1	1	1	0	3			
Ukraine	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible	0	0			
TOTAL	11	26	26	24	28	115			

Table 5. Selected applications per country – EUCF Calls 1-5 - CEE

### 5.1.2 Expected impacts of selected applications

*Figure 13. Expected impacts of selected applicants CEE Call 5* 



Among the applications selected in the fifth EUCF call in the CEE region, **energy savings** corresponded to around 70% of the total expected impacts with a total of around 787 GWh/y. The expected renewable energy generation of around 334 GWh/y corresponds to a share of around 30% of the total impacts. The share of impacts in energy savings in the region in the fifth call was higher than in the first (44%), second (62%) and third (55%) EUCF calls, but lower than in the fourth call (79%), in which only projects focused on energy efficiency measures were considered for EUCF support.

Across the five EUCF calls, the highest impacts in energy savings (1 546 GWh/y) in CEE were expected by selected applications of the second call as well as the highest impacts in renewable energy production (944 GWh/y).

Figure 14 presents the total expected impacts in energy savings and renewable energy production by selected applicants in the CEE region. From call one to four, this information was collected from the calculation log (Annex D) submitted with the EUCF application. For call five, this information corresponds to the figures indicated by selected applicants in the application form in the EUCF website user zone. For the compilation of the results for call 5, applications with unrealistic and inflated figures were not considered in the calculation of the totals.

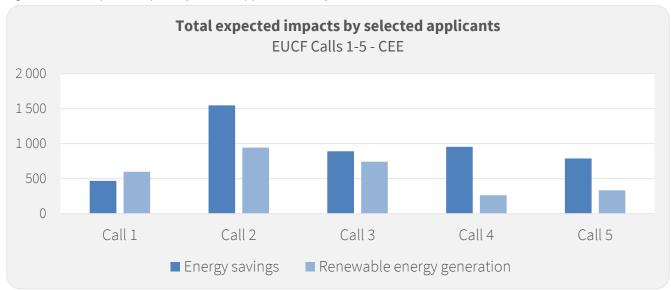


Figure 14. Total expected impacts by selected applicants (GWh/y) – EUCF Calls 1-5 CEE

In the first EUCF call, Hungary presented the highest total expected energy savings (210 GWh/y) and renewable energy production (240 GWh/y) in the CEE region. In the second call, Poland presented the majority of the expected impacts in energy savings (740 GWh/y), while the highest renewable energy generation was expected in Croatia (392 GWh/y). In the third EUCF call, again the highest energy savings were expected from

applications in Poland (371 GWh/y) as well as the highest expected production of renewable energy (307 GWh/y). In the fourth call, Poland was again responsible for the highest foreseen impacts in energy savings (437 GWh/y) among selected applicants, while the highest impacts in renewable energy production were expected in Hungary (96 GWh/y).

In the **fifth EUCF call**, selected applications from **Poland** present the highest expected impacts both in energy savings (341 GWh/y) and in the generation of renewable energy (202 GWh/y).

### 5.1.3 Expected investment size of selected applications

A total investment size of approximately **1.9 billion EUR** is expected from the applications selected in the fifth EUCF call in the CEE region. This is higher than the total investments indicated by selected applicants in the first (629 million EUR), third (1.5 billion EUR) and fourth (1.4 billion EUR) EUCF calls, but lower than the total investments expected from beneficiaries of the second call (3 billion EUR). Figure 15 presents the total investments for each EUCF call in the CEE region. For the compilation of the results for call 5, applications with unrealistic and inflated figures were not considered in the calculation of the totals.

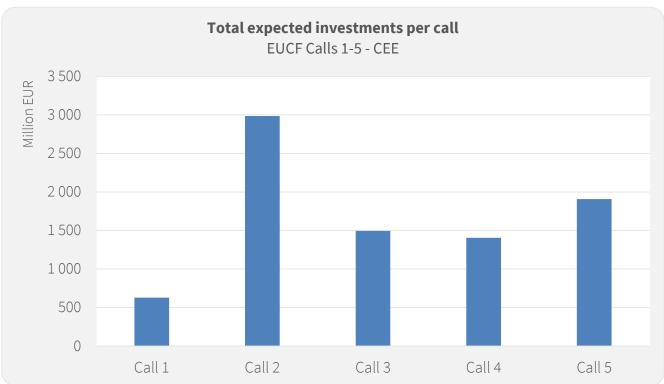


Figure 15. Total expected investments per call – EUCF Calls 1-5 - CEE

In the first EUCF call for applications, the highest total investments were expected by selected applications from Hungary, which corresponded to 65% of the total expected investments in the region (407 million EUR). In the second call, the majority of investments in the CEE region was expected in Poland (1 billion EUR), representing around 34% of the total foreseen investments. In the third call, again Hungary presented the highest expected investments (435 million EUR) with a share of around 29% of the total investments indicated

by selected applicants in the region. In the fourth call, the highest investments were expected in Croatia (452 million), corresponding to 32% of the total investments in the region.

In the **fifth EUCF call**, selected applications from Poland present the highest expected investments in the CEE region, corresponding to around 44% of the total investments.

### 5.1.4 Investment sectors targeted by selected applications

In the fifth EUCF call, most selected applications (13) in the CEE region indicated **"Public buildings (incl. social-rental and public housing)"** as the main targeted investment sector for their investment concepts. This is followed by "Innovative energy infrastructure" (5) and "Other sectors" (5).



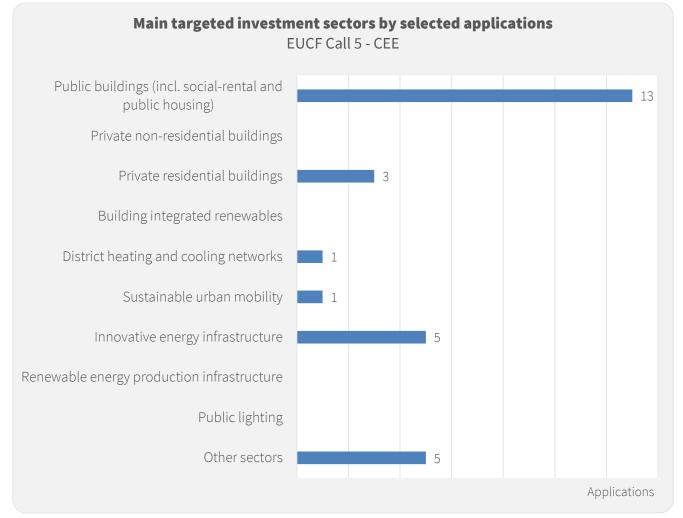
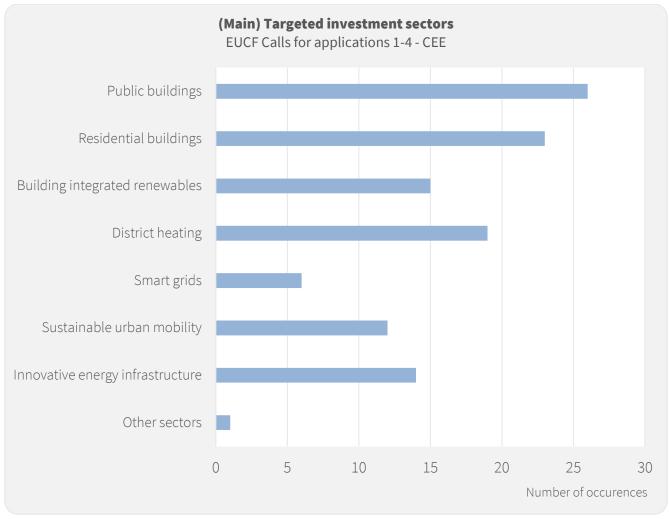


