



‘Towards Green Transition’ Facility Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many clusters will benefit from this call?

25 clusters from the ECCP will benefit from the technical advisory support of this Facility.

2. Can I get financial assistance from this call?

No. Selected clusters will benefit from technical assistance in the form of advisory/consulting services.

3. How many days of advisory support will the selected clusters receive?

The extent of support will depend on the specific needs of each cluster, ranging from 30 to 40 expert days.

4. Is any financial contribution expected from the cluster?

In principle the advisory service is in the form of mentorship. However, to activate the green transition efforts, the cluster may need to ensure financial contribution. In kind (time, resources, people) and financial contributions from the cluster are expected for knowledge development and implementation.

5. What is the duration of the support for each selected project?

The duration of the support will depend on the type of support needed. The advisory activities are envisaged to last for a maximum of five months.

6. Who will be the advisors?

The assigned advisors will be experts in training business to improve their sustainability and resource efficiency. Clusters will be matched with the most suitable advisor or combination of advisors.

7. Will the cluster be able to propose or choose the advisors?

Most suitable experts will be selected by the Facility Team and proposed to the cluster.

8. Will it be possible to change an advisor if the working relationship is not satisfactory for the cluster?

A robust feedback and monitoring mechanism will provide the cluster with the possibility to inform about such issues. Those are unlikely situations given that the advisors will be hand-picked from a pool of vetted associates and advisors. However, if serious situations arise, a replacement will be put in place.



9. How will the success of the support be monitored?

Key indicators will be in place to monitor progress of projects based on the specific needs and milestones indicated in the applications. The key indicators will be developed and finalised on a case-by-case basis.

10. How could the COVID-19 pandemic affect the delivery of the technical assistance?

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, advisory services may be delivered through online means to comply with the social distancing rules. In certain cases, one-on-one sessions may be offered in keeping with the applicable safety regulations.

11. What is the deadline for the submission of concept notes?

The deadline for the submission of concept notes is 5 March 2021 at 18:00h CET.

12. Do you intend to maintain this Facility each year?

Currently, only one call for applications and implementation is planned.

13. What if I have questions on how to fill in the application form?

If you are unsure about how to fill in the application, please check the guidance document next to the [application form](#) and join a dedicated webinar on 22 February (register [here](#)). If you have further questions, feel free to contact clustersgogreen@ecorys.com

14. How can I learn more about this Facility?

You can find all the information about this initiative on the [ECCP website](#). For regular updates on the Facility, you can sign up to the [ECCP newsletter](#), follow [@Clusters_EU](#) on Twitter and on [LinkedIn](#) and ask to join our mailing list by contacting clustersgogreen@ecorys.com