

Grants & Incentives

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Global Investment and Innovation Incentives (Gi3)

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We support your project from inception to completion



Project Concept Building

Project Framework, Business Plan, Feasibility Study, GHG Calculations, Consortium Build-up



Project Proposal Preparation and Application Submission



EU Project Implementation and Management



Technical Assistance and Public Procurement

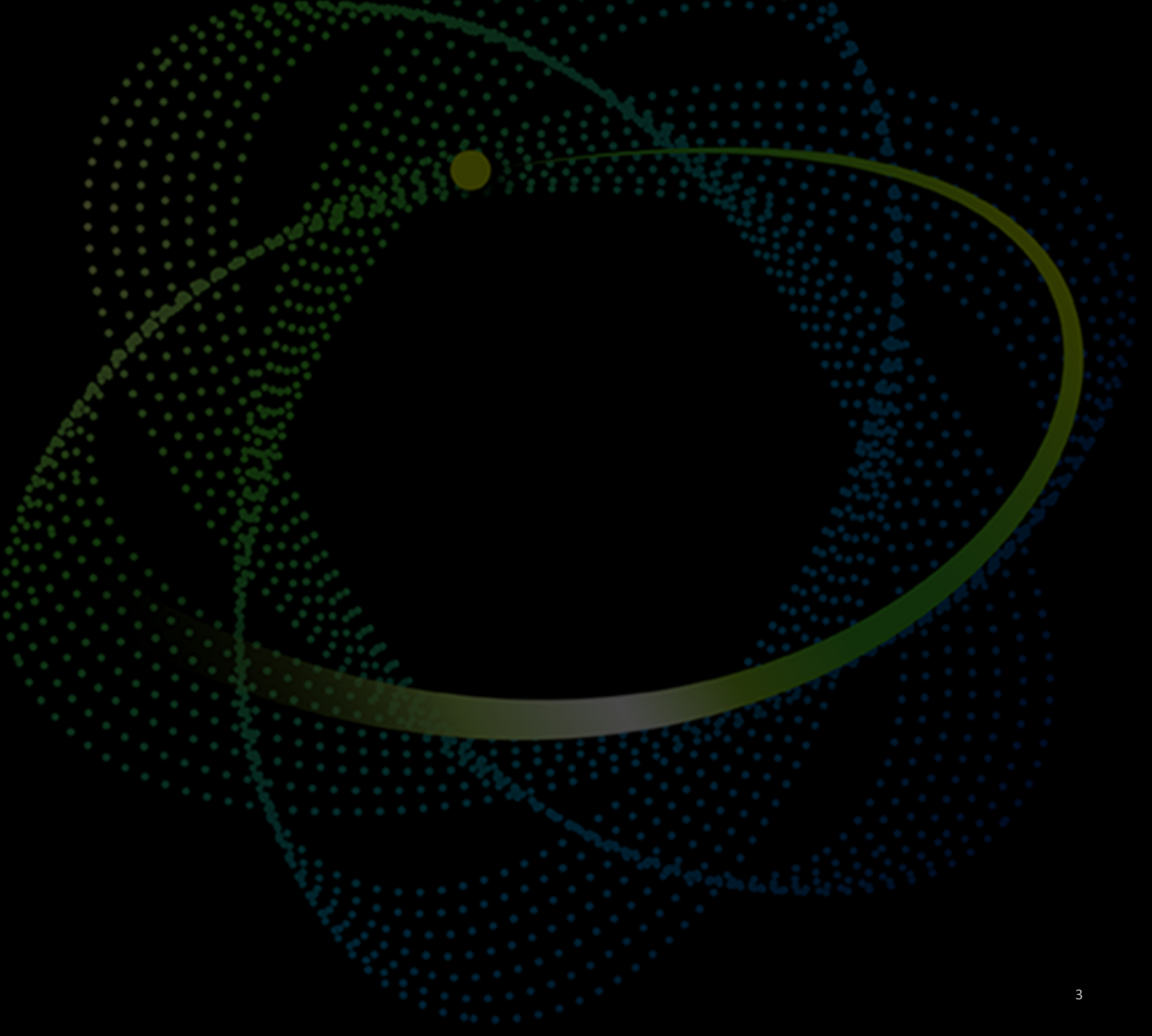


State Aid



Tax and Government Incentives for Investment Projects

EU DIRECT FUNDING



Innovation Fund

Objective: Implementation of innovative low-carbon decarbonisation technologies

Total budget 2024: EUR 4 billion, spread over 5 Calls:

