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Introduction

This is an **invitation addressed to EIT InnoEnergy KIC Legal Entity (LE) to request the amendment of the Grant Agreement (Project 101191580 — ESA)[1], signed on 20 August 2024** following the *Invitation to submit a proposal for the European Solar Academy activities* ("original invitation")[2] for an EU action grant in the field of solar energy under the Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs strand of the **Single Market Programme (SMP COSME)**.

The regulatory framework for this EU Funding Programme is set out in the:

- Regulation (EU) 2018/1046 (EU Financial Regulation);
- the Single Market Programme Regulation 2021/690[3]).
- Commission Work Programme 2023[4].

The regulatory and contractual framework for the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) in the 2021-2027 period is set out in the:

- EIT Regulation (recast)[5];
- EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda 2021-2027[6];
- the Partnership Agreement (PA)[7] which was signed by the EIT and EIT InnoEnergy in 2021 for the period of 2021-2024;
- Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)[8] with EIT InnoEnergy signed by the EIT in 2024 for the period of 2025-2027.

This Invitation is launched in accordance with the **EIT's 2024 Work Programme**[9] and will be managed by the EIT, following **the signature of the amended Contribution Agreement[10] on 10 April 2024 between the** European Commission (DG GROW) and the EIT which has extended the budget and the duration of the Contribution Agreement.

[1] Ref. Ares(2024)5923688
[2] Ref. Ares(2024)1149572
[3] Regulation (EU) 2021/690 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme) (OJ L 153, 3.5.2021, p. 1).
[4] Section 2.15 of Commission Implementing Decision C(2023)1119 on the financing of the Programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed and European Statistics and the adoption of the work programme for 2023-2024, as amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2023)5702 on amending the Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 1119 as regards the implementation of actions under the Single Market Programme
[5] Regulation (EU) 2021/819 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (recast) (OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 61)
[6] Decision (EU) 2021/820 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 on the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 2021-2027: Boosting the Innovation Talent and Capacity of Europe and repealing decision No 1312/2013/EU (OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 91)
[7] https://eit.europa.eu/sites/default/files/eit_kic_partnership_agreement_v1.0_final_14-03-2021.pdf
[8] https://eit.europa.eu/library/gb-decision-242024-conclusion-memorandum-cooperation-eit-climate-kic-eit-digital-and-eit
[9] Decision 26/2024 of the EIT Governing Board on the Amendment of the Final Single Programming Document (2024-2026) of the EIT (ref. Ares(2024)4696519).
[10] Ref. Ares(2024)2624710

To align the amended scope of the Contribution Agreement between DG GROW and EIT with the Grant Agreement between EIT and EIT InnoEnergy KIC LE, there is a need to amend it in accordance with Article 39 of the Grant Agreement.

As a result, the **purposes and scope of this invitation** is to request EIT InnoEnergy KIC LE to:

- update the proposal in light of the progress of the implementation made in 2024 so far,
- extend the proposal in light of the increased budget available for the action, the increased timeline for implementation and the enhanced impact required under this invitation,
- ensure that all the entities affiliated to the KIC LE, including the co-location centres (CLCs) of the KIC, which participate in the implementation of the action, accede to the Grant Agreement.

The main conditions for the Grant Agreement are defined in the original invitation, guidelines and templates. These conditions continue to apply unless otherwise indicated herein. Further requirements concerning the amendment and the requirements for the additional funding allocation are laid down in this document.

We invite you to read the **Invitation documentation** carefully, and in particular this Invitation, the Model Grant Agreement, the EU Funding & Tenders Portal Online Manual and the EU Grants AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement.

These documents provide clarifications and answers to questions you may have when preparing your application:

- the Invitation outlines the:
  - background, objectives, scope, activities that can be funded and the expected results;
  - timetable and available budget;
  - admissibility and eligibility conditions (including mandatory documents);
  - criteria for financial and operational capacity and exclusion;
  - evaluation and award procedure;
  - award criteria;
  - legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreement;
  - how to submit an application.

