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## EU4 Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Turkey

### 1<sup>st</sup> Information Session on the Competition:

*Small-scale project implementation in the fields of Energy, Climate Protection and Transport for municipalities and cities in the Western Balkans.*

**Thursday 2nd June 2022, 10:00AM**

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## Agenda

Time	Agenda item	Presenter
10:00 - 10:10	<b>Opening address</b> - Overview of the webinar series - Presentation of the agenda for session 1	Dukagjin Bakija Country Coordinator ORF ETC
10:10 - 10:15	<b>Welcome from NALAS</b>	Jelena Janevska Knowledge and Communication Manager NALAS
10:15 - 10:30	<b>General presentation of the project</b> <i>EU4 Energy Transition - Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans</i>	Dubravka Bosnjak Regional Project Manager ORF ETC
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Presentation of the Output 4 - SECAP Implementation</b> Objectives, planned activities, timeline <b>Objectives of the call for applications and overview of the process</b>	Quentin Bayart Regional Advisor ORF ETC
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Q&amp;A and dialogue with municipalities</b>	All participants

**Moderation:** Dukagjin Bakija



# Welcome speech

## *Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS)*

*Jelena Janevska, Knowledge and Communication Manager*





# EU4 Energy Transition Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Turkey

*Background presentation of the project*

***Dubravka Bosnjak, Regional Project Manager***





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## Introduction of the Project – General Information

This Multi Donor Action is jointly co-financed by  
the **European Union** and the  
**German Federal Ministry for Economic  
Cooperation and Development**

**& implemented by**

**GIZ Open Regional Fund for SEE –Energy,  
Transport and Climate Protection**

**&**

**Central Project Management Agency  
(CPMA), Republic of Lithuania.**

### **Beneficiary countries**

#### **Western Balkans**

Republic of Albania,  
Bosnia and Herzegovina,  
Kosovo\* ,  
Montenegro,  
Republic of North Macedonia, and  
Republic of Serbia and  
Republic of **Turkey**.



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## EU4 Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Turkey

### PROJECT FRAMEWORK (I)

#### Total volume

**9,335,000 EUR**

European Commission (DG NEAR)

8,000,000 EUR

German Government (BMZ)

1,335,000 EUR

#### Duration

**48 months**

Starting date: 1 March 2021

End date: 28 February 2025

Overall objective

To tackle climate change and deliver on the energy transition in the Western Balkans and Turkey.

Specific objective

To support the CoM cities of the Western Balkans and Turkey in delivering on their pledges under the 2030 energy and climate targets.



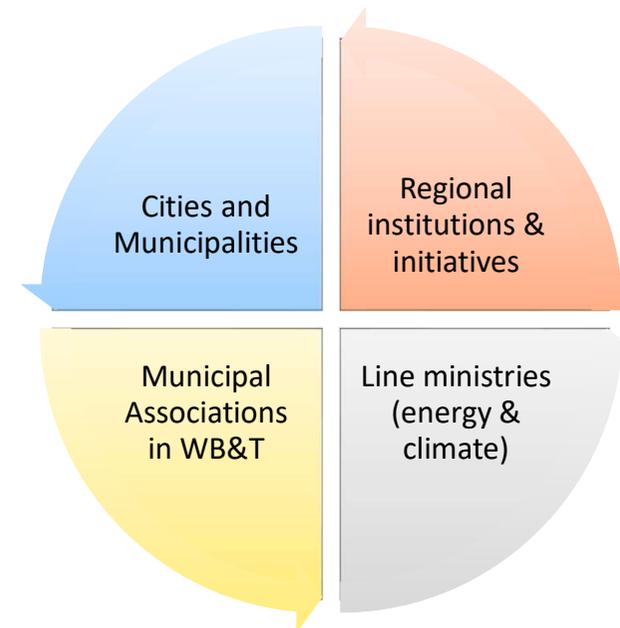
## PROJECT FRAMEWORK (II)

Output 1 <b>MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE</b>	Municipalities are empowered to actively participate in a multi-level governance for the development and implementation of key energy and climate policies.
Output 2 <b>REGIONAL COOPERATION</b>	Regional cooperation between the CoM initiatives and the climate and energy municipalities in the Western Balkans and Turkey supports the achievement of CoM goals.
Output 3 <b>SECAP DEVELOPMENT</b>	Sustainable energy and climate plans, SECAPs, are developed.
Output 4 <b>SECAP IMPLEMENTATION</b>	Small scale projects selected from the respective SECAPs are implemented
Output 5 <b>MONITORING and REPORTING</b>	Monitoring and reporting processes in line with MyCovenant are operational.
Output 6 <b>CoM WB+T</b>	The Western Balkans and Turkey CoM supporting structure is operational.