Figure 17 presents the overall investment sectors targeted by selected applications in the CEE region across EUCF calls one to four. In the application form for EUCF call one, applicants were able to indicate multiple investment sectors targeted by the proposed project. From the second call on, they also had the option to indicate the main investment sector. The total number of occurrences presented in figure 17 include the overall sectors indicated by selected applications in call one, but only the main sectors indicated by selected applicants of the second, third and fourth calls. Due to the changes in the list of sectors from which applicants can select from call five on, the results from calls one to four are compiled separately.

LIFE EUCF | Summary Report Call 5 February 2024 Figure 17. (Main) targeted investment sectors – EUCF Calls 1-4 - CEE

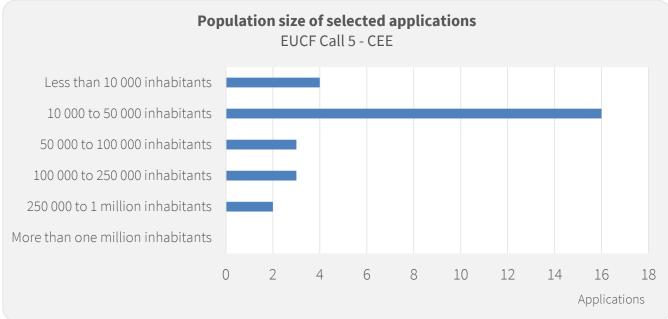


Among selected applicants of EUCF calls one to four, the **"Public buildings"** sector was the most targeted in the CEE region, followed by "Residential buildings" and "District heating". The overall focus on energy efficiency of the measures implemented under these sectors demonstrate the relevance of this topic for the region. Additionally, other sectors such as "Building integrated renewables" and "Innovative energy infrastructure" have played a significant role among the applications selected for EUCF support in the CEE region.

### 5.1.5 Population size of selected applications

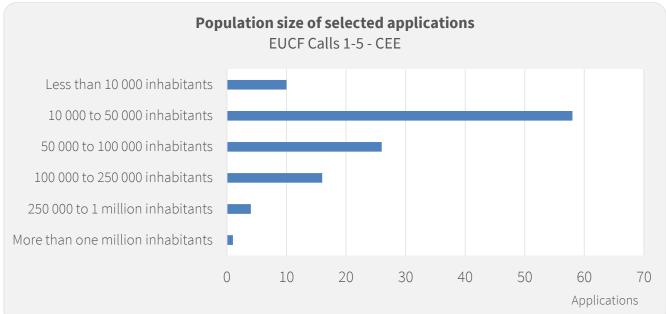
In the fifth EUCF call for applications, out of the 28 applications selected in the CEE region, the majority – 16 applications - present a population size ranging between **10 000 and 50 000 inhabitants**. Four applications selected in the region have less than 10 000. No application was selected from municipalities/local authorities, groupings or local public entities aggregating municipalities/local authorities with more than one million inhabitants, and only two selected applicants present a population size ranging between 250 000 and one million inhabitants. Figure 18 summarizes the population size of selected applications in the fifth call in the CEE region:





Overall, across the five EUCF calls, the majority of the applications selected in the CEE region (58) presents a population size ranging between **10 000 and 50 000 inhabitants**. This is followed by 26 selected applicants with population size ranging between 50 000 and 100 000 inhabitants. Across the five calls, only one application was selected with a population size of more than one million inhabitants and only four with population size ranging between 250 000 and one million inhabitants. Ten selected applicants in the region present a population of less than 10 000 inhabitants. Figure 19 summarizes the population size of selected applications in the CEE region across the five EUCF calls:





#### 5.1.6 Cumulative results per country

Across the five EUCF calls, beneficiaries selected in Poland present the highest total population size in the CEE region, with more than 5 million inhabitants. Moreover, Polish beneficiaries present in their applications the highest total expected impacts in energy savings (1 484 GWh/y) and renewable energy generation (1 011 GWh/y) in the region.

The total expected investments in Poland represent the highest share of the total investments in the CEE region (31%) with more than 2.6 billion EUR. This is followed by Croatia (22%) and Hungary (21%). Table 6 presents the cumulative results in terms of population size, energy savings, renewable energy generation and investment size of each country in the CEE region as well as their respective share of the total expected investments in the region.

	<b>Cumulative results per country – Selected beneficiaries</b> Central and Eastern Europe – Calls 1-5								
Country	<b>Population</b> (inhabitants)	Energy savings (GWh/y)	Renewable energy generation (GWh/y)	Investment size (EUR)	Share of total expected investments in the region (%)				
Bulgaria	783 367	254.72	177.34	517 652 481	6%				
Croatia	678 847	908.49	778.51	1 890 978 363	22%				
Czech Republic	403 400	82.153	6	357 784 703	4%				
Estonia	0	0	0	0	0%				
Hungary	1 942 370	583.56	714.09	1 781 871 437	21%				
Latvia	811 195	226.99	15.34	703 673 411	8%				
Lithuania	347 471	98.02	68.10	359 394 223	4%				
Poland	5 178 439	1 483.98	1 011.04	2 632 401 773	31%				
Romania	95 178	39.43	38.55	102 722 000	1%				
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0%				
Slovenia	186 030	13.92	70.73	76 530 531	1%				
Ukraine	0	0	0	0	0%				

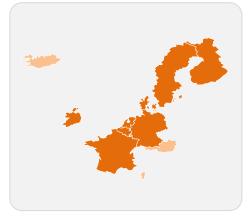
**Table 6.**Cumulative results per country – Central and Eastern Europe – EUCF beneficiaries – Calls 1-5

## **5.2 Nordic countries and Western Europe**

#### 5.2.1 Selected applicants

*Figure 20.* Countries with selected applicants NC&WE Call 5

In the NC&WE region, **16 successful applications** were selected to receive EUCF support in the fifth call.