- the Online Manual outlines the:
  - procedures to register and submit proposals online via the EU Funding & Tenders Portal ('Portal');
  - recommendations for the preparation of the application.

- the AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement contains:
  - detailed annotations on all the provisions in the Grant Agreement you will have to sign in order to obtain the grant *(including cost eligibility, payment schedule, accessory obligations, etc)*.

1 Background

On 16 March 2023, as part of its Green Deal Industrial Plan[11], the European Commission put forward a legislative proposal for a Net-Zero Industry Act[12] with the objective to support the scale-up of EU industrial manufacturing capacities of key net-zero technologies. The Act proposes a simplified regulatory framework to meet the EU climate neutrality goals in technologies such as batteries, windmills, heat-pumps, solar photovoltaic, electrolysers, carbon capture and storage. The proposal includes a Chapter on "Enhancing Skills for quality job creation" to support the re-skilling and upskilling of workers required for the upscaling of EU industrial manufacturing capacities. Article 23 of the proposal states that "the Commission shall support, including through the provision of seed-funding, the establishment of European Net Zero Industry Academies" to develop education and training content to upskill and reskill workers required for key net-zero technology value chains, including solar photovoltaic technologies.

More recently, in a joint communication to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council on a "European Economic Security Strategy"[13], the Commission listed among the priorities promoting our own competitiveness by, inter alia, investing in human capital including by upskilling the European workforce, as well as protecting ourselves from economic security risks. Linked to that is the Commission Recommendation on critical technology areas for the EU's economic security for further risk assessment with Member States which list photovoltaics as one of 10 critical technology areas for the EU's economic security.

At global level, solar photovoltaic manufacturing increased with an annual growth rate of 25% from 2010 to 2021, and the trend is increasing. In 2023 and 2024, the global solar photovoltaic manufacturing capacity is expected to double, with China claiming over 90% of this increase, to reach almost 1.000 GW in 2024 (as predicted by the International Energy Agency).[14]

In the European Union, the REPowerEU plan[15] released in May 2022 proposes a deployment target of 320 GW of solar PV by 2025 and almost 600 GW by 2030. The Proposal for a Net-Zero Industry Act aims to ensure that, by 2030, the EU manufacturing capacity of the strategic net-zero technologies (including Solar photovoltaic) approaches or reaches a benchmark of at least 40% of the Union's annual deployment needs, to achieve the Union's 2030 climate and energy targets. To this end, the sector requires a range of skilled workers including engineers, project managers, technicians, and installers. For the manufacturing of photo-voltaic panels alone, 66.000 additional workers are estimated to be needed until 2030. In addition, solar photovoltaic deployment is estimated to require another 260.000 skilled workers by 2030.[16]

Against this backdrop, seed funding for the establishment of a European Solar Academy has been made available under the Single Market Programme - SME Pillar which allocated an initial and increased amount under its 2023 work programme to be implemented via indirect management by the EIT.

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[11] *COM(2023) 62 final*
[12] *COM(2023) 161 final*
[13] *JOIN(2023) 20 final*
[14] *Is there enough global wind and solar PV manufacturing to meet Net Zero targets in 2030? – Renewable Energy Market Update - June 2023 – Analysis - IEA*
[15] *COM(2022) 230 final*
[16] *COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's net-zero technology products manufacturing ecosystem (Net Zero Industry Act)*

2 Objectives — Activities that can be funded — Expected enhanced impact

2.1 Objectives

The objectives of the action shall remain unchanged as set out in the initial Invitation to submit a proposal for European Solar Academy activities[17] (point 2.1)

2.2 Activities that can be funded (scope)

The area of activities that can be founded shall remain unchanged as set out in the initial Invitation to submit a proposal for European Solar Academy activities[18] (point 2.2)

