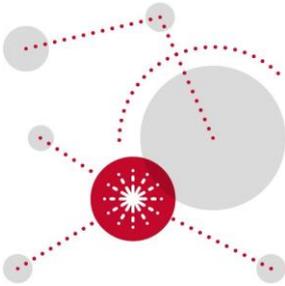




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Waste and NRRP: calls for proposals launched for funding waste management plants and circular economy projects

1. Introduction

On 15 October, the Ministry of Ecological Transition (MITE), as competent authority, announced that proposals could now be submitted for the construction of efficient and sustainable new waste management plants and modernisation of existing plants (Investment 1.1) and for circular economy flagship projects (Investment 1.2).

This is the first step in implementing the objectives of Mission 2, Component 1 of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP): Green Revolution and Ecological Transition – Sustainable agriculture and circular economy. The NRRP's goal is to fill the gap between different regions of the country in terms of waste management plant capacity and quality standards, in order to achieve the objectives of the related EU and Italian legislation.

The following amounts will be allocated through the calls, in accordance with MITE Decree Nos. 396 and 397 of 28 September 2021:

- **EUR 1.5 bn** to build new waste management plants and modernise existing ones; and
- **EUR 600 bn** to implement circular economy flagship projects in order to strengthen and expand strategic industrial supply chains.

In accordance with the NRRP, 60% of the above amounts will be allocated to works in the central and southern regions of Italy;¹ the remaining 40% will be allocated to the other regions and the autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano.

¹ I.e., Tuscany, Marche, Umbria, Lazio, Molise, Abruzzo, Campania, Puglia, Basilicata, Calabria, Sicily and Sardinia.

2. Main contents of the calls for proposals

The calls are for proposals in the following areas:²

A) Investment 1.1

- Line A works: improvement and mechanisation of the selective urban waste collection network (EUR 1 m is max. funding available for each proposal);
- Line B works: modernisation (including extension of existing plants) and construction of new treatment and recycling plants for urban waste deriving from selective collection (EUR 40 m is max. funding available for each proposal);
- Line C works: modernisation (including extension of existing plants) and construction of new treatment and recycling plants for the disposal of absorbent hygiene products, wastewater mud, leather and textile waste (EUR 10 m is max. funding available for each proposal);

B) Investment 1.2

- Line A works: modernisation (including extension of existing plants) and construction of new plants to improve the collection, logistics and recycling of waste from electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), including wind turbine blades and photovoltaic panels;
- Line B works: modernisation (including extension of existing plants) and construction of new plants to improve the collection, logistics and recycling of paper and cardboard waste;
- Line C works construction of new plants for plastic waste recycling (through mechanical and chemical recycling and plastic hubs), including plastic waste in the sea;
- Line D works: infrastructures for the collection of pre- and post-consumption textile parts, modernisation and construction of new plants for textile recycling through textile hubs.

The maximum amount available for each proposal under Investment 1.2 will not exceed 35% of the eligible costs, although this could be increased by up to 20% if certain conditions are met.

Conversely, proposals under Investment 1.1 are not subject to a percentage threshold for eligible costs, just the maximum available amounts listed above.

² For the sake of completeness, the calls are available at the following links: [Investment 1.1 – Line A](#); [Investment 1.1 – Line B](#); [Investment 1.1 – Line C](#); [Investment 1.2 – Line A](#); [Investment 1.2 – Line B](#); [Investment 1.2 – Line C](#); and [Investment 1.2 – Line D](#).

All proposals submitted under Investment 1.1 and/or Investment 1.2 must envisage that **all works be completed by 30 June 2026.**³

The **addressees of the calls** and (potential) **beneficiaries of the related funds** are the following:

A) **Investment 1.1**

1. operational local government entities (*Enti di Governo d'Ambito*) or such local government entities that, on the date the related call was published, have already entrusted the management of the service covered by that call for a specific local area ("ATO") (or parts of it);
2. Municipalities – on condition that none of local government entities described in point 1. above exist. Each municipality may submit individual or group proposals, the number of which is limited based on the municipality's size (as specified in each call), subject to variations depending on whether the proposals are submitted individually or as a group⁴;
3. Urban waste management operators that have been specifically delegated by the local government entities and municipalities referred to in the previous points 1. and 2.;

B) **Investment 1.2**⁵

4. Companies that mainly carry out industrial activities for the production of goods and services, and land, water, air transport activities (under Art. 2195, nos. 1 and 3, of the Italian Civil Code, including artisan companies that produce goods according to Law No. 443 of 8 August 1985; and
5. Companies that mainly carry out activities ancillary to the industrial ones mentioned above (Art. 2195, no. 5, of the Italian Civil Code) in favour of the companies referred to in the above point.

The funding available for Investments 1.1 and 1.2 will be **allocated to the beneficiaries as non-repayable grants** as follows: (a) an advance payment of up to 10% of the total amount of the works before the related project starts; (b) intermediate instalments until 90% of the total amount is paid out, based on costs incurred throughout work progress (SAL) of the works, services and supplies; and (c) a final payment of 10% of the total amount, based on a final payment request certifying that the works

³ The third parties implementing interventions under Investment 1.1 must be selected by 21 December 2023, in compliance with the applicable EU and national legislation on public tendering, and all other applicable rules. The selection might take place also through the awarding of public-private partnership contracts under Art. 183 of Legislative Decree No. 50 of 18 April 2016.

⁴ If municipalities submit one or more proposals as a group, they cannot also submit individual proposals and vice versa. Moreover, if an operational local government entity exists, the related municipalities may submit proposals only if expressly delegated by that entity.

⁵ The addressees of Investment 1.2 must demonstrate on the date of submission of the proposal that they meet various requirements, including good reputation and economic and financial stability.

have been completed.

Proposals must be submitted between 60 and 120 days from 15 October (the date of publication of the calls) using the proposal submission form that the MITE will publish (with related instructions) within 40 days from that date.

To ensure that proposals are as consistent as possible with the calls (and thus avoid any funds being revoked), the addressees may submit **requests for clarification until 30 days before the proposal submission deadline**.

3. Conclusion

The calls for proposals are an important and concrete opportunity to achieve the NRRP urban waste recycling objectives and to strengthen waste collection and treatment management and networks. At the same time, given the deadlines for submitting clarification requests and proposals and the related technical and legal complexities, the interested parties should act promptly and, with regard to Investment 1.1, local government entities (or, as the case may be, local entities) should begin liaising with managing entities regarding the potential assignment of delegations and the definition of perimeter and object of the works to be proposed.



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