



INTERNATIONAL  
CLIMATE INITIATIVE (IKI)

# IKI MEDIUM GRANTS SELECTION PROCEDURE 2021

## ONLINE SEMINAR

Berlin, 18 March 2021

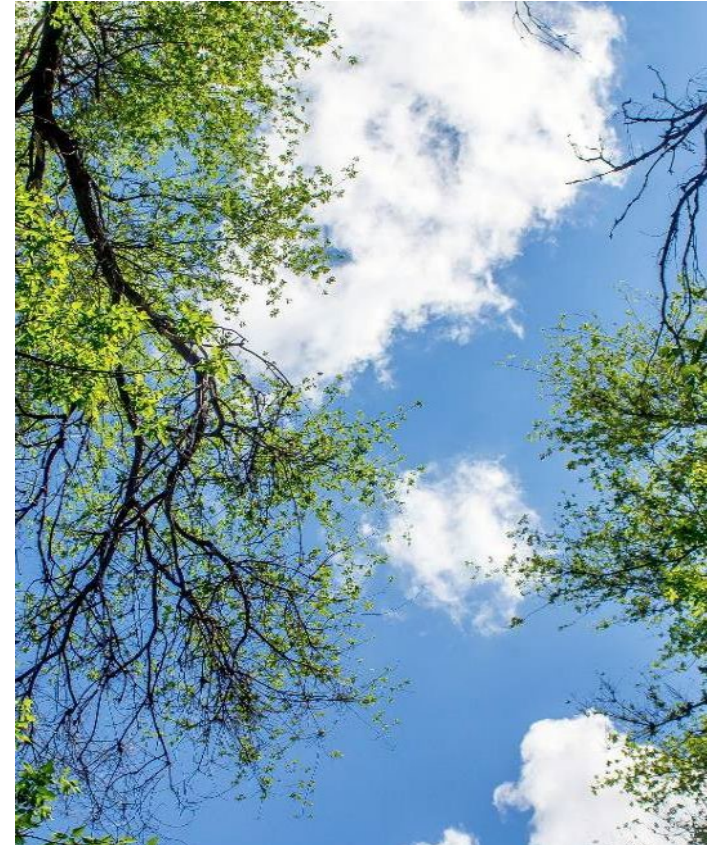


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# Introduction

## IKI Medium Grants selection procedure 2021 - Online Seminar

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- Netiquette:
  - All cameras and microphones switched off
  - Log in with your full names and organisation
  - Q&A icon for content questions
  - Chat icon for technical questions
- Seminar flow



# AGENDA

- **International Climate Initiative (IKI) in a nutshell**
- **Introduction into the IKI Medium Grants funding programme**
- **Selection Procedure of the IKI Medium Grants Ideas Competition**
- **Preparation of a successful IKI Outline**
  - **Formal and technical requirements on a project outline**
  - **Formal and technical requirements on the implementing and local partners**
- **Q&A Session**

# Presenters and panellists

BMU and IKI Secretariat



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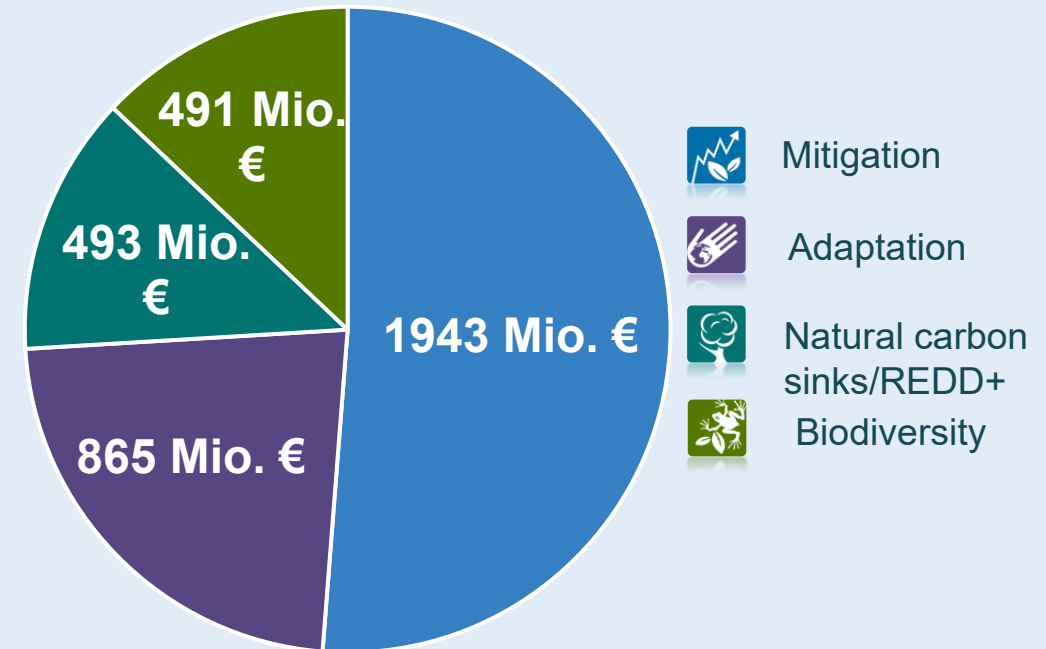