2.3 Expected enhanced impact of the action

The **expected impact shall be enhanced for the European Solar Academy activities**[19] as follows:

The project shall aim upskilling and reskilling 65.000 direct learners across the EU solar photovoltaic and related industry across the EU within two years of launching as set out in the initial grant agreement. However, **the project shall aim to reach 100,000 direct learners within three years of the launch.** To that end, the Project will develop a minimum of 26 learning courses within the first two years of the launch and **40 courses within the first three years**. **All courses will build and issue credentials within the first three years.**

All courses will be certified to issue credentials and will be translated into several European languages for a wide dissemination. A minimum of 66 education and training providers will be fully certified to train workers across the solar PV value chain and at least 75 trainers will be trained to roll out the program to targeted learners within two years of the launch, with **the aim to train 110 trainers and certify 100 education and training providers within the first three years.**

Moreover, this invitation requires to enhance the expected outcome of the project in terms of **increased targets set out in the Work Packages** of the Project in the initial proposal. A summary of the expected increased targets in the amended proposal can be found in the below table:

[17] *Ref. Ares(2023)8721385 – 19/12/2023*
[18] *Ref. Ares(2023)8721385 – 19/12/2023*
[19] *Ref. Ares(2023)8721385 – 19/12/2023*

	Intervention Logic	Initial Grant Agreement	Amended Grant Agreement	Comments
		M24 - 01/03/2026	M36 - 01/03/2027	
Overall Objective	The overall objective of the action is to launch the European Solar Academy to support the upskilling and reskilling by education and training providers in EU Member States, of the workforce required in the EU for, among others, developing, producing, installing, maintaining, repairing, re-using and recycling solar photovoltaic technologies, with a strong focus on employees in EU SMEs.	**65.000** learners reached	**100.000** learners reached	*Process and steps to reach 100 000 learners must be explained in details in the amended proposal.*
Specific Objectives	Develop learning courses, content and learning and training materials. The content and duration of the courses shall reflect the upskilling and reskilling demand of industry in the solar PV value chain	**26** learning courses developped	**40** learning courses	
	Facilitate the deployment of the learning programmes, content and materials developed by the Academy by the establishment of a network of education and training providers in Member States. This shall include training the trainers and establishing a learning platform	**66** education and training providers fully certified	**100** education and training providers fully certified	
		75 trainers trained to roll-out the program to the targeted learners	**110** trainers trained to the targeted learners	
		ICT platform in place and available	Enhanced ICT platform in place and available	
	Put in place certification of learning through digital credentials, including micro-credentials, for the Academy learning courses	**5** courses certified	**40** courses certified	
WP1 - Management	Advocacy with at least 6 relevant ESF+ Managing Authorities demonstrated - deliverable	6	**12**	
WP2 – Skills & Certification	Future solar PV Skills and Jobs panel with at least 12 industry and research representatives in place and operating	12	**15**	*at least*
WP3 - Learning Infrastructure	At least 3 VR, AR, or serious games training applications within ESA infrastructure in place	3	**6**	
	Collaboration agreements with at least 8 Physical Training Labs with special and unique conditions access agreement signed	8	**10**	
	Repository in place with the first 18 trainer profiles available by M18	18	**40**	*at least*
WP4 - Learning Content Creation & Management	Localisation of learning content for at least 6 PV sector-relevant Member States	6	**8**	*at least*
WP5 - Ecosystem Building & Management	Collaboration with at least 3 PV industry companies	3	**3**	
	1st event executed – D5.3	1		*to include an additional event in the 3rd year of*
	2nd event executed	1	**1**	
WP6 - Training delivery operations	At least 5 selected learning units uploaded to EIT Campus or Deep Tech Talent Initiative resource platform	5	**10**	

It is required by this invitation to strengthen the financial sustainability element of the project in the form of a dedicated additional work package. The **sustainability of the European Solar Academy after the expiry of the Grant Agreement requires further elaboration** with clear targets. Regarding financial sustainability, a brief strategy based on fees (license and membership) is presented in the initial proposal, which is expected to be developed further in the amendment.