## PROJECT FRAMEWORK (III)

### THE TARGET GROUPS OF THE ACTION ENCOMPASS THE FOLLOWING

- Staff of participating **cities and municipalities** from the Western Balkans and Turkey who will be trained and are responsible for the development and implementation of SECAPs.
- Staff of the respective **line ministries** for energy and climate planning will be participating in the Action for the **multi-level governance**.
- Municipal **associations** in South-East Europe and Turkey.
- Cooperation at European Level will include coordination and cooperation with the **Global CoM Secretariat, Regional Secretariats (Europe, European Neighbourhood-East and European Neighbourhood South), Energy Cities, Joint Research Centre, ICLEI, Funding institutions etc.**



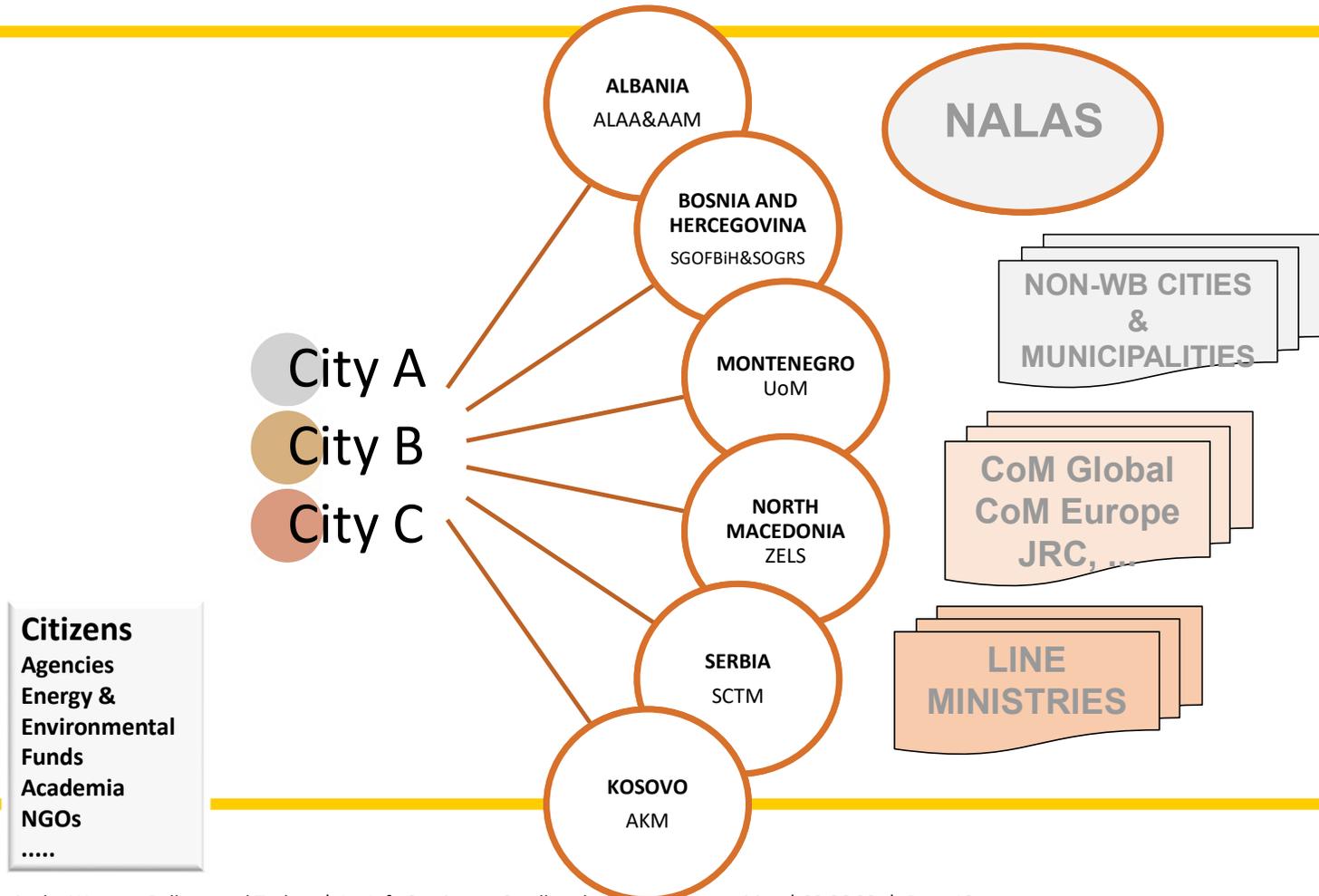


# Implementation (I) GIZ & CPMA team





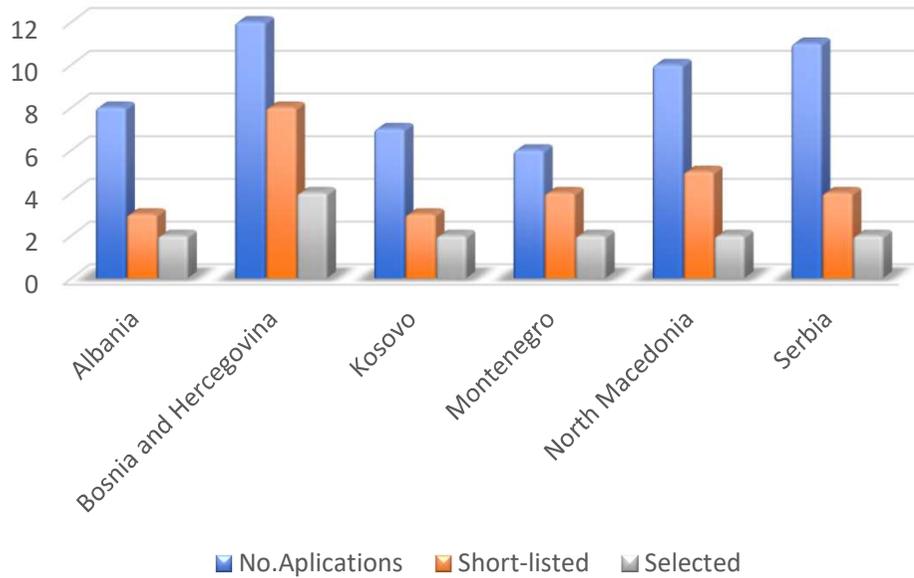
## Implementation (II) Mode of Cooperation in the WB region



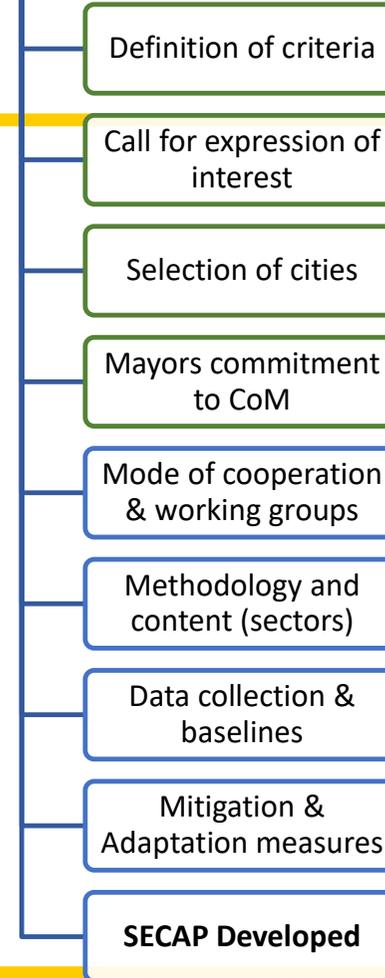


# Implementation (III) Output 3 - SECAP DEVELOPMENT Procedure for the selection of cities from the WB is completed

**Selection of cities in the Western Balkans**  
**two-stage selection process**  
(1) Evaluation of applications and  
(2) Interview with shortlisted cities/municipalities.



