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Designed by Cities, for Cities

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Why?

- Tremendous potential for building substantial pipeline of investment projects across Europe
- Key role in aggregation of smaller projects into sizeable packages
- Mobilization of significant amount of finance needed



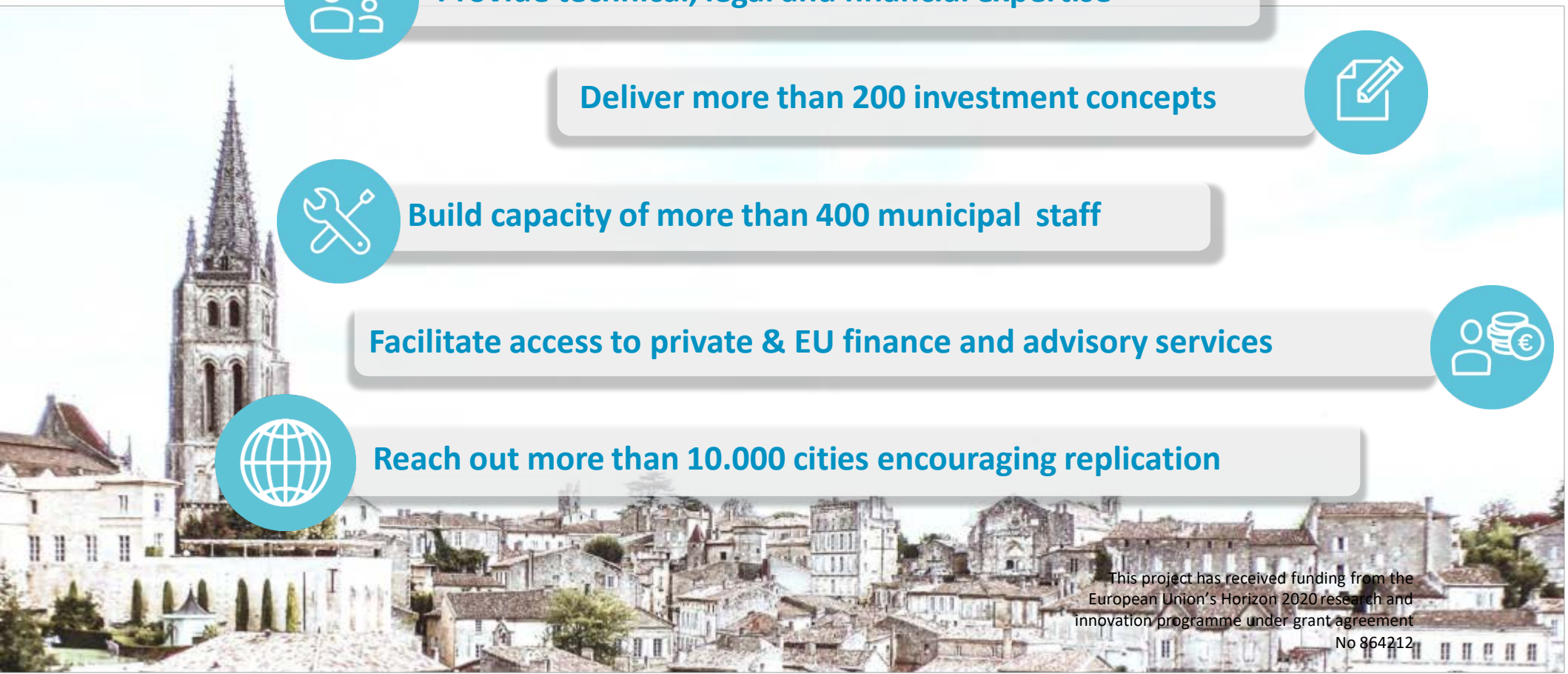
Barriers to financing sustainable energy projects



- Limited human resource and capacity
- Conservative approach to project finance
- Lack of experience with developing investment packages
- Reluctance to invest in project preparation
- Difficulty of matching elections and investment cycles