We invite the beneficiary to justify the allocation of increased subcontracting budget deriving from the enhanced impact of the project (if relevant).

The beneficiary should also consider (if relevant) strengthening the variety of the IT profiles in the project team.

3 Available additional budget

The available grant budget for this action is maximum **EUR 8 820 000.**

- Out of this, **EUR 3 920 000 was initially contracted** with EIT InnoEnergy KIC LE by the signature of the Grant Agreement on 20 August 2024.

- The **additional funding available** under the current invitation is **EUR 4 900 000.**

We reserve the right not to award (all of) the available funds, depending on the proposal received and the results of the evaluation.

4 Timetable and deadlines

The indicative timeline of the submission and evaluation procedure is the following:

Key dates	Date and time or indicative period
Launch of Invitation to submit a proposal for the amendment **by email**	**9 December 2024**
Deadline for submission of the amendment in e-Grants tool.	**6 January 2025**
Evaluation period	6 January – mid February 2025
Additional Grant award decision by EIT Director	February 2025
Information on evaluation result to the beneficiary	February 2025
Amended Grant Agreement signature	**February 2025**

5 Admissibility and documents

The amended proposal must be submitted by EIT InnoEnergy KIC LE[20], invited for this Invitation. For further information, please refer to Section 6.1.

The amended proposal must be submitted before the invitation deadline (see Section 4.)

The request for amendment must be submitted by the coordinator of the Grant Agreement no later than the deadline indicated in the table in Chapter 4, via the amendment functionality of the eGrants tool via the EU Funding and Tenders portal[21]. Paper submission is NOT possible.

[20] KIC INNOENERGY SE (KIC SE), PIC 960652402
[21] https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/IT/How+to+launch+an+amendment

The amendment requested by the consortium shall follow specific arrangements[22]. It shall not call into question the original award of the grant.

Please keep the limit to a maximum of **70 pages** (Grant Agreement Annex 1 - Part B) in the case of the amended proposal. Evaluators will not consider any additional pages. It is requested to include an Executive Summary. All tables, figures, references and any other element shall be consistent with Grant Agreement Annex 1 – Part A.

The submission shall comply with the respective guidelines and templates[23]. Unless otherwise indicated in this invitation, failure to comply with this requirement may lead to the rejection of the proposed amendment.

The requests for amendment must be drafted in English.

6 Eligibility

6.1 Eligible participants

Article 195(f) of the EU Financial Regulation allows that a grant may be awarded without a call for proposals for activities with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers (on condition that the activities concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals).

In accordance with the Annual Work Programme 2024 of the EIT, **this invitation is therefore addressed to the** KIC Legal Entity of EIT InnoEnergy.

6.2 Eligible activities

The amended proposal will only be considered eligible if its content corresponds to the activities described in Section 2 above.

7 Exclusion criteria

The **exclusion criteria** and **evidence** under the Grant Agreement are defined in the original invitation.

[22] https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/OM/Amendments
[23] https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/amendment-guide_en.pdf

8 Financial and operational capacity

The requirements for the **financial** and **operational capacity** under the Grant Agreement are defined in the original invitation.

9 Award criteria

The award criteria for the additional funding allocation are indicated in the original invitation.

Evaluation and award procedure:

The amended proposal will be checked against the formal requirements (admissibility, eligibility, operational capacity) and then evaluated by an **evaluation committee** against the award criteria assisted by an independent external expert.

10 Assessment process of the request for amendment

The request for amendment of the Grant Agreement shall be assessed by **independent external expert** selected by the EIT. The assessment will be supported by EIT officers. The beneficiary shall not have direct or indirect contact with the external expert regarding the assessment process at any time, including during or after the assessment exercise. The information and the name of the expert shall remain confidential.

