



City Climate Finance Gap Fund

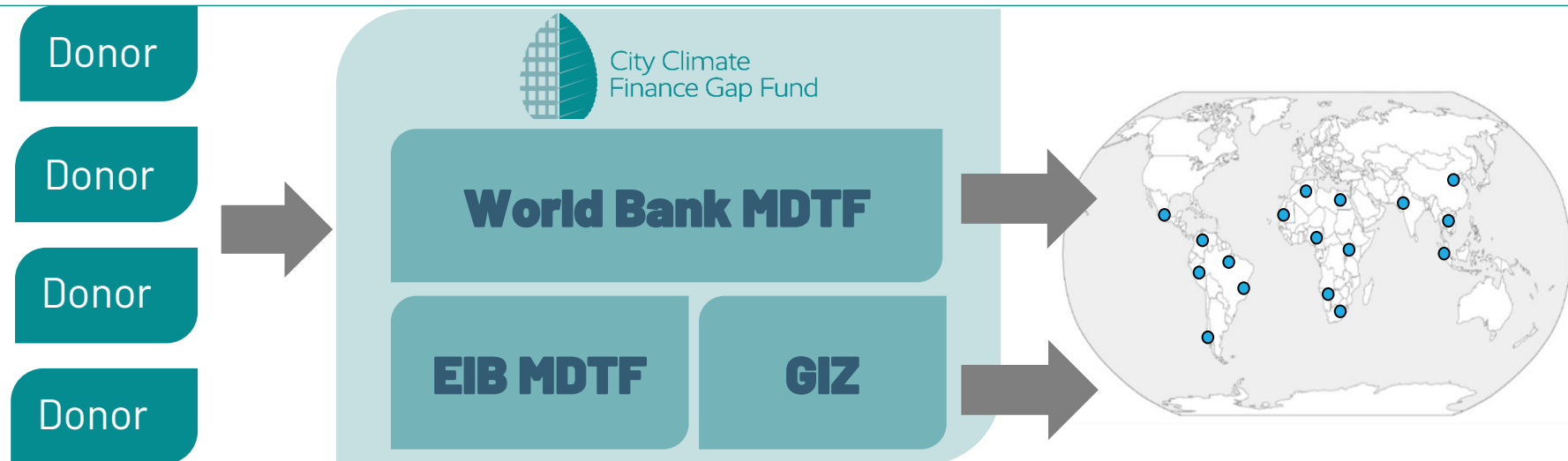
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