

# *ANNUAL PROGRAMME REPORT*

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Portugal

PT-ENVIRONMENT Environment, Climate Change and Low Carbon  
Economy

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## A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The most significant results of the programme by the end of 2022 are:

1. In cumulative terms, the 'Environment Program' closed the 5 calls and the 3 Small Grant Schemes according to pre-defined calendar. Taking into consideration the three Pre-defined Projects 60 contracts were signed, exhausting the endowment provided for the approved projects. The summary of projects can be found on <https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/>.
2. Of the 60 projects running 29 have partners from donor countries; by 31.12.2022, 19 Projects closed as planned and with significant deliverables to the relevant stakeholders and community in general. The most significant results can be found in <https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/deliverables/>
3. The program operator (PO) considers that the program has made good progress, but some projects started with some delays and bureaucratic difficulties due COVID-19 pandemic. The most affected activities were events, presential meetings, import of materials to pilot construction sector projects or marine litter projects. Until now the Russian Invasion of Ukraine has low impact on Portuguese Projects. The increased price in materials is challenging and the Projects increased its share in co-financing.
4. PO executed more than 40% of the budget (in a total amount of €29,411,765) which is still low, but in the last quarter of 2021 PO increased financial execution and kept a steady pace.
5. 62 On-the-spot verifications were performed by an external consultant.
6. The visibility of the programme was ensured by several Projects' performance such as:
  - (i) The [project "Biosphere Reserves: sustainable territories, resilient communities"](#) (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0032) - <https://www.reservasdabiosfera.pt/en/projeto/>;
  - (ii) The [pilot project iREC - Innovate in recycling](#) (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0016) - <https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/irec/>, promoted by Cascais Ambiente, was distinguished with the ["Escoba de Oro" by the Spanish association ATEGRUS](#). This project was the first beverage packaging return system to introduce the incentive mode in Portugal;
  - (iii) The [Refill H2O](#) (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0009) - [https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/refill\\_h2o/](https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/refill_h2o/) - project won one of the categories of international Green Product Award;
  - (iv) [GrowingCircle project](#) (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0026) - <https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/growingcircle/> - participates in Cobuilder event in Paris with their achievements on Digital continuity throughout the life cycle of constructions.
  - (v) [Fishing the Plastic PT-ENVIRONMENT-0011 Fishing the Plastic: FishingthePlastic](#)", contributes to the promotion of the reduction of plastic marine litter and especially of single use plastic through the involvement of the fishing community in its collection and by the creative and innovative awareness raising actions especially targeted at key groups related to the sea (<https://businessasnature.org/>). See [short film #fishingtheplastic](#).

Main Challenges:

1. Close monitoring to the projects with low execution rates and or with higher calendar and budget deviations and a small 100% dedicated team to do it.

2. Improve project procedures at the level of Communication of Activities and Results.
3. Hold the team motivated and united.

Summing up, the PT Environment Programme Operator considers the programme has made good progress, but some projects started with delay due to bureaucratic difficulties and due to the COVID-19 pandemic and lack of materials. Flexibility and adaptability are keeping the same level of ambition, the targets and budget agreed to ensure that all strategic and operational objectives of the Programme were accomplished despite the current situation in Europe. Up to 2022, the overall risk of the PT Environment Programme was 2.00 low moderate risk. Stability, cumulated knowledge, and cohesion of the team were the key to the Programme's success.

## B. PERFORMANCE

### 1. Programme progress and results

#### Objectives

The Environment, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy Program - 'Environment Program' - was created following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Portugal, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein, with a view to the application in Portugal of the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism (MFEED - EEA Grants) 2014-2021 in the Environment and Ecosystems program areas (PA11), and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (PA13).

PT Environment Programme was approved, and the programme agreement signed on the 27th of May 2019 and the Programme Contract between NFP, and Secretary General for Environment was signed on 29th May 2019. Portugal changes the Government by March 2022, but it kept the same Party in power since 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The Ministry from Environment and Energy Transition become Ministry for Environment and Climate Action. More focus on climate policies such as mitigation and in particular adaptation to climate change policies. The current national policies focus on climate change, energy, in particular hydrogen, forestry, and urban transports.