The assessment will be carried out and scored based on the additional information submitted as part of the amendment that will be assessed in terms of **(a) Excellence**, **(b) Impact** and **(c) Quality and efficiency of the implementation**. Furthermore, regularity and legality and other elements relating to the applicable Grant Agreement amendment provisions are also verified.

The outcomes of the amended proposal assessment are included in report which contain the scores substantiated by due justifications. The outcome of this assessment may lead to **formal EIT requirements** which shall be met prior to the approval of the amended Grant Agreement.

Evidence: The complete request for amendment of Grant Agreement Annex 1 – Part A and Part B with its Annexes. The EIT and the expert may also consult other submitted documentation during the amendment request submission, as described by the annotated templates and Horizon Europe Guidelines, or may browse publicly available sources to verify information provided by the beneficiary[24].

[24] https://eit.europa.eu/our-activities/opportunities/eit-launches-horizon-eit-2023-2025-kic-call

11 Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreement

Grant Agreement amendment preparation will involve a dialogue in order to fine-tune technical or financial aspects of the project and may require extra information from your side. It may also include adjustments to the proposal to address recommendations of the evaluation committee or other concerns. Compliance will be a pre-condition for signing the grant.

No commitment for funding — Invitation to grant preparation does NOT constitute a formal commitment for additional funding.

Then, the EIT Director will take the award decision for the additional grant and the **Grant Agreement Amendment** will be approved.

The Grant Agreement, as amended, sets the framework for your grant and its terms and conditions, in particular concerning deliverables, reporting and payments.

The Model Grant Agreement that will be used (and all other relevant templates and guidance documents) can be found on Portal Reference Documents.

11.1 Starting date, eligibility period and project duration

Project duration shall be amended from 24 months to 36 months. The project's extended duration will be fixed in the Grant Agreement (Data Sheet, point 1).

11.2 Milestones and deliverables

The milestones and deliverables for the project will be managed through the Portal Grant Management System and will be reflected in Annex 1 of the amended Grant Agreement.

11.3 Form of grant, funding rate and maximum grant amount

The form of grant and the funding rate are fixed in the Grant Agreement and are explained in the original invitation.

The maximum grant amount will be fixed in the amended Grant Agreement (Data Sheet, point 3 and Article 5).

11.4 Budget categories and cost eligibility rules

The budget categories and cost eligibility rules are fixed in the Grant Agreement *(Data Sheet, point 3, Article 6 and Annex 2)* and explained in the original invitation.

11.5 Financial support to third parties

Financial support to third parties is explained in the original invitation.

There is a strict prohibition of double funding from the EU budget. In accordance with Article 191 of the EU Financial Regulation concerning the principle of non-cumulative award and prohibition of double funding, **each action may give rise to the award of only one grant from the EU budget to any one beneficiary. In no circumstances shall the same costs be financed twice by the EU budget.**

11.6 Reporting and payment arrangements

The reporting and payment arrangements will be fixed in the amended Grant Agreement (Data Sheet, point 4 and Article 21 and 22).

The **first pre-financing payment** under the original Grant Agreement was made following the Grant Agreement signature. Further **two pre-financing payments** will depend on the additional funding allocation and the available payment credits under the EIT budget for financial year 2025, 2026, 2027. As a result, **the foreseen two additional pre-financing payments indicated in the Grant Agreement may be adjusted (increased/decreased) at the time of the signature of the amendment**.

Therefore, the payment of the grant will be made in **three pre-financing instalments** and a **final payment (the balance)**. The aim of the pre-financing is to provide the beneficiary with a float. The pre-financing remains the property of the EU until the payment of the balance.

