

Accelerating transformative research to  
deliver Ireland's energy revolution

# 2025 SEAI National Energy Research, Development & Demonstration Funding Programme

## Information Webinar

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SEAI National Energy Research, Development & Demonstration Funding Programme

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# Outline Agenda

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3. Who can avail of the programme?
4. What projects are eligible – Open & Topic Strand
5. Definition of project roles
6. Application process
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9. Top Tips
10. Q&A

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in the Q&A window  
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We work with Government, homeowners, business and communities to create a cleaner energy future



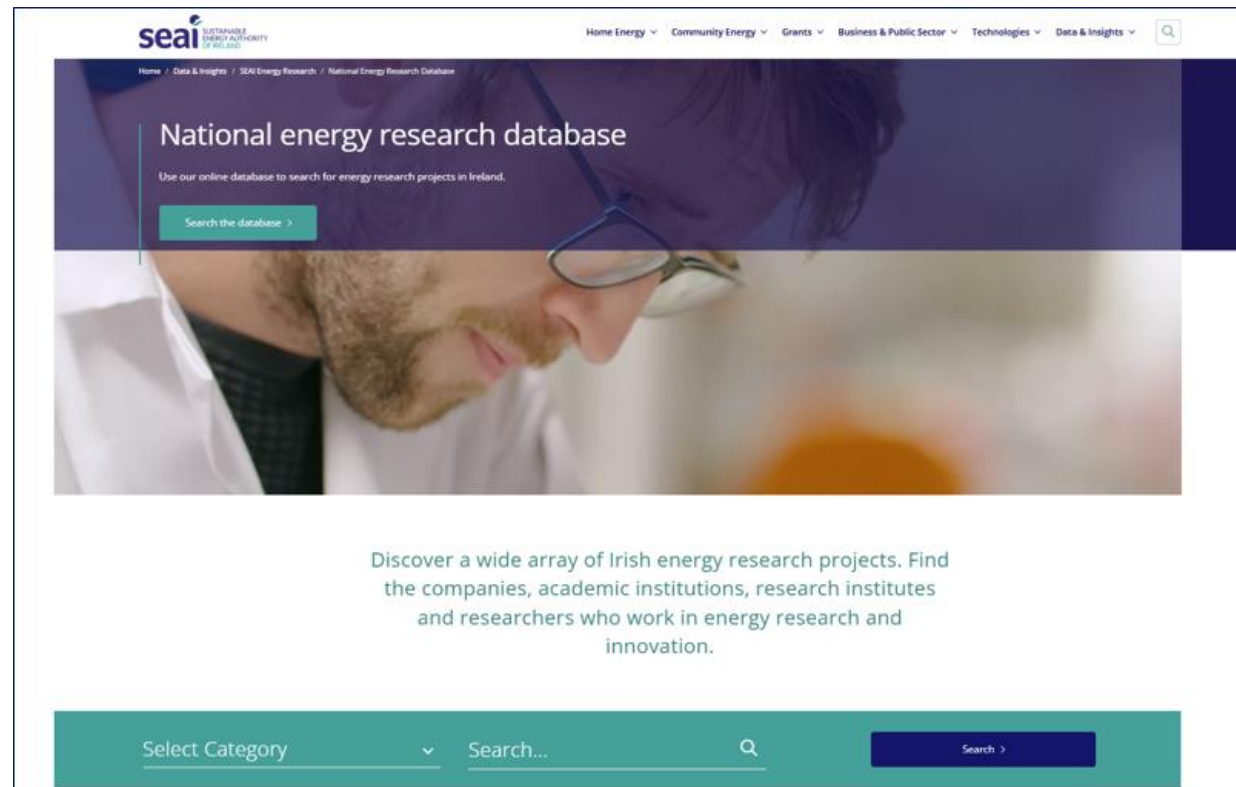
# SEAI Research & Innovation Supports



**Lead & coordinate  
energy research supports  
in Ireland**



- Centralised location for National Energy Research
- Provides more information on current and past Energy Research projects
- Encourage collaboration and communication between researchers



<https://www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-research/research-database/>

# SEAI RD&D Programme - Overarching goals

The SEAI National Energy RD&D Funding Programme invests in innovative energy RD&D projects which contribute to Ireland's transition to a clean and secure energy future