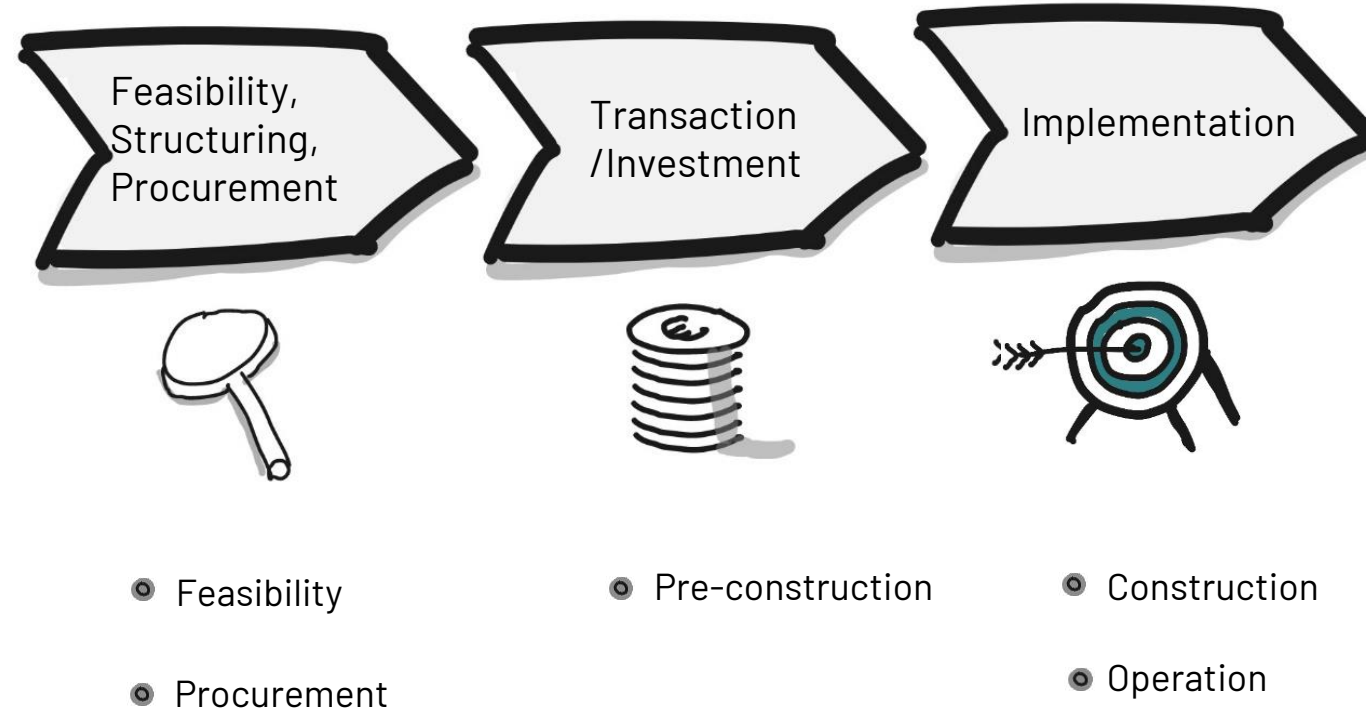
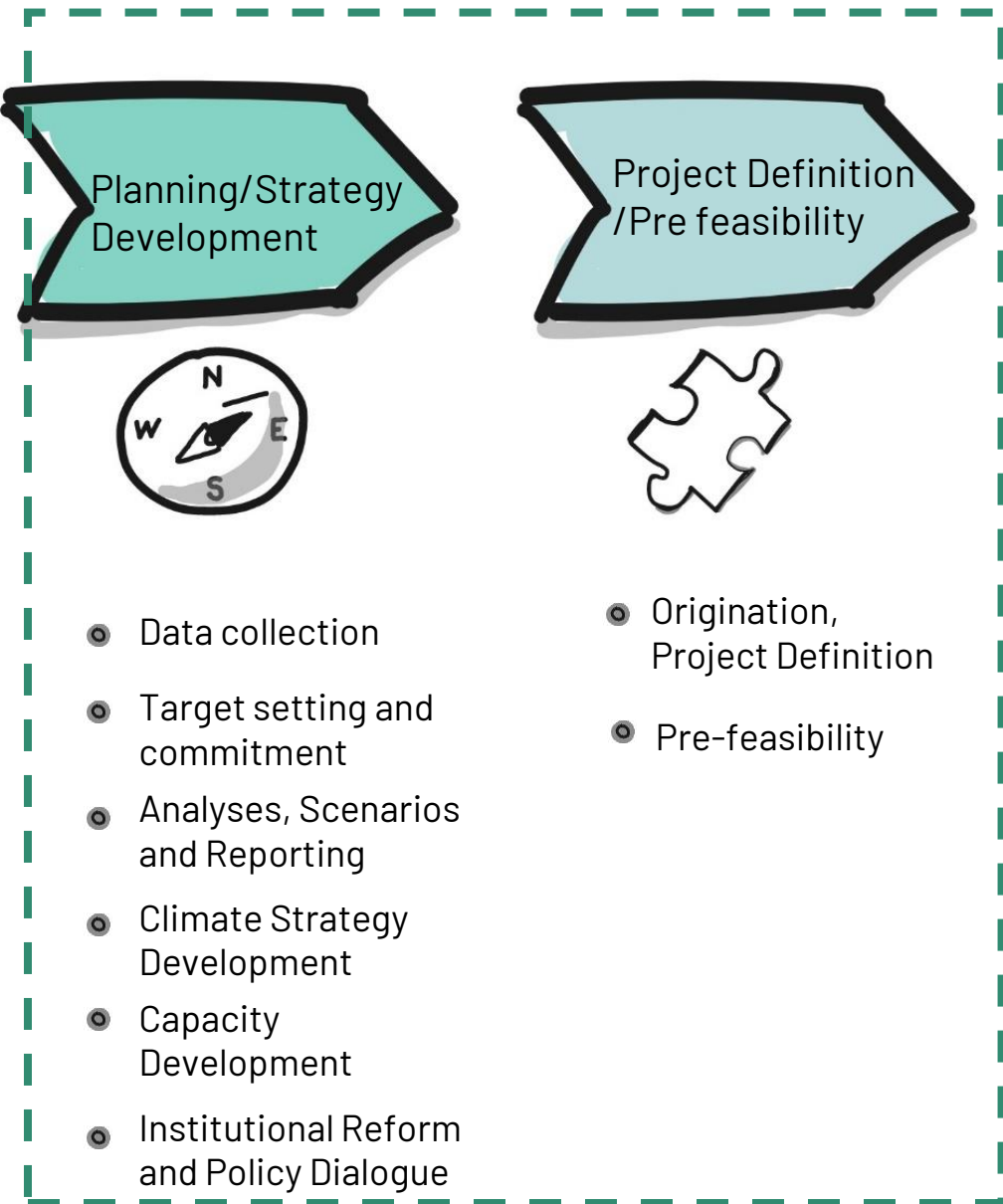
- **Implementing Partners:**