There will be no interim payments. With the amended Grant Agreement two additional Progress Reports are included compared to the original Grant Agreement to cover the periods of 31-36 months and the reporting period for the Final Report is updated as follows:

The following payment and reporting scheme is foreseen under this grant:

	When	Requirements	Reporting period
First pre-financing payment (app. 30% of the initial grant agreement)	Within 30 days from entry into force / financial guarantee (whichever is the latest)	No contribution to the Mutual Insurance Mechanism will be retained from the first prefinancing payment. A pre-financing guarantee was required from the beneficiary, based on the result of the financial capacity assessment.	

First Progress Report	Within 30 days after the end of the reporting period	The **progress report** shall include a technical part only (template will be provided).	1-6 months
Second Progress Report	Within 30 days after the end of the reporting period	The **progress report** shall include a technical part only (template will be provided).	7-12 months
Additional prefinancing report	Within 60 days following the end of the reporting period.	The **additional pre-financing report** shall include a technical part and a financial part (i.e. statement on the use of the previous pre-financing payment). If the statement on the use of the previous pre-financing payment shows that less than 70% was used, the amount set out in the Data Sheet will be reduced by the difference between the 70% threshold and the amount used.	1-12 months
Second pre-financing payment (app. 40%)	Within 60 days from receiving the additional pre-financing report / financial guarantee (whichever is the latest).	No contribution to the Mutual Insurance Mechanism will be retained from the second prefinancing payment. A pre-financing guarantee may be required from the beneficiary, based on the result of the financial capacity assessment.	
Third Progress Report	Within 30 days after the end of the reporting period	The **progress report** shall include a technical part only.	13-18 months
Fourth Progress Report	Within 30 days after the end of the reporting period	The **progress report** shall include a technical part only.	19-24 months
Additional pre-financing report	Within 60 days following the end of the reporting period.	The **additional pre-financing report** shall include a technical part and a financial part (i.e. statement on the use of the previous pre-financing payment). If the statement on the use of the previous pre-financing payment shows that less than 70% was used, the amount set out in the Data Sheet will be reduced by the difference between the 70% threshold and the amount used.	12-24 months
Third pre-financing payment (app. 20%)	Within 60 days from receiving the additional pre-financing report / financial	No contribution to the Mutual Insurance Mechanism will be retained from the third prefinancing payment.	

	guarantee (whichever is the latest).	A pre-financing guarantee may be required from the beneficiary, based on the result of the financial capacity assessment.	
Firth Progress Report	Within 30 days after the end of the reporting period	The **progress report** shall include a technical part only.	25-30 months
Sixth Progress Report	Within 30 days after the end of the reporting period	The **progress report** shall include a technical part only.	31-36 months
Final report	Within 60 days following the end of the reporting period.	**Final report** shall include a technical part and a financial part (i.e. individual and consolidated financial statements, explanation on the use of resources, certificates on the financial statements (CFS) if required, etc). The final report shall be submitted 60 days after the end of the reporting period.	1-36 months
Final payment (10%)	Within 90 days from receiving the final report.	The EIT will calculate the final EIT grant amount. If the total of earlier payments is higher than the final grant amount, EIT will ask the beneficiary/ies to pay back the difference (recovery).	

All payments will be made to the beneficiary.

Please be aware that payments will be automatically lowered if the beneficiary/ies has/have outstanding debts towards the EU (granting authority or other EU bodies). Such debts will be offset — in line with the conditions set out in the Grant Agreement (see Article 22).

Please also note that you are responsible for keeping records on all the work done and the costs declared.

11.7 Prefinancing guarantees

Requirement of the prefinancing guarantee is explained in the original invitation.

11.8 Certificates

The types, schedules and thresholds for each certificate will be fixed in the Grant Agreement *(Data Sheet, point 4 and Article 24)* as explained in the original invitation

11.9 Liability regime for recoveries

The liability regime for recoveries is defined in the original invitation.

11.10 Provisions concerning the project implementation

Provisions concerning the project implementation are defined in the original invitation.

11.11 Non-compliance and breach of contract

Non-compliance and breach of contract is defined in the original invitation.