## SECAP DEVELOPMENT O3 PROCESS



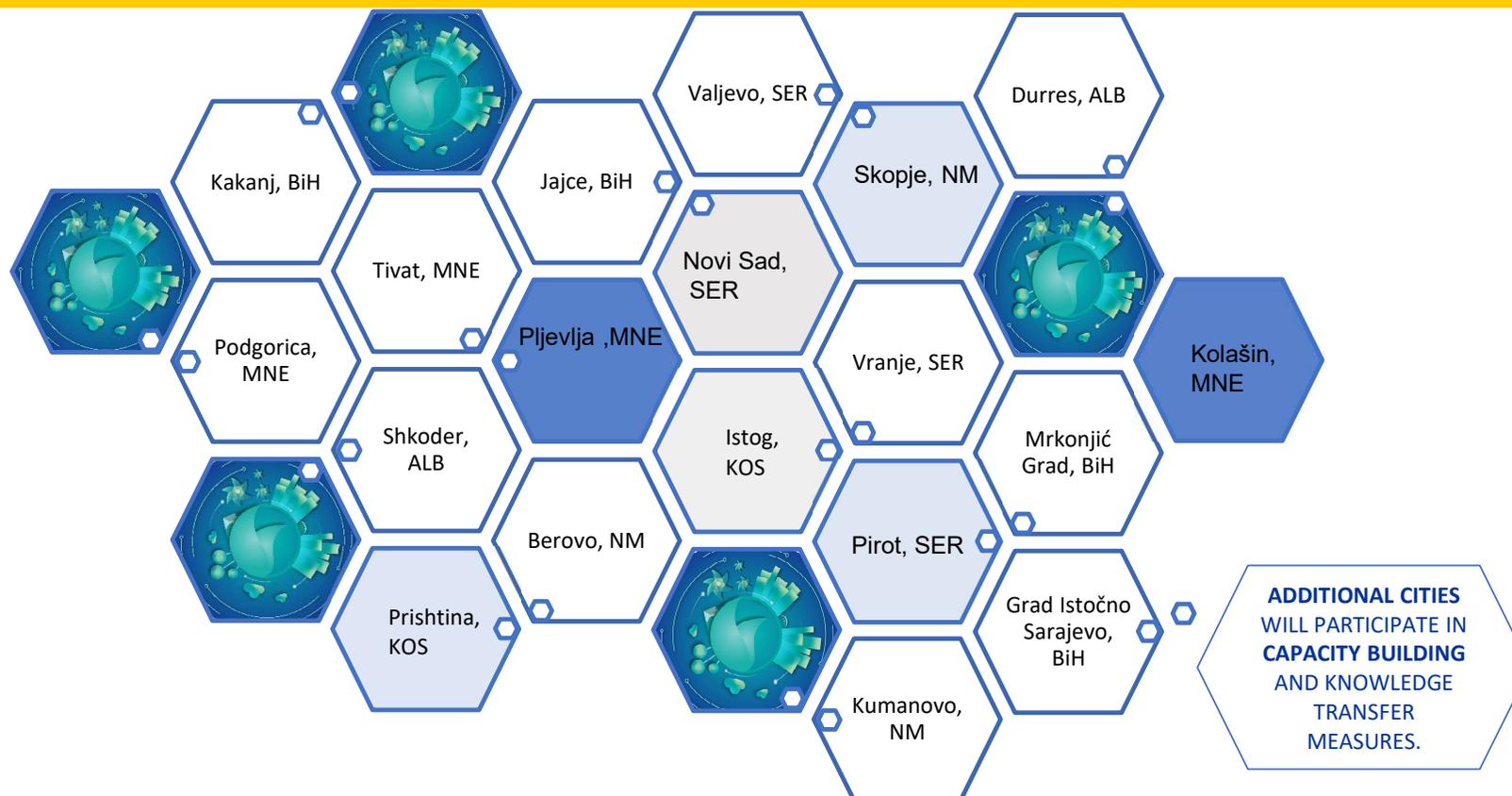
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## Implementation (IV) Output 3 - SECAP DEVELOPMENT Procedure for the selection of cities from the WB is completed





