

Environment, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy Programme

Call #2 – Projects for promoting the Circular Economy in the Construction Sector

Final Evaluation Report

- The call for proposals opened at the EEA Grants Site¹ on July the 18th 2019 and closed on October the 31st 2019.
- Twenty-five eligible applications were received summing up an investment of 15.183.219,82€, and a total requested funding of 10.317.693,20€. Being the allocation available 3.500.000€, the projects submitted made up 2,9 times the allocation available.
- According to point 13.2 of the Call after the scoring process of the projects, the Secretary General for Environment provided the ranked list of projects to the Selection Committee and to FMO. All the applications submitted (25) were consider eligible, as the PO provided clarifications to the promoters during the submission phase.
- The projects funding rate was screened in order to comply with state Aid rules in force and considers any and all other forms of public support granted to projects. Any remaining costs of the project shall be provided or obtained by the project's promoters.
- The legal status of each entity, either project promoted or partner, was assessed in face of the Article 25.º of Commission Regulation (EU) n.º 651/2014, of 16 June, declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market, in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (GBER). As such adjustments on the project grant rate were made for some of the projects as set on the respective points, on footnotes, of the table below.
- The 1st provisional list of the projects ranked by Overall Score (OS), recommended for funding the nine projects, shaded green on the table below. Being the remaining fund 342.918,69€, the Selection Committee, at its meeting on the 3rd of March, recommended funding at a lower grant rate the next project (applicant nr. 38, which has that applied to 485.568,00€.)

¹ <https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/2367/environment-programme-call2.pdf>

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First provisional list

| Project number | Name of the Project | OS | Financiado Programa Ambiente <i>Funding of Environment - 85%</i> | Taxa de Financiamento <i>Project grant rate</i> |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------|---|---|
| | | (0-100) | | |
| 12_Call#2 | Circular_BIM_3Drivers | 98,000 | 469.248,80 | 0,80(a) |
| 16_Call#2 | CirMat_DSTeixeira | 94,000 | 382.327,45 | 0,65(b) |
| 19_Call#2 | SECClasS_ISCTE | 92,500 | 258.328,35 | 0,85 |
| 29_Call#2 | GreenBuilding_UA | 92,500 | 401.208,50 | 0,85 |
| 37_Call#2 | ConstrucaoCircular_UPorto | 92,500 | 421.932,27 | 0,85 |
| 07_Call#2 | CircularBuild_Concexec | 92,050 | 340.705,58 | 0,60(c) |
| 13_Call#2 | GroingCircle_IC | 92,000 | 305.558,85 | 0,85 |
| 17_Call#2 | MOORE_IST | 92,000 | 353.289,70 | 0,85 |
| 02_Call#2 | MaterialsMatter_FeelMatter | 91,875 | 224.481,81 | 0,45(d) |
| 38_Call#2 | CRUSH_CIMinga | 91,500 | 485.568,00 | 0,90 |
| 03_Call#2 | Tellus_OliveiraFerro | 90,600 | 500.000,00 | 0,4397 |
| 15_Call#2 | Ambiente_Sregional | 89,500 | 403.390,44 | 0,85 |
| 05_Call#2 | GroundPiece_YoUniverse | 88,800 | 500.000,00 | 0,1950 |
| 21_Call#2 | Green Gypsum4Ever_BfConsultores | 88,500 | 500.000,00 | 0,5665 |

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| 20_Call#2 | ResiReuse_IPBg | 88,000 | 495.000,90 | 0,85 |
| 06_Call#2 | CSI_PT_LNEC | 85,000 | 260.610,85 | 0,85 |
| 42_Call#2 | CONCRETO_Gebalis_EMAIL | 83,500 | 420.664,15 | 0,85 |
| 08_Call#2 | (Des)contruir_Economia_Circular_CIMBAL | 74,000 | 499.631,58 | 0,85 |
| 41_Call#2 | CORKsic_Dommet | 67,000 | 422.584,05 | 0,85 |
| 18_Call#2 | Construction_UPorto | 63,500 | 414.541,60 | 0,85 |
| 10_Call#2 | iNRoads_MotaEngil | 62,375 | 418.809,11 | 0,85 |
| 09_Call#2 | CelluloseBased_FCT | 61,083 | 420.988,00 | 0,85 |
| 04_Call#2 | BUC_Quercus | 57,650 | 191.025,49 | 0,90 |
| 14_Call#2 | OesteCircular_CIMOeste | 41,000 | 500.000,00 | 0,85 |
| 11_Call#2 | Impact Villa_Social Impact Script | 28,400 | 468.197,85 | 0,85 |

