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Financial support to participate in AEWEN's mission to Senegal

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FOREWORD

To foster face-to-face interaction between European and African companies, a series of **four trade missions** will be organised by the AEWEN project to take companies into the target markets (Morocco, Senegal, Tunisia) and support them develop business and research partnerships.

Within this framework, **financial support** to participate in the missions may be granted to companies according to the criteria specified in this document.

The AEWEN project is co-financed by the **European Union** under the COSME – Clusters go international programme, which aims to intensify international and cross-sectoral collaboration between clusters and business networks as well as to promote strategic cluster partnerships and support the competitiveness of SMEs at global level.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Beneficiaries

Any **European small and medium-sized enterprises** (SMEs), as defined in the EU recommendation 2003/361, covering the water and/or energy sectors can benefit from financial assistance. Please note that any other type of organisation cannot apply for support.

To check if you are an SME as defined by the European Union, you can refer to this [User guide](#).

Amount of the financial support

The financial support provided within the framework of the project amounts to **€1,200 maximum per company**. Other specific supports may be available, please contact the clusters for further information.

Eligible costs

Travel and accommodation expenses incurred during the mission organised by the AEWEN project are eligible for reimbursement.

The company asking for financial support must comply with the best value for money principle. Recommendations for accommodation will be provided prior to departure.

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Specific cases

Case 1: You are travelling from and/or back to another country than the company's home country

- If you are travelling for professional reasons, travel costs will be included in the reimbursement amount if not already funded within another framework. **Written justification** must be provided to the AEWEN team.
- If the reasons are other than professional, expenses will not be considered.

Case 2: You are travelling a few days before and/or leaving a few days after the mission

- You must make a cost comparisons when booking your flight and provide it to the AEWEN team.
- The cost of the ticket purchased will be compared to the costs of a ticket for a return trip from 3rd to 7th of July. The most advantageous costs will be taken into account in the reimbursement calculation.

If you have any doubt, contact the partner clusters.

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Selection criteria

The number of beneficiaries is limited 15. Applications will be reviewed and selected by the AEWEN consortium according to multiple criteria:

- AEWEN members will have priority.
- Companies applying for the first time to financial support will be favoured. However, this does not prevent a company from requesting financial support for several missions.
- Date of application will be considered.
- In order to allow a balanced number of companies from different EU countries to benefit from the support, the country of origin will be looked at.

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Applying for financial support

1. SMEs which meet the eligibility criteria can apply for financial support by registering to the mission.
2. Demands will be reviewed by the AEWEN consortium, who will validate the funding request. Applicant companies will be informed by email.
3. The financial support will be paid after the mission upon presentation of the invoices and after having answered the post-mission survey. Reimbursement will be made by the project partners.

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Cancellation

It is reminded that the registration to the mission is binding.

Under exceptional circumstances (sickness, Covid), a company receiving financial support may cancel its participation. This circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the AEWEN consortium. The company must inform the consortium prior to departure.

Should the mission be cancelled due to force majeure (e.g. travel restrictions due to COVID), the mission will be postponed. Reservations made will be postponed to a later date as far as possible. If a company is unable to participate in the postponed mission, a refund of the expenses incurred and not retrievable may be granted under the same conditions as mentioned above.

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