A woman in a red sari is standing on a wooden structure, working on a solar panel. The background shows a lush green mountain range under a cloudy sky. The solar panel is tilted upwards, and the woman is looking at it with a focused expression. The overall scene suggests a rural or mountainous area where renewable energy is being implemented.

# INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE INITIATIVE (IKI)

# International Climate Initiative (IKI)

- Since 2008, IKI has been financing **climate and biodiversity** projects in developing, emerging, and transition countries
- Project selection through **idea competitions** for the thematic and country calls across **four funding areas**
- **More than 750 projects** with a current funding volume of approx. **EUR 4.5 bn\***
- Total **BioDiv relevant commitments** in all funding areas: approx. EUR 1.16 bn (2008 -2019)
- ODA eligibility as a prerequisite for receiving IKI funds



IKI funding volume in Mio. EUR (2008-2019)

\*including administrative expenses

# International Climate Initiative (IKI)

Selection approach and calls

## Bilateral Approach

### Country Calls



## Thematic Approach

### Thematic Calls

- Large funding volume
- Long term projects
- Implementation by consortia, high local content

### Small / Medium Grants

- Individual implementing organisations
- Short term projects

IKI Small  
Grants



Medium  
Grants





# IKI Medium Grants funding programme





# IKI MEDIUM GRANTS FUNDING PROGRAMME

## Overall programme objectives

- ✓ Address innovative, bottom-up contributions for implementing the Paris Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity
- ✓ Intensify North-South cooperation on climate action, adaptation to the impacts of climate change and biodiversity conservation
- ✓ Strengthen civil society actors and their international networks as knowledge experts

# IKI MEDIUM GRANTS FUNDING PROGRAMME

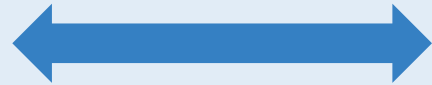
- ✓ Funding per project: 300-800 T EUR
- ✓ Project duration: 24-36 months
- ✓ Total budget/year: ~ 6 Mio. EUR/year
- ✓ Number of projects/year: ~ 8-12 projects/year
- ✓ Selection procedure: two stages
- ✓ Thematic funding priority: varying per year
- ✓ Selection procedure cycle: yearly

# IKI MEDIUM GRANTS FUNDING PROGRAMME

## Characteristics of IKI Medium Grants

### Convincing project concept

- ✓ Innovative project idea
- ✓ Bottom-up approach
- ✓ Covering one thematic funding priority
- ✓ Covering one or both funding approaches



### Partner structure

- ✓ One German implementing organisation
- ✓ One or two local partners from the country/region of implementation
- ✓ Clear vision of North-South partnership and envisioned knowledge transfer

# IKI MEDIUM GRANTS FIRST CALL

Thematic funding priority	Submitted project outlines	Selected project outlines
Biodiversity	103	5
<i>Focus on mitigation</i>		
Energy	66	3
Mobility	15	2
Cities	20	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>11</b>

Overview of selected project outlines for the second stage on the [IKI Webpage](#)



