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Answer given by Ms Ferreira  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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1. For the programming period 2021-2027, with the support of the EU Cohesion Funds, the 13 regional programmes as well as the sectoral programme 'Environment and Climate Change' have earmarked funding to support Greece in improving energy efficiency for public buildings, including schools.

Under the programme for the environment and climate action 'LIFE', and its sub-programme 'clean energy transition' (CET), funding can be awarded to projects supporting the climate neutrality of heating and cooling. The focus is hereby on 'new solutions and business models'<sup>1</sup>.

2. The total amount available under the Cohesion Policy concerning this type of actions is EUR 461.7 million (public expenditure).

Under LIFE, the total available budget at the EU level under the CET sub-programme is EUR 997 million. No specific amount is reserved for Greece, as eligible proposals from all countries compete for funding.

3. Cohesion funding falls under the principle of shared management, therefore, the Member State is fully responsible for the project selection and implementation of the programmes. It should be noted that operational costs of projects are not eligible for EU co-financing.

LIFE is implemented through grants with maximum EU co-financing rates of 95%.

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<sup>1</sup> Further information and currently open calls: [https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life\\_en](https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life_en)