**Belgium** was the country in the region with the highest number of selected applications (4). This is followed by Finland (3) and France (3). No applications were submitted in Austria and Luxembourg. One application was submitted in Iceland, but was not selected for EUCF support.

Overall, across the five EUCF calls, the Netherlands was the country with the highest number of selected applicants in the NC&WE region (23), followed by Denmark (13) and Belgium 12 (20). Denmark presents the highest success rate in the region with 68% across the five calls, followed by Germany and the Netherlands, both with 44%

success rate.

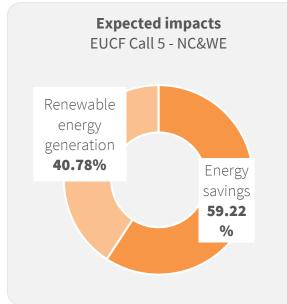
Across the five EUCF calls, no applications were selected from Austria, Iceland and Luxembourg. Table 6 presents the total selected applications per country in each EUCF call as well as cumulative results for calls one to five:

Selected applications per country – Nordic countries and Western Europe								
Country	Call 1	Call 2	Call 3	Call 4	Call 5	TOTAL		
Austria	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Belgium	1	1	3	3	4	12		
Denmark	2	4	2	3	2	13		
Finland	0	1	2	0	3	6		
France	0	4	1	0	3	8		
Germany	1	2	0	0	1	4		
Iceland	not eligible	0	0	0	0	0		
Ireland	0	0	2	0	1	3		
Liechtenstein	not eligible	0	0	0	not eligible	0		
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Netherlands	4	10	7	1	1	23		
Norway	not eligible	0	1	0	not eligible	1		
Sweden	0	1	3	1	1	6		
United Kingdom	3	1	1	1	not eligible	6		
TOTAL	11	24	22	9	16	75		

 Table 7. Selected applications per country – EUCF Calls 1-5 – NC&WE

#### 5.2.2 Expected impacts of selected applications

*Figure 21. Expected impacts of selected applicants NC&WE Call 5* 



Among the applications selected in the fifth EUCF call in the NC&WE region, **energy savings** corresponded to around 59% of the total expected impacts with a total of approximately 520 GWh/y. The expected renewable energy generation of approximately 358 GWh/y corresponds to a share of about 41% of the total impacts. The share of impacts in energy savings in the NC&WE region in the fifth call was higher than in the first call (22%), but lower than in the second (62%), third (60%) and fourth (82%) EUCF calls. The overall results in the region demonstrate, however, the predominance of projects focused on the implementation of energy efficiency measures.

Across the five EUCF calls, the highest total impacts in

energy savings (2 850 GWh/y) in NC&WE were expected by selected applications of the second call, while the highest impacts in renewable energy generation (2 687 GWh/y) were expected by selected applications of the third EUCF call.

Figure 22 presents the total expected impacts in energy savings and renewable energy production by selected applicants in the NC&WE region. From call one to four, this information was collected from the calculation log (Annex D) submitted with the EUCF application. For call five, this information corresponds to the figures indicated by selected applicants in the application form in the EUCF website user zone. For the compilation of the results for call 5, applications with unrealistic and inflated figures were not considered in the calculation of the totals.

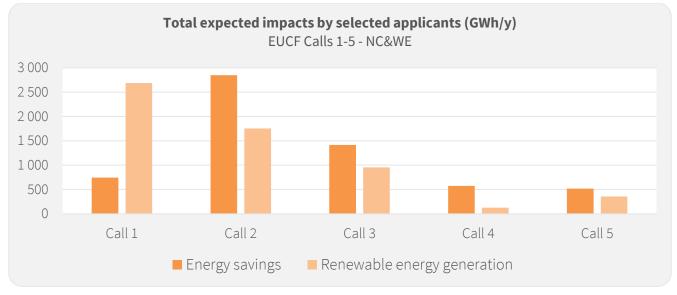


Figure 22. Total expected impacts by selected applicants (GWh/y) – EUCF Calls 1-5 NC&WE

In the first EUCF call, the Netherlands presented the highest total expected energy savings (314 GWh/y) and renewable energy production (2 017 GWh/y) in the NC&WE region. In the second call, Sweden presented the majority of the expected impacts in energy savings (679 GWh/y), while the highest renewable energy generation was expected in Finland (970 GWh/y). In the third EUCF call, again the highest energy savings were expected from applications in the Netherlands (914 GWh/y) as well as the highest expected production of renewable energy (411 GWh/y). Among selected applicants in the fourth call, Denmark was responsible for the highest foreseen impacts in energy savings (285 GWh/y) and renewable energy generation (52 GWh/y).

In the **fifth EUCF call**, selected applications from **Ireland** presents the highest expected impacts in energy savings (356 GWh/y) and France presents the highest impacts in the generation of renewable energy (306 GWh/y).

### 5.2.3 Expected investment size of selected applications

A total investment size of around **436 million EUR** is expected from the applications selected in the fifth EUCF call in the NC&WE region. This is lower than the total investments indicated by selected applicants in the all previous EUCF calls in the region. In the first EUCF call, the total expected investments in the NC&WE region corresponded to approximately 2.6 billion EUR; in the second call, 3.1 billion EUR; in the third call, 2.2 billion EUR and in the fourth call, 2.4 billion EUR. Figure 23 presents the total investments for each EUCF call in the NC&WE region. For the compilation of the results for call 5, applications with unrealistic and inflated figures were not considered in the calculation of the totals.

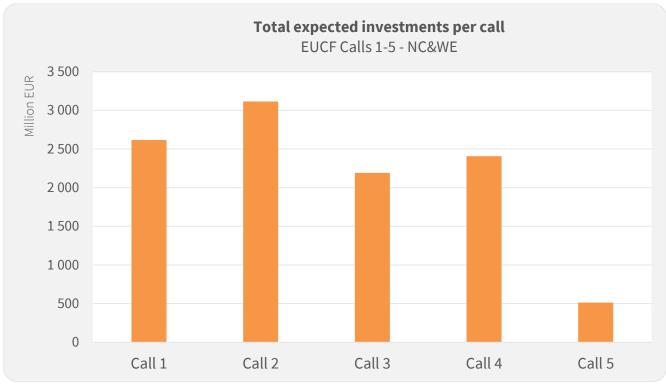


Figure 23. Total expected investments per call – EUCF Calls 1-5 – NC&WE

In the first EUCF call for applications, the highest total investments were expected by selected applications from the Netherlands, which corresponded to almost half (48%) of the total expected investments in the

region (1.2 billion EUR). Also in the second call, the majority of investments in the NC&WE region was expected in the Netherlands (781 million EUR), representing around 27% of the total investments foreseen. This is followed closely by Denmark (724 million EUR). In the third call, again the Netherlands presents the highest expected investments (1.5 billion EUR) with a share of around 71% of the total investments indicated by selected applicants in the region. In the fourth call, the highest investments were expected in the United Kingdom (1.9 billion), corresponding to 78% of the total investments in the region.