- **Cooperation partners:**



The City Climate Project Planning and Development Cycle



Eligibility criteria

- ✓ **Countries:** Countries in the ODA-OECD DAC list
- ✓ **Climate action potential:** Mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change
- ✓ **Urban dimension:** The project must be situated in or functionally linked to an urban area
- ✓ **Stage:** Early stages of climate investment planning and project preparation:
 - Climate strategy development/enabling environment
 - Project definition/concept
 - Pre-feasibility

Sectors

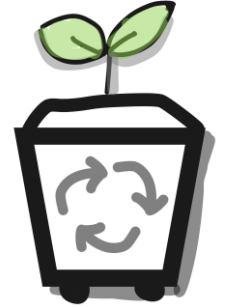
- Urban mobility
- Energy efficiency and small renewables
- Solid waste management
- Water and wastewater management
- Greening of urban areas, nature-based solutions
- Green buildings
- Adaptation to climate vulnerabilities
- Affordable housing with an energy-efficient approach
- Multi-sector, area-based investment programs
- Circular economy approaches

Examples of eligible projects

- **Project:**
Strengthening of watershed monitoring and control systems of municipal water utilities.
- **Climate Impact:** improving the capacity to adapt to and manage hydrological cycles and extreme events.
- **Examples of TA requested:**
 - Analysis of the current hydrometeorological network.
 - Calibration, validation, and implementation of hydrological and climate change scenarios
 - Cost-effectiveness analysis of alternatives to counter/prevent flooding, e.g., nature-based
 - Support to related GCF application
- **Expected environmental and social co-benefits:**
 - Conservation of biodiversity and reduce erosion, soil and water pollution.
 - Health benefits by guaranteeing the continuous supply of clean quality drinking water service to the entire city population,



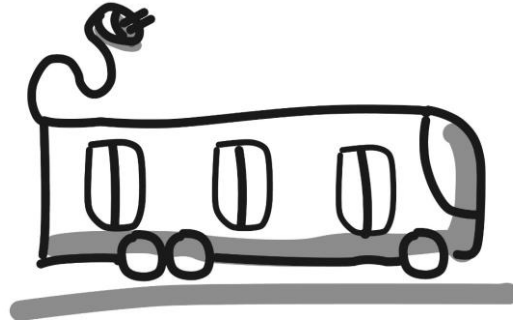
- **Project:**
Circular economy in municipal solid waste management.
- **Climate Impact:** Improve the financing structure of municipal solid waste management with flows generated by the commercialisation of organic waste by-products.
- **Examples of TA requested:**
 - Complement waste generation and characterisation studies.
 - Pre-feasibility studies comparing alternatives for the treatment of municipal organic waste.
- **Expected environmental and social co-benefits:**
 - Improvement of water and air quality.
 - New business opportunities in the waste value chain and formalisation of employment.



