

Addendum to the Final Report

Environment Programme EEA Grants | Call #4

Implementation of pilot projects of living labs for decarbonisation and climate change mitigation

1. The call was published on the EEA Grants website on January 30, 2020, and closed on October 20, 2020.
2. Seven eligible applications were received, totaling an investment of €9,092,042.46. With an available allocation of €6,058,801.09, the submitted projects totaled 1.5 times the available allocation.

*Final list of candidate projects, in descending order of score, adjusted according to the project's merit and endowment limit ***

Application number	Municipality-Project Title *	Global Score (0-100 points) (projects with score increase in red)	Total project cost	Financing of the Environment Programme according to the financing rate and maximum amount per project defined in the Call	Financing of the Environment Programme adjusted according to the merit of the project and appropriation limit **	Financing Rate (adjusted according to the merits of the project and funding limit) %	Extra amount financed by Project Consortia
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(5-6)
03/Call #4	Porto Asprela + Sustentável *	99,22	1 446 355,73 €	1 000 000,00 €	983 229,37 €	68	16 770,63 €
01/Call #4	Cascais SmartPole *	97,71	1 174 028,04 €	1 000 000,00 €	950 598,17 €	81	49 401,83 €
06/Call #4	Loures PAB_LivingLab +	94,44	1 110 899,78 €	999 809,80 €	880 178,31 €	79	119 631,50 €
04/Call #4	Gaia Living Lab da Afurada *	94,16	1 084 301,00 €	975 870,90 €	850 114,27 €	78	125 756,63 €
05/Call #4	Sintra SMILE -*	93,00	1 178 621,03 €	1 000 000,00 €	849 264,31 €	72	150 735,69 €
07/Call #4	Lisboa Hub Criativo do Beato	91,25	2 000 000,00 €	1 000 000,00 €	811 580,39 €	41	188 419,61 €
02/Call #4	Sintra I4efficiency *	88,19	1 097 836,88 €	988 053,19 €	733 836,26 €	67	254 216,93 €
Total			9 092 042,46 €	6 963 733,89 €	6 058 801,09 €		904 932,80 €

* Projects with donor country partners

** Adjustment rationale considering project merit and funding limit

Difference between the requested amount and the Call allocation	Total sum of differences of each global score to 100%	For each project, each percentage point below 100% reduces the funding amount by: (p.ex.: in project 03 =(100-99,22)* €21533,67 =€16 770,63) Extra amount co-financed by Consortium 03
904 932,86 €	42,02%	21 533,67€

Since the difference between the requested funding and the Call allocation €904,932.86, and the total sum of the differences of each overall score to 100%, 42.02%, each percentage point below 100% reduces the funding amount by €21,533.67. Thus, the column "Financing of the Environment Programme adjusted according to the merit of the project and appropriation limit" reflects the adjustment by merit.

Technical note of Call #4 -- Implementation of pilot projects of living labs for decarbonisation and climate change mitigation

The Call aims to promote the development of innovative technological solutions, such as "living laboratories".

"Living labs" can be defined as areas for testing innovative solutions, where multiple stakeholders collaborate in the development, prototyping, validation and testing of new technologies, services, and respective applications in a real context, in delimited areas, with local identity and recognizable by citizens.

The projects selected under this Call will contribute to increasing resilience to climate change, through concrete local adaptation and mitigation measures to climate change and low-carbon technological solutions in cities.

Eligible Promoters: Private entities legally established in Portugal are considered eligible and Eligible Partners are Mandatory partner entities: As established in Annex II of the Programme Agreement, signed on May 27, 2019, it is mandatory to have an authority as a partner entity location of municipalities with more than 200,000 inhabitants (Lisbon, Sintra, Vila Nova de Gaia, Porto, Cascais and Loures) responsible for implementing climate change mitigation plans. Each partner entity can integrate several applications. Other partner entities: in accordance with Article 7.2.2 'Regulation on the implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2014-2021', any private, commercial, or non-commercial entity and non-governmental organizations, legally established in Portugal or in the Donor Countries.

The total allocation available is €6,058,823 and the Funding rate: The eligible costs of the selected project will be funded up to a maximum rate of 50%. The Minimum Financing Amount per project: €200,000; Maximum amount of funding per project: €1,000,000. Duration of the Projects: the duration of the projects comprises a time horizon of up to 36 months. Projects of living laboratories located in the municipalities of the national territory with a resident population of more than 200 thousand inhabitants are eligible, namely Lisbon, Sintra, Vila Nova de Gaia, Porto, Cascais and Loures.

- The final report was published on March 11, 2021, available at:
<https://www.eegrants.gov.pt/media/3807/call4-final-report.pdf>
- All Call#4 applications are running and perfectly aligned with the approved time schedule.