In the **fifth EUCF call**, selected applications from France (207 million EUR) present the highest expected investments in the NC&WE region, corresponding to 41% of the total investments.

### 5.2.4 Investment sectors targeted by selected applications

In the fifth EUCF call, most selected applications (6) in the NC&WE region indicated **"Public buildings (incl. social-rental and public housing)"** as the main targeted investment sector for their investment concepts. This is followed by "Innovative energy infrastructure" (4), "Private residential buildings" (2) and "Sustainable urban mobility" (2).

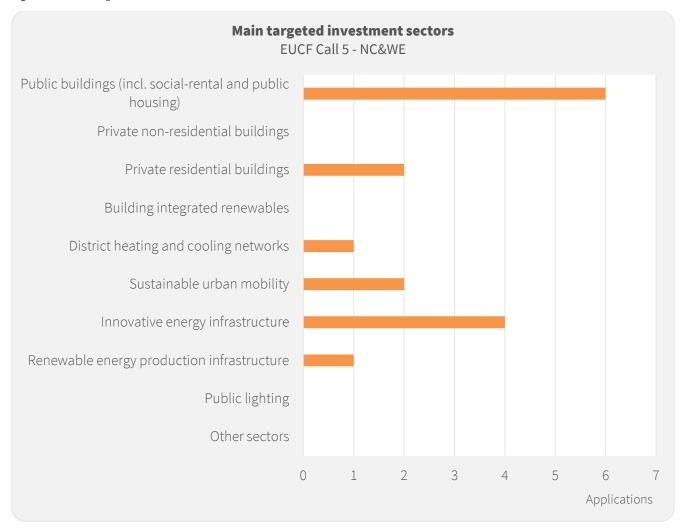


Figure 24. Main targeted investment sectors – EUCF Call 5 – NC&WE

Figure 25 presents the overall investment sectors targeted by selected applications in the NC&WE region across the four previous EUCF calls. In the application form for EUCF call one, applicants were able to indicate multiple investment sectors targeted by the proposed project. From the second call on, they also had the option to indicate the main investment sector. The total number of occurrences presented in figure 25 include the overall sectors indicated by selected applications in call one, but only the main sectors indicated by selected applications in call one, but only the main sectors from which applicants can select from call five on, the results from calls one to four are compiled separately.

Among selected applicants of EUCF calls one to four, the **"Residential buildings"** sector was the most targeted in the NC&WE region, followed by "District heating" and "Innovative energy infrastructure". The overall focus on energy efficiency of the measures implemented under the building and district heating sectors demonstrate the relevance of this topic for the region. Additionally, other sectors such as "Public buildings" and "Building integrated renewables" have played a significant role among the applications selected for EUCF support in the NC&WE region.

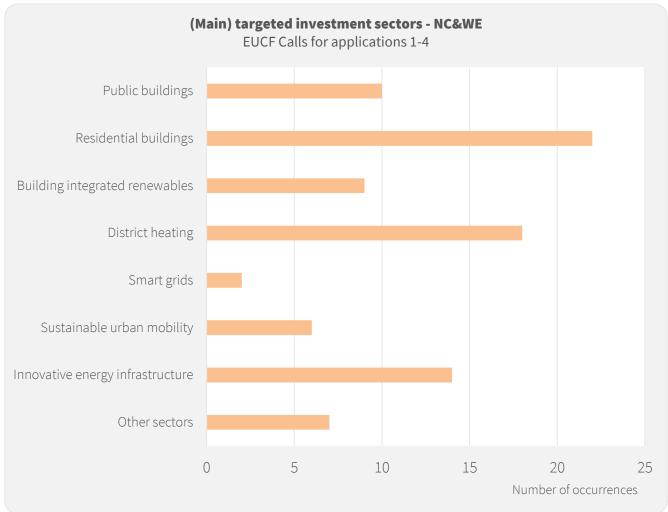


Figure 25. (Main) targeted investment sectors – EUCF Calls 1-4 – NC&WE

### 5.2.5 Population size of selected applications

In the fifth EUCF call for applications, out of the 16 applications selected in the NC&WE region, the majority – 8 applications - present a population size ranging between **10 000 and 50 000 inhabitants**. Four applications selected in the region present a higher population size, ranging between 250 000 and 1 million inhabitants. No application was selected from municipalities/local authorities, groupings or local public entities aggregating municipalities/local authorities with more than one million and less than 10 000 inhabitants. Figure 26 summarizes the population size of selected applications in the fifth call in the NC&WE region:

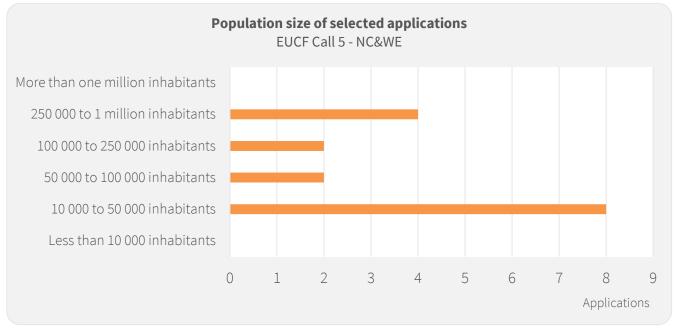
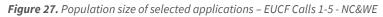
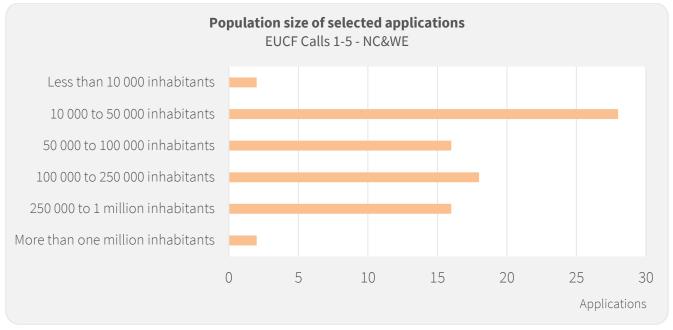


Figure 26. Population size of selected applications – EUCF Call 5 – NC&WE

Overall, across the five EUCF calls, the majority of the applications selected in the NC&WE region (28) presents a population size ranging between **10 000 and 50 000 inhabitants**. This is followed by 18 selected applicants with population size ranging between 250 000 and 1 million inhabitants, demonstrating the participation of larger municipalities/local authorities, groupings or local public entities in the region. Across the five calls, two applications were selected with a population size of more than one million inhabitants as well as with a population of less than 10 000 inhabitants. Ten selected applicants present a population of less than 10 000 inhabitants. Figure 27 summarizes the population size of selected applications in the NC&WE region across the five EUCF calls:





### 5.2.6 Cumulative results per country

Across the five EUCF calls, beneficiaries selected in France present the highest total population size in the NC&WE region, with more than 3 million inhabitants. Beneficiaries from the Netherlands present in their applications the highest total expected impacts in energy savings (1 835 GWh/y) and renewable energy generation (2 605 GWh/y).