Net Zero Technologies Manufacturing	EUR 1,4 billion	for projects with a CAPEX of more than EUR 2.5 million to produce renewable energy components, energy storage, heat pumps and hydrogen production
Net Zero Technologies Pilots	EUR 200 million	for projects with CAPEX of more than EUR 2.5 million aimed at deep decarbonisation
General Decarbonisation (large-scale)	EUR 1,7 billion	for projects with CAPEX above EUR 100 million
General Decarbonisation (medium-scale)	EUR 500 million	for projects with CAPEX between EUR 20 million and EUR 100 million
General Decarbonisation (small-scale)	EUR 200 million	for projects with CAPEX between EUR 2,5 million and EUR 20 million

Innovation Fund

Funding rate: up to 60% of the eligible costs

Eligible activities (non-exhaustive):

- Support for innovation in low carbon technologies
- Promoting environmentally safe carbon capture and storage projects
- Promoting innovative renewable energy, energy storage and hydrogen technologies

Indicative calls starting date: November/December 2024

Indicative deadline for submission of projects: April 2025



LIFE – EU Funding Instrument for the Environment and Climate Action

Objective: To contribute to the shift to a circular, energy-efficient, renewable energy based- and climate resilient economy as well as to protect and improve the quality of the environment

Total budget:

EUR 130 million annually, spread over 2 subprograms, most attractive to businesses:

- **Circular Economy and Quality of Life:** EUR 2 – 10 million per project
 - Circular Economy and Waste, Air, Water, Soil, Noise, Chemicals, A new European Bauhaus
- **Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation:** EUR 1 – 5 million per project
 - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
 - Deployment of climate change adaptation solution related to unprecedented extreme climate events



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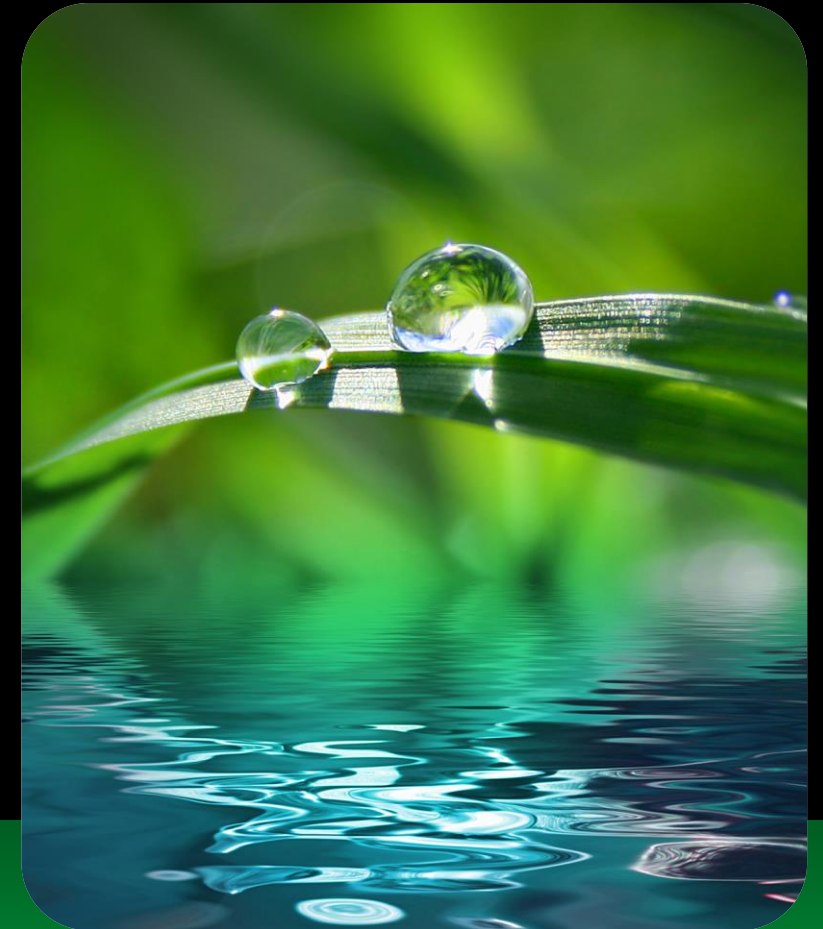
Funding rate: up to 60% of the eligible costs

