Supporting cross-border cooperation on renewables in the Baltics and beyond –
the new Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

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A **joint** EU RES target of at least 32% in 2030

- Make best use of EU resource potential => **Regional cooperation can deliver more with less**

- A "greener" EU budget for 2021-2027

- EU ambition for RES world leadership => more strategic approach to market uptake of promising technologies
Regional cooperation on Renewables in the Clean Energy Package

- Maintains the 4 forms of cooperation (statistical transfers, joint projects (also with 3rd countries), joint support schemes)
- Voluntary opening by MS of support-schemes for cross-border tendering
- New EU trading platform for statistical transfers by MS
- ... and the new window in CEF Energy ...
Available EU funding for RES in the new MFF

- Cohesion spending
- InvestEU
- Horizon Europe
- LIFE window on the energy transition
- Innovation Fund
- ... and the new window in CEF Energy ...
Cross-border Projects in the field of Renewables

- Joint planning, development & cost effective exploitation of renewables and EU target achievement
- Promoting Cooperation between Member States and 3rd countries
- Contribute to strategic uptake of innovative renewables technologies
- Facilitate their integration through energy storage and conversion facilities
- Contribute to EU's Long Term Decarbonisation Strategy
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BUDGET: 15% of CEF ENERGY Funding subject to market uptake* (indicative €1,2 bln, final decision on budget end 2019)

* if 15% is reached increase to 20% of CEF ENERGY, subject to market uptake
Eligible projects include:

- Renewables generation in electricity, heating & cooling, transport
- District heating
- Storage / conversion facilities and their grid connection

Also:

- No capacity thresholds or corridors
- Open technology list

Common characteristics:
- MS cooperation
- Cash flows
- Value add through EU

Variety of projects is eligible as CB-RES

Individual project
Physical cross-border impact

Individual project
No physical cross-border impact

Multiple projects
Not necessarily physical cross-border impact
(Hypothetical) examples

An offshore wind park developed jointly by several MS (with storage or conversion facility) to use best potential sites; a large floating wind park deployed jointly by MS to maintain EU’s leadership in the technology.

A large concentrated solar plant in Southern Europe offering dispatchable energy to Northern Europe.

A renewable district heating project in South Eastern Europe supported by other MS with low RES potential for target achievement.
Eligibility for CEF Funding

- General CEF Award Criteria (article 11)

- Specifically for grants for works:
  - **Project holds status of Cross-border Project in the field of Renewables**
  - **Significant EU-added value**
  - **Existence of commercial viability gap**
CEF as a cross-sectoral programme: energy, transport, digital

Revised CEF 2021-2027 with more emphasis on action across sectors ("synergies"): separate work programmes and calls for such action, higher co-funding rates

Renewables investments can complement CEF projects in transport and digital with up to 20% of total eligible cost.
Next Steps

- Delegated Act on selection criteria/process for cross-border renewable projects; Publication of CBA methodologies *(once basic act in force in 2020)*

- Planned: First Call for pre-status supporting studies and for status as cross-border project (autumn 2020), first call for studies and works (autumn 2021)

- Investigate possibilities for renewables as part of synergy action (e.g. e-mobility plus RES, TEN-T plus RES/storage/conversion, port infrastructure plus offshore)