

CETP Joint Call 2026: What's in it for Norwegian stakeholders?

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Agenda

- Brief introduction of CETP and the Joint Call 2026
- Norwegian budget
- Norwegian eligibility criteria
- How to create a successful application
- Q&A

Practicalities

- The meeting will be recorded, and the recording will be available for future watching
- Online data declaration: Please be aware that your name will be displayed in the list of participants as well as in the chat window.
- Slides will be available after the meeting together with the recording at the RCN website
 - <https://www.forskningsradet.no/arrangementer/2026/sokjarwebinar-cetp-utlysing-2026-finansieringsmoglegheiter-norske-forskingsmiljo/>



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Call Module 1 – Energy system

Call Module 3A – Renewable energy production

Call Module 6 – Batteries

Call Module 7 – Heating and cooling

Call Module 9 – Industrial energy system

Introducing CETP

What

A partnership of national research, development and innovation programs

Ambition

- **Climate-neutral society by 2050**
- **Diversified energy supplies**
- **Strengthen clean energy value chains, making them more sustainable**

How

Annual joint calls



33 countries

23 EU member states
10 associated countries

50+ funding partners

Funding agencies & ministries

Co-funded by the European Commission

13 coordination units

Coordinator: BMK (Austria), SWEA (Sweden)

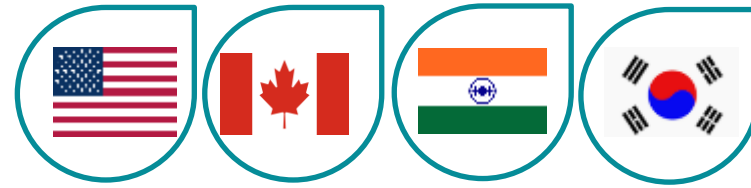
Annual calls for RTDI Projects

Budget in the order of **€100M** each year for
2022 – 2027

163 ongoing projects

New projects to be announced July 2026

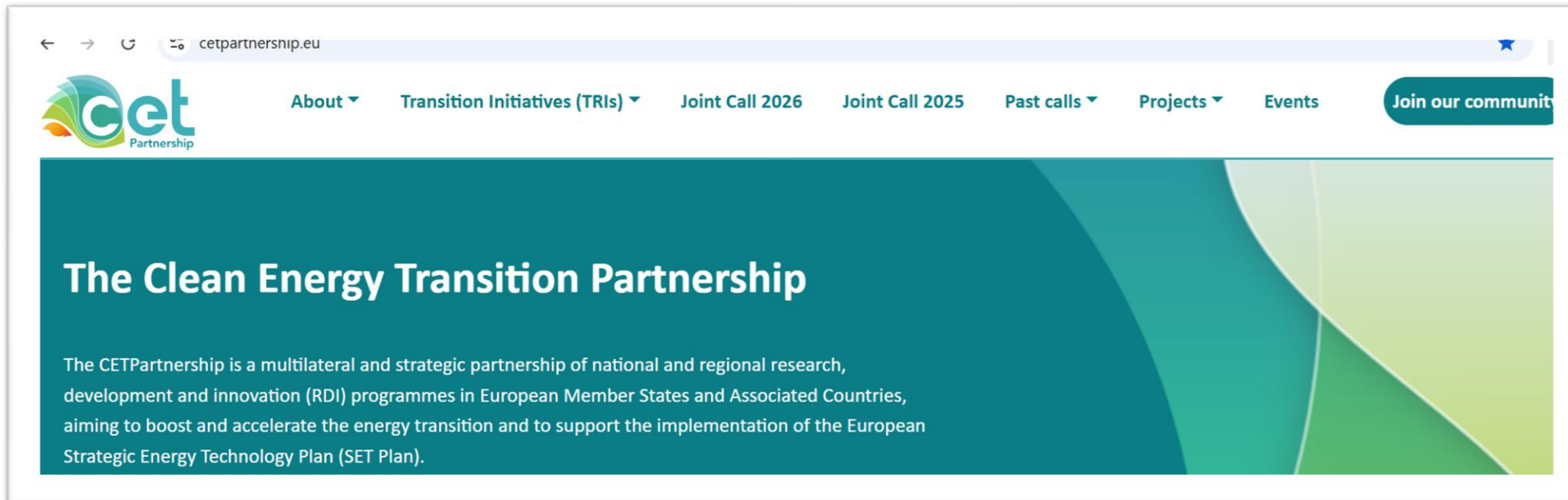
*Call 2026:
Due date for pre-proposals -
8th October 2026*



The CETP Joint Call 2026

The CETP Joint Call is available on the CETP website, <https://cetpartnership.eu/>

The CETP Joint Call is also listed at the [RCN website](#)



CETP Joint Call 2026 - schedule

Stage 1: Opening for pre-proposal submission	8 June 2026
Stage 1: Closing	8 October 2026, 14:00 CEST
Stage 2: Opening for full-proposal submission	January 2027
Stage 2: Closing	March 2027
Funding decision communicated	End of June 2027
Project start (tentative)	1st Sep - 15th Dec 2027

Why apply for CETP Funding?

