



# The CEI Know-how Exchange Programme

- ✓ **Origin:** launched in 2004.
- ✓ **Objective:** institution-to-institution transfers of good practices and transition experience from EU to non-EU Member States of the CEI.
- ✓ **Financing:** currently financed by Italy through the CEI Fund at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. To date, over 100 projects have been financed by Italy with about 2.9 million EUR.
- ✓ **Other donors:** the success of the Programme, has encouraged other CEI Member States, besides Italy, to contribute to the KEP as well.

The KEP co-finances projects focusing on the **transfer of know-how and best practices** from EU to non-EU CEI Member States.

**Project activities** might take various forms, such as:

- ✓ on-the-job trainings
- ✓ workshops and trainings
- ✓ staff secondments
- ✓ study tours and peer review missions
- ✓ assistance in the preparation of strategic documents
- ✓ technology transfers and technical assistance

- ✓ The KEP functions on the basis of annual **Calls for Proposals**.
- ✓ A Call is usually **launched in May** on the CEI website [www.cei.int](http://www.cei.int) and is **kept open for two months**.
- ✓ Call budget: Between **250.000 and 300.000 EUR**.
- ✓ **Awarding** of grants expected in **October/November**.
- ✓ The Call receives proposals for **projects to be implemented** during the **next calendar year**.

- ✓ The application needs to be submitted exclusively by email to [kep@cei.int](mailto:kep@cei.int) putting the CEI National Coordinator in copy.
- ✓ Applicants could submit up to two distinct Project Proposals, provided that the project activities and beneficiaries are different.
- ✓ Each applicant will receive a notification from the Secretariat with a Reference Number for following-up the result of the evaluation phases.

- ✓ **Plan of Action compatibility.** Activities need to be in line with the CEI Plan of Action and contribute to reaching its goals.
- ✓ **Project partnership.** Proposed projects need to involve at least one applicant registered in an EU CEI Member State and a beneficiary registered a non-EU CEI Member State.
- ✓ **Location.** Activities need to take place in the CEI region.

- ✓ **Maximum CEI contribution.** Applicants can request a CEI co-financing up to 50% of the total cost of the project, within a ceiling established by the Call (in the last Calls 40.000 €).
- ✓ **Eligible applicants.** The Call is open to all public and private entities registered in CEI Member States. Individuals cannot apply. International and regional organisations can also apply.

- ✓ **Administrative and eligibility check** on compatibility with the Rules of the Call for Proposals → eligible proposals are proceeding to second phase.
- ✓ **Evaluation:** eligible proposals are screened according to an evaluation grid and will be ranked according to a merit point system.
- ✓ The Committee of CEI National Coordinators will approve the **highest ranked** Project Proposals **within the available resources** of this Call for Proposals.



The Applicant whose proposal has been approved for CEI co-financing will be invited to sign a **Grant Agreement**.

The CEI co-financing is normally disbursed in two instalments subject to the conditions set out in Grant Agreement:

- ✓ **Advance Payment** (up to 50% of the approved amount)
- ✓ **Final Payment** (upon submission of final reports and budget)

## Strengthening Energy Regulatory Authorities in the Western Balkans

- Know-how Provider: Italian Regulatory Authority for Electricity, Gas and Water
- Know-how Recipients: Energy Agencies in Albania, Montenegro, and Serbia
- CEI Co-financing 40,000 EUR / Total Project Cost: 81,000 EUR
- Framework: market-coupling project between EU Multi-Regional Market Coupling and the Balkans via Italy
- The project aimed at transferring knowledge on the process of market integration and on the operational functioning of an integrated electricity market according to EC Regulation 2015/1222
- Thematic workshops in the 4 capital cities implemented, a network of experts created



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# Thank you!

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