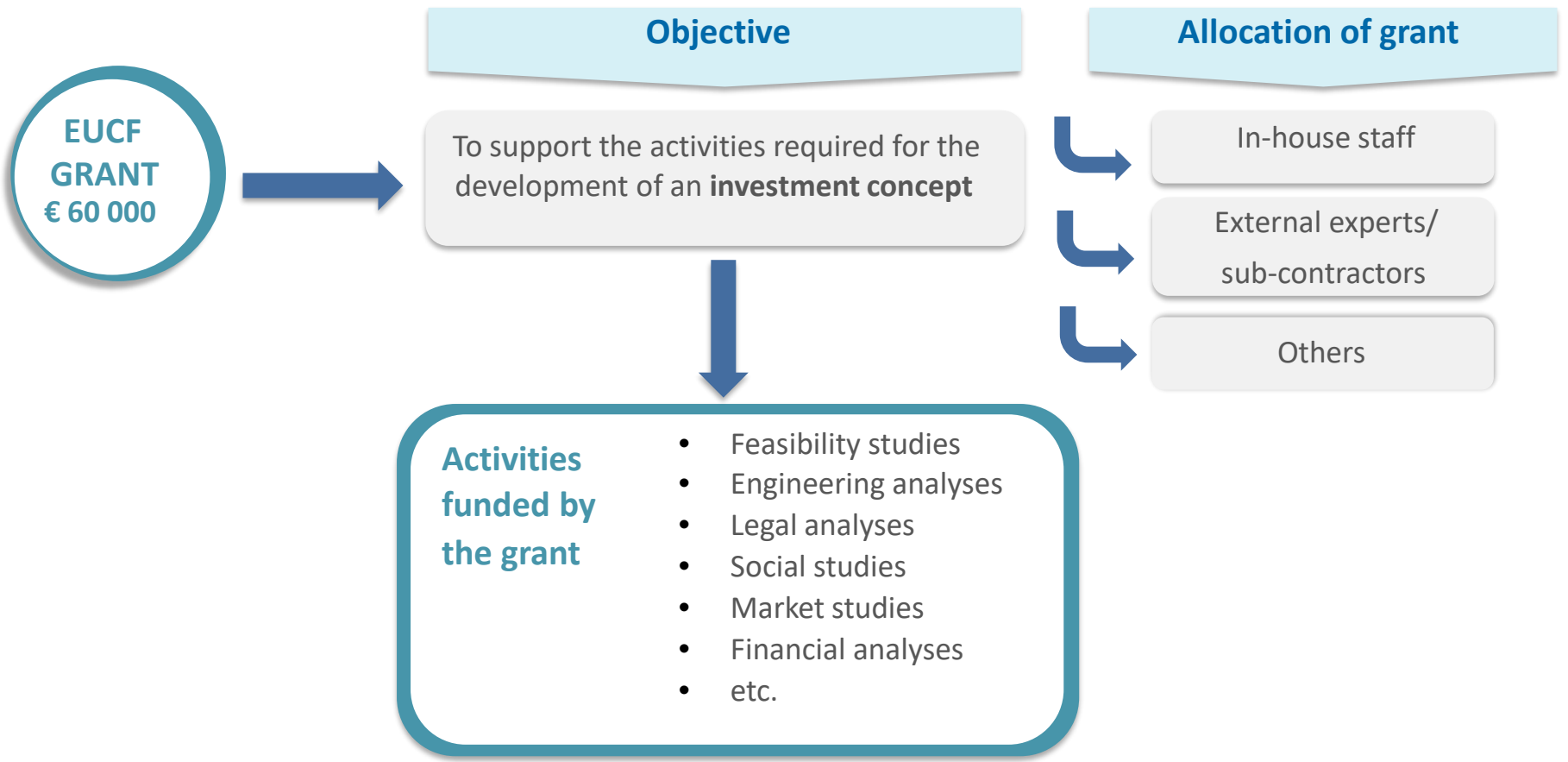
Aims and Objectives

- Provide technical, legal and financial expertise
- Deliver more than 200 investment concepts
- Build capacity of more than 400 municipal staff
- Facilitate access to private & EU finance and advisory services
- Reach out more than 10.000 cities encouraging replication



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Which activities are funded by the EUCF grant?



What is an investment concept?

- Clear identification of potential project pipeline
- Analysis of local stakeholders controlling the project pipeline
- Legal analysis (regional, national, international)
- (Pre-feasibility) analysis of available financing solutions
- Roadmap: basic process to launch investments

Who is eligible to receive EUCF support?

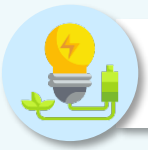
EUCF Eligibility Check



Are you a **municipality/local authority** or grouping of municipalities/local authorities?



Is your municipality/local authority or grouping located entirely in the **EU-27 Member States and the UK?**



Does your municipality/local authority have a politically approved **SEAP, SECAP or plan of similar ambition?**



Will you be able to provide a **proof of political commitment** to develop the investment concept by your mayor or other political representative?



Do you commit to the EUCF **monitoring period of two years?**

About the check

- Simple, automatic and online eligibility check
- Eligible applicants must answer YES to all questions
- Non-eligible applicants are redirected to EUCF helpdesk

What has to be considered when applying as a grouping?