Moreover, the total expected investments in the Netherlands represent the highest share of the total investments in the NC6we region (35%) with more than 3.6 billion EUR. This is followed by the United Kingdom (22%) and Belgium (14%). Table 8 presents the cumulative results in terms of population size, energy savings, renewable energy generation and investment size of each country in the NC&WE region as well as their respective share of the total expected investments in the region.

<b>Cumulative results per country – Selected beneficiaries</b> Nordic countries and Western Europe – Calls 1-5								
Country	<b>Population</b> (inhabitants)	Energy savings (GWh/y)	Renewable energy generation (GWh/y)	Investment size (EUR)	Share of total expected investments in the region (%)			
Austria	-	0.00	0.0	-	0%			
Belgium	1 893 580	424.00	57.99	1 514 162 877	14%			
Denmark	2 020 915	1 071.64	708.80	1 087 574 989	10%			
Finland	528 141	882.64	1 299.21	305 870 000	3%			

Table 8. Cumulative results per country – Nordic countries & Western Europe – EUCF beneficiaries – Calls 1-5

France	3 116 840	204.41	593.90	647 495 302	6%
Germany	479 484	115.61	114.99	188 133 600	2%
Iceland	-	0.00	0.0	-	0%
Ireland	917 857	369.24	47.00	39 677 694	0%
Liechtenstein	-	0.00	0.0	-	0%
Luxembourg	-	0.00	0.0	-	0%
Netherlands	1 992 610	1 834.67	2 604.79	3 677 826 748	35%
Norway	94 000	3.17	5.44	7 500 000	0%
Sweden	421 817	850.30	66.9	741 851 234	7%
United Kingdom	2 399 649	346.26	382.8	2 352 045 716	22%

## **5.3 Southern Europe**

### 5.3.1 Selected applicants

*Figure 28.* Countries with selected applicants - SE Call 5



In the SE region, **21 successful applications** were selected to receive EUCF support in the fifth call. **Italy** was the country in the region with the highest number of selected applications (7). This is followed by Greece (5) and Portugal (5). No applications were submitted in Malta. Two applications were submitted in Cyprus, but none was not selected for EUCF support.

Overall, across the five EUCF calls, Italy and Portugal were the countries with the highest number of selected applicants in the SE region, with each 27 selected applications. Portugal presents the highest success rate in the region with 45% across the five calls, followed by Malta with 33%. Across the five EUCF calls, three applications were submitted in total in Malta and one was selected for EUCF support in the first call.

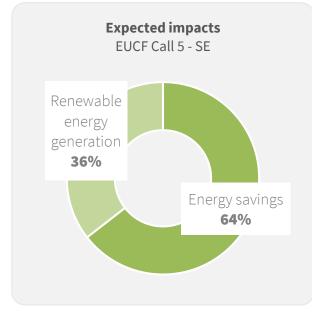
Across the five EUCF calls only one application was selected in each Cyprus and Malta. Table 9 presents the total selected applications per country in each EUCF call as well as cumulative results for calls one to five:

Table 9. Selected applications per country – EUCF Calls 1-5 – SE

Selected applications per country – Southern Europe									
Country	Call 1	Call 2	Call 3	Call 4	Call 5	TOTAL			
Cyprus	0	0	1	0	0	1			
Greece	0	1	3	3	5	12			
Italy	4	3	6	7	7	27			
Malta	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Portugal	1	8	6	7	5	27			
Spain	2	7	3	0	4	16			
TOTAL	8	19	19	17	22	85			

### 5.3.2 Expected impacts of selected applications

*Figure 29. Expected impacts of selected applicants SE Call 5* 



Among the applications selected in the fifth EUCF call in the SE region, **energy savings** corresponded to around 64% of the total expected impacts with a total of approximately 396 GWh/y. The expected renewable energy generation of approximately 224 GWh/y corresponds to a share of about 36% of the total impacts. The share of impacts in energy savings in the NC&WE region in the fifth call was higher than in the first (19%), second (52%) and third (50%) EUCF calls, but lower than in the fourth call (87%), in which only projects focused on energy efficiency measures were considered for EUCF support.

Across the five EUCF calls, the highest total impacts in energy savings (2 857 GWh/y) in SE were expected by

selected applications of the second call as well as the highest impacts in renewable energy generation (2 587 GWh/y).

Figure 30 presents the total expected impacts in energy savings and renewable energy production by selected applicants in the SE region. From call one to four, this information was collected from the calculation log (Annex D) submitted with the EUCF application. For call five, this information corresponds to the figures indicated by selected applicants in the application form in the EUCF website user zone. For the compilation of the results for call 5, unrealistic and inflated figures were not considered in the calculation of the totals.

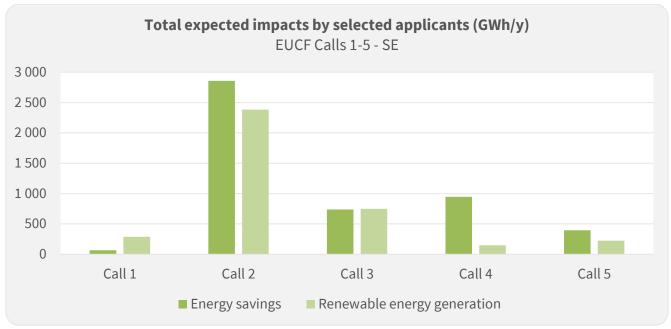


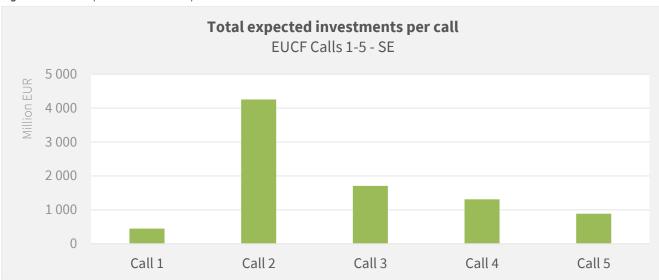
Figure 30. Total expected impacts by selected applicants (GWh/y) – EUCF Calls 1-5 SE

In the first EUCF call, Italy presented the highest total expected energy savings (39 GWh/y), while the highest renewable energy production (213 GWh/y) is expected in Portugal. In the second call, Spain presented the majority of the expected impacts in energy savings (1 534 GWh/y) and renewable energy generation (1 190 GWh/y). In the third EUCF call, the highest energy savings were expected from applications in the Italy (312 GWh/y), while the highest expected production of renewable energy was expected in Portugal (483 GWh/y). Among selected applicants in the fourth call, Italy was again responsible for the highest foreseen impacts in energy savings (350 GWh/y) as well as Portugal, for the generation of renewable energy (122 GWh/y).