**Accelerate**  
competitive energy-  
related products,  
processes and  
systems



**Support** solutions  
that enable  
technical and other  
barriers to market  
uptake to be  
overcome



**Grow** Ireland's  
national capacity to  
access, develop  
and apply  
international class  
RD&D



**Provide** guidance  
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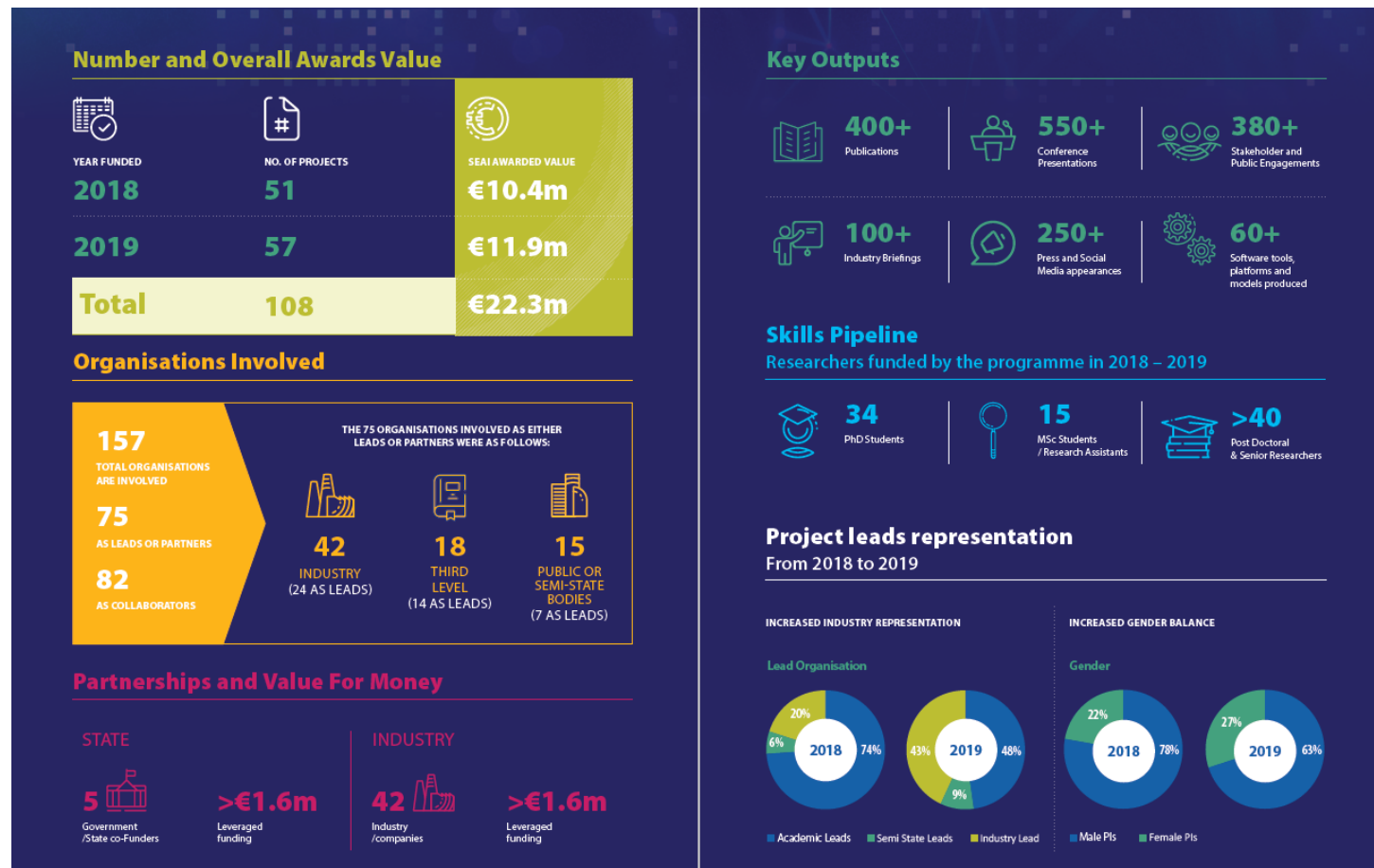
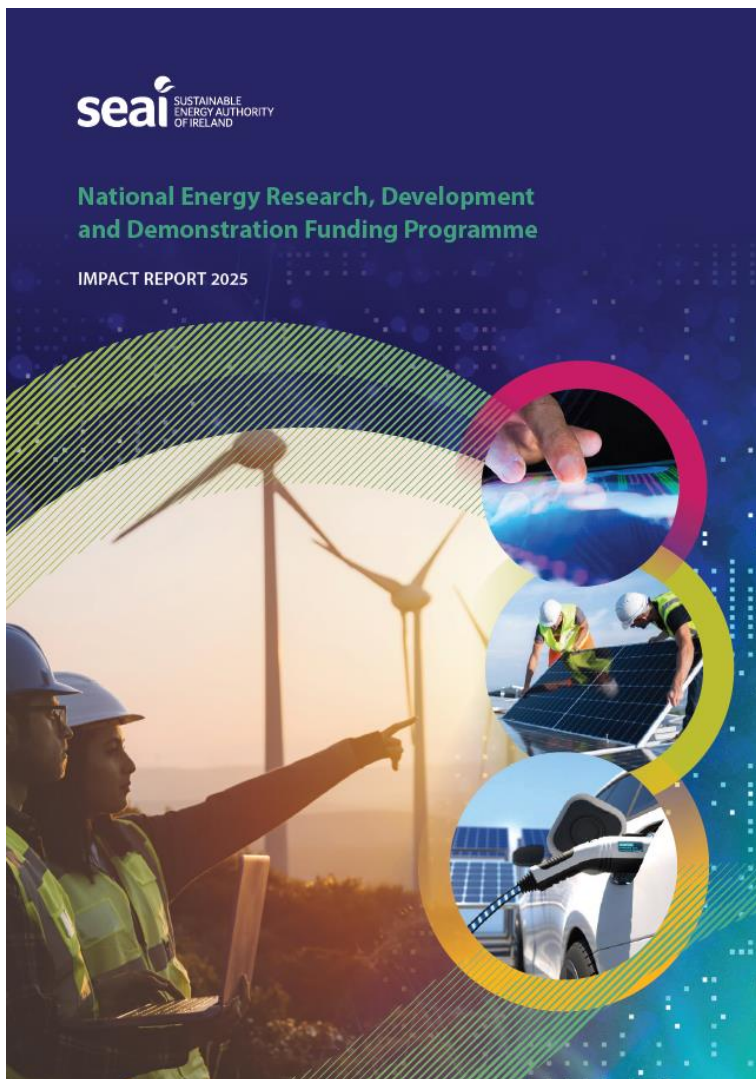


- **~240 innovative research projects**
  - **Approx. €100M** total research funding
  - **Supporting high value research jobs, careers & opportunities**
  - **Informing energy policy**
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- SEAI and the RD&D Programme are funded by the Government of Ireland through the **Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications**
  - **Co-funding partners** on certain topics
  - **For further details:** <https://www.seai.ie/grants/research-funding/research-development-and-demonstration-fund/>



# Impact Report 2018-2019

- Research projects funded in 2018-2019
- [2018-19 Impact Report Published May 2025](#)



- **Up to € 19 M** available
- **Co-funding partners**



An Roinn Comhshaoil,  
Aeráide agus Cumarsáide  
Department of the Environment,  
Climate and Communications

## Changes from previous years

- Project Scale categories
- No fellowships- separate call
- Project duration if proposal includes PhD student(s)
- EU definition of small/medium enterprise



| Key Dates                           |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Call Open</b>                    | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025           |
| <b>Application Deadline</b>         | Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025, 12 noon |
| <b>Eligibility &amp; Evaluation</b> | Q3 2025                                    |
| <b>Award Notification</b>           | Q4 2025                                    |

All call details are available at:

<https://www.seai.ie/grants/research-funding/research-development-and-demonstration-fund/>

Who can avail?