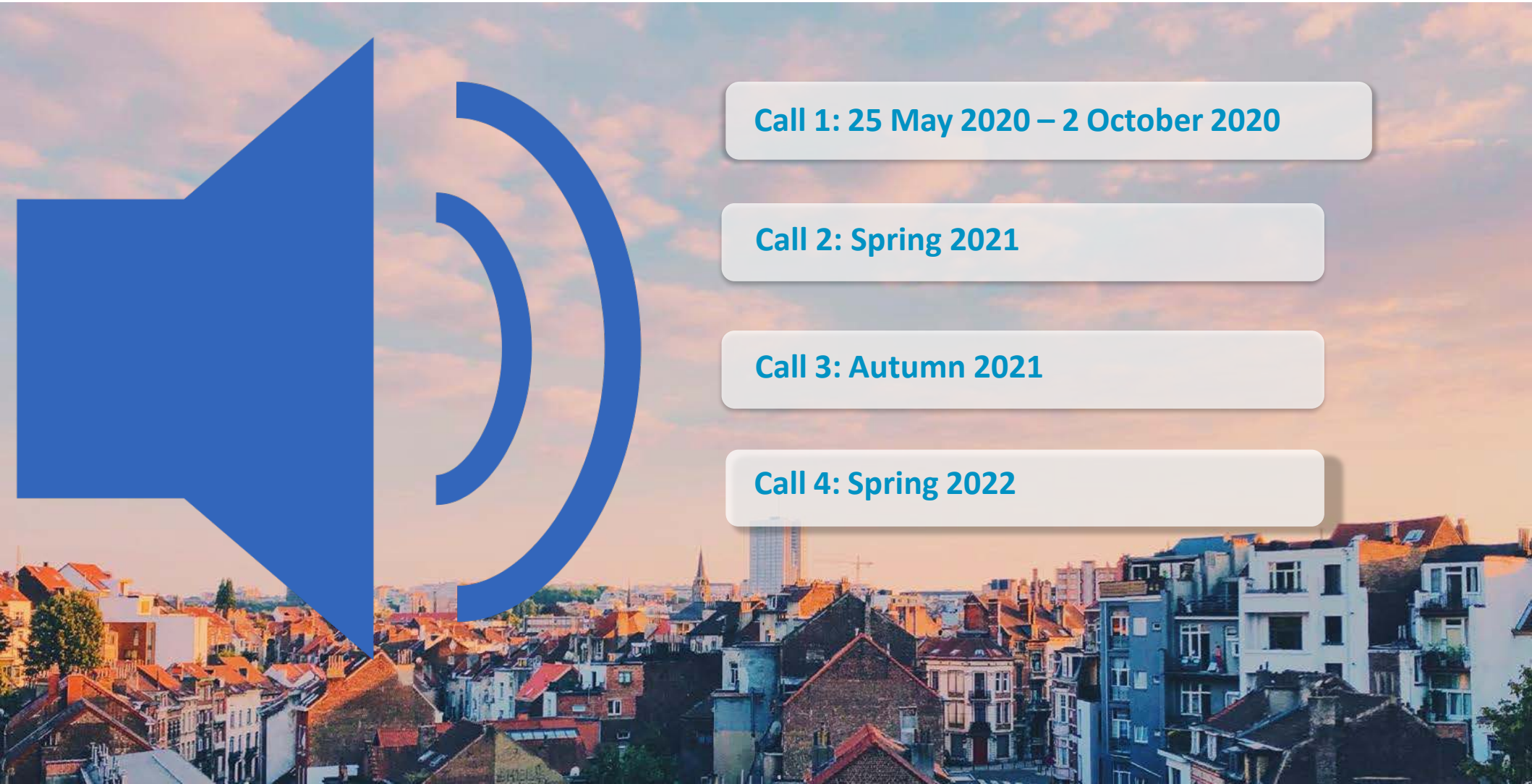
Who qualifies as part of a grouping?

Formal or informal groupings of municipalities/local authorities are eligible to apply through **one lead applicant**. The lead municipality or the grouping must have a sustainable energy action plan, with at least 2020 energy and climate targets.



- ✔ Relations among the involved municipalities and their respective responsibilities have to be described in the application form.
- ✔ Applications by groupings will be appreciated in the evaluation process.
- ✔ In case the application is successful, the grant amount of EUR 60 000 is awarded to the grouping as a whole.
- ✔ The lead applicant will sign the grant agreement and receive the grant amount.

Calls for applications



Call 1: 25 May 2020 – 2 October 2020

Call 2: Spring 2021

Call 3: Autumn 2021

Call 4: Spring 2022

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Regional Calls for Applications





REGION CALL Nr.	Central & Eastern	Nordics & Western	Southern
1	11	11	8
2	25	23	18
3	25	23	18
4	19	18	13

How are applications evaluated?

