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Preface

The implementation of the energy transition calls for a radical restructuring of the energy system. This enormous challenge can only be mastered with innovations and new technologies. Existing and new technologies must be linked across sectors, new business models developed and more and more new stakeholders involved.

As part of the “Energy Model Region” initiative, made-in-Austria energy technologies are developed and demonstrated in large-scale real-world applications with international visibility. The initiative strengthens energy research and innovation in Austria and underpins it with a social and systemic dimension.

This is designed to establish Austria as a leading market for innovative energy solutions at the international level. It allows Austrian technology providers to maintain and further expand their top position on the international market, while at the same time creating jobs in future-oriented industries at home.

#mission2030 – the Austrian Climate and Energy Strategy attaches special importance to the implementation of large-scale solutions, development and test phases. The RTI initiative “Energy Model Region” of the Austrian Climate and Energy Fund is an important step in this direction.

We invite you to submit your innovative project and join us in shaping Austria’s successful future.



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1.0 Key Items at a Glance

Overview	
Brief description	<p>The Energy Model Region serves to develop and demonstrate model solutions for intelligent, safe and affordable energy and transport systems for the future based on innovative energy technologies from Austria.</p> <p>Based on the recommendation of an international evaluation panel, three model regions were selected in the Call 2017: <i>Green Energy Lab, NEFI – New Energy for Industry and WIVA P&G – Hydrogen Initiative Model Region Austria Power & Gas</i>. Funding of 20 to 40 million euros will be made available for each model region until 2021.</p>
Eligible projects	Research, development and demonstration projects which make a direct and substantial contribution to solving the problems addressed by the three selected model regions and support the implementation and further development of their overall strategies.
Technology readiness levels	Model regions aimed at reaching technology readiness levels 8 to 9 at the end of the project will be given priority in this RTI initiative. Sub-projects of a model region may also aim at lower technology readiness levels (primarily 5-9).
Budget	Min. EUR 15 million from the 2019 budget. The objective is to reach a funding volume of EUR 40 million with additional funds from the 2020 budget.
Selection process	2-stage process with hearing
Submission deadlines for 2nd Call	Stage 1 – interim report cluster projects: 13 September 2019, 12:00 noon Stage 2 – funding applications for sub-projects: 18 March 2020, 12:00 noon, following positive assessment of the interim report
Language	English
Online information	www.ffg.at/vorzeigeregion-energie

1.1 Funding instruments for sub-projects

The RTI initiative Energy Model Region is carried out with research and environmental funding made available by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) and Kommunalkredit Public Consulting (KPC). The research funding instruments include “Cooperative R&D Projects of Experimental Development” and “Flagship Projects”. Applications are submitted to and processed by the FFG.

Demonstration facilities which have a relevant environmental impact (reduction in energy consumption, innovative renewable energy supply, etc.) can apply for funding under the 2015 Funding Guidelines for Environmental Assistance in Austria. Applications are submitted to and processed by KPC.

Funding instruments available for sub-projects			
Instrument	Cooperative R&D Project	Flagship Project	Demonstration Facility Environmental Assistance in Austria
Research category	Experimental Development	Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development Both research categories can be included in one project; Industrial Research must not exceed 50 % of total project costs.	Not applicable
Max. funding (EUR)	100,000 to max. 2 million	min. 2 million	max. 3 million
Funding rate	35 – 60 %	35 – 85 %	Up to 40 % A 10 % bonus may be granted for eco-innovations based on recommendations of the evaluation panel.
Project duration	max. 3 years	2 to max. 4 years	Not applicable
Cooperation required	Yes	Yes	No

1.2 Process and submission

Projects are selected in a two-stage process consisting of an interim report on the progress of the model region's cluster project (stage 1) and the funding applications for the associated sub-projects (stage 2). In **stage 1**, an interim report on the cluster project must be submitted by the cluster coordinator of the relevant model region. The report must be sent to the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) via eCall (<https://ecall.ffg.at>) by 13 September 2019, 12:00 noon at the latest.

The interim report is designed to preselect and describe the planned sub-projects. This is done in coordination

with the designated cluster coordinator in a transparent process defined by the relevant model region. The involvement of additional partners in the cluster project is encouraged.

In **stage 2**, funding applications may only be submitted for those sub-projects of a model region which are assigned to a positively assessed cluster project interim report and have been recommended for submission to stage 2 by the evaluation panel. The funding applications of the sub-projects are submitted in coordination with the relevant cluster coordinator.