The national priorities are aligned with the European Green Deal that aims to transform the EU into a fair and prosperous society, with a modern, resource-efficient, and competitive economy: (i) where there are no net emissions of greenhouse gases in 2050 and (ii) where economic growth is decoupled from resource use. It also aims to protect, conserve, and enhance the EU's natural capital, and protect the health and well-being of citizens from environment-related risks and impacts. At the same time, this transition must be just and inclusive.

PO considers that is the most relevant National Policy Framework that contributes to attain the results frameworks goals and as well increase the path to reduce economic and social disparities, and strengthen cooperative relations with Donor Countries, through its bilateral activity, and the Projects' activities.

PT Environment Programme received 161 applicants and which 125 applicants were approved; 60 projects supported which 57 were approved under 5 calls and 3 small grant schemes; and we have 3 pre-defined projects; all calls closed; all contracted signed; and 29 projects have partners from donor countries. €52,390,148 of total investment co-financing by EEA Grants in more than 27M€. Therefore, the demand for funding were 2.25 higher than total funds.

PT Environment Programme strategically contributes to (i) Ensure good environmental status of ecosystems in Portugal; (ii) Reduce adverse effects of pollution and other human activities; (iii) Increase resilience to climate change through mitigation and adaptation measures for a low

carbon economy; (iv) Reduce economic and social disparities and (v) Strengthen cooperative relations with Donor Countries.

The Environment Program stands out for financing a large number of innovative projects, promoting: (i) the development, sharing and application of new methodologies and technologies in the area of the circular economy (waste and construction) and climate change (mitigation and adaptation); (ii) citizenship in the area of the circular economy (waste), climate change and the enhancement of the territory; (iii) governance in the area of circular economy (waste) and climate change (mitigation); (iv) basic knowledge to support national policy decisions in the area of circular economy (waste) and climate change (adaptation); and (v) bilateral cooperation in the area of the circular economy and territorial enhancement.

The uniqueness of EEA Grants can be achieved by applied innovation as a complementary fund. In these cases (circular economy and the climate change) they had special features funded by EEA Grants. The Concept Note and the calls / small grant schemes included the special features. The Environment Program promoted the creation of synergies between projects, and a third of the funded projects have foreign partners / DPP. The dynamics created have provided partnerships, including with foreign entities, and some pilot projects will be reproduced or consolidated beyond the project execution deadline.

Summing up the uniqueness of EEA Grants in Portugal to reduced social and economic disparities and strengthened bilateral cooperation and adding value can be achieved by applied innovation.

3 Operational Objectives Environment Programme aim to accomplish:

- 1st operational objective (Outcome 1): Promotion of the Circular Economy through specific targets (construction sector, reduce marine litter and pilot projects to beverage packaging return system) - endowment of €11,952,187
- 2nd Objective Territorial Enhancement (Outcome 2): endowment of €2,297,835 increased by savings from the closing Projects from Promotion of the Circular Economy
- 3rd Objective Decarbonisation of society (Outcome 3): endowment of €12,885,294 increased due to the new open call: call#5

After Programme Agreement Modifications Environment Programme has a total amount of €29,411,765 due to an increase amount address to Outcome 2 and 3 and a small reduction to the total amount address to Outcome 1. After the modification approved in October 2022.

- Outcome 1 represents 40.6% of total amount of the Programme
- Outcome 2, 7.8% of total amount of the Programme and
- Outcome 3 represents 43.8% of total amount of the Programme and
- almost 7.7% for management costs.

In cumulative terms the payment to projects and management costs reached more than €12 million which represents more than 40% of total amount.