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(a) GBER - Article 25º, 2.b), 5.b) (50 points) and 6.a) (small company 20 points); 6.b)15 points TRL 9

(b) GBER - Article 25º, 2.b), 5.b) (50 points) and 6.b)15 points | TRL7

(c) GBER - Article 25º, 2.c), 5.c) (25 points) and 6.a) (small company 20 points); 6.b)15 points

(d) GBER - Article 25º, 2.c), 5.c) (25 points) and 6.a) (small company 20 points); |TRL 6

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- The projects were evaluated at the Selection Committee Meeting on 3 March 2020.
- The Selection Committee analysed the information provided, having agreed with the ranking. It was underlined the great number of applications submitted and their variety, concluding that the market had given a good response to the call.
- After verification that the selection process has been conducted in accordance with the “Regulation on the implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2014-2021” and that the recommendations from the Selection Committee comply with the rules and objectives of the programme, the Secretary General for Environment notified the applicants about the provisional results of the selection process, on 6 March 2020.
- It started then the period of ten working days for appealing from the project promoters of their classification. This period ended on 23 March 2020.
- Eight promoters have submitted their allegations.
- The Secretary General analysed these allegations, reviewed in detail each of the applications, and gave formal feed-back to each of the promoters, justifying their classification. This review produced the 2nd provisional list of ranked projects.
- It should be noted that in four of the projects the classification was upgraded, and on a fifth project the funding rate was upgraded as well. The justifications for these changes are summarized on the table. As consequence the ranking of the projects to be funded has been changed.
- The Secretary General submitted to the Selection Committee both the allegations and its appreciation.
- At the second provisional list the projects selected for funding were eight, shaded in light green, reaching a total amount of € 3.453.706,61, from a total allocation available of €3.500.000.

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Second Provisional List

| Project number Green: <i>selected for funding</i> Grey: <i>Selected on provisional list but not on the 2nd provisional list.</i> | Name of the Project | OS 2a lista provisória <i>2nd provisional list</i> <u>Blue= the score changed</u> | Financiado Programa Ambiente <i>Funding of Environment</i> - 85% | Taxa de Financiamento <i>Project grant rate*</i> | Allegations | Justification | OS 1a lista provisória <i>1st Provisional list</i> |
|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|--|
| 15_Call#2 | Ambiente_Sr regional | 99,000 | 403 390,44 | 0,8500 | Yes | From 89,5 to 99. Inclusion of Donor partner and footnote(e) | 89,500 |
| 12_Call#2 | Circular_BIM_3Drivers | 98,000 | 469 248,80 | 0,80(a) | | | 98,000 |
| 08_Call#2 | (Des)construir_Economia_Circular_CIMBAL | 95,000 | 499 631,58 | 0,8500 | Yes | From 74 to 95 footnote(f) | 74,000 |
| 16_Call#2 | CirMat_DSTeixeira | 94,000 | 499 966,67 | 0,85(b) | Yes | | 94,000 |
| 03_Call#2 | Tellus_OliveiraFerro | 93,100 | 500 000,00 | 0,4397 | Yes | From 88,1 to 93.1. Inclusion of Donor partner. | 88,100 |
| 19_Call#2 | SECClasS_ISC TE | 92,500 | 258 328,35 | 0,8500 | | | 92,500 |
| 29_Call#2 | GreenBuilding_UA | 92,500 | 401 208,50 | 0,8500 | | | 92,500 |
| 37_Call#2 | ConstrucaoCircular_UPorto | 92,500 | 421 932,27 | 0,8500 | | | 92,500 |
| 07_Call#2 | CircularBuild_Concexec | 92,050 | 482 666,24 | 0,85 (c) | Yes | The funding rate changed from 60% to 85%. GBER - | 92,050 |