Eligible activities:

- Develop and demonstrate innovative techniques and approaches to solving environmental challenges
- Help to implement plans and strategies, required by EU legislation
- Promote best practices and behavioral changes
- Catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful solutions

Indicative calls starting date: April 2025

Indicative deadline for submission of projects: September 2025



Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Facility (AFIF)

Objective: Supports the deployment of infrastructure for the supply of alternative fuels, which contributes to the decarbonisation of transport along the **TEN-T network**

Total budget: EUR 1 billion

- EUR 780 million under the General envelope
- EUR 220 million under the Cohesion envelope

Grant amount: at least EUR 1 million for project

Funding rate: up to 50% of the eligible costs

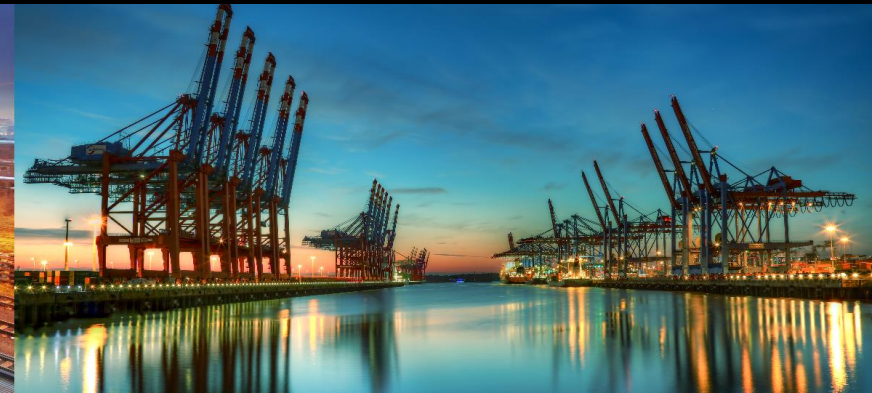
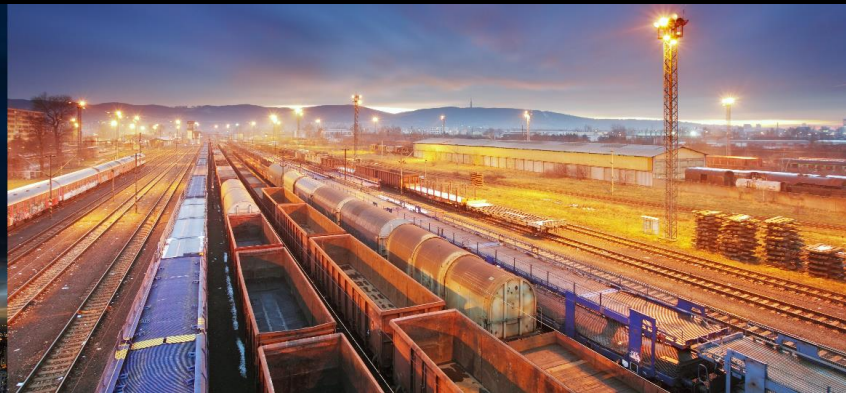
Cut-off dates for submission: 11 June 2025, 17 December 2025



Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Facility

Eligible activities:

- Electrical **charging infrastructure** for light and heavy-duty electric vehicles
- Electrification of **airport ground operations**
- Electrification of **inland & maritime** port operations
- Implementation of **hydrogen refueling infrastructure** for public transport, light and heavy-duty vehicles, refueling terminals for shunting locomotives, airports and ports
- **Bunkering infrastructure for ammonia/methanol** supply to maritime vessels and inland waterway vessels and vessels for port operations
- **Synergetic elements** (20% of the eligible costs): electricity and hydrogen production based on renewable energy sources, electricity grid connection and on-site electricity storage equipment



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EU SHARED MANAGED FUNDING

Modernisation Fund

Objective: Promoting climate neutrality by modernizing energy systems and enhancing energy efficiency

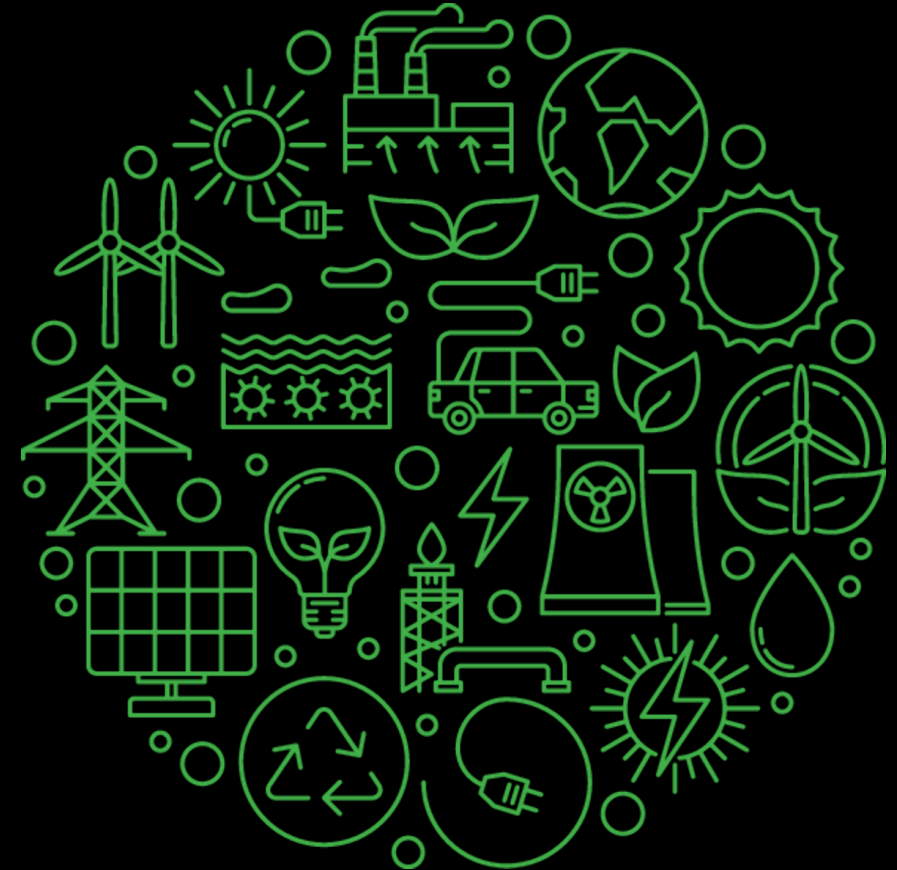
Financed via EU ETS. Total number of Bulgaria's allowances for 2021–2030 is **23 771 707**