Examples of eligible projects

- **Project:**

Sustainable urban transport system using electric buses



- **Climate Impact:**

CO2 emissions reduction from reduced private cars/ diesel buses;

- **Examples of TA requested:**

- Preliminary analysis of alternative e-fleet options;
- Demand study for urban transport;
- Business plan and analysis of financing options.

- **Expected environmental and social co-benefits:**

Improvement of road safety, transport efficiency and air quality (e.g. SOx, NOx, PM10, PM2.5, etc.).

- **Project:**

Urban green areas and nature-based solutions;



- **Climate Impact:**

Reduction of heat island effect and improved flood and extreme weather management;

- **Examples of TA requested:**

- Preliminary cost-benefit analysis;
- Identification and analysis of climate resilient investment alternatives

- **Expected environmental and social co-benefits:**

Improved quality of life for local residents, improved urban air quality, etc.


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- ▶ **Section A:** Basic data (applicant details)
- ▶ **Section B:** Key project details (sector, project stage and description, type of technical support required)
- ▶ **Section C:** Existing partnerships/engagements (support from international institutions, additional comments)

Expression of Interest



The City Climate Finance Gap Fund (or "Gap Fund") aims to help cities in low- and middle-income countries transition towards low-carbon and climate-resilient pathways in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Resources will be available to provide technical assistance to the development of early stage urban climate action interventions, by: (i) supporting cities and their local governments prepare bankable climate action investment projects; and (ii) facilitating matchmaking to later-stage project preparation facilities and financiers. The fund is not designed to finance any expected investment expenditures.

Instructions: Applicants for the Gap Fund must ensure that their activities are properly aligned with the program's goals and objectives, which you can find [here](#). Additional information may be enclosed as needed.

SECTION A: BASIC DATA

- Title of proposed activity
- Applicant's information
Full name
Position and department/unit
Institution
- City
- Country
- Applicant's contact details
Email address
Phone number

SECTION B: KEY PROJECT DETAILS

6. Sector focus (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable urban mobility Related to public transport, BRT systems, fuel switches, non-motorized transport	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy efficiency Buildings, street lighting, district heating and/or cooling and distributed renewable energy generation
<input type="checkbox"/> Solid waste management Recycling, integrated waste management systems, circular economy	<input type="checkbox"/> Water and wastewater management Water supply and sanitation, sewerage, redevelopment for flood protection
<input type="checkbox"/> Green buildings/eco-districts Interventions to meet suitable green building certifications or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/> Greening of urban areas Public spaces, nature-based solutions, blue/green infrastructure (green/blue roofs, rain gardens, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Adaptation To established climate vulnerabilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Multisector, area-based investment programs Includes slum/informal settlement upgrading, brownfield redevelopment, urban extensions
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing With energy efficiency approaches	

7. Climate focus (select one only)

☐ Mitigation or low-carbon development
☐ Adaptation or resilience
☐ Both
☐ None

8. Current stage in project cycle (select one only)

☐ Climate strategy development/enabling environment
☐ Project definition/concept/identification/oriation
☐ Pre-feasibility study
☐ Feasibility study

9. Type of support requested

The objective of the Gap Fund is to support the early stages of project preparation, when cities often lack the capacity and financial resources required to turn ideas into real projects. While the Gap Fund may support the implementation of full pre-feasibility studies or full feasibility studies, such situations are exceptional.

☐ **Climate strategy development and enabling environment**
Examples include analysis of the legal environment, alignment with national strategies, policy mapping, stakeholder engagement, and building capacity for early-stage project preparation based on international good practices

☐ **Definition of a project concept**
Examples include concept development, investment prioritization and analysis of potential finance-readiness

☐ **Pre-feasibility support**
Examples include preparing Terms of References and carrying out a pre-feasibility study, technology assessment, stakeholder engagement at the project level, preliminary financial or economic analysis and climate assessment

☐ **Feasibility support**
Examples include filling gaps in a feasibility study, bringing Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) to international financial institution standards and matchmaking support to other project preparation facilities

10. Briefly describe the: (i) challenges/issues to be addressed, (ii) proposed scope of interventions, including whether the activities will directly or indirectly respond to the impact of COVID-19, (iii) expected environmental, social and economic benefits, and (iv) rationale for Gap Fund support (no more than 400 words).