Strands and Topics

What funding is available?

Who's in a project team?

How to apply?

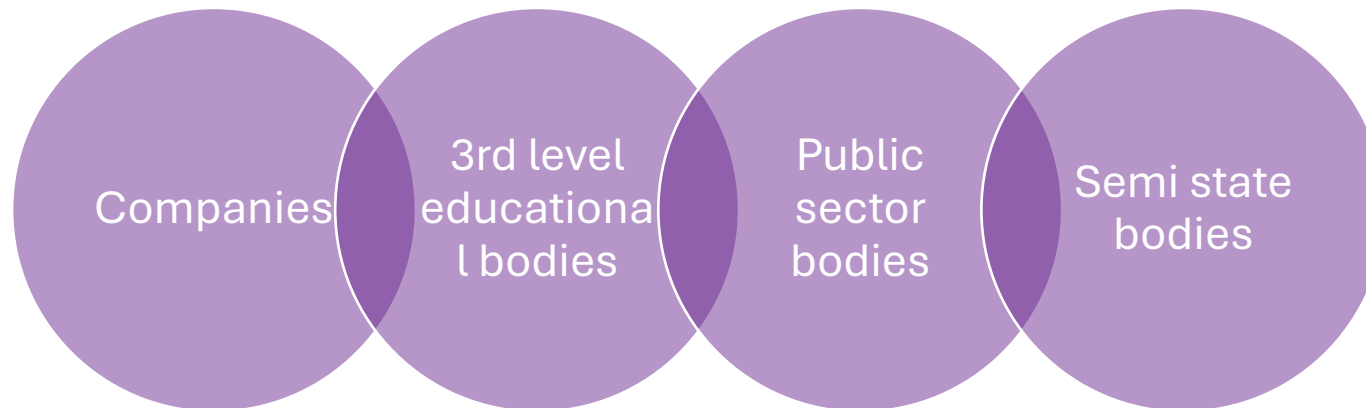
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# Who can avail of the programme

- Open to public & private sector organisations, including:



- Must be based in the Republic Of Ireland.
- Please pay close attention to the eligibility criteria, funding rates and documents required for organisations in the **Budget Policy**
- **Consortia and collaborations strongly encouraged**

See the **National Energy Research Database** for previous successful applicants

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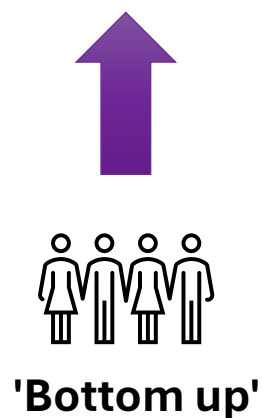
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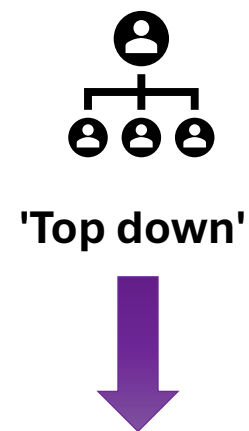


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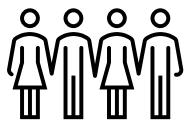
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**'Bottom up'**

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## Programme Overarching Goals



### Support

Support solutions that enable  
technical and other barriers to  
market uptake to be overcome



### Grow

Grow Ireland's national  
capacity to access, develop and  
apply international class RD&D



### Inform

Provide guidance and support  
to policy makers and public  
bodies



### Accelerate

Accelerate competitive energy-  
related products, processes  
and systems

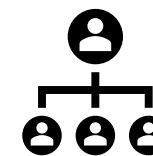
- 20 Topics
- 4 topics are co-funded with other partner organisations



*(2 confirmed, 3<sup>rd</sup> pending signature of agreement)*

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'Top down'



# Thematic Topic Areas

## Electricity & Smart Grids

- Impact from Climate Change on Ireland's renewable energy resource potential (*co-funded with Met Éireann*)
- Hydrogen & other dispatchable flexible grid support technologies
- Demonstration of Grid Forming Inverters for greater stabilisation



## Offshore

- Strategic research priorities for development of the offshore renewable energy sector in Ireland

## Transport

- Understanding the potential opportunity and pathways to reduce emissions in short distance maritime transport
- Decarbonisation of Ireland's passenger vehicle Fleet (*co-funded with CCAC*)



## Buildings

- Analysis of Building Automation & Control Systems (BACs) in various non-residential building categories to inform and assist the practical roll out of requirements for these systems under Energy Performance in Buildings Directive (EPBD).
- Assessment of Ventilation and Indoor Environmental Quality in post occupancy dwellings

## Raw Materials

- Addressing sustainable supply and demand for critical raw materials in the renewable energy sector

# Thematic Topic Areas (2)

## Energy Management

- Co-design of energy poverty supports
- Optimising Household Energy Use: Contributions to Grid Flexibility and Security

## BioEnergy

- Solutions for collaborative approaches to establish and operate AD plants and biorefinery facilities in
- Farm level assessment to enhance forage yields and quality of the grass/crops as a feedstock for AD plants and/or integrated AD biorefinery facilities to meet the Renewable Energy Directive sustainability criteria