Please note:

If the application does not meet the formal requirements for the submission of sub-projects in accordance with the conditions and criteria of the relevant funding instrument and the call, and if the deficiencies are not rectifiable, the application will be **excluded from the further procedure** and will be **formally rejected without exception** in accordance with the principle of equal treatment of applications.

A detailed check list specifying the conditions and criteria of the relevant funding instrument and the call can be found at the beginning of the relevant application forms (Project Description). Funding may only be granted if it has an incentive effect. In stage 2 of the selection process, all project partners must therefore declare via eCall whether the funding leads to a change in their behaviour.

2.0 Strategic Focus and Goals

2.1 Programme strategy

The global revolution in energy supply and energy use opens up great opportunities for industry. Innovations in the fields of clean energy technologies and smart energy solutions are required in order to implement technological and economic change in a socially responsible manner.

"Mission Innovation" seeks to achieve these objectives at an international level. Austria joined this global research alliance of leading energy technology countries on 23 May 2018. The network now consists of a total of 23 states and the European Union. The RTI initiative "Energy Model Region" is Austria's entry ticket to Mission Innovation.

With its focus on developing more efficient and intelligent energy systems based predominantly on renewables, Austria has quickly and successfully positioned itself as a leading energy pioneer, building up technological expertise and developing demonstration projects of international repute. The RTI initiative "Energy Model Region" is intended to build on previous findings, existing technologies and solutions, as well as completed pilot projects, in order to drive forward development, system integration, and market entry. This strategy is designed to support and strengthen Austria's leading position in this field, and to open up new opportunities for Austrian stakeholders.

The programme is directed towards all stakeholders engaged in research, development and innovation relevant to the energy transition.

The energy research initiative incorporated in #mission2030 – the Austrian Climate and Energy Strategy – places a particular focus on the implementation of large-scale solutions, development and test phases. An important step in this direction is the “Energy Model Region” initiative organised by the Climate and Energy Fund.

2.2 Programme objectives

Energy model regions use innovative Austrian energy technologies to develop and demonstrate model solutions for tomorrow’s intelligent, safe and affordable energy and transport systems. They demonstrate the efficient coordination of generation, consumption, system management and storage, in an overall system optimised for all the market participants, and with up to 100 % renewable energy supply from largely regional sources. Optimisation measures must include a reduction in the use of non-renewable resources, the integration of renewable energies and economic investments along the entire value chain.

This focuses on the key challenges of the energy transition, namely integrating the highest possible proportion of renewable energies, flexibility, a variety of security aspects, appropriate business processes and attractive service and business models, establishing new cooperative partnerships and including new stakeholders, as well as efficient technologies and system integration.

Designed to run over eight years, the long-term RTI initiative is intended to help secure and extend value creation in the field of innovative energy technologies in Austria, based on robust framework conditions and funding opportunities.

Against this background and to achieve the objectives of the Climate and Energy Fund, the following **3 objectives** were defined for the **Energy Model Region initiative** in accordance with the strategic focus of the programme. Substantially contributing to achieving these programme objectives is a precondition for a positive evaluation.

Objective 1: Development and model use of local energy and energy-related transport technologies for the large-scale field testing of intelligent system solutions in live operation.

The model region should demonstrate that, by applying Austrian innovations, an up to 100 % renewable energy supply is achievable, makes economic sense, and offers ecological advantages.

Objective 2: Strengthening and developing Austria as a lead market for innovative energy and energy-related transport technologies and services.

The lead market assists Austrian businesses in positioning themselves as lead suppliers and acts as a visible point of reference in the international market.

Objective 3: Involvement and active participation of users.

The model region should demonstrate the use of energy technologies as close to actual operating conditions as possible. This requires the involvement of users – businesses, end users, local communities, etc. Furthermore, Austrian citizens should be able to experience the use of innovative energy technologies in large-scale projects. This arouses curiosity, with familiarity generating trust in, and acceptance of, innovative technologies.

3.0 Purpose of the Funding

3.1 Requirements for the sub-projects

Every model region represents a cluster of research and development projects aimed at the development and large-scale demonstration of energy and energy-related transport technologies based on up to 100 % renewable energy.

