

## NEWS ON ENERGY POLICIES IN SPAIN FROM MARCH 2023 TO AUGUST

### IDAE PUBLISHES THE GUIDE TO COLLECTIVE SELF-CONSUMPTION TO ADDRESS THE DOUBTS OF PROFESSIONALS AND CITIZENS IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF SELF-CONSUMPTION.



**July 23.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO), through the Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE), has published the Guide to Collective Self-consumption. Aimed at both the general public and the professional sectors, the main objective of this guide is to contribute to the development of collective self-consumption of electricity as one of the fundamental pillars in the deployment of renewable energies.

The guide is aimed at the general public, groups of consumers wishing to implement collective self-consumption, communities of owners and companies installing self-consumption systems. It introduces the figure of the Self-consumption Manager, who acts as a representative of the associated consumers and is key to better management of collective self-consumption.

The guide is published through the [IDAE's Self-consumption Office channel](#) and is one of the actions included in the Self-consumption Roadmap, a strategic document that includes 37 measures to raise awareness, train professionals and disseminate information, with the aim of improving public knowledge and acceptance of self-consumption.

Consult here the [Collective Self-consumption Guide](#) and [Self-consumption Roadmap](#).

### AGREEMENT TO SEND TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION THE DRAFT OF THE FIRST UPDATE OF THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED ENERGY AND CLIMATE PLAN 2021-2030 (NECP).



**June 2023.** The Council of Ministers, at the request of the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO), agreed to send the draft of the first update of the National Integrated Energy and Climate Plan 2021-2030 (NECP) to the European Commission. At the same time, the draft, which can be consulted [here](#), is subject to a hearing and public information until 4 September.

The proposed revision increases the ambition to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, curb the impact of global warming and modernise the economy: the emissions reduction increases from 23% to 32% in 2030. It also envisages strengthening the industrial value chain and the country's strategic autonomy, creating more than 500.000 jobs and improving citizens' health by halving premature deaths associated with air pollution by the end of the decade.

## MITECO PUBLISHES PROPOSED ROYAL DECREE TO REGULATE ENERGY COMMUNITIES



**April 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) has launched for public information the text of a Royal Decree to regulate the two legal figures included within the scope of energy communities - *renewable energy communities* and *citizen energy communities* -, available [here](#). These communities will have a specific quota in the auctions of the Renewable Energy Economic Regime (REER) and a capacity reserve in the electricity grid nodes subject to tender to guarantee the evacuation of their production.

Although they are not limited to the electricity sector - they can benefit from thermal sources, mobility solutions or energy efficiency - the communities are directly linked to self-consumption, a field that is developing at great speed in Spain: installed capacity has increased 20-fold since 2018 and now exceeds 5 GW.

The Strategic Project for the Recovery and Economic Transformation of Renewable Energies, Renewable Hydrogen and Storage ([PERTE ERHA](#)) includes a specific support line for energy communities. With a budget of 100 million euros, the first two calls for proposals have already been successful, with 40 million euros benefiting 73 communities made up of more than 95.000 members.

## PUBLICATION OF THE PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR SOLAR THERMAL INSTALLATION REHABILITATION



**April 2023.** IDAE and the Spanish Solar Thermal Industry Association (ASIT) have produced the [Practical Guide for the Rehabilitation of Solar Thermal Installations](#).

The Guide covers all the essential aspects to be taken into account to put into operation the existing solar thermal park that is not operating correctly, including the appropriate revision of the original design to adapt it to the real situation of use, the replacement of equipment while maximising the use of the existing ones, improving their performance, and incorporating new control and monitoring systems to ensure that the corrective measures taken are maintained over time.

## MITECO LAUNCHES AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO IDENTIFY LINES OF ACTION TO BOOST THE RENEWABLE ENERGY VALUE CHAIN



**March 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO), within the framework of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (PRTR), is launching a Manifestation of Interest (MOI), which can be consulted [here](#), to gather information, proposals and project ideas from companies, associations and civil society as a whole, in order to design lines of action in the field of the renewable energy value chain and its integration into the energy system.

The information gathered through this initiative will be used to propose the design of lines of aid endowed with an additional 1.000 million euros envisaged in the More Energy Security Plan ([Plan+SE](#)) for the reinforcement of the value chain in the energy transition, in line with the objectives of the Strategic Project for the Recovery and Economic Transformation of Renewable Energies, Renewable Hydrogen and Storage ([PERTE ERHA](#)).