More than funding – CETP connects you to Europe's energy future.

- Access national and EU co-funding with a single application.
- Collaborate with top researchers and innovators across borders.
- Join a network that boosts visibility, impact, and makes a concrete difference.
- Contribute to the clean energy transition while growing your project's potential.



CETP Joint Call 2026 – Call Modules

- 01** Integrated energy system resilience in a changing environment

- 02** Energy system flexibility in a high renewable energy source scenario

- 03A** Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production (ROA)

- 03B** Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production (IOA)

- 04** Industrial Carbon Management, CCUS

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Available budget for Norwegian applicants:

- **NOK 46M** for Call Module 4
- **NOK 40M** for Call Module 1, 3A, 5, 6, 7, and 9

General steps for submission and evaluation of applications



Two-step procedure:

- ✓ submission of a **pre-proposal** followed by a potential invitation to submit a **full proposal**
- ✓ **eligibility check** according to both general and national requirements
- ✓ evaluation by three independent experts per proposal
- ✓ Evaluation criteria: Excellence, Impact, Implementation.
- ✓ Scale of marks: 0 to 5 where 5 is best
- ✓ Threshold: score at or above 10 and none of the criteria scoring below 3



Submission:

- ✓ choose one Call Module per proposal
- ✓ Proposals are submitted to CETP, not RCN
- ✓ Project Coordinator invites Project Partners through the CETP submission system
- ✓ Norwegian budget and Letter of Intent (LoI) must be sent to RCN

Time schedule for the evaluation procedure

- **8th October 2026:** Deadline for submitting pre-proposal
- **October 2026:** Eligibility is assessed at three levels: CETP, Call Module, national
- **Nov – Dec 2026:** Eligible pre-proposals evaluated by external referees
- **January 2027:** All applicants informed. The highest scoring is invited to submit full proposal
- **March 2027:** Deadline for submitting full proposal
- **March 2027:** Eligibility is assessed at three levels: CETP, Call Module, national
- **April – May 2027:** Eligible pre-proposals evaluated by external referees
- **June 2027:** Funding agencies meet to decide on funding for new projects
- **July 2027:** All applicants informed

Key CETP eligibility criteria



- ✓ Each project proposal must include **at least three eligible and independent legal entities from at least three different countries** participating in the CETP Joint Call 2026, out of which at least two must be EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries
- ✓ The Call Modules have specific requirements for TRL and industrial participation
- ✓ **Applicants must be eligible for funding according to their Funding Agency's national/regional requirements**
- ✓ Total effort of one Partner cannot exceed 60% of the total project efforts (person months)
- ✓ Total effort of Partners from one country/region cannot exceed 75% of the total project efforts (person months)

Eligibility check

Experience from previous years show that there are always many ineligible applications