The 2019 Call is designed to identify and develop specific sub-projects for implementing the strategies defined by the three model regions *Green Energy Lab*, *NEFI* and *WIVA P&G*. The projects should respond to new applications, partners and technology developments arising in the context of emerging or changing markets, existing white spots and other necessary developments. The focus should be on developing prototypes, demonstration measures and pilot projects, as well as testing and validating new or improved products, processes and services in an environment representative of actual operating conditions (technology readiness level 5-9 with the medium-term goal of achieving technology readiness level 8 to 9 by the end of the model region cluster project).

IMPORTANT: The development, testing and validation of innovative business models and services is only permissible if it forms an integral part of a technological research and development project.

NOTE: Where pilot projects require exemptions or local authority permissions for their implementation (e.g. with respect to data protection, security, competition law, public procurement law), then this must be clarified in advance with the relevant authorities and indicated in the sub-project proposal.

3.2 Expected results

The following results are expected at the sub-project level:

- A model solution to **technologically and scientifically sophisticated, economically and socially significant problems and challenges** associated with the energy transition, and with significant potential to reduce greenhouse gases;

- **Pre-existing elements** (individual technologies, system architectures, business processes, pilot projects, available assets, etc.) **are combined to form comprehensive system solutions which are tested and validated in practice;**
- Development of **strategic knowledge about effectiveness** (integration of renewable energies, viability of business models, etc.) and **efficiency** (energy and resource efficiency, costs-benefits, etc.);
- Development of **integrated, scalable, comprehensive solutions** for tomorrow's energy systems **across several system levels and fields of technology** in accordance with the overall concept.

3.3 Project success factors

The proposals should present the contributions made to the targeted (measurable) objectives for the relevant model region (*Green Energy Lab*, *NEFI* or *WIVA P&G*) and the planned sub-projects. The following factors are important:

- **Innovations** resulting from the initiative
Criteria: prototypes, demonstrators, pilot applications, product improvements, business models, etc.
- The **innovative content** of the developed and demonstrated solutions must clearly surpass the current state-of-the-art
Criteria: utility models, patent applications, patents, etc.
- **Public visibility** (national and international) for the developed and demonstrated solutions among expert audiences and society
Criteria: publications in respected journals, presentations of project findings at conferences, trade shows and workshops, etc.

- The **market access activities** and further technological developments initiated by the model regions
Criteria: involvement of users (businesses, end users, communities, etc.) in developing and implementing the demonstrators, setting up innovation platforms, community building (expansion and strengthening of cooperation with business – especially SMEs and start-ups – and research institutions), follow-up projects etc.
- **Economic successes** resulting from the funded projects
Criteria: spin-offs, number of jobs created or secured, new orders, new customers, revenue increases, etc.

3.4 Public involvement and dissemination of results

The model regions should be designed so that the public can experience the use of innovative energy technologies in large-scale projects. The participation and involvement of a significant portion of the population is intended to foster awareness, trust and acceptance of innovations in energy systems.

The resultant outcomes must be presented to the public. They should demonstrate that Austrian energy technologies make the energy and mobility transition technically feasible, economically sensible, and environmentally beneficial.

The follow-up sub-projects submitted to the 2019 Call must make a contribution to the targeted information and communication plan of the relevant model region. The focus should be on informing users and encouraging broad acceptance and demand for innovative energy technologies. Supra-regional and international visibility must be ensured.

3.5 Supplementary funding and financial assistance

It is in the applicant's own interest to investigate options of supplementary funding and financial assistance (EU, federal, provincial, municipal) available for the proposed project of the Energy Model Region initiative.

This applies, in particular, to the use of commercially available distributed energy generation and storage technologies, electric vehicles, infrastructure components, etc. which are not eligible for funding under the present call (see Section 4.3). The results of these investigations must be presented in the sub-project proposal.

3.6 Accompanying research

The Climate and Energy Fund has separately commissioned accompanying research, which will cover the entire duration of the Energy Model Region initiative. The objective is to increase the effectiveness of the RTI initiative, to achieve a high level of visibility and a broad impact both in Austria and abroad, as well as supporting the establishment of an innovation ecosystem. The accompanying research serves as a quality control instrument and supports the Climate and Energy Fund in managing and developing the programme.