# SELECTION PROCEDURE OF THE IKI MEDIUM GRANTS IDEAS COMPETITION



# IKI MEDIUM GRANTS

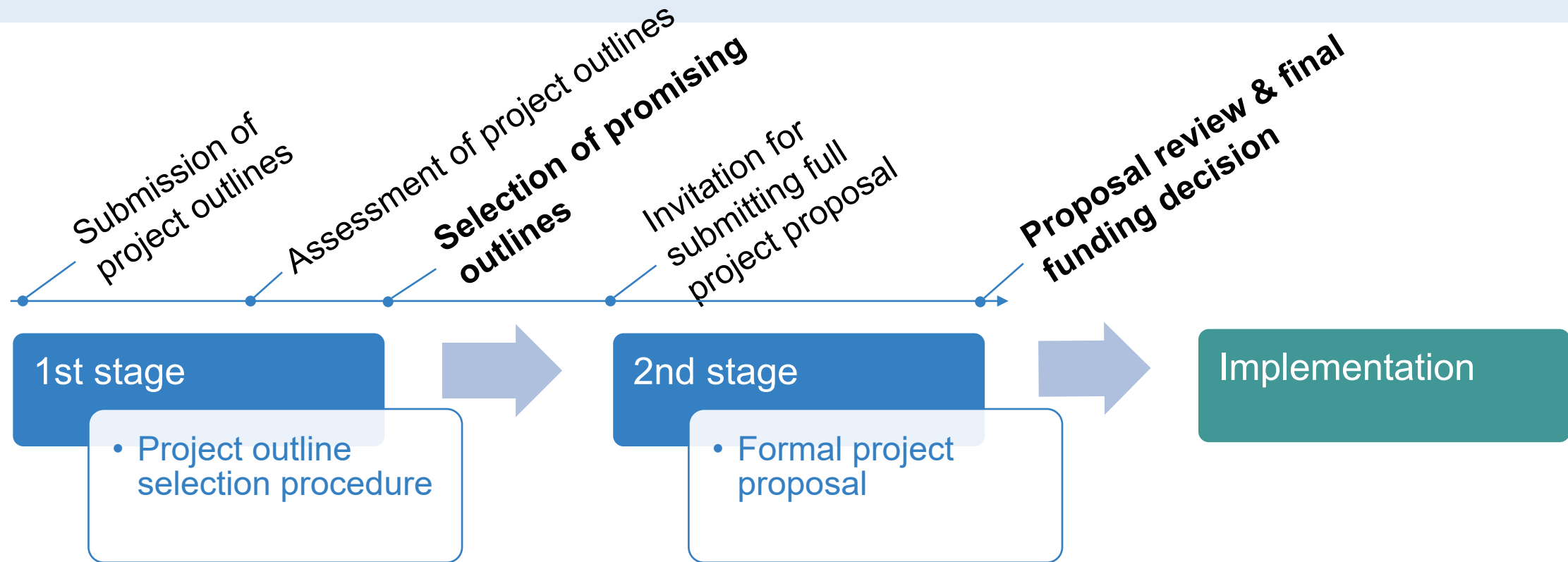
## Selection Procedure 2021

- Focus on **two thematic funding priorities**
  - COVID-19 and adaptation to the impacts of climate change –Promoting resilience in local populations and communities
  - Developing, supporting and strengthening participatory processes and methods of ambitious, inclusive climate action
- Focus on **two funding approaches**
  - Local implementation of pilot projects
  - Building and expanding capacities