The deadline for submitting expressions of interest is 12 May 2023.

## IDAE TEACHES CITIZENS HOW TO CREATE THEIR OWN ENERGY COMMUNITY IN OPEN GOVERNMENT WEEK AFTER THREE DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE CHALLENGES OF THE GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION



**March 2023.** As part of *Open Government Week*, IDAE has organised an open day workshop to teach citizens how to create their own energy community. The *Open Government Week* is a global initiative of the Open Government Partnership. Its main objective is to bring public administrations closer to citizens, based on the principles of Open Government: transparency, accountability, citizen participation, public integrity and collaboration.

Surrounded by the exhibition "*Connected. Energy and Econsience*", organised by the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO), 65 citizens were able to become protagonists of the energy transition and enjoy an experience of accompaniment for the creation of an energy community.

The inauguration was led by Víctor Marcos, the Director of Renewable Energies and Electricity Market at IDAE, who stressed that "energy communities are the best tool for putting citizens at the heart of the energy transition". He pointed out: "Thanks to the European funds provided by the Recovery Plan, we are setting up a very ambitious ecosystem of support for the energy communities".

## GRANTS

### GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES 66,6 MILLION IN NEW SUPPORT FOR INNOVATIVE RENEWABLE HYDROGEN VALUE CHAIN



**August 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) has launched a second call of the *Incentives 4 Programme* for the innovative and knowledge value chain of renewable hydrogen with 66,6 million euros from the Next Generation EU Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (PRTR), in addition to the 40 million euros from the same programme in its first call.

Attached to the Strategic Project for the Recovery and Economic Transformation of Renewable Energies, Renewable Hydrogen and Storage (PERTE ERHA), it aims to promote the development of basic research projects, innovative pilot projects and training in key enabling technologies within the renewable hydrogen value chain.

The characteristics of the call are [available](#) on the website of the Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE), which will be responsible for managing these grants, which will be awarded on a competitive basis.

The call is open from 8 September until 7 November 2023 (at 17:00 hours). Award criteria will include SME participation, positive impact on Just Transition areas, emission reduction and job creation.

## **MITECO OPENS FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION A DRAFT ORDER WITH NEW REGULATORY BASES FOR GRANTING AID TO BIOGAS INSTALLATIONS.**



**July 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) has opened to public hearing the draft order approving the regulatory bases and the incentive programme for the granting of aid to singular projects for biogas installations, as well as the draft resolution of the second call for these aids, both available [here](#).

The Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE), will manage this aid under the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (PRTR).

Eligible projects will be those unique projects of biogas and biomethane installations located throughout the national territory that contribute to decarbonising different sectors of the economy and that allow for greater environmental protection and the achievement of the objectives set out in the draft update of the National Integrated Energy and Climate Plan 2021-2030 (NECP) and the Spanish Long Term Energy Strategy 2050.

Projects must be completed by 30 June 2026 and, as in all other PRTR calls, must respect the principle of "no significant harm" to the environment. Only projects whose implementation has not started before applying for support will be accepted.

Comments on the draft ministerial order and draft resolution for the publication of this second call for applications should be sent before 18 August to [bzn-biogas@miteco.es](mailto:bzn-biogas@miteco.es) indicating "Información Pública Incentivos Biogás y Biometano" in the subject line.

## **MITECO LAUNCHES 280 MILLION EUROS IN AID FOR INNOVATIVE ENERGY STORAGE PROJECTS**



**July 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) is launching 280 million euros in aid for innovative energy storage projects that contribute to improving the stability of the electricity system and security of supply. The grants, the call for applications for which is available [here](#), will be awarded on a competitive basis.

There will be two differentiated lines: one for stand-alone and thermal storage -endowed with 150 and 30 million euros, respectively- and another, with the remaining 100 million euros, for reversible pumping projects in hydroelectric power plants. The Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE) will manage both calls.

Access to subsidies will be open to companies, groups, universities, research or technology centres and other public or private entities of a non-business nature. The maximum subsidy will be 50 million per dossier and per beneficiary in the case of independent and reversible pumping and 6 million in the case of thermal storage.

Applications for the hydropower line can be submitted from 22 September until 14:00 on 20 October 2023. The application period for stand-alone and thermal storage will remain open between 20 September 2023 and 14:00 on 18 October 2023.

