

# EU kumppaanusohjelmat Energiateemaan liittyen

*CETPartnership*

**DUT - Driving Urban Transitions**



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# EU instruments for Flexible Energy Systems

- Horizon Europe – RDI grants
  - **Driving Urban Transitions (DUT)**
    - Clean Energy Transition Partnership (CETP)
- *Connecting Europe Facility (CEF-E) – investment grants*
- *Innovation Fund – investment grants*
- *European Local ENergy Assistance (ELENA) – technical support grants for investment preparation*
- *InvestEU – market-based funding*
- *Digitalisation of the energy system - Digital Europe Programme*
- *etc.*

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**Driving Urban  
Transitions**

<https://dutpartnership.eu/>



## Transition Pathways

Our future relies on tackling complex grand challenges here and now, many of which must be addressed within cities and by urban communities. To support cities along their specific strategies, the partnership focuses on three critical urban sectors and their interrelations.

### Facts

- A public-public partnership, co-funded by 27 European countries and the European Commission under Horizon Europe
- A consortium with 60+ national and regional R&I funders, authorities and agencies dealing with urban policy, research performing organisations and other organisations as strategic partners
- Annual calls addressing topics related to three impact pathways
- 450 million EURO minimum indicative budget for 2022-2028

# Supporting SDGs for cities

- The majority of Europeans lives and works in urban areas.
- Cities also account for a large proportion of European societies' carbon emissions and face common challenges such as congestion, inadequate housing, air pollution, lack of infrastructure and migration.
- Europe has embraced the vision of becoming the first climate-neutral continent by 2050
- the EU-Mission Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities has been launched with an even more ambitious objective of accompanying and enabling 100+12 cities to become climate-neutral by 2030.
- The DUT Partnership addresses these needs by bringing together national research funding organisations, ministries and innovation agencies to jointly develop a European R&I strategy and priorities for urban areas, implementing joint calls
- The DUT Partnership enables a systemic approach to boost urban transitions through the thematic priorities of the Partnership – the three Transition Pathways
  - **1. Positive Energy Districts (PED)**
  - **2. 15-Minute City (15mC)**
  - **3. Circular Urban Economies (CUE)**

# What is DUT- three Transition Pathways

## ■ Positive Energy Districts (PED):

- aims to optimise the local energy system through energy efficiency, flexibility and local energy generation from renewables
- *"Developing districts that produce more energy than they consume."*

## ■ 15-minute City (15minC):

- connects measures of mobility, logistics, public space and planning to promote liveable neighbourhoods and climate-neutral cities
- *"Creating urban areas where essential services are within a 15-minute reach by foot or bike."*

## ■ Circular Urban Economies (CUE):

- aims to support the planning and design of inclusive urban spaces sustained by circular resource flows
- *"Promoting circular economy principles in urban settings."*

# Focus Areas Relevant for Finnish

## **1. Cleantech & Energy** - DUT Pathway Match: *(PED)*

- Focus: energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy systems, smart grids.

## **2. Smart Mobility & Urban Infrastructure** - DUT Pathway Match: *(15mC)*

- Focus: low-emission transportation, smart traffic, cycling infrastructure, EV solutions.

## **3. Digital & Data-Driven Urban Solutions Providers** - DUT Pathway Match: *(all pathways)*

- Focus: AI, IoT, digital twins, GIS, smart city analytics

## **4. Construction, Architecture & Real Estate** - DUT Pathway Match: *(PED) and (CUE).*

- Focus: low-carbon buildings, circular construction, urban regeneration.

## **5. Circular Economy & Urban Waste Innovations** - DUT Pathway Match: *(CUE).*

- Focus: urban recycling systems, bio-based materials, waste-to-energy.

# Top Reasons to Join DUT

- Funding for exportable, scalable urban solutions
- Chance to pilot innovations in real European city environments
- Builds strong international networks and partnerships
- Bridges research, business and practical urban development
- Increases visibility and market access in the green transition

*"To stay competitive, companies **need access to networks, funding, and new international markets** — and DUT offers a powerful gateway to all three."*

# DUT Call 2025 Timeline – estimate

**Call Launch:** Early September 2025

## **A two-stage calls:**

- Pre-Proposal Submission Deadline: Mid-November 2025
  - Full Proposal Submission Deadline: Late April 2026
  - Funding Decisions Announced: July 2026
  - Project Start Date: Between September 2026 and January 2027
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- For the most accurate and updated information, please refer to the official DUT Partnership website: <https://dutpartnership.eu>.