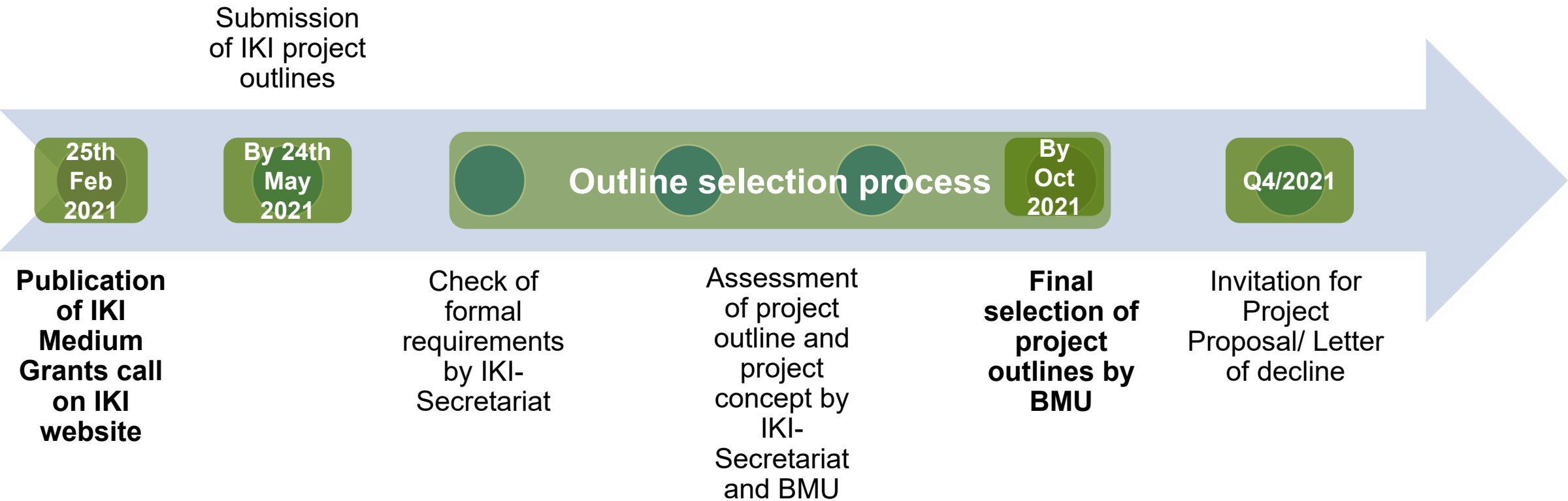
Link to Website [IKI Medium Grants 2021](#)



# The two-stage selection procedure - general



# Selection procedure – 1st stage



# Assessment of project outlines

## First stage - compliance with the formal project requirements

### Formal project requirements

- Funding requirements (Timely submission, no institutional funding, no investment activities (mainly), no research funding (mainly), no focus on Germany, start of project not ahead of approval, need for public funding)
  - Duration and amount of funding (Funding amount, Project duration)
  - Project funding (own financial contribution, no double funding)
  - Choice of country of implementation (Country/countries of implementation, Countries of same region)
  - Project concept max of six pages
- with the exception of criterion “*own financial contribution*”, all other criteria are **exclusion criteria**
- the project outline will be excluded from the further selection process if any of those criteria is disregarded

# Assessment of project outlines

## Second stage - Technical eligibility of project concept

All criteria which will lead to the exclusion of a project outline if disregarded are marked with "!" in Annex I of the funding information.

- Consistency with selected funding priority
- argumentation for funding approach: Level of innovation (funding approach I –pilot project) / Methods for strengthening of capacities (funding approach II –capacity building)
- Explanation how the project links to the current situation in the country of implementation, brings value to target group
- Conclusive and realistic project planning, logic results chain, climate neutrality concept
- Clear vision of the target groups, knowledge transfer to target groups, engagement of disadvantaged groups and gender equality
- Project risks analysis
- Sustainability of project results and potential for replication and upscaling



# Assessment of project outlines

## third stage – formal and technical eligibility of partner structure

All criteria which will lead to the exclusion of a project outline if disregarded are marked with "!" in Annex I of the funding information.

### Formal requirements

- German implementing organisation: registered in Germany, non-profit business unit, no profit-making intentions, turnover criterion
- Local implementing organisation/-s: registered in country of implementation, non-profit status

### Technical requirements

- German implementing organization: sufficient experience in international cooperation, technical expertise in thematic funding area
- Local implementing organisation/-s: Technical expertise in thematic funding area
- Assessment of the North-South-Partnership: clear and fair division of tasks and roles, budget allocation, Cooperative knowledge exchange among partners

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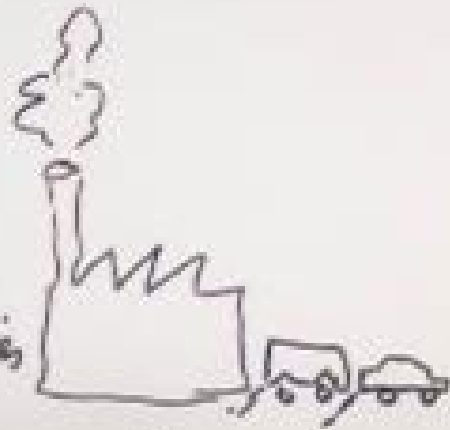
Expectations

