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1. Introduction

This document compiles questions and answers from the Brazil-UK PACT Call for Proposals (CfP) on Energy Transition and Industrial Decarbonisation (June 2024)

They are divided into 4 categories:

- [Post event communication](#)
- [Scope and focus of the CfP](#)
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2. Post event communication

Q. Could you please share the UK PACT website link?

A. <https://www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/brazil>

3. Scope and focus of the CfP

Q. Regarding the hydrogen hub, does the project aim at utilization or also production?

A. The project may target both utilization and production, as long as it is low-carbon hydrogen.

Q. Regarding the hydrogen hub, is there an intention or plan to have the support/participation of the Ministry of Transport?

A. No, only with MDIC (Ministry of Industry, Development, Commerce and Services).

4. Application process & requirements

Q. What are the requirements/criteria for experts/consultancies to be accredited to support the construction of the projects?

Q. Is there a list or validation process for experts and consultancies that provide services to organisations that will be applying for UK PACT funding?

A. All organizations that consider themselves capable of delivering the project activities presented may submit proposals, considering aspects such as cost-effectiveness, project management, impacts on GEDSI, technical capacity of the organization or proposing consortium. The full criteria for selection will be published in the Terms of Reference.

Q. Will proposals be written in Portuguese and English?

A. All documents must be written in English.

Q. Can State Governments apply alone or do they need an NGO/University partner necessarily?

A. Government agencies and/or departments are not eligible to apply either as a lead organisation, or as a partner organisation within a consortium.

Q. How many organizations can comprise the consortium?

A. There is no limit to the size of consortia. However, applicants are encouraged to structure their consortia to optimise impact and value for money.

Q. Can we count on business associations as a partner organization for the proposal? Yes, this is allowed.

Q. Who decides who will be the leading institution of a proposal?

A. Applicants must decide on the lead organisation for their consortium and indicate this in their proposal.

Q. Is there a predetermined minimum number of projects to be selected per area?

Q. Will only one project be selected per intervention area?

A. We anticipate awarding one project per intervention area stated in the Terms of Reference.

Q. Can they be projects of international collaboration?

Q. Do all consortium members need to be Brazilian or is it possible to collaborate with foreign institutions?

A. It is possible to have international partners in the consortium, but all consortia must have at least one local partner.

Q. Can non-profit private companies participate?

A. Yes.

Q. Can entities from the System S (<https://www12.senado.leg.br/noticias/glossario-legislativo/sistema-s>) be proposers?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there a provision for a General Coordinator of the project, who would be from the leading company?

A. Applicants will need to structure their team and budget in their submission so that they have sufficient project management/coordination resources to ensure efficient project delivery.

Q. Would it be possible to share examples of projects that fit into the hydrogen and steel production areas, focusing on those that are most likely to be included in the calls?

A. Currently, UK PACT in Brazil does not have examples of projects, as this is the first call for decarbonisation projects to be executed. Further details on the types of projects expected will be provided in the Terms of Reference.

Q. Can projects focusing on hydrogen train apply?

A. Applicants must design their projects to address the scope of activities and achieve the intended outcomes of the Intervention Area to which they are applying. While hydrogen trains/transport could form part of Brazil's hydrogen "hubs", a project only focussing on hydrogen trains would not be sufficient.

Q. Assuming all documents were filled out and submitted on time, in English, what would be the objective criteria for selecting the winning proposal?

A. The selection criteria will be presented in detail in the Terms of Reference.

5. Technical project execution

Q. Will reports be conducted in Portuguese and English?

A. Reports must be submitted in English.

Q. Is there a forecast of data for the start of projects?

A. Projects are anticipated to start in late 2024- 2025. Further details will be provided in the Terms of Reference.

Q. Is there any specific focus on industrial decarbonisation projects to be funded?

A. The focuses are on priority industries (steel and cement), as well as access to financing for industrial decarbonisation products. The final focus areas will be detailed in the Terms of Reference.

Q. Is the hiring of third-party services (legal entities) envisaged in this call?

A. Yes, this is allowed and should be budgeted for in your submissions.