Priority projects: up to 100% grant funding rate

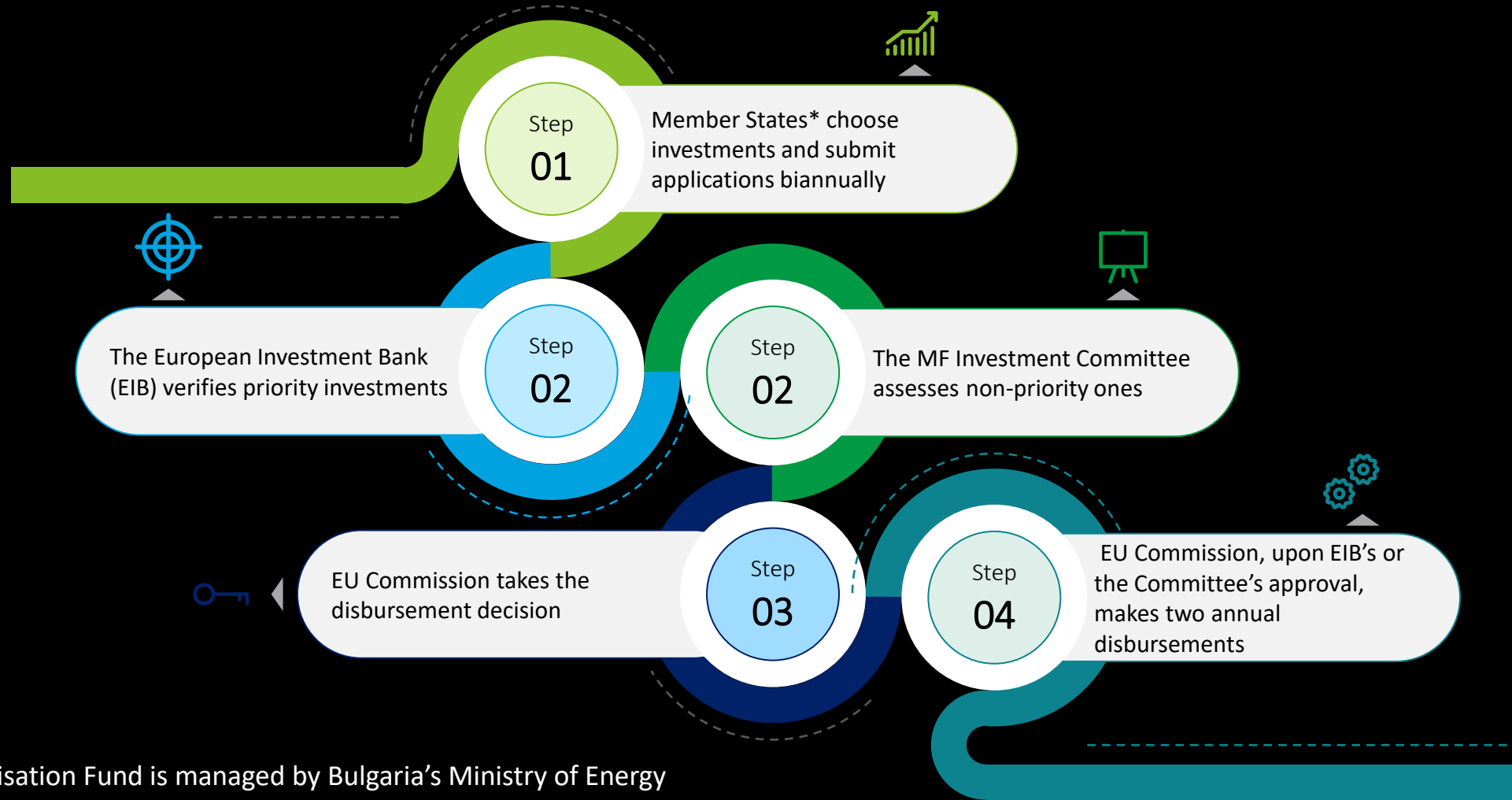
- Production and use of energy from RES
- Improving energy efficiency (except solid fossil fuels)
- Energy storage
- Intersystem connections
- Just transition for regions dependent on coal products

Non-priority projects: up to 70% grant funding rate

- Investments should contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in a cost-effective manner
- Power generating installations using solid fossil fuels are not supported



Modernisation Fund Application Process



*The Modernisation Fund is managed by Bulgaria's Ministry of Energy

Just Transition Fund (JTF)*

Objective: Supporting region's transition to a climate-neutral economy and mitigating socio-economic challenges

Territorial scope, based on three Territorial Just Transition Plans adopted in December 2023:

- Stara Zagora (and 10 satellite municipalities in Sliven, Yambol, Haskovo) – EUR 936 million
- Kyustendil – EUR 122.3 million
- Pernik – EUR 91.8 million