The three key tasks of the accompanying research are:

- Scientific support, including indicator development, continuous scientific monitoring and evaluation at both programme and model region level, and deriving recommendations for action;
- Cooperation and network building (national and international), including support for the model regions in standardisation processes and in discussions on shaping future legal and regulatory framework conditions by involving relevant stakeholders at both national and international level;
- Transfer of technology, expertise and scientific findings (national and international), at programme level in close coordination with the model regions, including design, implementation and support for measures to boost acceptance and participation, with the aim of enhancing trust in, and acceptance of, innovative energy technologies from Austria.

Close cooperation between the model regions and accompanying research is a basic precondition for funding approval.

4.0 Consortia

The **partners in a model region** should represent the key stakeholders in the value chain, including science, and reflect the specific project objectives. They should include, in particular, technology manufacturers and users, utilities, network operators, energy service providers, end users and research institutions. The inclusion of regional authorities, associations, private and municipal initiatives (e.g. citizen power plants, energy banks, etc.) is encouraged.

The implementation of the selected model regions should involve the development of applications for new technologies and make a contribution to shaping emerging and changing markets. **The involvement of additional project partners in the further implementation of the model regions is expressly encouraged.**

The **cluster coordinator** (for details see Guidelines of 2017 Call for Energy Model Region, 4.1) takes all coordination measures required to meet the objectives of this RTI initiative. These measures must be designed to guarantee implementation of the overall project for the particular model region and the long-term involvement of the consortium partners, and ensure that the consortium can grow and adapt to changing needs as the model region develops.

4.1 Requirements for partners in sub-projects

The provisions of the relevant Technical Guidelines apply.

Link to Download Center:

www.ffg.at/vorzeigeregionenergie/downloadcenter3AS

4.2 Cluster agreement

Cluster agreements have been concluded for each model region as part of the previous call of this RTI initiative. The cluster agreement specifies the rights and obligations of the sub-project partners of a model region towards the FFG and KLIEN. The cluster agreement applies in addition to any cooperation/consortium agreements which specify the internal regulations for the projects of a model region and does not replace the individual funding contracts concluded between the FFG and the sub-projects.

The cluster agreement includes but is not limited to:

- rights and obligations towards the FFG and the funding provider;
- provisions on rights and obligations between the partners of the individual sub-projects;
- liability issues;
- planning, decision-making and control structures and processes;
- provisions on the expansion of the concepts;
- data protection and data management;
- settlement of disputes;
- exploitation of results.

The sub-projects funded under the present call must also join the existing cluster agreement.

5.0 Administrative Information

5.1 Milestones of the Energy Model Region initiative

17 June 2019	Start of 2019 Call
13 September 2019	Submission deadline for stage 1 – interim report for cluster project
11 – 15 November 2019 (CW 46)	Hearing on interim reports of model regions
December 2019	Approval for submission of funding applications for sub-projects to the 2019 Call
18 March 2020	Submission deadline for stage 2 – funding applications for sub-projects
from May 2020	Contract preparation and start of approved sub-projects
2020/2021	Approval of further sub-projects in the selected model regions in the course of the annual reporting process
2021 – 2025	Conclusion of the sub-projects of the selected model regions (no funding planned for additional sub-projects)

5.2 Data protection and confidentiality

The FFG is under a legal obligation to maintain secrecy concerning company and project information pursuant to Sec. 9 (4) of the Austrian Research Promotion Agency Act (FFG-G, Federal Law Gazette BGBl. I No. 73/2004). External experts who are involved in the assessment of the projects are also subject to confidentiality obligations.

Personal data will be processed pursuant to Art. 6 et seq. of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679:

- for compliance with legal obligations to which the Climate and Energy Fund and the FFG are subject (Art. 6 (1) (c) GDPR),
- if no legal obligation exists, for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the Climate and Energy Fund and the FFG (Art. 6 (1) (f) GDPR), i.e. conclusion and processing of the funding contract and for control purposes.

This use may mean that the data must be transferred or disclosed in particular to bodies and authorised representatives of the Court of Audit, the Federal Ministry of Finance and the EU. There is also the possibility to obtain information from the transparency portal according to Sec. 32 (5) of the Transparency Database Act (TDBG 2012).

All project applications submitted will only be forwarded to the persons responsible for the management of this RTI initiative and to the programme owner. All persons involved are bound by strict confidentiality rules.

5.3 Submission and selection process

The two-stage selection process for the 2019 Call consists of the interim report for the cluster project (stage 1) and the funding applications for the sub-projects (stage 2).