Experiences sharing between cities  
on best practices

Get best tools to monitor climate actions

Community engagement and involvement on  
climate actions

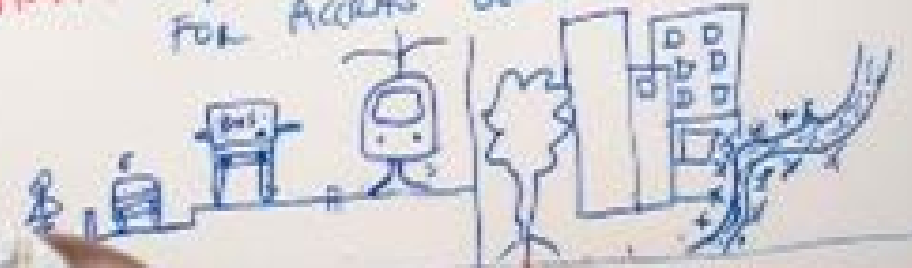
Citizen awareness on climate issues and  
resilience/adaptation



CITY OF ACCRA

Expectation:

Open to Adopting Best Practices & for  
FOR ACCRA'S DEVELOPMENT



WRITABLE  
WALL

# PREPARATION OF A SUCCESSFUL IKI OUTLINE

# IKI Outline Forms

- **IKI outlines in two parts for a full submission**
  - Project outline
  - Project concept
- All formal requirements are requested in the project outline
- The technical requirements are requested within the project concept and indicated references
- Submission only via Online-Plattform
- Deadline for submission: **24 May 2021, 23:59 CEST**

<b>1</b>	<b>Project information</b>
<b>2</b>	Implementing organisations
<b>3</b>	Project concept
<b>4</b>	Budget
<b>A1</b>	References German organisation
<b>A2</b>	References local organisations
	Overview & Submit

# How to write a good IKI outline from the perspective of BMU and IKI-Secretariat

## General remarks

- Clear and precise language
- Avoid using buzzwords and language exaggeration
- Keep it short and to the point
- Harmonise contributions from different authors
- Feasibility of the outline with respect to results logic and consortium

## Context

- Technical justification of the country selection in terms of generating solutions for local challenges
- Creating synergies with existing resources and other projects
- Avoid duplications with similar projects in project region

# How to write a good IKI outline from the perspective of BMU and IKI Secretariat

## Project partners

- Strong competences of all project partners
- References/ experience are complementary and suitable to funding priority
- Competences of all partners are specified and considered in the distribution of the work packages
- Well-defined knowledge transfer among partners
- Budget allocation reflects the distribution of work packages among the partners

## Project vision

- Innovative approach
- Consistency with the IKI Medium Grants funding priority as well as overall IKI Medium Grants programme objectives
- Project outcomes need to address needs of local civil society
- Clearly define the benefit the project brings to local population
- Include considerations on upscaling and exit strategy from the beginning



# How to write a good IKI outline from the perspective of BMU and IKI-Secretariat

## Impact logic

- Specific, plausible and realistic approach
- Consistent presentation of impact logic in the result chain theory and the logical framework
- General structure of work packages
- Include concrete implementation activities as examples

2<sup>nd</sup> online seminar

### **IKI Medium Grants technical requirements**

Date Tuesday, 13 April 2021, 14:00 - 16:00 Hrs (CEST)