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| 13_Call#2 | GroingCircle_ IC | 92,000 | 305 558,85 | 0,8500 | | | 92,000 |
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| 02_Call#2 | MaterialsMat ter_FeelMatt er | 91,875 | 224 481,81 | 0,45 (d) | Yes | | 91,875 |
| 38_Call#2 | CRUSH_CIMI nga | 91,500 | 485 568,00 | 0,9000 | | | 91,500 |
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| 21_Call#2 | Green Gypsum4Eve r_BfConsulto res | 88,800 | 500 000,00 | 0,5665 | | | 88,500 |
| 20_Call#2 | ResiReuse_IP Bg | 88,000 | 495 000,90 | 0,8500 | Yes | (g) No change in OS | 88,000 |
| 06_Call#2 | CSI_PT_LNEC | 85,000 | 260 610,85 | 0,8500 | | | 85,000 |
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| 18_Call#2 | Construction _UPorto | 63,500 | 414 541,60 | 0,8500 | | | 63,500 |
| 10_Call#2 | iNRoads_Mo taEngil | 63,500 | 418 809,11 | 0,8500 | | | 62,375 |
| 09_Call#2 | CelluloseBas ed_FCT | 62,583 | 420 988,00 | 0,8500 | Yes | From 61.083 to 62,5833. footnote (h) | 61,083 |
| 04_Call#2 | BUC_Quercu s | 57,650 | 191 025,49 | 0,9000 | | | 57,650 |
| 14_Call#2 | OesteCircular _CIMOeste | 41,000 | 500 000,00 | 0,8500 | | | 41,000 |

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(e) **The appeal focus on two main questions:** (1) not inclusion of Partner from the Donor Country (0 score) although the Project Promotor presented all the documents requested; (2) the project exhibits adequate geographic coverage through partnerships with local entities and also, scores 0. Besides, Project Promotor highlights the innovative nature of this project was unanimous within the evaluators, since they gave maximum marks in the technical components. Thus, they believe that in view of the above the application represents an added value, at national and international level, and contributes to the promotion of the circular economy in a strategic sector, and its approval is also strategic for the implementation of a true circular economy within the construction sector.

In response to the appeal the score was revised from 89,5 to 99: the SC have upgraded criteria F., area A, sub criteria geographic coverage, from 0 to 30, having considered that the partner CIMPA ensured adequate geographic coverage; and it was included the score regarding the Partner from Donor Country due to formula mistake.

(f) **The complaint** focused on the following aspects: reassessment of components F (specific criteria) and G (bonus) by priority area; specifically, the reassessment of components B and C and a new evaluation of priority area A were requested.

The response: after the allegations put forward by the promoter the experts have upgraded criteria F., area B, sub criteria from 0 to 70 considering that "although one of the documents presented during the submission phase pointed out to the no compliance of this criteria, having re-analysed fully the project it was considered that the consortium exhibits the intention to apply methodologies/technologies to products that already exist on the market with a TRL6 at least above 6r." As the sub-criteria "the product to which the methodology and/or technology will be applied is innovative in the market" had already 30 points the total for criteria F became 100 (70+30). As criteria F accounts for 30% of the OS as established on section 12 of the Call for Tenders the contribution to the OS which was 9 (=30*30%) became 30 (=100*.30%) which accounts for the difference of 21 points, from 74 (1stOS) to 95 (2nd OS). As such the contribution from criteria F to the total score increased from 9 to 30 points, which accounts for the difference between the 1st Overall Score (OS) and the 2nd. (74 and 95, respectively). It must be noted that criteria F accounts for 30% of the OS as established on section 12 of the Call for Tenders.

(g) **The complaint** focused on evaluating criterion G (bonus): the project promoter considered that only priority area C was contemplated and that the project was designed to address the three priority areas.

In response to the complaint: (i) the consideration of the application also in the priority area A: according to the Notice, priority area A includes "Development and implementation of construction projects demonstrating the economic and environmental advantages, of concepts that assume zero waste, energy efficiency and material productivity, namely through the use of technologically innovative construction solutions, such as modularity. The projects to be developed in this field should account for all the environmental and economic benefits observed, and include a life-cycle approach, including the deconstruction phase and the implementation of the reuse and recycling of recovered materials and components." Both evaluators maintain that the application does not fall under priority area A, since the candidate project does not provide for the development and implementation of construction projects; (ii) the consideration of the application also in priority area B: both evaluators consider valid the arguments presented for the inclusion of the application in Priority Area B., so this change does not affect the

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total score allocated; (iii) the revision of the application score, in criterion G "Bonus": not being the project candidate for all Priority Areas, the score previously assigned in criterion G is maintained. Conclusion Although the application was also considered to include Priority Area B, there is no change in the total score assigned.