## Outcome 1: Increased application of circular economy principles in targeted sectors

### 1.1 Implementation Progress

In cumulative terms the payment to projects reached € 6,939,640.97 which represents 58.4% of total amount of Outcome 1. This priority supports 29 projects with an endowment of €11,952,187 that corresponds to €22,181,906 total investments. Outcome 1 includes pre-defined project 1 - Packaging/deposit-return framework' Regulation of the deposit system for packaging plastic, glass, ferrous metals and aluminum aims to develop a regulatory model for the deposit system established by Law no. 69/2018, of December 26. This PDP closed in February 2022 100% accomplish the target, €112,802 a 100% EEA Grants Grant Rate. The Packaging/deposit-return framework' is in the Ministry of Environment and Climate Action for assessment.

### 1.2 Reallocations

19 projects closed up to the end of 2022 (17 from Outcome 1 and 2 from Outcome 3) and provide savings that was absorbed by the Outcome 2 and Outcome 3. Two major reasons to do that: (i) to support the Call#5 – Projects for climate change-related extreme weather preparedness and risk management (<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/4377/pt-env-call-5-combat-desertification.pdf>); and (ii) to support the inclusion of the 12<sup>th</sup> Biosphere Reserve in the Project to Enhanced sustainable development in Biosphere Reserves (initially approved for the 11 Biosphere Reserves in Portugal) - (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0032) - <https://www.reservasdabiosfera.pt/en/projeto>.

Projects closed as planned and with significant deliverables to the relevant stakeholders and community in general. The most significant results can be found in <https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/deliverables/>. Regarding this priority (Outcome 1) it must be highlighted:

[PT-ENVIRONMENT-0001 - Regulation of the deposit system for beverage packaging made of plastic, glass, ferrous metals and aluminum](https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/pre-defined-projects/pdp1-regulation-of-the-system-for-deposit-of-beverage-packaging-made-of-plastic-glass-ferrous-metals-and-aluminium/)  
(<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/pre-defined-projects/pdp1-regulation-of-the-system-for-deposit-of-beverage-packaging-made-of-plastic-glass-ferrous-metals-and-aluminium/>)

[Circular Buildings](https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/circular-buildings/) (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0006) -  
<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/circular-buildings/>.

- [Guide to creating building material passports](#)
- [Circular Material Passport Template](#)
- [Guide for improving building efficiency indicators](#)
- [Guide for promoting circularity in Environmental Product Declarations](#)
- [Methodological note - Tool for calculating environmental and economic impacts](#)

[Circular EcoBIM](https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/circular-ecobim/) (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0025) -  
<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/circular-ecobim/>

A BIM standard type Product Data template and applications to the calculation of building and component circularity passports, integration, and development of product EPD and the

calculation of LEVEL(S) system indicators for buildings from building models, thus contributing to the implementation of circularity practices in construction. <https://circularecobim.eu/> -

**Closer (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0005) -**

<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/closer-close-to-resources-recovery/>)

Developmentment of a guide for preliminary demolition and/or renovation audits applicable to the Portuguese reality. You may access the project website here - <http://closer.Inec.pt/eeagrants.html>.

- [Conceptual framework](#)
- [Final Guide](#)

**(De)construct for Circular Economy** – (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0024)

<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/de-construct-for-circular-economy/>

To foster a regional strategy for the reuse of building products and components as well as the recycling of construction and demolition waste - <https://desconstruir.pt/>.

**E-REDES PT-ENVIRONMENT-0010 E-REDES**: The implementation a pilot study in the Marine Protected Area of the Northern Littoral Marine Park. The effect of this initiative on the reduction of ghost fishing and of synthetic plastic materials in the ocean will be assessed (<https://www.e-redes.esposende.pt/>) <https://www.e-redes.esposende.pt/>

**Fishing the Plastic PT-ENVIRONMENT-0011 Fishing the Plastic**: FishingthePlastic", contributes to the promotion of the reduction of plastic marine litter and especially of single use plastic through the involvement of the fishing community in its collection and by the creative and innovative awareness raising actions especially targeted at key groups related to the sea (<https://businessasnature.org/>). See [short film #fishingtheplastic](#).

**GrowingCircle** (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0026)

<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/growingcircle/>

To raise awareness among agents, through training/dissemination actions for the role of Data Templates and evidence their impact through practical implementation in specific case studies.