The submission of the application documents does not imply a right to receive funding. The documents submitted need not be returned to the applicants. Applications for sub-projects may only be submitted by invitation from the cluster coordinator. Submissions must be made electronically via **eCall** (<https://ecall.ffg.at>) by the specified deadlines.

5.4 Stage 1: Review of interim reports

The full **interim report for the cluster project** must be **submitted** to the FFG in English by **13 September 2019, 12:00 noon** via eCall (<https://ecall.ffg.at>).

The cluster coordinator of the model region must submit an annual report, irrespective of the reporting obligations of the individual sub-projects. Participation in a hearing is a mandatory part of the annual reporting obligations. The hearing serves to answer questions from the members of the panel designated to review the report and members of the funding agency. It is possible to exclude reviewers of the evaluation panel (individuals or staff of particular organisations) **indicating the reason**.

The reports and the hearing provide the opportunity to report about the results achieved and present a concept for additional sub-projects to be approved.

The sub-projects planned for the following year and described in the report will be evaluated. Only the sub-projects of a model region that meet the programme goals and the overall objectives of the project may subsequently be submitted for funding. Following the examination of the report and the hearing, the evaluation panel can formulate supplementary recommendations or conditions.

The Board of the Climate and Energy Fund decides which sub-projects may submit funding applications to this Call based on the recommendations of the evaluation panel.

5.5 Stage 2: Submission and selection of sub-projects

If the interim report has received a positive evaluation the cluster coordinator invites the relevant consortium leaders to submit the sub-projects approved for stage 2 of the 2019 Call.

5.5.1 Research funding from FFG

Projects may only be submitted electronically via eCall at <https://ecall.ffg.at>.

How does it work?

- Download and complete the Project Description template via eCall;
- Upload the necessary documents;
- Finalise application in eCall and click "Submit application";
- Upon successful submission, a confirmation of receipt will be sent automatically by email;
- Not necessary: additional postal submission of duly executed copy.

It is not possible:

- to resubmit or modify individual parts of the application form;
- to revise the application after submission.

The eCall tutorial can be found at:

<https://ecall.ffg.at/tutorial>

Applicants are required to use the specific templates provided. The funding conditions, application procedure and funding criteria are described in the relevant Technical Guidelines.

Call documents – research funding (download: www.ffg.at/vorzeigeregion-energie)

Cooperative R&D Project

- Technical Guidelines Cooperative R&D Projects
- Project Description Cooperative R&D Projects
- Declaration of SME Status (if required)*

Flagship Project

- Technical Guidelines Flagship Projects
- Project Description Flagship Projects
- Declaration of SME Status (if required)*

General cost regulations

- Cost Guidelines 2.1 (guidelines for reporting project costs)

*) If there is no information available in the Austrian Business Compass (e.g. for associations and start-ups), a Declaration of SME Status must be provided upon submission of the proposal. In the template provided by the FFG, applicants must (as far as possible) categorise their business for the last three years according to the SME definition.

5.5.2 Supplementary national environmental funding for demonstration facilities from KPC

Projects involving the implementation of a demonstration facility as an integral part of an Energy Model Region can apply for funding from Kommunalkredit Public Consulting GmbH (KPC) under the 2015 Funding Guidelines for Environmental Assistance in Austria (UFI). Demonstration facilities are of a highly innovative character. They go beyond standard technologies and serve to demonstrate and introduce new or substantially improved technologies, advanced processes or innovative system components.

IMPORTANT: As a rule, UFI funding should account for around 30% of the total funding requested for the relevant Energy Model Region.

Application forms, information sheets, notes and supplementary provisions will be available for download at www.ffg.at/vorzeigeregion-energie from July 2019.

NOTE:

If the funded measure qualifies as an energy saving measure in terms of end consumption according to the Federal Energy Efficiency Act (EEffG) it will be credited to the Climate and Energy Fund as a strategic measure according to § 5 (1) 17 of the EEffG in proportion to the funding granted. Obligated third parties may claim the eligible measures (in whole or in part) only for the part of the project costs exceeding the funding granted by the Climate and Energy Fund. This applies in particular if the measures are transferred by the funding recipient to the third party for the purpose of crediting them towards individual obligations according to § 10 EEffG.

5.6 Research integrity

The FFG is a member of the Austrian Agency for Research Integrity – OeAWI (<https://oeawi.at/statuten-2>). This ensures that the rules of good research practice are observed.