## Heat

- Heat Loss and heat pump performance in dwellings in Ireland and the EU
- Exploration of innovative models for the development of Heat as a Service in the residential sector.
- Industrial Heat Decarbonisation and Hydrogen Integration with District Heating Systems

## Geothermal & Storage

- Underground thermal energy storage potential in Ireland
- The potential role of geothermal energy in the Irish energy system

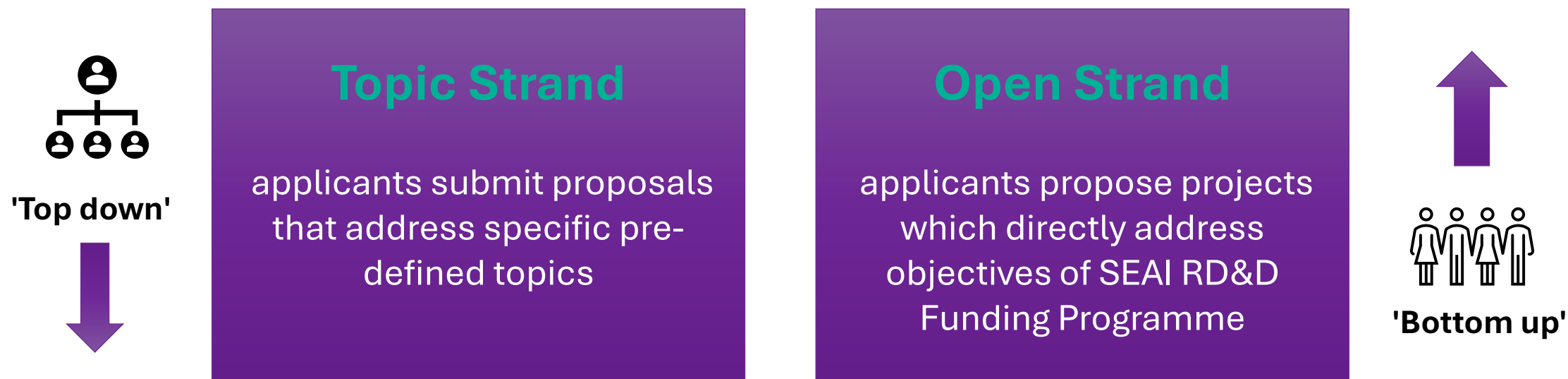
## Society, Citizens & Communities

- A system-based evaluation of post-growth policy alternatives using multi-criteria or sufficiency-orientated frameworks, with emphasis on positive social and ecological
- Exploring the Expansion and Impact of Energy Cooperatives in Ireland

- **Topic descriptions in Annex 1**

- **NB** - Proposals submitted to a Topic are not necessarily expected to address every objective/output outlined

# Topic Strand Vs Open Strand



- Feedback cannot be given before deadline– up to you to decide which topic/ strand
- **Compete with each other equally for funding.**

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SEAI's RD&D Funding Programme provides funding under the following guidelines:

- The maximum SEAI funding available per project is **€1,250,000**, inclusive of overheads;
- Project duration should be **between 12 to 48 months**, depending on the specific needs and structure of the project.
- **Proposals intending to recruit PhD students must apply for a 48-month project duration.**
- Co-funded topics may have indicative budgets and timelines- please refer to [2025 SEAI RD&D Call Document](#).





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# Build your project team: project roles

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Lead Applicant

Partner Applicant(s)

Collaborator(s)

# Build your project team: Definition of project roles

## Lead Applicant

**Management of the project / Budget holder**

**Technical direction, progress monitoring/reporting, dissemination, etc.**

**Primary contact point for SEAI**

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**Will be named within the Grant Agreement**

## Collaborator(s)

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## Collaborator(s)

**Provide valuable intellectual/technical/financial contribution**  
**Not funded by SEAI**

## Collaboration

We encourage collaboration; across disciplines, stakeholders, organisations, communities & end-users

## Diverse participation

### Application Form:

- Section 1: *Project team details*
- Section 2.4: *refer to project team members by surname*
- Section 4.4: Gender
  - *Describe how **gender balance** will be fostered within the team*
  - *List concrete actions demonstrating how gender balance will be fostered*
  - *Describe any potential **gender dimension of the proposed research activity***

| SECTION 1: PROJECT DETAILS                    |                |              |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| <i>Table 1.1 – Summary of Project Details</i> |                |              |
| Project Title incl. acronym (max 30 words)    |                |              |
| Topic Number (if Applicable)                  |                |              |
|   | Surname (Only) | Organisation |
| Lead Applicant                                |                |              |
| Partner Applicant(s)                          |                |              |
| Collaborator(s)                               |                |              |

### 2.4 Project Team & Collaborator Profile

*Please refer to project members by surname only.*

### 4.4 Gender Considerations

*This information will be used to evaluate plans to foster the gender balance and any gender considerations within the research project. Please ensure you do not identify individual team members in completing this form.*

*Table 3.7 - Gender Balance and Gender Dimension*

| Description of how gender balance will be fostered within the project team:            |             |
|--|-------------|
| <i>Please describe how gender balance will be fostered within the proposed team.</i>   |             |
| <i>Please list concrete actions demonstrating how gender balance will be fostered.</i> |             |
|  |             |
| Action title (add as many lines as appropriate)  | Description |
| Action 1:  |             |
| Action 2:  |             |
| Action 3:  |             |

| Description of any potential gender dimension of the proposed research activity:         |
|--|
| <i>Please consider any potential gender dimension of the proposed research activity.</i> |







- Open and safe research
- Protect the integrity of research and safeguard sensitive knowledge

#### 4.3 Research Security

*The SEAI Research Development and Demonstration Programme supports the European Commission's Council Recommendation on Research Security. SEAI will follow recommendations including reserving the right to undertake a risk appraisal in the funding application processes, as arising. SEAI encourages funding beneficiaries to identify and assess risks up front and periodically throughout the research project.*

☐ Please tick to confirm that you have reviewed your research activity in the context of research security and no risk has been identified.