- [Information Framework Database translation](#)
- [Level of Information Need \(LOIN\)](#)
- [Data-driven asset management based on Data Templates](#)

**LowPlast** (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0013)

<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/lowplast/>

Aquamuseu development of awareness/monitoring actions, with resource to an existing boat. People actively participate in collection sorting and counting of plastics and received information about possible sources and impacts.

- [Installation in water](#)

- [Beach cleaning](#)
- [LowPlast Seal](#)

#### **[REFILLH2O](#)** (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0009)

[https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/refill\\_h2o/](https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/refill_h2o/)

To increase the use of secondary raw materials to replace the use of plastics by promoting the development of a refill station for plastic-free reusable water bottles. The prototypes were installed and made available in the 6 IPVC schools, their bars, canteens and academic residences, and the plastic bottles of mineral water will be withdrawn from commercialization. [Project Requirements - Refill H2O](#) - [https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/5749/caderno-de-requisitos-refill-h2o\\_signed.pdf](https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/5749/caderno-de-requisitos-refill-h2o_signed.pdf)

#### **[SECClasS](#)** (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0029) -

<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/secclass-sustainability-enhanced-construction-classification-system/>

Stimulation of the circular economy by introducing a Sustainability Enhanced Construction Information Classification System to be used by Portuguese-speaking building designers, contractors, and managers to improve buildings' performance and to reduce waste through the use of digital tools that provide informed management and selection of construction materials and elements.

#### **[Sustainable Value](#)** (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0004) -

(<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/sustainable-value/>):

Development of the Type I environmental labeling program, including the selection of product categories, environmental criteria, and functional characteristics of the products, for more sustainable construction, according to the procedures adopted based on ISO 14024 :2018 for certification and attribution of the label.

#### **[There's River and Sea, There's Waste to Transform](#)** (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0008)

<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/there-is-river-and-sea-there-is-waste-to-transform/>

Development of a set of initiatives and tools that promote Ocean Literacy and the Protection and Preservation of the Sea integrated in educational systems, in informing citizens, in training technicians at administrative and business level. <https://www.lipor.pt/pt/recicla-te/ha-rio-e-mar/>.

Most projects developed under this Outcome 1 refer that there will be a follow up after this financing period. This is based on material and intellectual results, as well as synergies and new governance models developed during the project implementation. On the other hand, some projects had to adapt to different circumstances, from logistics to laboratory testing of materials, which brought unexpected results that will also contribute to different activities and approaches in the future.

## **Outcome 2: Enhanced sustainable development in Biosphere Reserves**

### **2.1 Implementation Progress**

In cumulative terms the payment to projects reached € 1,431,651.88 which represents 62.3% of total amount of Outcome 2. This priority supports 1 Project a 100% EEA Grants Grant Rate and a total endowment of €2,297,835.

## 2.2 Delays, Deviations and Reallocations

This Project beneficiate of more €99,168.20 from savings from projects that were closed (please see 9#Modification PA).

## 2.3 Most Important Results Achieved, some project examples

The project initially covered the 11 biosphere reserves existing at the time of the tender launch. In October 2020, UNESCO approved the application of the Biosphere Reserve of Porto Santo Island, which due to not yet exist, was not included in the terms of reference of the project.

The inclusion of the 12th Portuguese Biosphere Reserve, Porto Santo Island, in the project provides greater coherence and integrity to relevant activities such as the consolidation and positioning of the Portuguese Biosphere Reserves brand, access to knowledge and development tools (inventory and mapping of ecosystem services, memories and cultural identity), access to training and capacity building of local actors, among others, which otherwise will not be accessible to this reserve located in an outermost region, of reduced size and capacity.