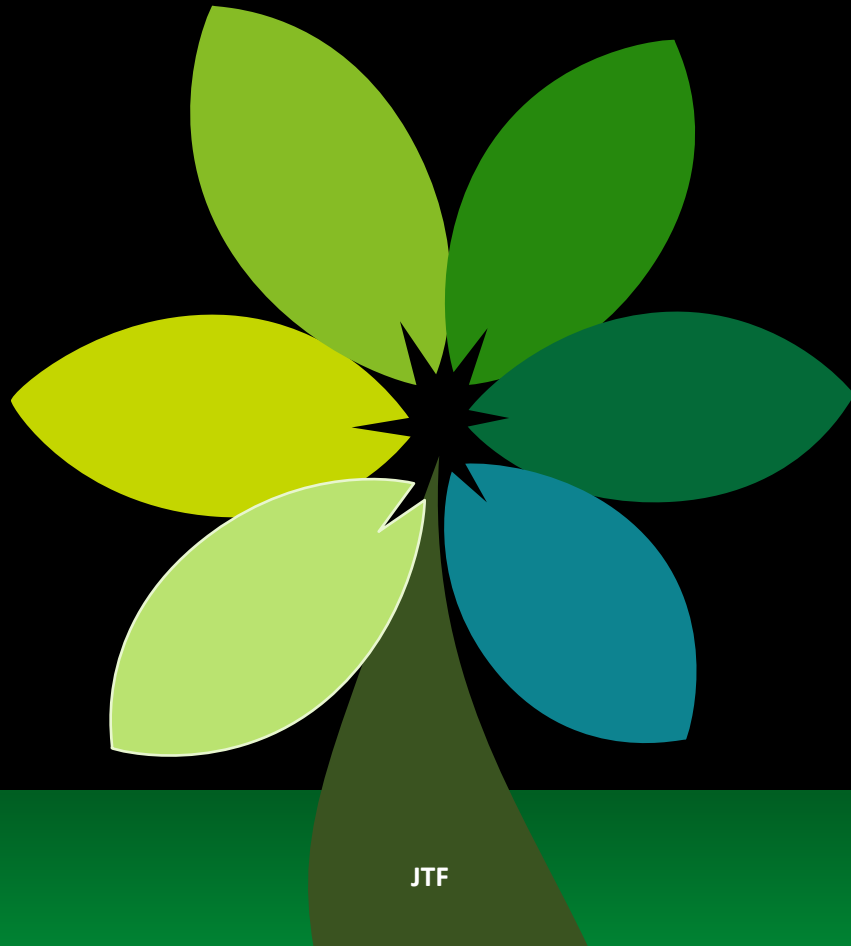
**Sustainable
Energy Solutions
Industry**

**Social and
Employment
Support**

**Diversification of
the Local
Economy**

*JTF is managed by Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works

Just Transition Fund (JTF)