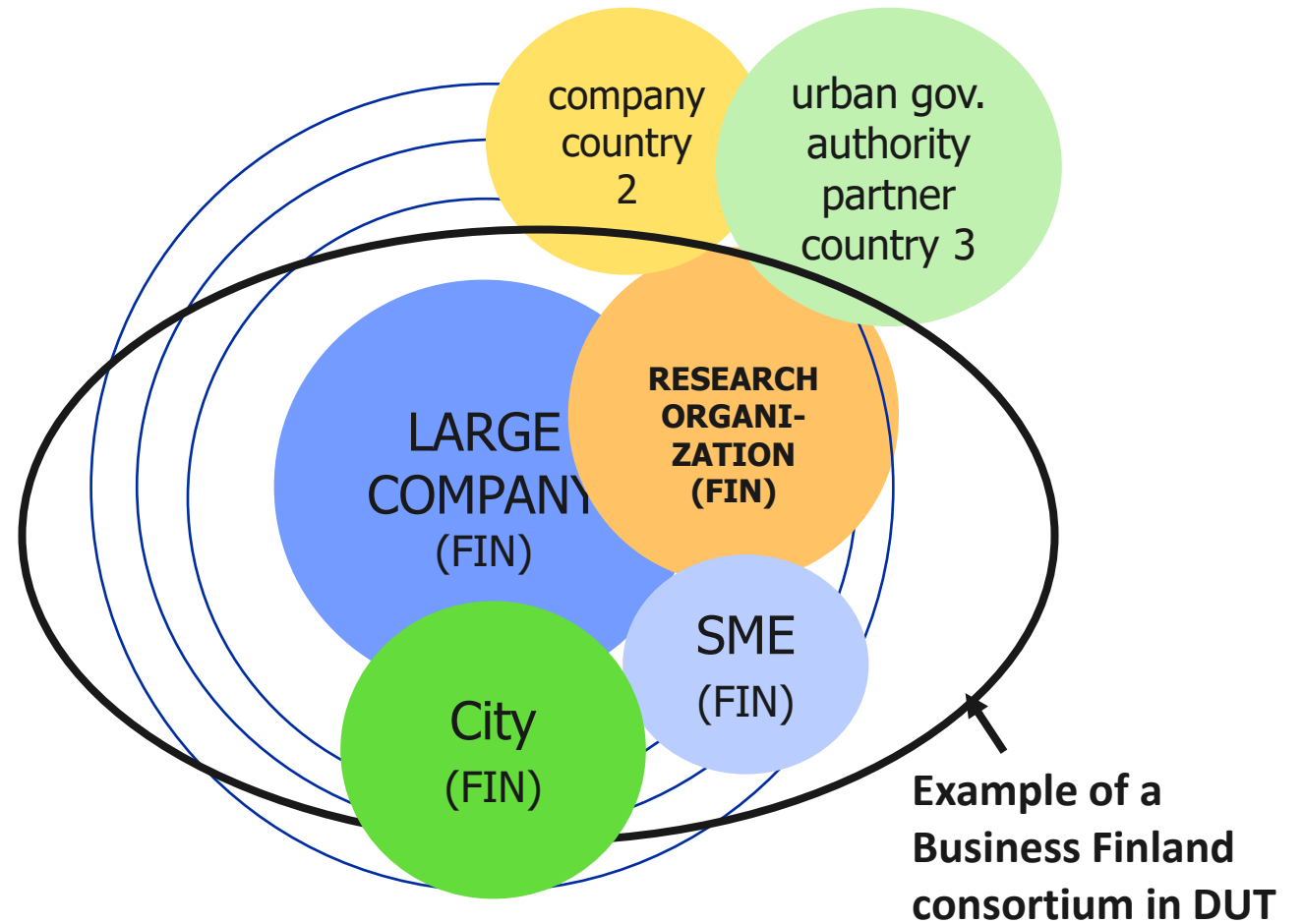


# Example of a DUT consortium project in which a Finnish research organisation is participating

**Min. 3 companies, 2 of them Finnish companies aiming for export** must be included in the consortium.

BF funds challenging projects that have an impact on development of new knowledge, exports and competitive advantage of the participating companies.

Public authorities and NGOs not funded by BF **except research organizations**. However, participation in the steering group of the research projects is encouraged.



# Companies' minimum eligibility criteria

- **Minimum 2 employees** working 100% for the company
- Company must have **sufficient self-financing** for the implementation of the project
- Company aims to **export**
- Submitted the financial statements to the Finnish Patent and Registration Office
- In case of tax debts a payment plan has been agreed with the tax authorities

# BUSINESS FINLAND FUNDING FOR DIFFERENT STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT

## Examples of funding

USED IN DUT CALL

<b>INNOVATION VOUCHER</b>  Buy innovation expertise  Grant 100%	<b>EXPLORER PRODUCTS</b>  Funding to support companies internationalization  Grant 50 %	<b>TEMPO</b>  For companies aiming for international growth  Grant 75 %	<b>INTO</b>  Innovation expertise in support of international growth  Grant 50 %	<b>RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS</b>  Joint research projects with companies  Grant 80%	<b>NIY</b> (Under 5 y.o. fast growing start-ups)  Scale globally.  Develop the strategy, team, business model in a comprehensive manner.  Grant and loan gradually	<b>R&amp;D (COMPANIES)</b>  Create new knowledge and competence  Grant 50% Loan 50% / 70%
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# Useful links

## More information DUT

- <https://dutpartnership.eu/>

## DUT matchmaking platform

- <https://dut-call-2024.b2match.io/>

## Call 2025 Documents

- <https://dutpartnership.eu/dut-call-2025/>