(h) The complaint focused on the grades awarded in the criterion of "Adequate geographic coverage through partnerships with local entities" and the Communication Plan.

The response the score was revised: the experts have upgraded criteria F., area A, sub criteria geographic coverage, to 20, having considered that one of the partners ensured the geographic dissemination. As for the Communication Plan presented does not meet the requirements defined in the Promoter's Manual and graphic standards, namely the use of logos. By strict application of the rationale, the Plan would have a 10-point assessment. However, elements such as the events to be held, their description, date and location and the communication objectives of each one was considered, having been evaluated in 30 points. We consider that there is no change in the note in relation to this criterion.

- The Selection Committee met on 15/04/2020 and analysed the second provisional list, the information related to the complaints and the justifications for the changes in the final classifications of the projects, having agreed with the ranking.
- After verification that the selection process has been conducted in accordance with the "Regulation on the implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2014-2021" and that the recommendations from the Selection Committee comply with the rules and objectives of the programme, the Secretary General for Environment notified the applicants about the results of the selection process, on 27 of April 2020. As such que 2nd provisional list became the final list of ranked projects, presented below.

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score allocated; (iii) the revision of the application score, in criterion G "Bonus": not being the project candidate for all Priority Areas, the score previously assigned in criterion G is maintained. Conclusion Although the application was also considered to include Priority Area B, there is no change in the total score assigned.

(h) The complaint focused on the grades awarded in the criterion of "Adequate geographic coverage through partnerships with local entities" and the Communication Plan.

The response the score was revised: the experts have upgraded criteria F., area A, sub criteria geographic coverage, to 20, having considered that one of the partners ensured the geographic dissemination. As for the Communication Plan presented does not meet the requirements defined in the Promoter's Manual and graphic standards, namely the use of logos. By strict application of the rationale, the Plan would have a 10-point assessment. However, elements such as the events to be held, their description, date and location and the communication objectives of each one was considered, having been evaluated in 30 points. We consider that there is no change in the note in relation to this criterion.

- Due to the high number of submitted projects the Secretary General informed that would propose a modification of the Programme Agreement in order to allocate remaining funds from the call Small Grants Scheme #2 – Projects for the development of standards in the Construction Sector that promote Circular Economy, to projects of this Call, respecting the ranking order of the projects.
- The Selection Committee agreed with this procedure and underlined that this information should be passed to the promoters on the reserve list.
- These results considered the procedures described in article 13.2 and 13.7 of the Call Text (pages 13-14): *'The Programme Operator shall provide the Selection Committee with a list of the ranked projects. The Selection Committee shall review the ranked list of projects. It may modify the ranking of projects in justified cases. The justification for the modifications shall be detailed in the minutes of the meeting of the Selection Committee. If such a modification results in a project's rejection, the affected applicant shall be informed in writing about the justification for the modification. The Selection Committee shall submit the list of recommended projects to the Programme Operator.'*

The Programme Operator shall verify that the selection process has been conducted in accordance with the "Regulation on the implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2014-2021" and that the recommendations from the Selection Committee comply with the rules and objectives of the programme, following such verification, the Programme Operator shall, based on the decision of the selection Committee, make a decision on which projects shall be supported. If the Programme Operator modifies the decision

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of the Selection Committee, it shall inform the applicants affected and provide them with a justification'.

In conclusion:

- Twenty-five eligible applications were received summing up an investment of 15.183.219,82€, and a total requested funding of 10.317.693,20€ (plus 4.675.998,30€ ensured by the projects consortia). Being the allocation available 3.500.000€, the projects submitted made up 2,9 times the allocation available.
- Eight projects were approved for financing consuming the funding available of 3.500.000€. Each project should have 24 months of duration and will get the maximum of 500.000€.
- Due to the high number of submitted applications with relevant projects the Secretary General proposed a modification of the Programme Agreement, to the DPP in consultation with the FMO and the NFP, in order to allocate remaining funds from the call *Small Grants Scheme #2 – Projects for the development of standards in the Construction Sector that promote Circular Economy*, to projects of this call, respecting the ranking order of classification.
- If this modification is approved the projects on the reserve list, would be considered for financing by the programme, by ranking order.

The Final List shall be publicized at the [Programme Operator website](#).

The Secretary General for Environment