5. As a result of the closure of projects under Call #2 - Projects to promote Circular Economy in the Construction Sector and in the sense of good management of the remaining amounts, it was understood by the Programme Operator for the Environment, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy (hereinafter designated by Programme Operator), grant additional funding to projects already approved in the case of Call#4. Allocating an estimated part of endowment savings affects the Programme management expenses.
6. This exercise also aims to deal with exceptional price increases that were unpredictable at the time of submission of the project proposal.
7. It is noted that the allocation of increased funding complies with applicable State aid rules and that public procurement rules are complied with, as applicable.
8. This understanding is framed by the adoption of flexibility letters by the FMO (Technical Secretariat of the EEA Grants) and considers the greater absorption of funds by the projects. It is in this context that the Secretary General for Environment, as Programme Operator, proposes the reallocation of savings in the manner indicated below.
9. The proposed solution results from the understanding agreed upon in a bilateral meeting with the National Management Unit (UNG), on March 8, 2023, at 10:00 am, held at the Secretary General premises.
10. The program partner Innovation Norway and the FMO (EEA Grants Technical Secretariat) were also consulted. All responded favorably to this proposal.
11. This reprogramming proposal thus aims to financially improve the decision of the Selection Committee approved by the Program Operator and contained in the Final Report - <https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/3807/call4-final-report.pdf>.
12. This solution does not imply increasing the Programme's risk, nor affect more funding from the EEA Grants, being guaranteed the conditions approved in the Program Agreement, namely, the maximum amount per project (€1,000,000.00) and the maximum financing rate (50.00%) approved in each Call; The eligible costs of the project include the maximum fee described in the notice and exceptions such as, in cases where the entities promoting the project are non-governmental organizations, hereinafter referred to as NGOs, or social partners, in accordance with article 1.6 (n) and (y) of the 'Regulation on the implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2014-2021', which will be financed up to a rate of 90%; the total cost per project submitted in the application was considered.
13. The implementation of this solution meets the flexibility granted and has no effect on the Programme Contract, in force. The goals and objectives of the programme remain as stated in the Programme Agreement (Flexibility in the implementation of programs under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 in Portugal, 05.10.2022)
14. To carry out this exercise, the Programme Operator held meetings with all the consortia, where the possibility of financial reinforcement of the projects was addressed, having been asked to express their financial needs arising from the special conjecture that results from the high prices and other factors not imputed directly to the projects.
15. Thus, the Programme Operator prepared a proposal for the readjustment of amounts, whose objective, essentially, was to meet the expressed needs.
16. After receiving the contributions from the 7 projects and considering the assumptions of €1,000,000.00 per project, as the maximum funding amount, the total cost of each project submitted, the methodology adopted by the Selection Committee and the scoring order obtained in accordance with the Final Report approved on 03/11/2021 was maintained.

Within the scope of the reprogramming, the financial allocation, per project, is as follows:

Porto Asprela + Sustentável (03/Call #4), promoter COOPÉRNICO – Cooperativa de Desenvolvimento Sustentável, CRL

- The promoter has not presented any more expenses for the project.
- Funds up to the limit of €1 million (+€16,770.63 in fund = (€1,000,000.00-€983,229.37)) were considered.
- The total investment has not changed.
- The financing rate was changed from 67.98% to 69.14%.
- The allocated fund amount is now €1,000,000.00.

Cascais SmartPole (01/Call #4)

- The promoter presented more expenses for the project (+€77,943.00 expense for a €63,109.63 funding)
- The amount of the fund up to the limit of €1 million (+€49,401.83 of fund) was considered.
- The funding rate has not changed (80.97%).
- The allocated fund amount is now €1,000,000.00.

Loures PAB_LivingLab + (06/Call #4)

- The promoter presented more expenses for the project (+expenditure of €29,883.19 for a financing of €23,676.76);
- The amount of the Fund up to the limit of €1 million (+€23,676.76 in the fund) was considered.
- The funding rate has not changed (79.23%);
- The allocated fund amount is now €999,809.80.

Sintra SMILE (05/Call #4)

- The promoter presented more expenses for the project (+expenditure of €41,169.00 for a financing of €29,664.63);
- The amount of the Fund up to the limit of €1 million (+€29,664.63 in the fund) was considered.
- The funding rate has not changed (72.06%).
- The allocated fund amount is now €878,928.95.

Gaia Living Lab da Afurada (04/Call #4), promoter CEDES - Centro de Estudos em Desenvolvimento Sustentável

- The promoter did not present any more expenses for the project.
- The Fund amount was considered up to the limit of €1 million (+€125,756.63 of fund = (€975,870.90-€850,114.27)).
- The total investment did not change.
- The financing rate was changed from 78.40% to 90.00%.
- The allocated fund amount is now €975,870.90.

Lisboa Hub Criativo do Beato (07/Call #4), promoter AIEL – Associação para a Inovação e Empreendedorismo de Lisboa

- The promoter did not present any more expenses for the project.
- The Fund amount was considered up to the limit of €1 million (+€188,419.61 of fund = (€1,000,000.00-€811,580.39).
- The total investment did not change.
- The financing rate was changed from 40.58% to 50.00%.
- The allocated fund amount is now €1,000,000.00.

Sintra I4efficiency (02/Call #4)

- The promoter presented more expenses for the project (+expenditure of €78,009.24 for a financing of €52,144.37);
- The amount of the Fund up to the limit of €1 million (+€52,144.37 in the fund) was considered.
- The funding rate has not changed (66.84%).
- The allocated fund amount is now €785,980.63.

Conclusion

In the set of 7 projects, it is possible to allocate the amount of €485,834.48 originating from savings from projects that ended within the scope of Call #2 - Projects for the promotion of Circular Economy in the Construction Sector and in the appropriation allocated to management expenses.

The implementation of the reprogramming described above implies that it is included in an addendum to the contract, per project, which clearly and unequivocally sets out the new physical and financial situation.

The Secretary General for Environment

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