Existing partnerships/engagements

11. Does the city have an existing engagement with any one or more of these development partners? (Directly or indirectly via state or national agencies.) (Select all that apply)

☐ **World Bank (WB)**
Provide details on type and number of engagements, project name(s), timeline(s), amount(s), etc.

☐ **European Investment Bank (EIB)**
Provide details on type and number of engagements, project name(s), timeline(s), amount(s), etc.

☐ **German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ)**
Provide details on type and number of engagements, project name(s), timeline(s), amount(s), etc.

☐ **Others** (multinational development banks, national development banks and any other international financial institutions and development partners)
Provide details on type and number of engagements, project name(s), timeline(s), amount(s), etc.

☐ None

12. Does the proposed intervention have any links to existing or planned local or national government strategies?

City climate change action plan or resilience strategy
☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what is the status of the plan? Choose on item.
☐ Completed ☐ Ongoing ☐ Planned

Urban development plans (master plan, strategic spatial plan, investment plan, etc.)
☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what is the status of the plan? Choose on item.
☐ Completed ☐ Ongoing ☐ Planned

National climate change action plan or resilience strategy, Nationally Determined Contributions, etc.
☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what is the status of the plan? Choose on item.
☐ Completed ☐ Ongoing ☐ Planned

Others, namely:
☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what is the status of the plan? Choose on item.
☐ Completed ☐ Ongoing ☐ Planned

13. Did you receive any assistance in filling out this expression of interest? (Select only one)

☐ World Bank (WB)
☐ European Investment Bank (EIB)
☐ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
☐ Global Covenant of Mayors and city networks (such as ICLEI and C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40))
☐ Others (please specify):

☐ None

14. Optional: provide additional information below as needed.

If the application is not selected by the Gap Fund, the applicant agrees to be connected with other organisations and development partners that are members of the [City Climate Finance Leadership Alliance \(CCFLA\)](#). ☐ Yes ☐ No

When requested, the applicant commits to provide evidence of local/national political support for the proposed intervention. ☐ Yes

If selected, the applicant commits to conduct an estimation of the climate change mitigation or adaptation potential of the proposed intervention under the Gap Fund, when requested and with Gap Fund support if needed. ☐ Yes



DOs

- ✓ Choose the project idea/concept which has strong demand locally and ideally political support to be implemented
- ✓ Clearly state who the applicant is. If the application is on behalf of a city official share their name/position and contact information in addition to yours.
- ✓ Emphasize the climate focus and keep it at the forefront of the application. Present the estimate scale of the proposal's climate impact if known. Present the co-benefits in addition to the climate focus.
- ✓ Share the precise stage of the project and what kind of technical assistance is required accordingly. Remember that the Gap Fund does not finance project implementation.



DON'Ts

- ✓ Apply as an individual/private entity or without the approval of the concerning public authority.
- ✓ Apply with a generalized proposal without a clear climate focus e.g., water treatment projects, etc.
- ✓ Not providing the specifics of the required technical assistance. Applying for projects which are already in the later stages e.g. implementation.

Summary of main queries received, and answers provided

Q: Are NGOs/Associations eligible Gap Fund beneficiaries?

A: No, eligible applicants are cities and local authorities or entities acting on their behalf (with solid proof of local political support)

Q: Does the Gap Fund provide financing for project implementation?

A: No, the Gap Fund only provides technical assistance for early-stage project preparation.

Q: Does the Gap Fund recruit freelance consultants/ accept job applications/ support individual research projects?

A: No, currently there are no open positions. If any opportunities open up, they will be duly advertised on the implementing partners' platform.

Q: Can cities/local authorities share the financial support they receive from the Gap Fund with NGOs /Associations working with them?

A: Technical support is provided either through WB, EIB and GIZ staff or through external consultancy contracts of the Gap Fund Partner institutions. Local authorities will not receive direct funding to procure direct services or can appoint their own teams.

Q: Can a public body present an EOI on behalf of several smaller municipalities?

A: Yes, it's possible for a public body such as an association of municipalities to submit grouped application for several small municipalities.