## **MITECO LAUNCHES THE THIRD CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 30 MILLION EUROS GRANT PROGRAMME FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE FLEETS.**



**July 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) has opened a third call for applications for the MOVES Fleets programme, endowed with 30 million euros, which can be consulted [here](#). The programme is managed by the Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE) under the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (PRTR).

The aid aims to further the comprehensive electrification of large transport fleets made up of light vehicles - from mopeds to vans - belonging to companies or public sector entities. The main new feature of this third call for applications is that the minimum number of vehicles that the beneficiary must acquire in order to qualify for the aid has been reduced from 25 to 10 units, with the maximum limit remaining at 500 vehicles and the condition that they operate in more than one Autonomous Community.

Applications can be submitted between 09:00 on 12 January and 14:00 on 18 October 2023. They will only be accepted for projects that have not started before the date of registration of the application. The maximum duration of the actions is 18 months from the date of notification of the positive decision to grant aid.

This programme complements the other MOVES ecosystem calls for the deployment of electric mobility in our country, consisting of the “MOVES III” programme - managed by the autonomous communities - for the acquisition of hybrid or electric vehicles and the installation of recharging points, and the “MOVES Singulares II” programme for innovative electric mobility projects.

## **GOVERNMENT APPROVES 100 MILLION IN AID FOR UNIQUE MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PROJECTS**



**July 2023.** The Council of Ministers, at the request of the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO), has approved the granting of aid amounting to 100 million euros for singular projects for the renovation of municipal outdoor lighting. The aid, a 10-year repayable loan, with no interest and no guarantees required, will be granted through competitive procedures and will enable energy savings

of more than 60% to be achieved through energy efficiency designs. The repayment period will be around seven years under normal electricity price conditions.

The line of aid, whose regulatory bases can be consulted [here](#), is financed with resources from the National Energy Efficiency Fund and is managed by the Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE). It is included in the measures of the “Más Seguridad Energética Plan” ([Plan +SE](#)) and is part of the energy efficiency dimension for the public sector of the National Integrated Energy and Climate Plan ([NECP](#)).

The first call of the programme is expected to be launched between September and October 2023.

## MITECO ALLOCATES 234,6 MILLION IN NEW AID FOR INNOVATIVE ELECTRIC MOBILITY PROJECTS



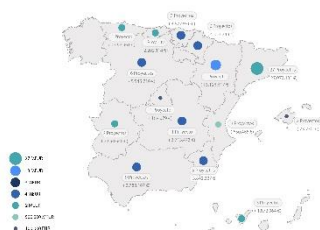
**July 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) has definitively resolved the second call of the “MOVES Singulares II programme”, available [here](#). A total of 234,6 million euros have been awarded to 186 development projects and innovative solutions to promote electric mobility. The initiative builds on the success of the first 100 million euros call for proposals, which attracted 175 projects worth 386 million.

This programme complements the other MOVES ecosystem calls for the deployment of electric mobility in Spain, which include the “MOVES III” programme, which provides aid for the purchase of hybrid or electric vehicles and the installation of recharging points, and the “MOVES Flotas” programme for the replacement of combustion vehicle fleets with hybrid or electric models.

MOVES Singulares II is also one of the facilitating measures included in the Strategic Project for Economic Recovery and Transformation to Enable the development of an ecosystem for the manufacture of Electric and Connected Vehicles (PERTE VEC), approved by the Council of Ministers on 13 July 2021, which allows the promotion of innovation and new business models in the field of electric mobility.

More information on the resolution of the 2nd call of the “MOVES Singulares II programme” is available [here](#).

## MITECO GRANTS 76,5 MILLION IN AID FOR UNIQUE BIOGAS FACILITY PROJECTS



**July 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) has definitively resolved the first call for applications for grants for projects for unique biogas facilities, available [here](#). The 81 proposals with the best evaluation will receive incentives worth 76,5 million euros from the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (PRTR), financed with EU Next Generation funds, corresponding to a projected investment of 475,5 million euros and a

total power to be installed of 188,3 MW.

The aid programme, managed by the Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE), has selected initiatives for biogas production and its use, either for thermal or electrical use, in high-efficiency cogeneration or for purification until obtaining biomethane for energy use. In addition to their technical rigour and degree of innovation, the selection criteria for the projects took into account their location in areas of Just Transition and Demographic Challenge. Of the total amount of aid proposed, more than half, 42,1 million, will be awarded to initiatives located in these areas.