☐ Please tick to confirm that you have reviewed your research activity in the context of research security and a risk of exposure has been identified. Please provide details below

##### Research Security

*Please describe any potential research security exposure of your research activity*



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# Submitting your Application

## Programme documents

These are key. Please familiarise yourself with these if you are considering applying.

- [2025 SEAI RD&D Call Document](#)
- [2025 SEAI RD&D Application Form](#)
- [2025 SEAI RD&D Budget Template](#)
- [2025 SEAI RD&D Budget Policy](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Privacy Notice](#)

<https://www.seai.ie/grants/research-funding/research-development-and-demonstration-fund/>

Templates you  
must fill in

- Application Form
- Budget Template

Key supporting  
programme  
documents

- Call Document
- Budget Policy



Submitting your  
application

- Templates above
- Letters of Support
- Supporting Documentation

Don't leave any section blank & make sure to submit all supporting documentation !

Use our **checklists**:

- Section 6 – Application Form (Letters of support)
- Annex 2 – Application Form (Financial declarations and documentation)
- Annex 3 – Application Form (Overall supporting documentation)

## ANNEX 3

### Application Checklists

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE ALL BELOW DOCUMENTATION IS MANDATORY AND FAILURE TO SUBMIT ANY DOCUMENTATION (IF APPLICABLE) WILL DEEM YOUR APPLICATION INELIGIBLE\*\***

#### Companies

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Application form   |  |
| Budget template  |  |
| Declaration of Financial Resources   |  |
| Declaration of Solvency  |  |
| Most recent annual financial statements (if applicable)  |  |
| For Newly Incorporated Companies - Management Accounts or 1 year Cash Flow Projection prepared by Qualified Accountant (if applicable) |  |
| Declaration of SME Status (if applicable)  |  |
| Proof of funds (if applicable)   |  |
| A letter from the Revenue Commissioners (if applicable)  |  |
| Letters of Support   |  |
| Data Management Plan   |  |

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Educational Bodies

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Application form  |  |
| Budget template   |  |
| Declaration of 3 <sup>rd</sup> level educational body – Non-Economic Public Good (NEPG) (if applicable) |  |
| Letters of Support  |  |
| Data Management Plan  |  |

#### Public or Semi State Bodies

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Application form   |  |
| Budget template  |  |
| Declaration of Financial Resources                             |  |
| Declaration of Non-Economic Public Good (NEPG) (if applicable) |  |
| A letter from the Revenue Commissioners (if applicable)        |  |
| Letters of Support   |  |
| Data Management Plan   |  |



## Required Letters of Support

- Lead Applicant
- Lead Applicant Organisation
- Partner Applicant Organisation(s)
- Collaborator Organisation(s):

Further Guidance on letters of support is available in Annex 2 of the Call document

### SECTION 6: LETTERS OF SUPPORT

#### Letters of Support (max 1 page each)

Letters of support should be appropriately titled and may either be uploaded individually or merged into one single PDF for uploading into PEP.

#### Letters of Support Checklist (if applicable) - All Applications (add row(s) if required):

| Letter of Support                    | Organisation name | Summary of support indicated | Confirm submitted with application (Y/N) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Lead Applicant                       |                   |                              |  |
| Lead Applicant Organisation          |                   |                              |  |
| Partner Applicant(s) Organisation(s) |                   |                              |  |
| Collaborator(s)                      |                   |                              |  |

- Applicant are asked to disclose and properly reference the use of any generative AI or AI assisted tools used in their application.
- Check guidelines and application form, section 4.10

**4.10. Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

*Disclose the use of any generative AI tools in the preparation of this application. Please describe which tools (with version specified), where the tool was used in the application and to what extent.*

**4.10 Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

*Did you use any generative AI tools in the preparation of this application? Please describe which tools (with version specified), where the tool was used in the application and to what extent.*

☐ **Tick to confirm that the use of generative AI or AI assisted tools in the production of this proposal has been appropriately disclosed and referenced.**

# Submitting your application

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- All applications should be submitted via SEAI's Project Evaluation Platform (PEP): <https://pepportal.seai.ie/>
- Only **fully complete applications** received **prior to the 12 noon application deadline** will be considered for evaluation.
- You can begin preparing your application submission offline however please note that all documents must be submitted via PEP before the submission deadline.
- Please refer to our [PEP guidance document](#).



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# Evaluation process

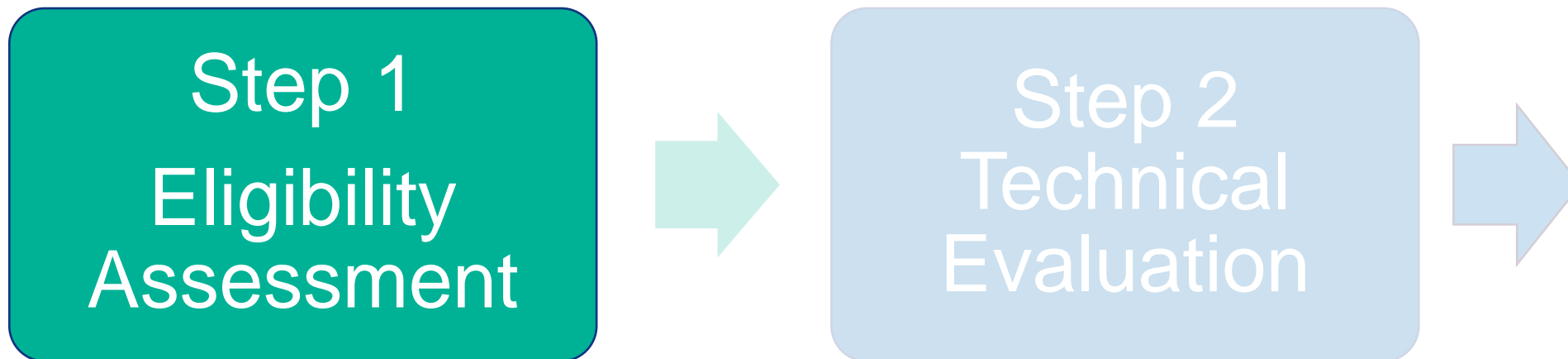
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Applicants will receive email notification email regarding the stage of their application.