## Implementation (V)

### NEXT STEPS

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Output	Activity
<b>01</b>	Creation of MLG network at national and regional level
<b>02</b>	Knowledge and best practice experiences transfer
<b>03</b>	Starting activities for SECAP development
<b>04</b>	Publishing the call for small – scale projects
<b>05</b>	Technical assistance for establishment and implementation of M&R instrument (MyCovenant)
<b>06</b>	Capacity building & needs assessment for CoM WB &T office in cooperation with NALAS

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## Output 4: Small-scale projects selected from the respective SECAPs are implemented

*Quentin Bayart, Regional Advisor*





## Main objective of the Output 4

*As an incentive for the municipalities to participate in the fulfilment of the targets set by the CoM, the action provides the possibility to **support the implementation of the SECAPs through projects.** The action offers support through a **competitive process led by associations of municipalities** in the beneficiary countries.*





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## Output 4 – Key Activities

*4.1. Definition of selection criteria for identifying SECAP projects*

*4.2. Design and implement competition procedure for the SECAP project selection*

*4.3. Technical and financial support to selected SECAP projects' implementation in municipalities*

*4.4. Monitor and communicate implementation process*

*4.5. Identification of appropriate financial instruments made available by EU and/or IFIs*

*4.6. Capacity building & advisory for the formulation of SECAP projects eligible for available funds*

*4.7. Capacity building & advisory for the preparation of application documents for calls for proposals or other funding mechanisms*



## Timeframe for Output 4

### Implementation of small-scale projects

June – September 2022: Project selection

October 2022 – December 2023: Project implementation

2024: Impact monitoring of implemented projects

### Capacity building on funding mechanisms

2023 – 2024: Trainings on the preparation of eligible projects and application documents





## Target groups and beneficiaries

- Staff of participating cities and municipalities
- Associations of Municipalities in the Western Balkans and NALAS
- Urban population of participating cities and municipalities





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# Call for applications:

## Small-scale project implementation in the fields of Energy, Climate Protection and Transport for municipalities and cities in the Western Balkans





## Who is eligible to apply to this competition?

*All municipalities and cities in the Western Balkans are eligible to apply, provided that they fulfill the prerequisites outlined in slides 24 and 25.*

## Support to be provided for the implementation of selected projects

### *Financial support*

- Up to **50,000 Euros** for each selected project
- **60% - 90% of total costs**, while municipality should allocate 10% - 40% of total costs.
- **8 to 10 projects** will be selected in total for the WB

### *Technical support*

- Project definition and development
- Impact monitoring
- Communication & promotion
- Regional exchange and mutual learning



## Areas of interventions for the small-scale projects

- **Climate mitigation:** projects which contribute to reducing the municipality's greenhouse gases emissions
  - Sustainable energy (Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy)
  - Sustainable transport
- **Climate adaptation:** projects which contribute to increasing the municipality's resilience against present and future climate risks