In addition to contributing to decarbonisation objectives, biogas promotes the use of organic waste with a circular economy approach and helps develop the rural world.

## **MITECO LAUNCHES 150 MILLION EUROS IN A NEW AID FOR ELECTRICITY, THERMAL AND COGENERATION INSTALLATIONS WITH RENEWABLES**



**July 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) is launching a new line of incentives for electricity and/or heat production projects using renewable energies to replace fossil fuel production (natural gas, fuel oil and diesel), available [here](#).

The programme, RENOCOGEN, is endowed with 150 million euros of EU NextGeneration funds channelled through the Recovery and Resilience Plan (PRTR) and is aimed at owners of cogeneration and waste treatment plants that replace fossil fuels with renewable energy sources.

The Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE), will be responsible for managing these new grants, which will be awarded on a non-refundable basis and on a competitive basis. The 150 million allocated is expected to subsidise around thirty projects involving the installation of some 530 MW of thermal and electrical power, with an associated investment of around 231 million euros.

The maximum grant per project is 15 million euros, with a minimum investment threshold of 50.000 euros. Applicants can be enterprises (small, medium and large enterprises) or business groups, and the public sector.

More information is available on the [IDAE website](#) and the deadline for receipt of applications will remain open from 12 July until 14:00 on 15 September.

## **THE IDAE HOLDS A TECHNICAL CONFERENCE WITH THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IN THE CANARY ISLANDS TO ENCOURAGE APPLICATIONS FOR AID FOR RENEWABLE GENERATION AND STORAGE.**



**June 2023.** The Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE) brought together representatives of the industrial sector of the Canary Islands this Friday on the island of Gran Canaria to present in situ the characteristics of the call for aid for energy transition in the Canary Islands launched on 1 June by the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO).

This line of incentives, endowed with 84,9 million euros of Next Generation funds channelled through the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (PRTR), aims to promote initiatives linked to energy storage and grid security, as well as green hydrogen production facilities, offshore wind and other marine energies in order to move towards a 100% decarbonised system in the island environment. The [line of incentives for the Canary Islands](#) will remain open until 28 July.

The round tables analysed cases of good practice in the implementation of different renewable energy projects with integrated storage and, afterwards, the attendees visited Galarza Atlántico, a company that exemplifies this commitment.

<https://youtu.be/beRNQ8FbEPk>

### **IDAE HOLDS A TECHNICAL CONFERENCE WITH THE HOTEL SECTOR IN THE CANARY ISLANDS TO ENCOURAGE APPLICATIONS FOR AID FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION AND STORAGE.**



**June 2023.** The Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE) has brought together representatives of the hotel sector in the Canary Islands to present in situ the characteristics of the call for aid for the energy transition in the Canary Archipelago launched on 1 June by the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO). This line of incentives, endowed with 84,9 million euros of

Next Generation funds channelled through the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (PRTR), aims to promote initiatives related to energy storage and grid security, as well as green hydrogen production facilities, offshore wind and other marine energies in order to move towards a 100% decarbonised system in the island environment. The [line of incentives for the Canary Islands](#) will remain open until 28 July.

The round tables analysed best practices in the implementation of various renewable energy projects with integrated storage, and participants then visited the solar installations at the GF Gran Costa Adeje Hotel, the conference venue, which exemplifies this commitment to self-sufficiency and sustainability.

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### **IDAE LAUNCHES A DEDICATED WEB PORTAL WITH PRACTICAL AND ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION ON THE RECOVERY, TRANSFORMATION AND RESILIENCE PLAN FUNDING.**



**June 2023.** The Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE) has launched a new web portal, available [here](#), in which it presents the different aid programmes of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (PRTR).

The PRTR for Spain guides the implementation of 72.000 million euros of European funds until 2023 and mobilises 50% of the resources available to Spain thanks to the Next Generation EU instrument, guiding the modernisation of the Spanish economy, the recovery of economic growth and job creation, the solid, inclusive and resilient reconstruction after the COVID crisis, responding to the transcendental challenges of the next decade such as the transformation of our economic system with parameters of sustainability, decarbonisation and adaptation to climate change.