In the **fifth EUCF call**, selected applications from **Spain** present the highest expected impacts in energy savings (273 GWh/y), while applications from Portugal present the highest impacts in the generation of renewable energy (166 GWh/y).

### 5.3.3 Expected investment size of selected applications

A total investment size of around **887 million EUR** is expected from the applications selected in the fifth EUCF call in the SE region. This is higher than the total investments indicated by selected applicants in the region in the first call, but lower than the expected investments in calls two to four. In the first EUCF call, the total expected investments in the SE region corresponded to approximately 449 million EUR; in the second call, 4.2 billion EUR; in the third call, 1.7 billion EUR and in the fourth call, 1.3 billion EUR. Figure 31 presents the total investments for each EUCF call in the SE region. For the compilation of the results for call 5, applications with unrealistic and inflated figures were not considered in the calculation of the totals.



*Figure 31.* Total expected investments per call – EUCF Calls 1-5 – NC&WE

In the first EUCF call for applications, the highest total investments were expected by selected applications from Portugal, due to the ambitious project proposed by the beneficiary of Cascais, which corresponded to around 56% of the total expected investments in the region (250 million EUR). In the second call, the majority of investments in the SE region was expected in Spain (2.4 billion EUR), representing around 58% of the total investments foreseen. In the third call, selected applications from Italy presented the highest expected investments (970 million EUR) with a share of around 57% of the total investments indicated by selected applicants in the region. In the fourth call, the highest investments were expected in Portugal (483 million), corresponding to 37% of the total investments in the region.

In the **fifth EUCF call**, again, selected applications from Portugal (193 million EUR) present the highest expected investments in the NC&WE region, corresponding to 37% of the total investments.

### 5.3.4 Investment sectors targeted by selected applications

In the fifth EUCF call, most selected applications (8) in the SE region indicated **"Public buildings (incl. socialrental and public housing)"** as the main targeted investment sector for their investment concepts. This is followed by "Innovative energy infrastructure ", "Renewable energy production infrastructure" and "Public lighting", each indicated by three selected applicants in the SE region. Figure 32. Main targeted investment sectors – EUCF Call 5 – SE

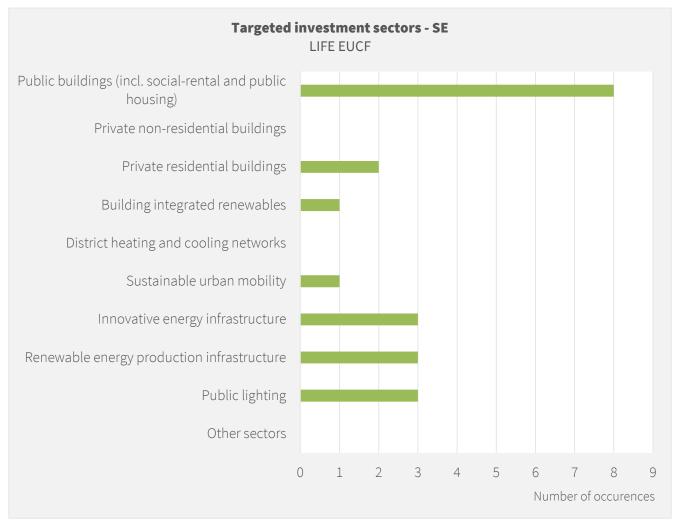
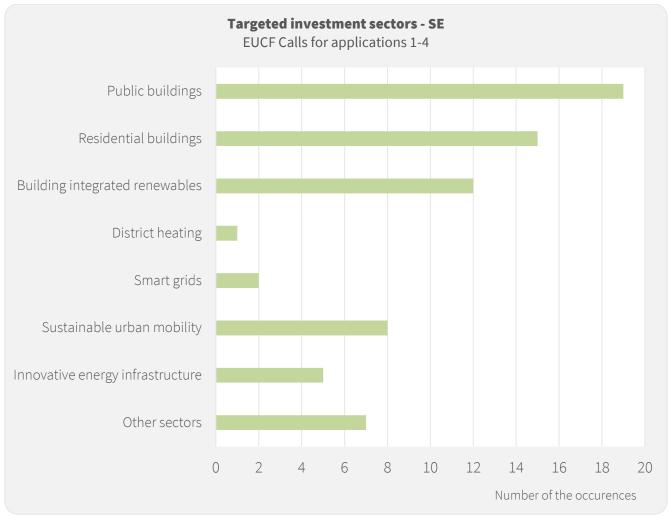


Figure 33 presents the overall investment sectors targeted by selected applications in the SE region across the four previous EUCF calls. In the application form for EUCF call one, applicants were able to indicate multiple investment sectors targeted by the proposed project. From the second call on, they also had the option to indicate the main investment sector. The total number of occurrences presented in figure 25 include the overall sectors indicated by selected applications in call one, but only the main sectors indicated by selected applicants of the second, third and fourth calls. Due to the changes in the list of sectors from which applicants can select from call five on, the results from calls one to four are compiled separately.

Among selected applicants of EUCF calls one to four, the **"Public buildings"** sector was the most targeted in the SE region, followed by "Residential buildings" and "Building integrated renewables". Additionally, other sectors such as "Sustainable urban mobility" played a significant role among the applications selected for EUCF support in the SE region.

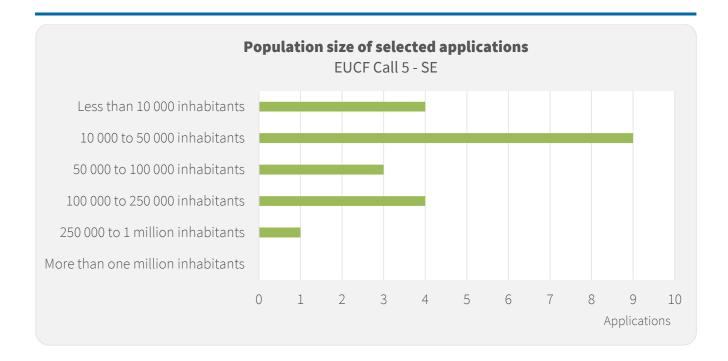
Figure 33. (Main) targeted investment sectors – EUCF Calls 1-4 – SE



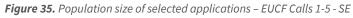
### 5.3.5 Average population size of selected applications