# Evaluation process

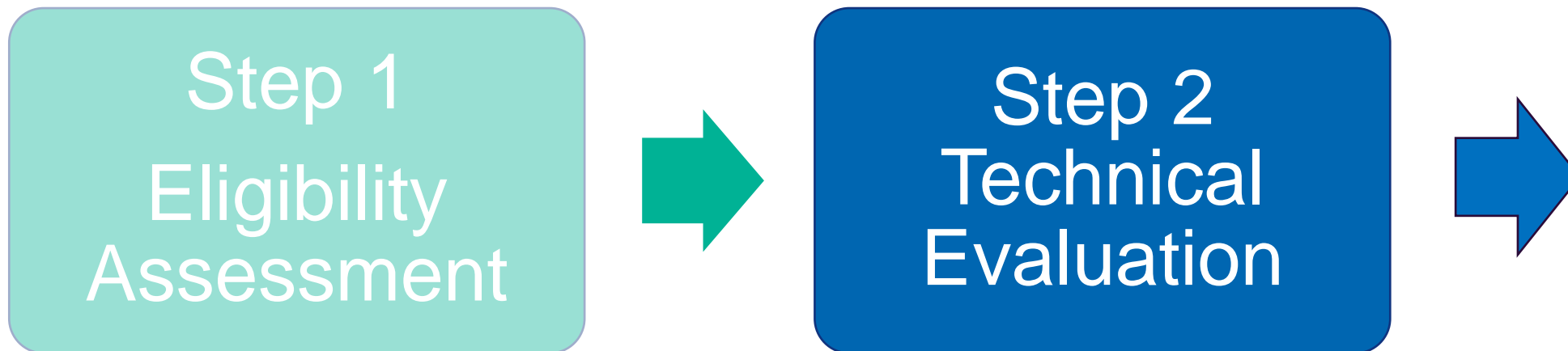
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Eligible project proposals include projects that

- address the overarching programme objectives (see Section 1),
- are submitted by eligible organisations (see Section 2),
- with full complete applications (see Checklist in Annex 3),
- Are submitted in advance the call deadline of **12 noon (Irish Standard Time) Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025.**
- **Please remember that incomplete applications OR applications received past the deadline will NOT proceed to Stage 2**

# Evaluation process



## Evaluation criteria:

- Excellence and Innovation (35%)
- Relevance and Impact (35%)
- Quality & Efficiency of Implementation (incl. value for money) (30%)

**Note:** For applications to be considered eligible for funding, proposals must achieve a minimum average score of 60% in each evaluation criteria.

## Excellence and Innovation (35%)

### *Section 2 of the Application Form*

- The **validity and reliability** of the prospective technology/concept and approach – including transdisciplinary considerations, where relevant.
- **Quality of the innovation and ambition** related to state of the art in Ireland and beyond.
- **Familiarity** with relevant RD&D activities/**knowledge** of the area.
- **Track record** of participation or **potential** to perform in previous/future RD&D activities.
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#### SECTION 2: EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION (Max 8 Pages)

##### 2.1 State-of the Art / Literature Review

##### 2.2 Innovation / Novelty – Beyond State-of-the-Art

##### 2.3 Project Objectives

Table 2.1 – Summary of Project Objectives

| No: | Objective Description:     | Delivery Timeline (In Months): |
|-----|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.  | Example: Literature review | Month 3                        |
| 2.  |                            |                                |
| 3.  |                            |                                |
|     |                            |                                |
|     |                            |                                |
|     |                            |                                |

##### 2.4 Project Team & Collaborator Profile

*Please refer to project members by surname only.*

##### 2.5 Previous Funding Summary (If applicable)

- SEAI Funding Summary
- Other RD&D Funding Summary

Further guidance on how to complete Section 2 is available in Annex 2 of the Call Document

## Relevance and Impact (35%)

### Section 3 of the Application Form

- **Relevance** to the needs of the **Irish energy sector and energy policy**
- **Stimulates & accelerates** the development & deployment of **energy related products, processes & systems** in the Irish marketplace and/or facilitates guidance to policy makers on practical, regulatory, technological and/or market opportunities.
- **Builds** and/or maintains **national capacity**, capability and critical mass to carry out internationally leading RD&D activities underpinning the energy sector.
- Capacity of the project to **strengthen the competitiveness and development** of their relevant industrial sectors.
- **Relevance of** enterprise, scientific, policy & social impacts of **project outputs**.
- **Strength of communication/dissemination** and exploitation plans (including management of data).
- **Replicability** of the project outputs/case study across Ireland and at an international level.