## Expectations for the small-scale projects

**Innovative**  
*technological,  
social,  
organizational,  
methodological  
approach*

**Replicable**  
*to other  
municipalities  
in the region*

**Realistic,**  
*within  
allocated  
resources and  
time*

*Contributing to  
alleviate*  
**Energy  
Poverty**

**Aligned**  
*with the  
municipality  
policy  
framework*



## Prerequisites for the submission of project proposals (1/2)

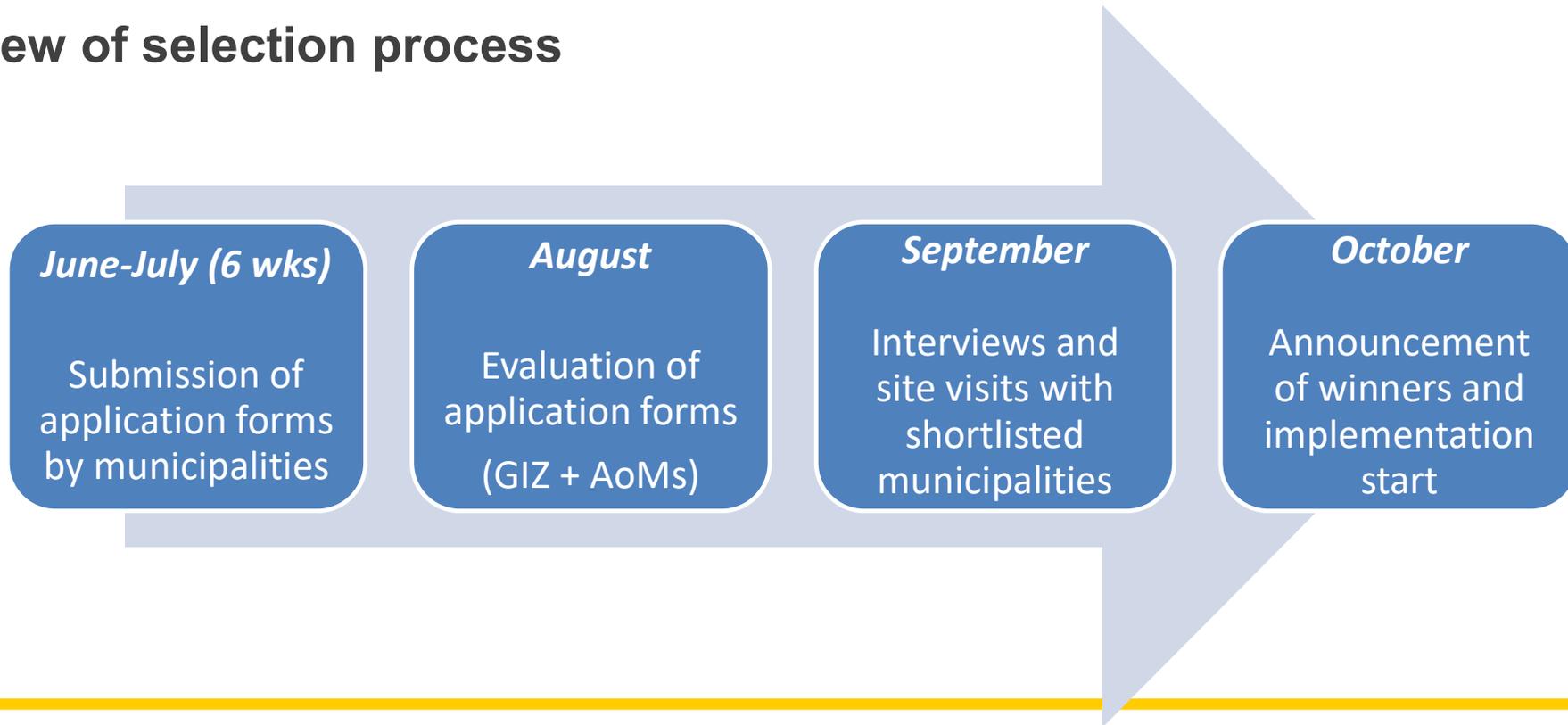
- Only municipalities/cities can apply
- Only new projects which have not started yet can be submitted,
- Project implementation must be completed until the end of 2023,
- Projects must have the support of the City Council and Mayor.
- Projects must derive from an approved strategic document (i.e. SECAP, SEAP, SUMP, Local Spatial Plan, etc.) and/or have the complete backing of decision makers.



## Prerequisites for the submission of project proposals (2/2)

- Full compliance with national policy, norms, and standards.
- Design, construction and development of new infrastructure facilities or the rehabilitation, modernization or expansion of existing infrastructure facilities. (Operation costs of infrastructure or equipment not be covered)
- Non-infrastructure measures such as regulations, awareness raising, financing, etc. not part of the scope.
- Obtention of all permits and authorizations is responsibility of the municipality/city

## Overview of selection process





## After the selection...

- Once the winning projects have been selected, workshops will be held with each selected municipality to agree on the details of the project and make necessary adjustments
- Based on agreed project details, GIZ will launch procurement procedures (tendering) to select the companies that will implement the project
- GIZ will also provide technical support to help the municipalities monitor the impacts of the projects once in operation





## Next info sessions

### ***Session 2 (Wednesday 8th of June, 10am – 11.30am):***

Types of eligible projects and concrete examples from the region and beyond

### ***Session 3 (Thursday 16th of June, 10am – 11.30am):***

Details of selection criteria and final Q&A



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## Q&A

- Raise your hand or write your question in the chat
- Questions can also be sent to [ORF-ETC@giz.de](mailto:ORF-ETC@giz.de) and will be answered in the following sessions
- To ensure fairness and transparency, answers will also be shared in written form with all municipalities, through the Associations of Municipalities



## Thank you for your attention!

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