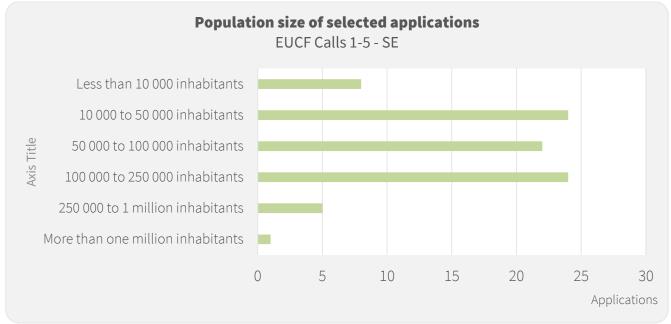
In the fifth EUCF call for applications, out of the 22 applications selected in the SE region, the majority – 9 applications - present a population size ranging between **10 000 and 50 000 inhabitants**. Five applications selected in the region present a higher population size, ranging between 100 000 and 250 000 inhabitants. No application was selected from municipalities/local authorities, groupings or local public entities aggregating municipalities/local authorities with more than one million inhabitants. Four applications selected in the SE region in the fifth call present less than 10 000 inhabitants. Figure 34 summarizes the population size of selected applications in the fifth call in the SE region:

Figure 34. Population size of selected applications – EUCF Call 5 – SE



Overall, across the five EUCF calls, the majority of the applications selected in the SE region (25) presents a population size ranging between **100 000 and 250 000 inhabitants**. This is closely followed by 24 selected applicants with population size ranging between 10 000 and 50 000 inhabitants, and 22 selected applicants with a population size between 50 000 and 100 000 inhabitants. Across the five calls, only one application was selected with a population size of more than one million inhabitants. Eight selected applicants present a population of less than 10 000 inhabitants. Figure 35 summarizes the population size of selected applications in the SE region across the five EUCF calls:





### 5.3.6 Cumulative results per country

Across the five EUCF calls, beneficiaries selected in Italy present the highest total population size in the SE region, with more than 3 million inhabitants. Beneficiaries from the Spain present in their applications the highest total expected impacts in energy savings (1 860 GWh/y), while the highest impacts in terms of renewable energy generation are expected in Portugal (2 111 GWh/y).

Moreover, the total expected investments in Spain represent the highest share of the total investments in the SE region (35%) with more than 2.8 billion EUR. This is followed closely by Portugal (33%). Table 10 presents the cumulative results in terms of population size, energy savings, renewable energy generation and investment size of each country in the NC&WE region as well as their respective share of the total expected investments in the region.

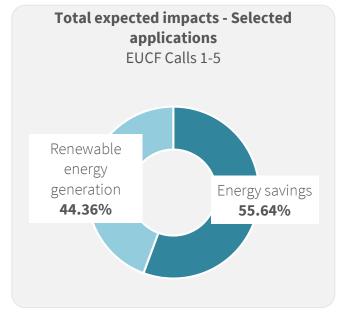
<b>Cumulative results per country – Selected beneficiaries</b> Southern Europe – Calls 1-5									
Country	<b>Population</b> (inhabitants)	Energy savings (GWh/y)	Renewable energy generation (GWh/y)	Investment size (EUR)	Share of total expected investments in the region (%)				
Cyprus	6 177	0.69	25.26	51 005 708	1%				
Greece	460 688	470.86	59.88	746 279 489	9%				
Italy	3 331 636	813.73	213.44	93 862 896	22%				
Malta	10 433	0.00	14.62	13 716 233	0%				
Portugal	3 300 738	1 856.91	2 110.58	2 745 667 288	33%				
Spain	2 668 631	1 860.85	1 365.07	2 891 406 629	35%				

 Table 10. Cumulative results per country – Southern Europe – EUCF beneficiaries – Calls 1-5

## **5.4 Cumulative results**

### 5.4.1 Expected impacts of selected applications

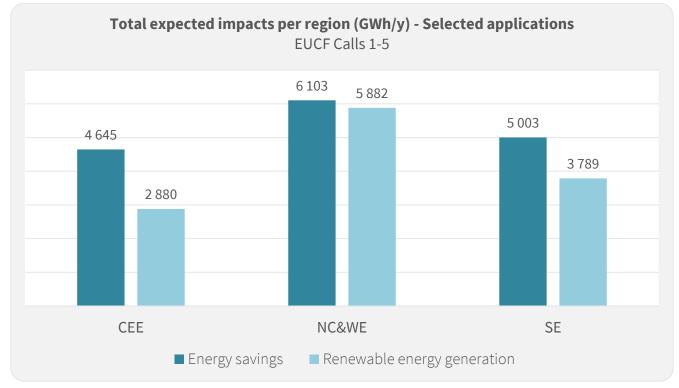
*Figure 36.* Total expected impacts – Selected applications EUCF Calls 1-5



Across the five EUCF calls, **energy savings** corresponds to the majority of total expected impacts (15 723 GWh/y) with a share of around 56%.

Overall, across the five EUCF calls, the NC&WE region presented the highest total expected impacts in energy savings (6 103 GWh/y), followed by SE (5 003 GWh/y). The CEE region presents the lower total expected energy savings (4 645 GWh/y). The highest total renewable energy generation is also expected by selected applications submitted in the NC&WE (5 882 GWh/y), followed again by SE (3 778 GWh/y) and CEE (2 879 GWh/y). Figure 37 illustrates the total impacts per region across the five EUCF calls:

#### Figure 37. Total expected impacts per region (GWh/y) – Selected applications EUCF Calls 1-5



In looking at the total expected impacts, it is important to keep in mind that the figures provided in the application form are often preliminary estimates for the proposed investment concept. The experience with the investment concepts submitted by EUCF beneficiaries demonstrates that these figures are subject to modifications and often decrease along the process of investment concept development.

### 5.4.2 Expected investment size of selected applications

In the first, third and fourth EUCF calls, the NC&WE presented the majority of expected investments by selected applications, with totals of, respectively, 2.6 billion EUR, 2.2 billion EUR and 2.4 billion EUR. In the second call, the SE region was responsible for most foreseen investments with a total of 4.3 billion EUR, while in the fifth call, the CEE region led the ranking with the highest expected investments with 1.9 billion EUR. Figure 38 presents the total expected investments per region in each EUCF call for applications.

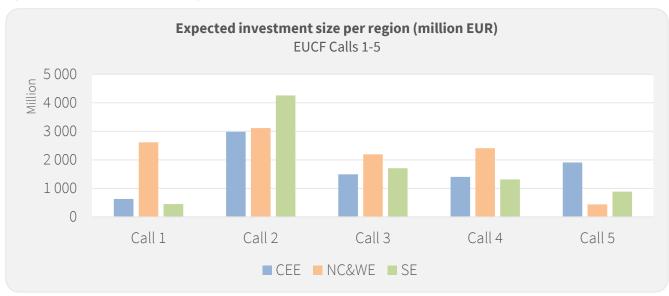


Figure 38. Expected investments per region – Selected applications EUCF Calls 1-5

As illustrated in figure 39, overall, the highest total regional investments are expected in the NC&WE, amounting to more than 10 billion EUR, followed by SE, with approximately 8.6 billion EUR, and CEE, with 8.4 billion EUR.