- Evidence of the **added value of transdisciplinary collaboration** and/or the active engagement and involvement of key relevant stakeholders, including, for example, **end users** and industry

# Relevance and Impact

- Relevance to the needs of the Irish energy sector and supporting national and international policy ambitions, for example:



Climate Action Plan (2025); Impact 2030 (2022); Ireland's NECP; Research & Innovation Strategy to 2030 (2024); EU 2030 Framework for Climate and Energy



## Relevance and Impact (35%)

### *Section 3 of the Application Form*

Further guidance on how to complete Section 3 is available in Annex 2 of the Call Document

#### SECTION 3: RELEVANCE & IMPACT (Max 4 Pages)

##### 3.1 Relevance to the needs of the Irish Energy Sector and to SEAI

##### 3.2 Expected Impact

2023 SEAI National Energy RD&D Call Document

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[Annex 2: Application Form Template Instructions](#)

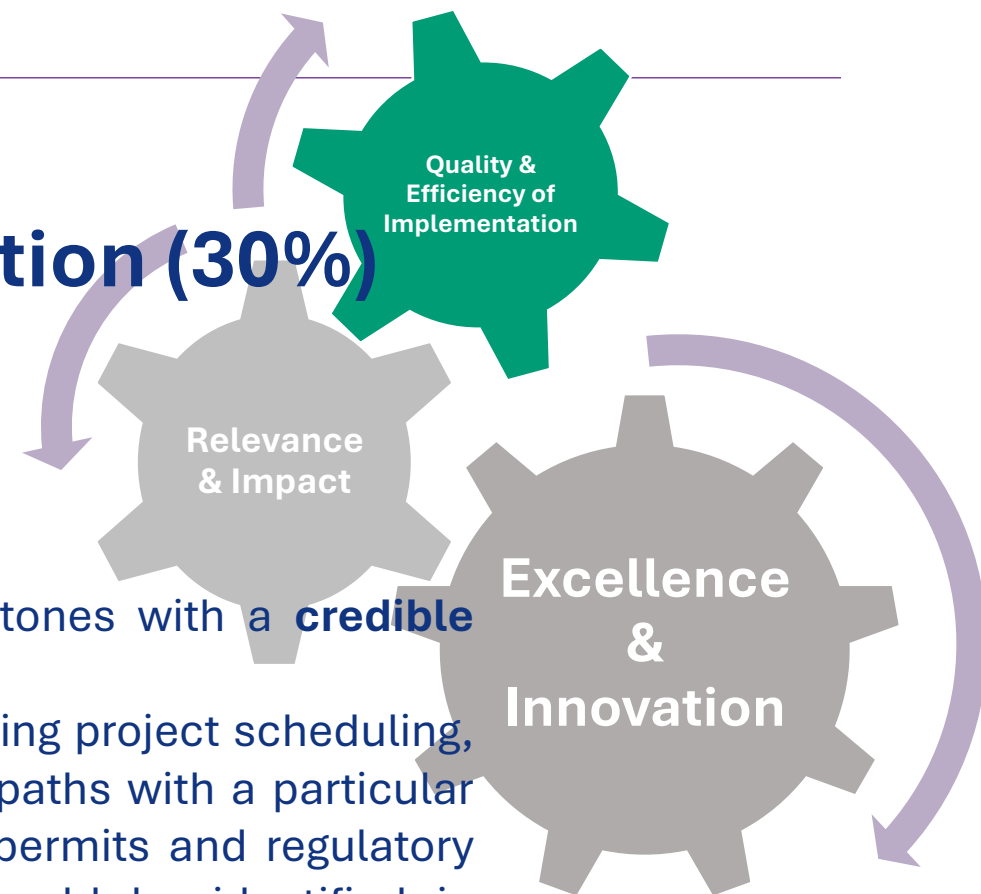
#### 3.8 Sustainable research

## Quality and Efficiency of Implementation (30%)

*Sections 4/5 of the Application Form & Budget Template*

### Project Delivery & Management (20%)

- **Coherence** and effectiveness of the project work plan.
- Quality of project framework, **clarity** of deliverables and milestones with a **credible** breakdown of activities and associated budget allocation.
- Credibility of timing-related **project management factors**, including project scheduling, dependency identification/monitoring and calculation of critical paths with a particular focus on **realistic timelines**, **availability of data**, concession, permits and regulatory approvals (where relevant). Data acquisition requirements should be identified in advance and appropriate agreements should be in place with third parties.
- Strength of the **management** and oversight arrangements including **risk management** and gender equality.