If the evaluation process or project review reveals a potential lack of research integrity or misconduct the relevant documents can be sent to the OeAWI Commission for Research Integrity. The Commission will decide whether to initiate an independent investigation and, if necessary, will undertake the investigation.

If the investigation reveals a lack of research integrity or misconduct (e.g. plagiarism), the application will be rejected for formal reasons. If funding has already been granted, the funding will be reduced, retained or reclaimed.

5.7 Project changes

If a sub-project presented in the interim report has changed from the full application originally submitted (focus, consortium partners, costs, dates, etc.), these changes must be immediately communicated to (and, where necessary, approved by) the FFG funding agency via eCall message.

5.8 Legal basis

The 2019 Call of the Energy Model Region initiative is subject to the following legal regulations:

- Guidelines for the Promotion of Industrial/Technological Research, Technology Development and Innovation (RTI Guidelines 2015, *Themen-FTI-RL*) pursuant to Secs. 11.1 to 11.5 of the Research and Technology Promotion Act (FTFG) of the Federal Minister for Transport, Innovation and Technology (file no. BMVIT-609.986/0011-III/I2/2014) and of the Federal Minister for Science, Research and Economy (file no. BMWFW-97.005/0003-C1/9/2014);
- 2015 Funding Guidelines for Environmental Assistance in Austria (UFI Guideline 2015) pursuant to Secs 13 and 23 et seq. of the Environmental Aid Act (UFG) (Federal Law Gazette BGBl. No. 185/1993 as amended).

The company size shall be established in accordance with the corresponding SME definition specified in EU competition law (from 1 January 2005: SME definition according to Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC dated 6 May 2003, OJ L 124 dated 20 May 2003, p. 36–41).

All EU regulations shall be applicable as amended.

5.9 Publication of funding granted

In the event of a positive funding decision, the Climate and Energy Fund reserves the right to publish the name of the funding applicants, the funding decision, the rate and amount of funding as well as the title and a brief description of the project in order to pursue the legitimate interest of the Climate and Energy Fund to ensure funding transparency (Art. 6 (1) (f) GDPR).

5.10 Open Access – notes on publication

The projects funded under this Call and their results will be made available to the public in line with the general objectives and tasks of the Climate and Energy Fund as defined in Sec. 1 to Sec. 3 of the Climate and Energy Fund Act¹ (KLI.EN-FondsG) and the special characteristics of the funding programme, which is specifically aimed at publishing project and contact details for the dissemination of project results, as well as the Recommendation of the European Commission (2012/417/EU) on Open Access. The open access provisions do not apply to confidential information (e.g. related to patent applications). The funding recipient is obliged to ensure that the reports submitted to the Climate and Energy Fund for publication do not contain any sensitive data (Art. 9 GDPR) or personal data about criminal convictions and offences (Art. 10 GDPR). The funding recipient is also obliged to obtain all other approvals and consents from third parties (including but not limited to image rights) that are required for lawful publication by the Climate and Energy Fund and to indemnify and hold harmless the Climate and Energy Fund in this respect.

¹ Federal Act on the Establishment of the Climate and Energy Fund – Climate and Energy Fund Act (KLI.EN-FondsG), Federal Law Gazette BGBl. No. 40/2007 as amended.

Since the dissemination of the project results is an essential purpose of this funding programme, the Climate and Energy Fund will publish these project results and project information in order to pursue its legitimate interest to ensure funding transparency and to fulfil the objectives of the Climate and Energy Fund (Sec. 1 and Sec. 3 of the Climate and Energy Fund Act, KLL. EN-FondsG) (Art. 6 (1) (f) GDPR).

Visibility and easy availability of innovative results are essential to increase the impact of the programme. Where possible, all project results achieved under this RTI Initiative will thus be published and made available by the Climate and Energy Fund on the website www.vorzeigeregion-energie.at in accordance with the principle of open access.

To be able to present the project results in a clear and comprehensible manner, advice on public relations for projects funded under the Energy Model Region initiative is provided in a "Guide for Project Reporting and Public Relations", which also forms an integral part of the agreement.

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6.3 Additional funding options

Additional funding options in the field of **energy** can be found here:

www.ffg.at/content/das-nationale-angebot-f-r-die-energie-und-umweltforschung

Additional funding options in the field of **information and communication technologies** can be found here:

www.ffg.at/content/das-nationale-angebot-f-r-die-informations-und-kommunikationstechnologien

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