

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Malta (“EERE Malta”)

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Information notice regarding the Call for Expression of Interest

With reference to Annex III to the Open Call for Expression of Interest to select Financial Intermediaries under the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for Malta “EERE” launched on 27 January 2020 with initial deadline on 30 April 2020 (“Call”) we inform that:

- (i) The following paragraph should be added as new letter (d) in the Annex 1 of Appendix A of Annex III of the Call (*List of Standardised Measures*):

d. Green modes of transport

i. Electric Vehicle (EV) defined as a Category M1 or N1 vehicle fully powered by one or more electric motors using electrical energy stored in batteries which batteries are charged with an external electricity source.

ii. A Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) defined as a Category M1 or N1 hybrid electric vehicle that uses rechargeable batteries or another energy storage device that can be recharged by plugging it into an external source of electric power such as an electric vehicle charging pillar. A PHEV shares the characteristics both of a conventional hybrid electric vehicle, having an electric motor and an internal combustion engine (ICE), and of a full Electric Vehicle having a plug to connect to the national electricity grid or any other form of electricity supply. A PHEV is therefore, a subcategory of electric vehicles that includes all-electric or battery electric vehicles (BEVs), plug-in hybrid vehicles, (PHEVs). The battery autonomy (or battery range) of an PHEV needs to be not less than 50km on full electric power.

iii. Other forms of green and clean transport, including but not limited to the purchase of pedelecs, e-scooters and other forms of sustainable transport.

(ii) The paragraph “Interest Rate Subsidy” of point 3 of Annex III of the Call (*Indicative Terms and Conditions of the Interest rate Subsidy*) should be amended as follows:

“In the context of this Call, Financial Intermediaries shall be selected both for the Guarantee and for the Interest Rate Subsidy component, under which the Financial Intermediary shall transfer corresponding interest payment compensations to the Final Recipients.

The Interest Rate Subsidy shall subsidise an amount (the “Interest Rate Subsidy Amount”) corresponding to a reduction of [515]² basis points p.a. of the interest rate corresponding to Eligible Interest Amounts charged to Final Recipients in respect of Transactions, subject to the following main terms and conditions (to be further specified in the Guarantee Agreement):

(...)

(d) The Interest Rate Subsidy shall apply for the first period [10 years]³ of each Transaction to which it is applied, (i.e. Eligible Interest Amounts accrued within [10 years] starting from the day when amounts are first drawn under the relevant Transactions); and the duration of the IRS shall be equal for all Final Recipient Transactions to which it is applied, subject to available budgetary resources;

(...)

(iii) While Financial Intermediaries can start putting in place the arrangements for the application of the measures under letters (i) and (ii) above as of the date of publication of this information notice, the effectiveness and application of those measures remain subject to the entry into force of the relevant amendment of the Funding Agreement between the EIF and the Republic of Malta of 19 December 2018, as subsequently amended and restated. EIF will not assume any liability towards the Financial Intermediaries and the Managing Authority for any measures implemented before the entry into force of the amendment of the Funding Agreement.

² These figures are indicative and shall be further defined during the selection process and the Guarantee Agreement. However, the IRS distributed by all the Financial Intermediaries selected by EIF shall bear the same features in terms of duration and reduction amount in respect of each Final Recipient Transaction to which it is applied.

³ Please refer to footnote 2.