IF26 HEAT AUCTION

What does the Auction offer?

- Subsidy for GHG abatement for industrial process heat (EUR/tCO2)
- Support period of 5 years
- Projects in the EEA (EU27, Norway)
- **Output-based support:** verified GHG abatement after Entry into Operation

How does the Auction work?

- Eligibility based on pre-qualification criteria (technologies, project size, temperature, …)
- **Selection based on price:** projects are ranked based on their bids in EUR/tCO2
- All costs eligible (DEVEX, CAPEX, OPEX)

Timeline

- **24/09/2026:** Final Terms & Conditions
- **03/12/2026:** Call opens
- **February 2027:** Call closes
- **Spring 2027:** Results published
- **Autumn 2027:** Grant Agreements signed

What is the available budget for heat pumps?

Low-temperature (EUR 100M):

- Minimum size: 5 MWth
- Temperature: 80-100°C
- Eligible techs:
  - **HP with COP > 1.5**
  - Direct renewable heat
  - Nuclear heat
  - Energy storage

Medium-temperature (EUR 600M):

- Minimum size: 3 MWth
- Temperature: 100-400°C
- Eligible techs:
  - Electrification (including **any HP**)
  - Direct renewable heat
  - Nuclear heat
  - Energy storage

- Ceiling price: **400 EUR/tCO2 (90 EUR/MWh)**
- Ceiling price for HP projects with COP > 1.5: **533 EUR/tCO2 (120 EUR/MWh)**
- Minimum CAPEX: EUR 2.5M
- Maximum grant amount: EUR 100M

No delays allowed:

Financial close within 2.5 years	Entry into Operation within 5 years	6% completion bond required