



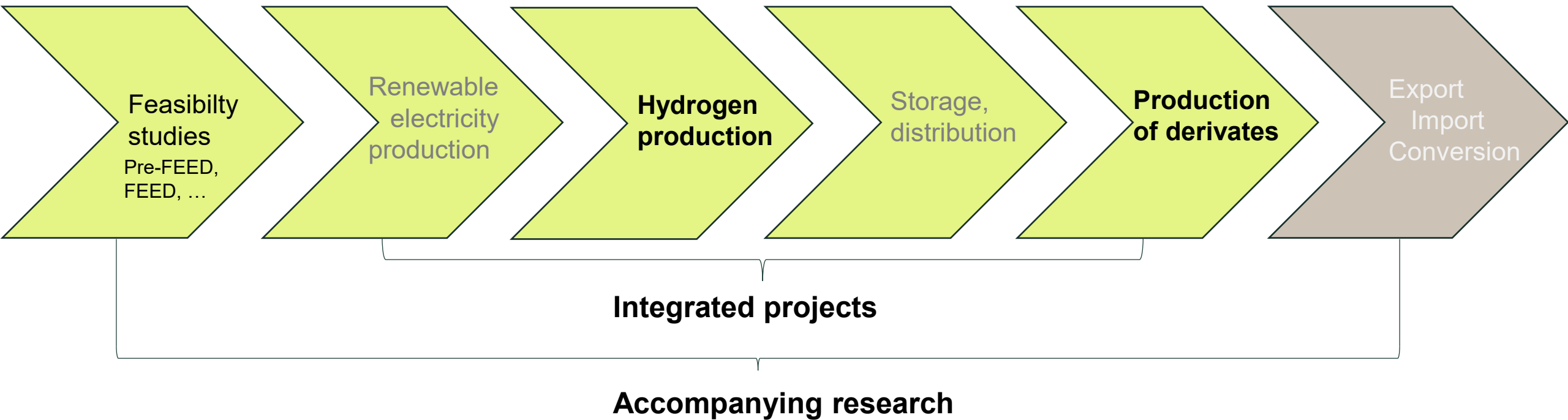
Funding Guideline for International Hydrogen Projects – Call for Proposals 2026

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Objectives for funding

1. Establishing a global market for renewable hydrogen and its derivatives
2. Deployment and testing of technologies for the production of renewable hydrogen and its derivatives by companies with a branch or permanent establishment in Germany
3. Preparation and implementation of import routes to Germany

What is eligible for funding?



Accompanying research possible in Module 1

More extensive opportunities for research funding in Module 2

Who is eligible for funding?

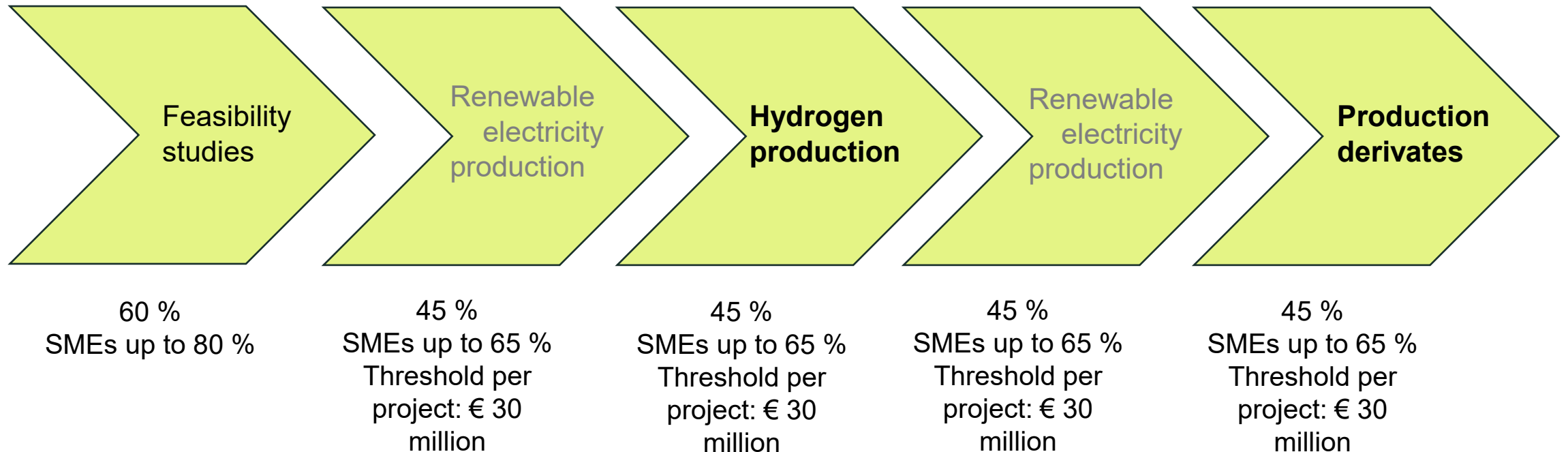
- Companies based in Germany for investment projects and feasibility studies
- Small and medium-sized enterprises are encouraged to participate
- Facilities must be planned or constructed outside of the European Economic Area and Switzerland
- Research institutions based in Germany that are supporting an investment project or a feasibility study for a plant site outside EEA/Switzerland
- Special Purpose Vehicles are eligible to apply provided certain requirements are met

Requirements for funding an SPV

- The SPV must be registered in Germany at the time of full application
- The SPV must implement the project and bear responsibility for it. For example, invoices must be issued in the SPV's name; the SPV must provide reports and be contactable for PTJ
- No letterbox companies

How much funding can be awarded?

Module 1



The funding rates and amounts are based on EU state aid rules, in particular Articles 25, 28, 41, and 49 of the GBER in the 2023 version. The GBER is currently being amended; the funding guidelines will be updated in early 2027

Eligibility criteria

- The applicant meets the criteria set out in the funding guidelines
- Plant is located outside European Economic Area or Switzerland
- The applicant remains involved in the project (no export funding); the facility will be operated for at least three years
- Total funding for the project is secured **at the time of application**
- The timetable is compatible with the funding scheme (completion in 2030)
- The product must qualify as an RFNBO
- Sustainability standards are met
- Project has not yet commenced
- Without funding, the project could not be implemented

Qualitative criteria for evaluating proposals

- Meeting the political objectives of the guideline:
 - Testing innovative technologies from Germany
 - Significant contribution to establishing infrastructure for export towards Germany
 - Ramping up the hydrogen market
- Good leverage effect for the funding
- Robust timetable based on a well-documented stage of pre-development
- Significant contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions

Module 2 – projects accompanying those in Module 1

- Exclusively projects accompanying projects funded under Module 1 – ongoing (from a former call) or submitted in current call
 - In individual cases, Module 1 projects for which the funding period has already ended may also be accompanied if those projects are in the implementation phase
- planned activities must be classified according to the TRL-scheme
 - Only activities up to TRL 3, as well as studies, are eligible for funding
 - TRL self-assessment form to be attached to the proposal

Key details of the 2026 call for proposals

- Publication of the amended funding guidelines: [Federal Gazette, 15 November 2024](#)
- Publication of the call for proposals: [One-Stop-Shop Hydrogen](#)
- Submission of project outlines by **17 December 2026**
- [“easy online”](#) portal , BMWF, funding scheme for international hydrogen projects, funding area Module 1, outline stage
- For Module 2: Ministry of BMFT
- Please upload [the outline template](#) to “easy online”
- Access to networking tool will be published on the same website
- Individual Advice on project proposals:
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