Check of submitted documents

- Evaluator verifies if all three supporting documents have been appropriately submitted.
- In case of incomplete documents, the application cannot be further considered.

Evaluation of full applications

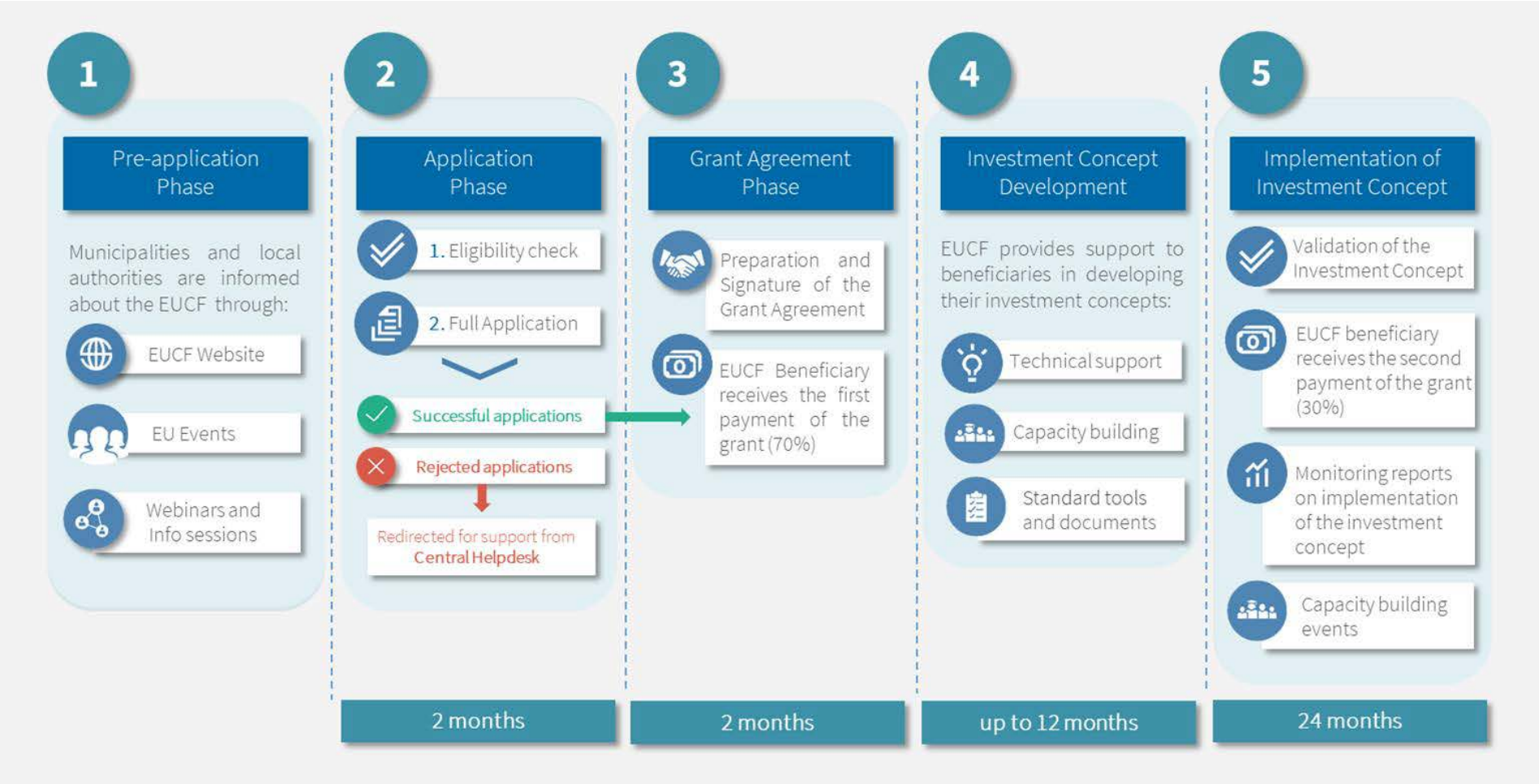
Based on **five evaluation criteria:**

- Investment size
- Energy savings
- Governance structure
- Stakeholder engagement
- Alignment with EUCF objectives

About the scoring

- For each criterion, a **score ranging from 0 to 5** is awarded by the evaluator.
- The quality threshold for each criterion is 3 out of 5 points.
- The median of the scores generates the final result.
- Each applicant receives a **feedback report**.

EUCF Journey



Contact

Thank you !

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