#### **Topics**

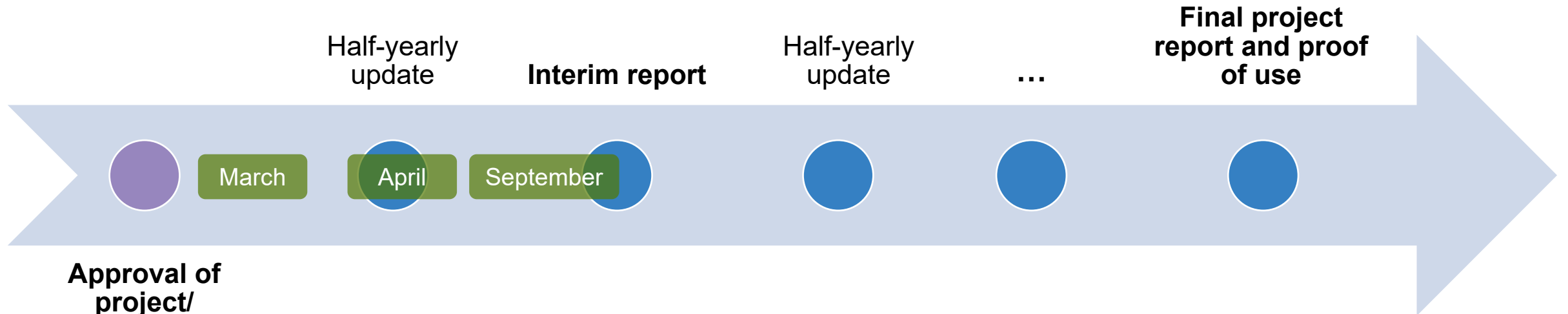
- Overview of the technical requirements for the submission of an IKI Medium Grants project outline
- Introduction into the elaboration of a result chain for project outlines

Registration

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and a dense network of city lights at night. The sun is visible in the upper left corner, creating a bright glow and lens flare effect.

# IKI MEDIUM GRANTS PROJECT CYCLE

# IKI Project Cycle



Approval of  
project/  
final funding  
decision

The reporting templates will be published on the IKI website titled:  
Information for recipients of project funding of the IKI Medium Grants



# Q&A SESSION



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# Information and communication

## Important links and contacts

- For more detailed information, see **funding information** on the **IKI-website** ([www.international-climate-initiative.com](http://www.international-climate-initiative.com))
- For further questions please see the **FAQ section** on the IKI-website or send an E-mail to [iki-secretariat@z-u-g.org](mailto:iki-secretariat@z-u-g.org)
- Submission of outlines **only** via **IKI-Online Platform** (activated since 25 February 2021) until **24 May 2021, 23:59 (CET)**

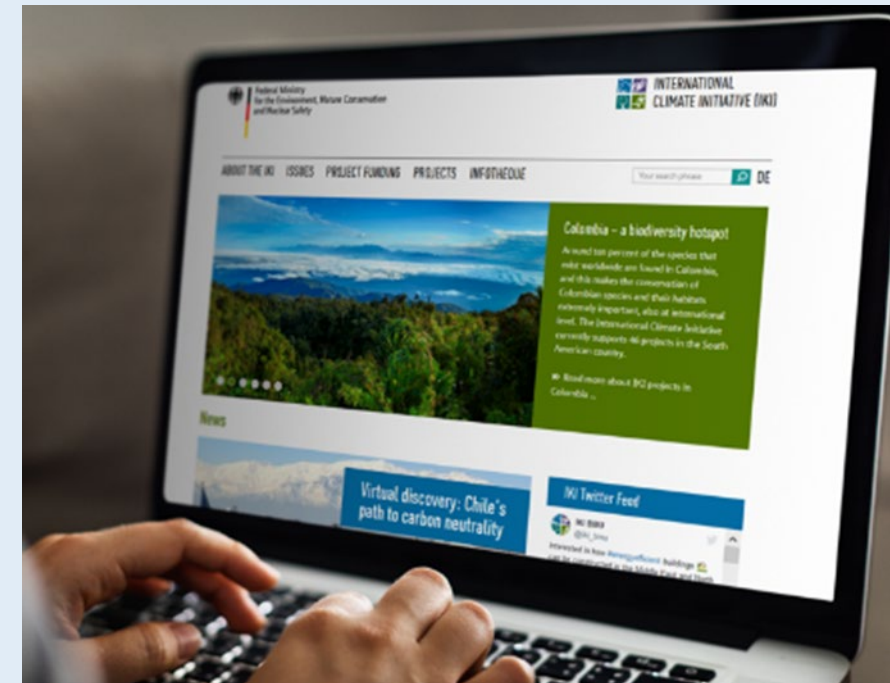
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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Did the online seminar improve your understanding of the IKI and the Medium Grants call selection procedure?

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