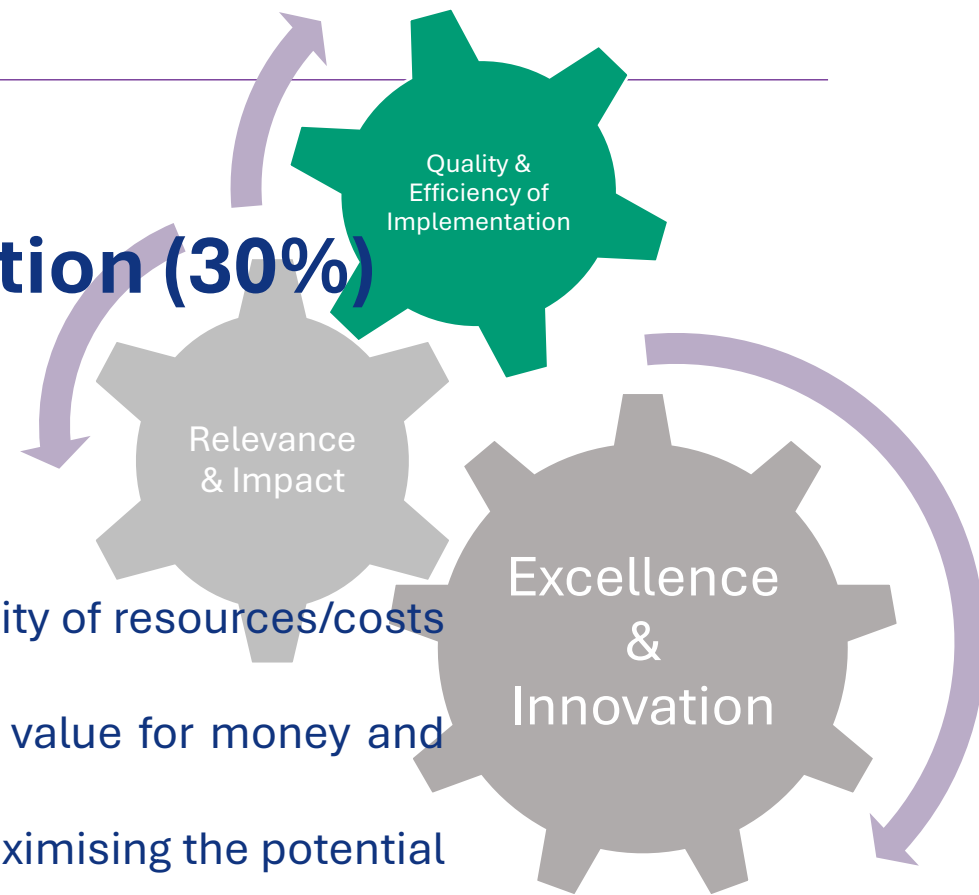


## Quality and Efficiency of Implementation (30%)

*Sections 4/5 of the Application Form & Budget Template*

### Budget & Value for Money (10%)

- Economic (**spending less**) – are the appropriate quantity and quality of resources/costs requested at the lowest cost possible to support project delivery?
- Efficiency (**spending well**) – is the requested budget maximising value for money and delivering project objectives as efficiently as possible.
- Effectiveness (**spending wisely**) – are the requested resources maximising the potential impact of the project outputs?
- Is the overall budget appropriate to a project of this size?





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Incomplete  
Applications will be  
deemed ineligible  
– consult the  
Budget Policy

- Consult the **SEAI RDD Budget Policy 2025**
- Costs are paid out on a **reimbursement basis** (Successful applicants need to secure funds for the life-cycle of the project)
- Eligibility criteria:
  - Realistic and achievable
  - Value for money
  - Project-related costs

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DEEMED  
INELIGIBLE**

**Refer to Application Checklists in Annex 3 of  
Call Document**

## Complete Application

- Application Form and Budget Template (Excel dox)
- All required supporting Declarations, VAT eligibility (Inclusive)
- Accounts/Financial Statements, bank statements, Letters of Support, Data Mgt Plan

SEAI's RD&D Funding Programme is subject to **EU State Aid** rules that set limits on the levels of funding support that can be provided by national authorities.

The **maximum funding level** for a project depends on:

- Category of research
- Size of your organisation
- Collaboration or Dissemination

Research activities relating to **non-economic activity pertaining to the public good** being performed by 3<sup>rd</sup> level educational bodies, semi-state & public sector organisations, may fall outside of State Aid Regulations.

# Funding rates

| RD&D activities subject to EU State Aid Regulations  |   |  |                   |  |                 |
|--|---|--|-------------------|--|-----------------|
| Research Category                                    | Base Level                              | Type of Company  |                   | Effective Collaboration or Dissemination | Maximum Support |
|  |   | **Definition has changed – read the budget policy and select the correct size based on the new definitions** |                   |  |                 |
|  |   | Small Enterprise   | Medium Enterprise |  |                 |
| Industrial Research                                  | 50% of approved itemised eligible costs | +20%   | +10%              | +15%                                     | 80%             |
| Experimental Development                             | 25% of approved itemised eligible costs | +20%   | +10%              | +15%                                     | 60%             |
| RD&D activities not subject to State Aid Regulations |   |  |                   |  |                 |
| Non-economic Public Good Research                    |   |  |                   |  | 100%            |

Funding rate requested to be justified in Section 5 of the Application Form



# Budget categories

Review the  
SEAI RDD  
Budget Policy  
for full details

## Staff costs

- Project related staff costs
- Student stipend increased to €25k

## Postgraduate fees

- max €6,000 per annum

## Overheads

- 25% of Staff costs

## Equipment

- Include if over €10k
- Only real usage and depreciated cost eligible.
- Asset register

## Materials

- catch-all category, includes dissemination costs (publication costs etc)

## Travel

- strictly project-related
- dissemination travel
- max €1,500 per annum per team member for travel related to conference attendance (unlinked to dissemination)

## External consultants

- max 20% of the total costs
- max €800+VAT daily

## Reminder – other eligible costs

- Introduced in 2024.....
  - **Personal supports** – salary of a support person for the term of the grant (salary budget).
  - **Additional caring/childcare costs** – for conference travel (travel budget)
  - **Assistive technologies** (materials budget)
  - **For non-EU PhD Students** – Irish Residence Permits and International health insurance contributions (materials budget)

# Top Tips

Incomplete Applications will be deemed ineligible – consult the Budget Policy

1. 6 weeks before submission deadline - start preparing your application now
2. Review the Call Documentation; SEAI RD&D Budget Policy; and the Application Guidelines (Annex 2, Call Doc)
3. Build your team - identify key partners, collaborators, allow time for gathering supporting documentation
4. **Only fully complete applications received in advance of the deadline will progress to evaluation**
5. Refer to the Application Checklists provided in the Call Document
6. Become familiar with the PEP application portal - Login & register early
7. Don't leave any sections blank!
8. Please don't alter our templates!
9. Make sure figures in excel budget match application form
10. Remember it is a competitive call
11. SEAI cannot review or provide feedback on draft proposals.

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# Q&A Session

Please submit any questions via the Q&A bubble.

For any questions at a later stage, please email [energyresearch@seai.ie](mailto:energyresearch@seai.ie).

# If you have another question...

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1. Full details are available in the Programme Documents online:  
<https://www.seai.ie/grants/research-funding/research-development-and-demonstration-fund/>
2. We will upload a FAQ sheet on our website, along with the webinar recording
3. Please contact us at: [energyresearch@seai.ie](mailto:energyresearch@seai.ie), we will be happy to provide assistance

# 2025 SEAI RD&D Call – Key dates

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| Key Dates                           |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Call Open</b>                    | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025           |
| <b>Application Deadline</b>         | Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025, 12 noon |
| <b>Eligibility &amp; Evaluation</b> | Q3 2025                                    |
| <b>Award Notification</b>           | Q4 2025                                    |

All call details are available at:

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# THANK YOU



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