

# CALLING FOR AWARDEES OF H2020 SMEII /EIC ACCELERATOR PHASE II YOUR FAST TRACK ACCESS TO THE SOLAR IMPULSE EFFICIENT SOLUTION LABEL

After years of collaboration with the European Commission (EC), the Solar Impulse Foundation recently launched an **equivalence** between the Efficient Solution Label selection process and EC prestigious and selective grant program called EIC Accelerator Phase II (formerly SME II). This EC program assesses and selects projects from European SMEs on their potential in terms of innovation, excellence, positive impact and commercial implementation to provide them recognition and financial support.



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### WHAT?

This Equivalence recognizes that the requirements of the **EIC Accelerator phase II program selection and the SIF -EfficientSolution Label** are partly equivalent to one another.

### WHY?

EC and SIF join forces to provide **extra value** (visibility, credibility, and business development opportunities) to projects that were priority selected by the EC program over the past 5 years.

### HOW?

The **3 criteria** (Excellence, Impact and Implementation) and **7 sub-criteria** of the EIC Accelerator phase II selection process **have been "matched"** with 4 out of **5 criteria** of the SIF Label evaluation process.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR EC AWARDEES?

You can leverage your EIC Accelerator Phase II Program Award (Grant Agreement or Seal of Excellence) to obtain the Solar Impulse Efficient Solution Label with minimum efforts, given that your project:

- **Was granted funding or Seal of Excellence in the scope of the SME II program within the past 5 years**
- **Fits in the SIF Label eligibility scope (\*)**
- **Obtained minimum rating of 3,5 out of 5 by the EC evaluators to 7 key sub- criteria**



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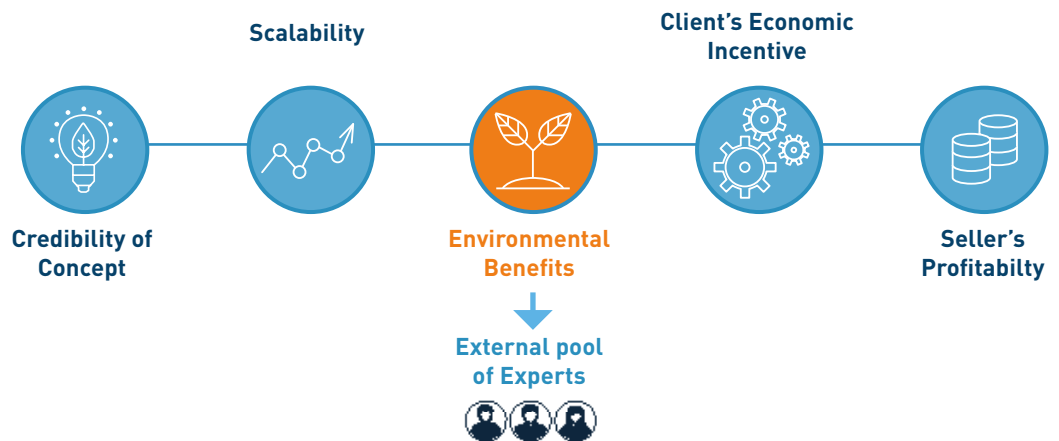
[\*] A Solution must fully satisfy the Eligibility Criteria in terms of: (1) Nature of the Solution namely a physical/financial product, a technology, an industrial process, or a service; (2) Ownership by a Member of the World Alliance for Efficient Solutions; (3) Contribution to at least one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), namely SDG 6, SDG 7, SDG 9, SDG 11, SDG 12; (4) Minimum maturity level, namely "prototype testing 1:1 in lab" (TRL 6 -7);

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## CRITERIA EQUIVALENCE

**THE EC PROCESS IS EQUIVALENT FOR 4 OUT OF 5 SOLAR IMPULSE LABEL CRITERIA WITHOUT FURTHER NEED OF SOLAR IMPULSE EXPERTS' EVALUATION.**

As a result, only the Environmental benefits criterion will be evaluated by the pool of external independent Experts to deliberate on the Solar Impulse Efficient Solution Label's attribution.



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## PROCESS EXPLAINED

### FOR APPLICANTS:

- **Become a Member (5 min)**
- **Click on "Submit a Solution"**
- **Upload (1) Seal of Excellence, (2) Proposal Submission Form, (3) Evaluation Summary Report**
- **Prepare all the information about your Environmental Impact (e.g. case study, life cycle assessment report)**
- **Complete the section regarding the Environmental Impact - third criterion (approx. 30-45 min)**
- **Await for the Experts' evaluation of the third criterion (Environmental benefits of your Solution)**
- **Receive a final outcome (labelled/ rejected) based on the assessment of the independent Experts**

### FOR EXPERTS:

- **Get access to pre-selected high-quality Solution endorsed by the European Commission**
- **Evaluate only the third criterion (Environmental benefits)**

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