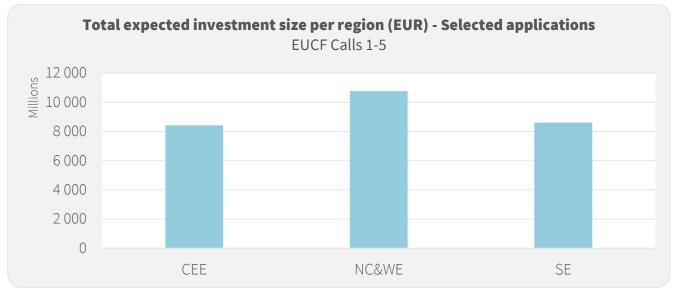


Figure 39. Total expected investments per region – Selected applications EUCF Calls 1-5

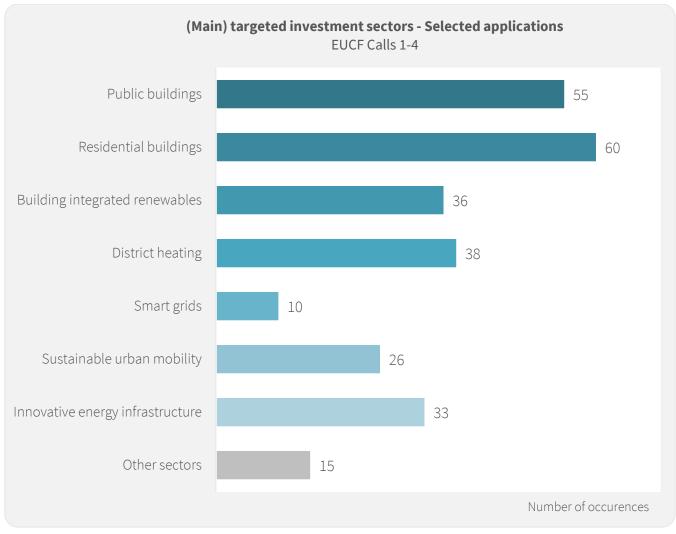
Overall, across the five EUCF calls in the three regions, a **total investment of 27.8 billion EUR** is expected according to the estimations made by selected applicants in the EUCF application. In looking at these figures, it is important to keep in mind that the figures provided in the application form are often preliminary estimates for the proposed investment concept. The experience with the investment concepts submitted by EUCF beneficiaries demonstrates that these figures are subject to modifications and often decrease along the process of investment concept development.

### 5.4.3 Targeted investment sectors

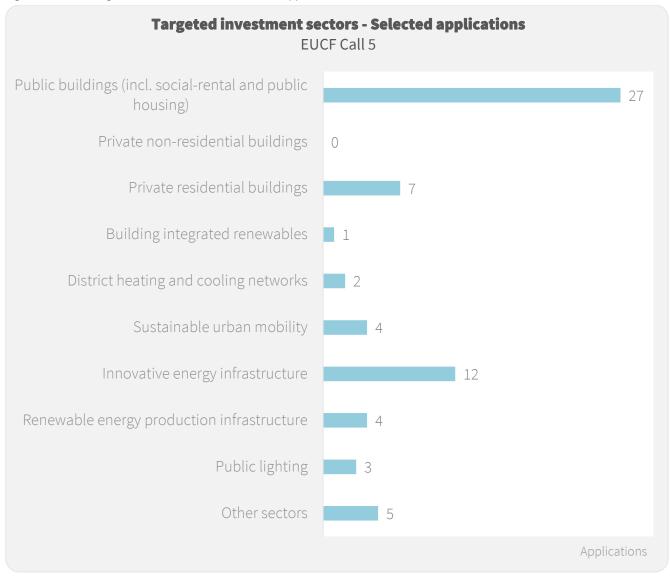
Overall, the **"Residential Buildings"** sector was the most targeted by selected applicants (60), representing the investment sector of 22% of the total applications selected across EUCF calls one to four. This is followed closely by the "Public buildings" sector (55), demonstrating the relevance of the building sector among the projects selected for EUCF support in the first four calls. In the following, sectors such as "District heating" (38) and "Building integrated renewables" (36) have played a significant role among selected applicants, representing the main investment sector of 14% and 13%, respectively, of the total selected applications.

Figure 40 illustrates the investment sectors targeted by selected applications in EUCF calls one to four. From the fifth call on, the list of sectors from which applicants can select from in the application form has been adjusted to include further sectors. The results for call five are, therefore, compiled separately according to the new list of sectors.

Figure 40. (Main) targeted investment sectors – Selected applications EUCF Calls 1-4



In the fifth EUCF call, the sector **"Public buildings (incl. social-rental and public housing)"** was the most targeted by selected applicants (27), corresponding to the main investment sector of 41% of the total selected applications. This is followed by "Innovative energy infrastructure" (12) and "Private residential buildings" (8). The results of call five reinforce the relevance of the building sector among selected applications as perceived in calls one to four, especially with focus on public buildings. Figure 41 presents the cumulative results for the three regions in the fifth EUCF call.

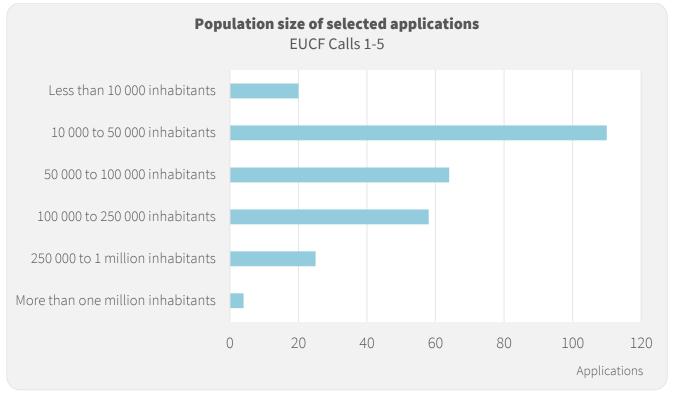


#### Figure 41. (Main) targeted investment sectors – Selected applications EUCF Call 5

#### 5.4.4 Population size

Across the five EUCF calls for applications, smaller municipalities/local authorities, groupings or local public entities aggregating municipalities/local authorities - with population size ranging from **10 000 to 50 000 inhabitants** - represented the majority of selected applicants (110) in the three regions. This is followed by applicants with population size between 50 000 to 100 000 inhabitants (64) and applicants with population size of 100 000 to 250 000 inhabitants (58). Overall, across the five EUCF calls, only four selected applicants present a population size of more than one million inhabitants. Out 282 selected applicants within the five calls, 20 present a population size of less than 10 000 inhabitants. The results reinforce the relevance of the EUCF for smaller municipalities/local authorities in Europe as well as their strong presence among the selected applicants, which is aligned with the overall objectives of the EUCF.









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