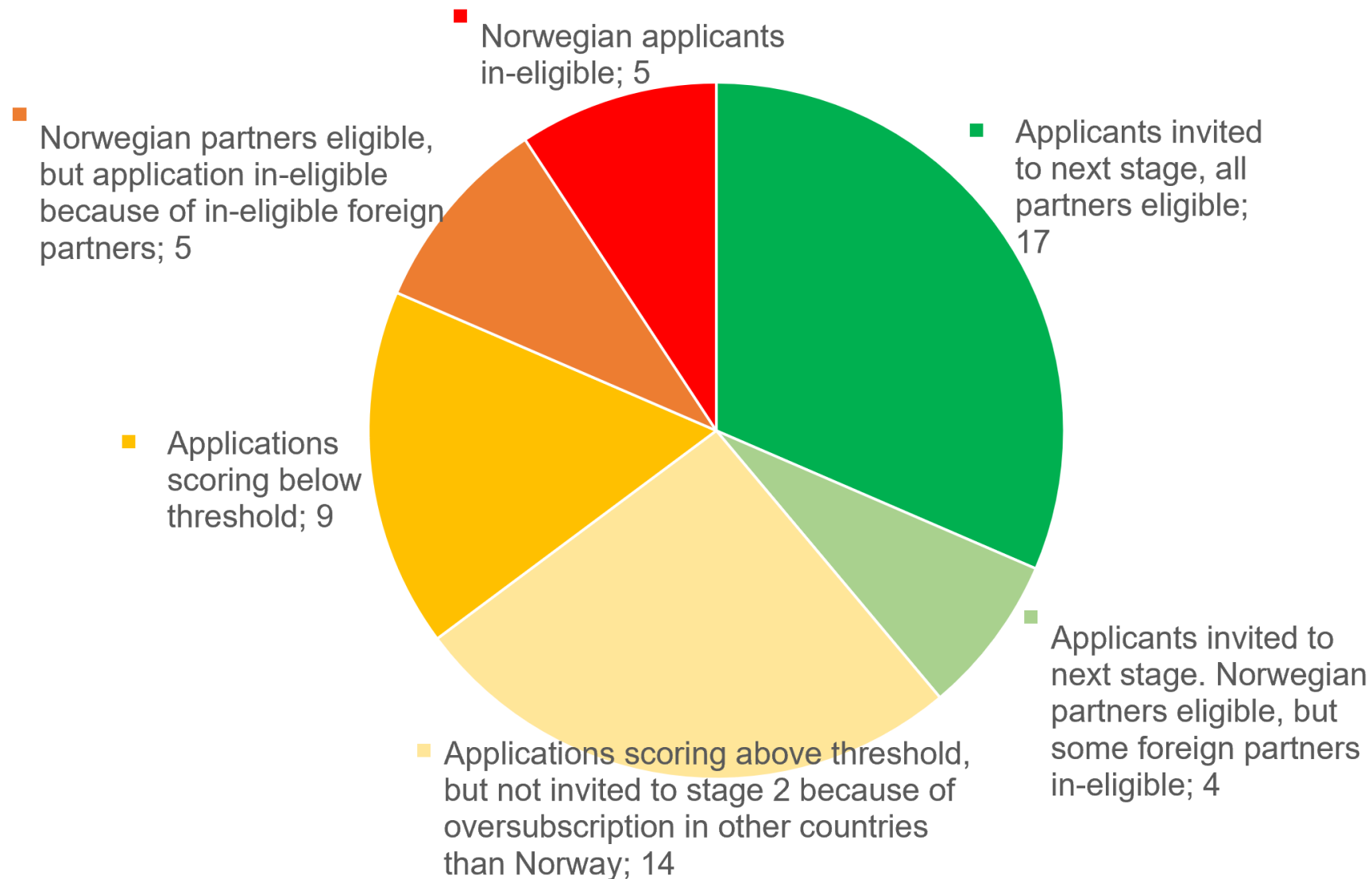
Main reasons for ineligibility

- Norwegian applicants did not meet the Norwegian eligibility criteria
- Foreign partners did not meet the national eligibility criteria in their own country

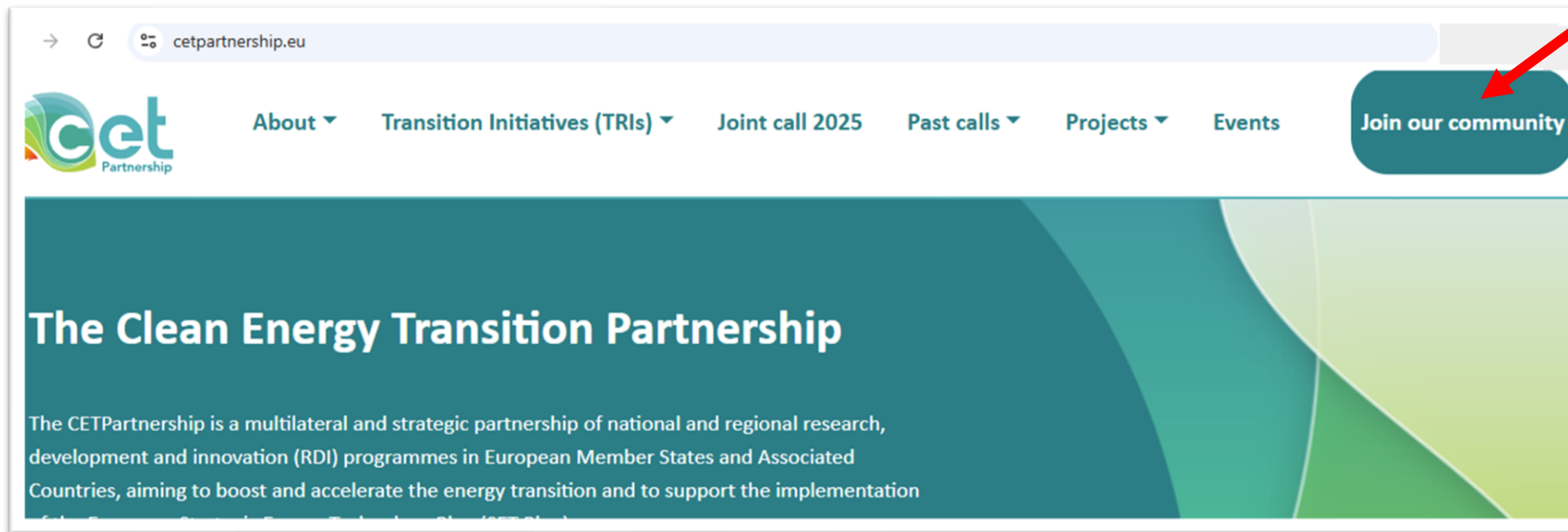
National eligibility criteria are part of the Call Text