## IDAE ORGANISES A TECHNICAL CONFERENCE WITH THE BALEARIC INDUSTRIAL SECTOR TO PROMOTE THE APPLICATION OF AID FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION AND STORAGE.



**June 2023.** The meeting brought together companies and experts in Mallorca with the aim of promoting the call for proposals launched by the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) to support the energy transition in the Balearic Islands.

With a budget of 33 million euros, this line of incentives prioritises projects developed in urban or industrial areas to mitigate environmental impact and the access of small players to the electricity market, with smaller energy initiatives. New renewable generation and the repowering or renovation of existing plants will also be supported, with a particular focus on storage and grid security. The [line of incentives for the Balearic Islands](#) will remain open until 28 July.

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## MITECO LAUNCHES 120 MILLION EUROS GRANTS TO PROMOTE FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON DEEP GEOTHERMAL ENERGY



**June 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) opens the first call for applications for grants to carry out feasibility studies on deep geothermal energy in Spain. It is available [here](#). Applications can be submitted between 15 June and 7 September.

120 million from the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (PRTR), funded by the EU's GEOTERMIA PROFUNDA programme. Half of the budget will be allocated to the Canary Islands due to their greater potential.

The Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving of Energy (IDAE), which will manage this funding line, will be able to advance non-refundable grants to facilitate the financing of winning projects. These may be promoted by entities with or without their own legal personality, public or private, although they must be applicants for or holders of the public mining domain or participants in a public tender for mining rights in accordance with current legislation.

To be eligible, studies must include at least one exploratory well of a minimum depth of 1.000 metres, with up to three wells per study eligible for funding. Successful results would give the beneficiaries access to exploit the resources and develop the first projects in the country.

## MITECO LAUNCHES THE FIRST CALL FOR AID FOR NEW BUSINESS MODELS IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION, WITH A BUDGET OF 156 MILLION EUROS



**June 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) has launched the first call for grants for new business models for the energy transition, available [here](#). With a budget of 156 million euros, it aims to promote innovation and decarbonisation, improve the integration of renewable energy and support start-ups working in these areas. It is part of the Strategic Project for the Recovery and Economic Transformation of Renewable Energies, Renewable Hydrogen and Storage (PERTE ERHA) and is open to companies and groups of companies, public administrations, technology and R&D&I centres and energy communities.

The Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE) will manage this aid under the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (PRTR), which will be awarded on a competitive basis and on a non-repayable basis. The deadline for applications is 1 August.

## MITECO GRANTS 100 MILLION IN AID TO LARGE ELECTROLYSER PROJECTS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF RENEWABLE HYDROGEN



**June 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) has granted 100 million euros in aid to innovative projects of large electrolysers for the production of renewable hydrogen, corresponding to Line 3 of the H2 Value Chain Programme. The final resolution is available [here](#).

The programme is included in the Strategic Project for the Reconstruction and Economic Transformation of Renewable Energy, Renewable Hydrogen and Storage (PERTE ERHA), a comprehensive programme of instruments and measures to develop technology, knowledge, industrial capacities and new business models to reinforce Spain's leading position in the field of clean energy.

Managed by the Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE), the programme has awarded grants of 10 and 15 million euros to seven projects in five autonomous communities: Andalusia (3), Valencia, Asturias, Galicia and Castilla-La Mancha.

## MITECO ASSIGNS 33 MILLION FOR RENEWABLE GENERATION AND STORAGE IN THE CANARY ISLANDS



**May 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) opens the first call for aid for electricity generation installations from renewable sources in the Canary Islands, available [here](#).

Endowed with 84,9 million euros, the call is part of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (PRTR) and will promote initiatives related to energy storage and

grid security, as well as green hydrogen production facilities, offshore wind and marine energy. The deadline to apply for funding is between 1 June and 28 July.

The call, managed by the Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE), is aimed at projects presented by public or private legal entities, which will receive aid covering between 40% and 75% of the investment made.

## MITECO ASSIGNS 33 MILLION EUROS FOR RENEWABLE GENERATION AND STORAGE IN THE BALEARIC ISLANDS



**May 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) opens the first call for aid for electricity generation installations from renewable sources in the Balearic Islands, available [here](#). Provided with 33 million euros from the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (PRTR), this call promotes initiatives linked to energy storage and grid security, as well as the development of renewable generation facilities or the renovation of existing ones. The deadline to [apply](#) for aid is between 1 June and 28 July. Special importance will be given to those projects that are especially committed to the incorporation of storage systems, which may include hydrogen production.