12. Transparency

Requirements for transparency is defined in the original invitation.

13. Processing of personal data

The reply to this Invitation involves the recording and processing of personal data (such as name, address and CV). Such data will be processed by the EIT pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data[25]. Any personal data requested in accordance with the Invitation will be processed solely for that purpose by the EIT. The EIT privacy statement for the management of grants is available at:

https://eit.europa.eu/data-protection

Personal data may be registered in the Early Detection and Exclusion System by the Commission, should the beneficiary be in one of the situations mentioned in Article 136 and 141 of the Financial Regulation 2018/1046 (for more information see the Privacy Statement on:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/data-protection-public-procurement-procedures_en.

Annex:

Annex 1: Logical Framework template – to be followed during project implementation.
Annex 2: Application Form Template (Part A and B) – link in Funding & Tenders portal
Annex 3: Detailed Budget Table Template – link in Funding & Tenders portal

[25] Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC

Annex 1 – Logical Framework template

	Intervention Logic	Interim KPIs	KPIs	Means of Verification	Baseline	Assumptions
Outcome	The upskilling and reskilling of the workforce required in the EU for developing, producing, installing, maintaining, repairing, re-using and recycling solar photovoltaic technologies, by education and training providers in EU Member States is reinforced through the launch of the European Solar Academy with a strong focus on employees in EU SMEs.	* Upskilling and Reskilling 15.000 learners across the EU by m12.	*Upskilling and Reskilling 65.000 direct learners across the EU by m24 with a view to reaching 100.000[26] direct learners across the EU solar photovoltaic and related industry within **three** years from the launch of the Academy.			

[26] The timeline for the overall and the specific objectives is intended to start from the signature of the Grant Agreement between the EIT and the beneficiary implementing the action

Outputs	1. Learning courses, content, learning and training materials developed. The content and duration of the courses reflects the upskilling and reskilling demand of industry in the solar PV value chain	*Develop at least 13 learning courses fully operational for upscaling in volume by m18	*Develop at least 26 learning courses fully operational for upscaling in volume by m24 with a view to reaching 40 within three years from the launch of the Academy *Out of these, at least 10 courses should be newly developed *all courses will issue a certificate of course participation			

	2. A network of education and training providers in Member States is established to facilitate the deployment of the learning programmes, content and materials developed by the Academy including training the trainers and establishing a learning platform.	*A min of 33 education and training providers fully certified to train workers across the solar value chain by m12 *At least 18 trainers trained to roll-out the program to the targeted learners by m6 and at least 36 by m12 *Make available a reliable ICT platform that can be scaled-up to meet the increased demand for these skills by m12	* A min of 66 education and training providers fully certified to train workers across the solar value chain by m24 with a view to reaching at least 100 within **three years** from the launch of the Academy ensuring maximum relevant geographic spread *At least 75 trainers trained to roll-out the program to the targeted learners by m24 with a view to reaching 110 within **three years** from the launch of the Academy			
	3. Certification of learning through digital credentials, including micro-credentials, for the Academy learning courses is put in place	*by m18 at least 5 courses certified and able to issue credentials to learners	* All courses will build and issue credentials by m24			

Activities	1.1 Develop learning programmes, content and learning and training materials and ensure their continuous update and improvement. 1.2 Perform continuous skills intelligence actions.					
	2.1 Make available a learning platform to serve as a repository for any learning content developed. 2.2 Build the network of Education and training providers for the roll-out of the training programmes 2.3 Support the deployment learning programmes, content and learning and training materials by education and training					

	3.1 Ensure certification of learning and training programmes and education and training providers 3.2Develop learning credentials, including micro-credentials					
Evaluation source						
Reporting by the beneficiary as per the Grant Agreement. Quarterly project management meetings between the European Commission, the EIT and the beneficiary. During the first semester of implementation, these meetings will be held every 6 weeks.						