

Sustainability bonus

Who

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the tourism or leisure sector

What

Investments subject to capitalisation in the fields of **ecology, employees and regions** and **digitisation and the economy**

How

One-off subsidy in the amount of 3,5 % (maximum EUR 175 000) (can only be applied for in combination with an OeHT investment loan)

Project scope

At least 20 % of the total investment costs eligible for funding

Sustainability bonus in detail

Sustainability bonus for ecology

The sustainability bonus for ecology may be granted for the implementation of measures in the sub-areas of energy, resources or emissions. Measures leading to the obtaining of a certificate or standard will also be taken into account.

– Energy

- Measures that lead to a reduction in energy consumption or an increase in energy efficiency, such as insulating the ceiling of the lowest and/or highest floor; replacing windows; overall thermal refurbishment; installing external shutter systems to reduce the cooling requirements of the building; refurbishing the heating system (switching to renewable energy sources, connecting to the district heating system); using of energy-efficient appliances or other measures.

NB: in accordance with the Tourism Investment Directive (Tourismus-Investitions-Richtlinie), specific requirements must be met in order to receive the bonus. For this reason, there must be a proven energy performance certificate both before the OeTH investment (not more than 3 years old) and after it.

- Errichtung bzw. Einbau von klimaneutralen Heizungs-, Kühlungs-, Be- und Entlüftungssystemen mit hohem Standard oder Heiz- und Kühlsystemen mittels wasserführender Rohrleitungen
- Anschaffung bzw. Einbau energieeffizienter Geräte oder Beleuchtung
- Errichtung von Anlagen, die Solarenergie, Biomasse/Biomassefernwärme oder Abwärme/Fernwärme nutzen
- Sonstige Maßnahmen zur Steigerung der Energieeffizienz, zur Erlangung des Umweltzeichens oder einer Auszeichnung mit vergleichbarem Standard

– Resources

- Unsealing measures at the investment site affecting more than 10²
- Greening of roofs and façades with non-invasive plant species (protection against façade overheating) affecting more than 10 m².
- Purchase and installation of water-saving taps with a maximum flow rate of 6 l per minute.
- Equipping of existing car parking spaces and e-charging stations for motor vehicles and bicycles.
- Construction of installations for collecting rainwater.
- Construction of waste-prevention or waste-reduction installations.
- Other measures leading to a reduction in the use of resources (e.g. water, demand for raw materials) or to an increase in resource efficiency.

– Emissions

- Ventilation of living quarters with sound-insulating fans.
- Other measures leading to a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of at least 25% when comparing the energy performance certificates before and after investment.

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- Investments that cause one of the following certificates or standards to be obtained:

- the 'klimaaktiv silber' quality level of the respective klimaaktiv building standard, or a comparable standard;
- the 'klimaaktiv gold' quality level of the respective klimaaktiv building standard, or a comparable standard.

Sustainability bonus for employees and regions

The sustainability bonus for employees and regions may be granted for the implementation of the following measures:

- setting up accommodation and other facilities for employees;
- establishing childcare facilities for employees' children;
- resuming the use of vacant premises for business purposes (buildings that have not been used for business purposes for over 3 years or where no main residence or other domicile has been registered for more than 3 years).
- implementing investment projects as part of a cooperation that also creates added value for the local community.

Sustainability bonus for digitisation and the economy

The sustainability bonus for the economy and digitalisation may be granted for the implementation of the following measures:

— Investments in the course of business takeovers

This includes modernisation works and structural investments; to be eligible, these must be carried out within 3 years of the takeover and must be capitalised on the borrower's balance sheet. Beneficiaries of the bonus must meet the personal requirements laid down in the Young Entrepreneurs Directive (*Jungunternehmer-Richtlinie*).

— Digitisation measures

Capitalisable investments in hardware and software for digitising business models and processes, for improving IT and cybersecurity, for the digital transformation of sales and distribution processes or for the use of digital management and similar measures.

Important notes

For the sustainability bonus for ecology (with a focus on measures leading to a reduction in energy consumption or an increase in energy efficiency), the following evidence must be provided in addition to the proof of costs:

- proof that the measures have led to the achievement of a higher rating in one or more categories of the energy performance certificate (specific heating demand, primary energy demand, carbon dioxide emissions, total energy efficiency factor), whereby at least a rating of 'C' must be achieved in all categories after investment; or
- proof that the comparison of the energy performance certificates before and after investment results in an improvement of 30% with regard to the primary energy demand in relation to the cubage before and after investment.

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Burgenland

Federal funding is increased with a one-off grant of up to 10 % of the eligible costs

Conditions

- The funding criteria of the Tourism Investment Guidelines of the BMWET (*Tourismus-Investitions-Richtlinie des BMWET*) in the currently valid version resp.
- the criteria of the Action Guidelines for Priority Funding of the Tourism and Leisure Industry (*Aktionsrichtlinie Schwerpunktförderung der Tourismus- und Freizeitwirtschaft*) of the Province of Burgenland apply.

Applying:

- The follow-up funding can be applied for as part of an application to the OeHT in the **OeHT customer portal**.

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Upper Austria

One-off subsidy in the amount of 7% of the costs eligible for funding

Conditions

- The investments must not, due to thematic priorities, primarily fall into the funding portfolio of the environmental and climate funding of Kommunalkredit Public Consulting GmbH (KPC) or other federal or provincial environmental funding agencies.

Applying:

- The follow-up funding must be applied for directly to the province of Upper Austria.

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