- [Link to national eligibility criteria for all countries](#)

Results 2025 – The fate of 54 pre-proposals with Norwegian partners



Matchmaking



National Norwegian requirements

Key Norwegian Eligibility Criteria

- Maximum funding request:
 - **NOK 10 M** for CCUS applications
 - **NOK 6 M** for other Call Modules (**NOK 7 M** if Norwegian coordinator)
- Norwegian applicants can ask for funding for activities at **maximum TRL 6** at the end of the project.
- To be submitted on email to RCN:
 - Norwegian budget
 - Letters of Intent (stage 1) from Norwegian industrial partners,
 - Letter of Commitment (stage 2)
- Please check [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) at the RCN website.

Thematic priorities

Call Module 4 - CCUS

- The Norwegian activities must comply with topics listed in the [CLIMIT Program Plan](#).
- Norwegian activities must lead to long-term CO₂ storage. Hence, CCU activities without long-term CO₂ storage are ineligible.

All other Call Modules

- The Norwegian activities must comply with priorities listed in the [Portfolio plan for Energy and transport](#) and the priorities in the [Energy 21 strategy](#).

Call Module 3A:

- Norwegian applicants only eligible for projects within
 - Wind Energy (onshore/offshore)
 - Solar PV

Conditions for the Norwegian team

The Norwegian team must fulfil the criteria of one of these two alternative project types:

- Knowledge building project
- Innovation project for the industrial sector

Alternative 1 - Knowledge building project

- **Projects aimed at developing new knowledge and generating research competence needed by society or the business sector to address important societal challenges.**
- Collaboration between research group(s) and relevant actors from outside the research sector is required. The Norwegian team must include at least one approved Norwegian research organisation and at least two relevant Norwegian companies.
- Research organisations can apply for up to 100% funding rate.
- Companies are not eligible for financial support.
- The total funding request from The Norwegian applicants cannot exceed eight times the in-kind personnel contribution from the Norwegian industrial partners.
- **Letters of Intent** from all Norwegian companies are required in stage 1 (pre-proposal), and **Letters of Commitment** in stage 2 (full proposal).
- Note: Applications without required industrial participation at stage 1 will be ineligible and not evaluated for potential proceedings to stage 2

Alternative 2 – Innovation project for the industrial sector

- Open for projects in which companies are engaged in **business-led innovation** and where research and development (R&D) is a critical part of the innovation process.
- The main Norwegian applicant must be a Norwegian company.
- Norwegian research organisation(s) may be partner(s).
- The maximum funding rate for the Norwegian team is 50%
- Letters of Intent from all Norwegian companies are required in stage 1 (pre-proposal), and Letters of Commitment in stage 2 (full proposal).

How to create a successful application

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- Read the call text ([link](#))
- Read and understand the Norwegian national requirements
- Make sure your foreign partners read and understand their national requirements
- Make sure you meet all eligibility criteria at all levels
 - CETP eligibility criteria
 - Call Module eligibility criteria
 - National eligibility criteria for all countries involved in your application
- Your project must meet required Technology Readiness Level (TRL)
- High scientific quality is needed, also in the pre-proposal

How to create a successful application – The Norwegian team

If applying for knowledge building project

- Industrial partners must commit personnel that will take an active role in your project
- Industrial partners must be ready to sign Letters of Intent and Letters of Commitment in due time
- Funding request for academic partners can not exceed eight times
- Check out our FAQ for Norwegian applicants ([link](#))

If applying for innovation project

- The main Norwegian partner must be a company
- Maximum 50 % funding rate, significant own financing is needed

Questions?