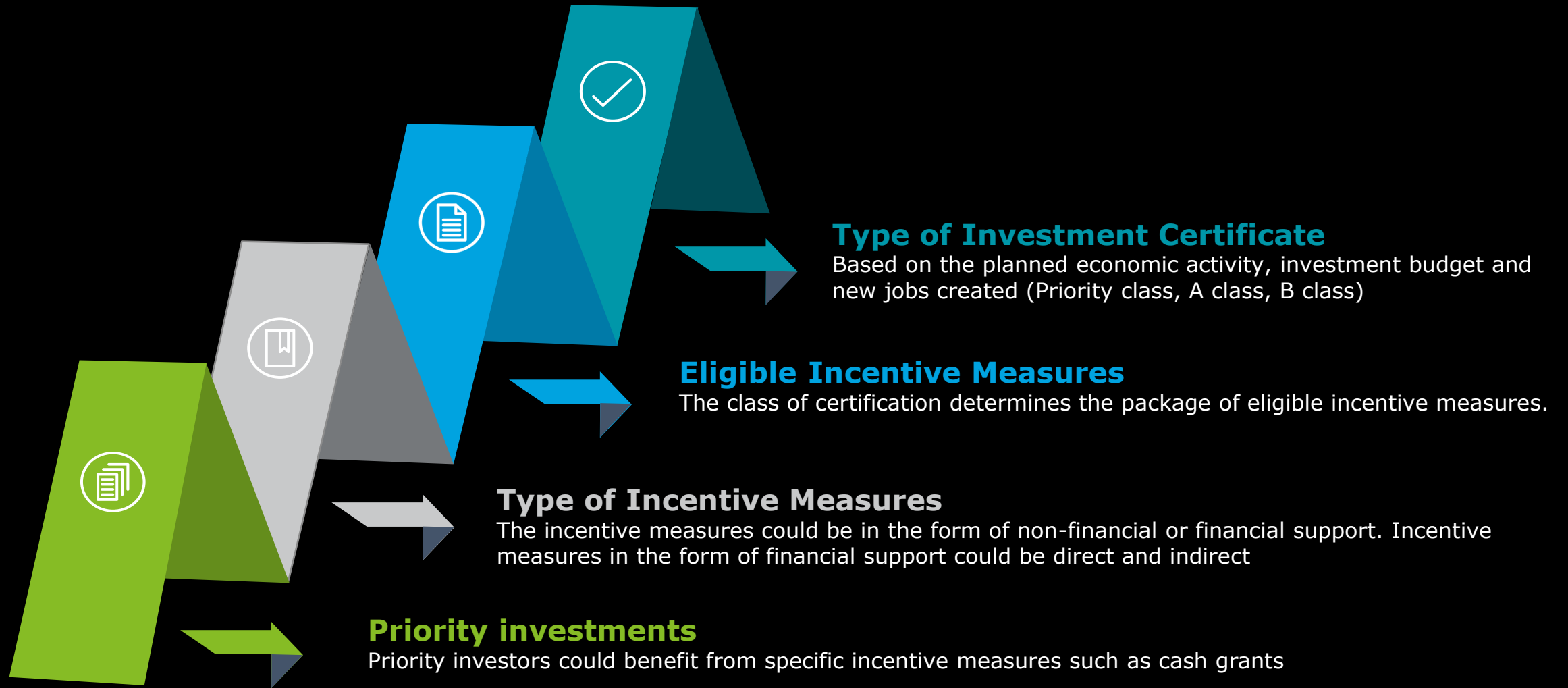


- Reskill and upskill the workers and create new employment opportunities in the 3 regions
- Rehabilitate mining land surface area and develop industrial areas & construct renewable energy source capacities
- Deploy energy efficiency in residential buildings (energy poor and vulnerable households)
- Invest in SMEs and in research & innovation towards a circular & climate neutral economy
- Support the diversification and adaptation of enterprises to the economic transition
- Support clean tech. industrial parks (zero emission), photovoltaic/wind parks, green hydrogen, biomethane, R&D

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LOCAL INCENTIVE MEASURES

Investment Promotion Act



Investment Promotion Act

Types of Incentive Measures



Cash grants – Manufacturing

Shortened deadlines for administrative service & Individual administrative service



Partial reimbursement of social security and health insurance contributions



Financial support for training to acquire a professional qualification



Financial support for the construction of technical infrastructure elements

Eased regime for acquiring ownership rights and limited property rights on real estate



Investment Promotion Act

Incentives	Priority Class	Class A	Class B
Shortcut on administrative terms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No tender/no competition for acquisition of state/municipal land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Financing vocational training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Social security cashback	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Individual services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Financing technical infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Public-private partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
No tax on changing land status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Buying public land on favorable prices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Cash grants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Investment Promotion Act

1 >

Once a local legal entity is set up, the investor submits an investment project before the InvestBulgaria Agency. In the application form certain incentive measures are selected.

2 >

InvestBulgaria Agency evaluates the application and if it is eligible and approved it is directed to the Ministry of Innovation and Growth.

3 >

Ministry of Innovation and Growth confirms that the evaluation is correct, and an Investment Certificate* is granted.

* The maximum period of validity of the certificate and the maximum period of implementation of the investment are 3 years.

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