Managed by IDAE, the call will positively value those projects that are developed in urban or industrial environments, as well as those with reduced power. The social and gender impact, citizen participation, and the industrial and economic impact on the territory will also be considered.

In addition, the IDAE has set up the Clean Energy and Smart Projects Office for the Islands to manage the PRTR support programmes, coordinate the dynamisation and development of the energy transition, and assist in meeting the associated milestones and objectives.

## MITECO LAUNCHES ANOTHER CALL FOR AID FOR RENEWABLE HYDROGEN PROJECTS WITH A BUDGET OF 150 MILLION EUROS.



**May 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) launches the second edition of the Incentive Programme for pioneering and unique renewable hydrogen projects (H2 Pioneros II). This call is allocated 150 million euros to encourage the start-up of innovative projects with commercial viability for the production and local consumption of renewable hydrogen, especially in sectors where decarbonisation is more difficult, such as industry or heavy mobility.

The call is part of the Strategic Project for the Recovery and Economic Transformation of Renewable Energies, Renewable Hydrogen and Storage (PERTE ERHA), of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan.

H2 Pioneros II aims to give a continuation to the first phase, after the success of the call for proposals, also endowed with 150 million euros. IDAE will once again manage this grant. It will support initiatives combining production, distribution and use of hydrogen in the same territorial location, provided that they are oriented towards the deployment of commercial applications and where the main value lies

in the integration of the different stages of the value chain. The requirements for accessing this aid are available on the [IDAE website](#).

## MITECO PROMOTES ELECTRIC VEHICLES WITH THE REINFORCEMENT OF THE MOVES III AID FRAMEWORK



**May 2023.** The Council of Ministers, at the request of the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO), has approved a Royal Decree that boosts the electric vehicle by strengthening the framework for granting aid under the Incentives Programme linked to electric mobility (Moves III). Moves III Funds can now also be applied for when purchasing a semi-new vehicle, such as those used by rental companies. In addition, the size of car

fleets eligible for financial support is increased from 50 cars to 250 cars.

These measures will give a further boost to the electrification of mobility and facilitate the market introduction of more affordable cars.

## IDAE PUBLISHES THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE 100 MILLION EURO AID PROGRAMME FOR UNIQUE MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PROJECTS



**April 2023.** This is an innovative line of financing for local entities to carry out the renovation of their outdoor lighting installations under energy efficiency designs, financed with resources from the National Energy Efficiency Fund.

It is part of the energy efficiency dimension for the public sector of the National Integrated Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) 2021-2030 and promotes the total or partial renovation of installations with the aim of reducing their final energy consumption and light pollution. It is also included in the fourth measure of the “Más Seguridad Energética” Plan ([Plan +SE](#)), aimed at reducing the consumption in outdoor lighting. The terms and conditions are available [here](#).

The selection of projects will be based on a competitive procedure, prioritising those proposals that integrate the most innovative and efficient solutions. The beneficiaries will be any local entity, including local councils, provincial councils or equivalent local entities, as well as associations or groups of Spanish municipalities and public entities that manage municipal public services for outdoor lighting.

## MITECO RESOLVES TO GRANT 200 MILLION FOR 37 RENEWABLE HYDROGEN PROJECTS



**March 2023.** The Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) has resolved the final award of 200 million euros in aid to promote innovative and value chain-generating initiatives in renewable hydrogen within the framework of the Strategic Project for the Recovery and Economic Recovery of Renewable Energies, Renewable Hydrogen and Storage (PERTE ERHA).

The beneficiaries are 19 projects submitted to the H2 Pioneers call, available [here](#), for integrated local hydrogen consumption initiatives in sectors that are difficult to decarbonise, and a further 18 projects submitted to calls 1 and 2 of the H2 Value Chain programme, available [here](#), to improve capacity in testing and manufacturing facilities, and the design of hydrogen-powered vehicles, respectively.

Among the assessment criteria for the proposals submitted, the participation of SMEs, the positive impact on areas of Just Transition and Demographic Challenge, the reduction of emissions and the creation of employment have been considered, in addition to technical maturity, degree of innovation and economic solvency. In addition, all selected projects must respect the principle of not causing significant damage to the environment.

*Information on the PERTE ERHA can be found [here](#).*

*More information on PRTR [here](#)*