The inclusion of the Porto Santo Island Biosphere Reserve in the project does not contribute to any additional risk for the project and is a unique opportunity to integrate this reserve in the collective dynamics that the other Portuguese Biosphere Reserves have gained with the support provided by the project. The promotor and the partners are fully available and willing to ensure the inclusion of Porto Santo Island Biosphere Reserve. Adjustments in the timing of some project activities will be necessary, and it is not expected that the extension of the deadline for completion of the project will exceed six months in relation to the original calendar. The new calendar estimates the end of the Project by 30.11.2023. It is the project team's understanding that the benefit of the inclusion of the Porto Santo Island Biosphere Reserve is worth the effort.

**The results achieved included** the exchange and collection of information; the creation of work document archives; the conduction of surveys and interviews; the definition of methodologies; data processing; the production of report contents; the production and publication of promotional materials, which focused mainly on the "Biosphere Reserves of Portugal" brand; the launch of the Photography Competition and the "Biosphere in conversation" initiative; and the distribution of "signs/digital gateways", together with the respective best practice and application manual, amongst others, including the production of evidence by means of records, minutes/memos of meetings and survey responses; as well as the production of several data processing documents, reports and communication items, namely the news, articles and posts published in the traditional media (newspapers, television and radio), the Project website and social media, and the distribution of gifts and merchandising related to the National Olympics of Biosphere Reserves.

The development, publication, and promotion of the web-gis platform, a significant effort undertaken to allow the participative public mapping of ecosystem services, based on the geographic information system (PPGIS), was completed as part of activity ID26 (<https://new.maptionnaire.com/q/4us98s4wyf83>).

In view of the diversity of the activities carried out and the respective execution schedule, which justified the division of the Project into several development stages, it was deemed necessary to highlight the 14 activities closed during this period and the corresponding reports, as follows: "Digital Infrastructure - distributed management model"; "Identification of potential Ecosystem



Services (ES) associated with ecosystems”; “Analysis of the dynamics of the socio-economic sector”; “Identification of key actors in the socio-economic sector in the BR”; “Identification of existing R&DT, innovation and entrepreneurship best practices aligned with sustainable development”; “Selection of indicators and development of methodology for assessing the condition / status of ES”; “Tourism "Script" for the Portuguese Biosphere Reserves - pilot action”; “Benchmarking analysis of Sustainable Development (SD) indicators used in UNESCO's BR networks”; “Assessment of training needs that will support the training planning”; “Communication Plan Design”; “Strategy and Brand Identity (Tone, Signature and Communication Messages, Logo and Brandbook)”; “Development of Awareness Plan for different audiences”; “Communication and dissemination of the BR Olympics”; and “BR Olympics”.

### **Outcome 3: Increased climate change resilience and responsiveness in targeted areas**

#### **3.1. Implementation Progress**

In cumulative terms the payment to projects reached € 2,896,052.19 which represents 22.2% of total amount of Outcome 3. This priority supports 30 projects with an endowment of €12,885,272 that corresponds to €18,015,568 total investments. Outcome 3 includes two pre-defined projects.

Pre-defined Project 2 - Portuguese Territorial Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment. It aims is the territorial vulnerability assessment of climate change aims to become the National Roadmap for Adaptation and Climate Change for the XXI Century: €1,300,000 total investment, 30.8% EEA Grants grant rate that corresponds to €400,000 of funding. The total execution up to now: 24%. PO are going to start meetings every two months with the consortium for a closer monitoring.

Pre-defined Project 3 - Management of the Rio Ceira River Basin adapted to Climate Change. It aims to improve resilience and the capacity to respond to climate change of 'River Ceira River Basin Management: €2,600,000 total investment, 100% EEA Grants grant rate; total execution up to now: 18%. PO have monthly meetings with the consortium for a closer monitoring.

#### **3.2 Delays, Deviations and Reallocations**

19 projects closed up to the end of 2022 (17 from Outcome 1 and 2 from Outcome 2) and provide savings that was absorbed by the Outcome 2 and Outcome 3. Two major reasons to do that: (i) to support the Call#5 – Projects for climate change-related extreme weather preparedness and risk management (<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/4377/pt-env-call-5-combat-desertification.pdf>); and (ii) to support the inclusion of the 12th Biosphere Reserve in the Project to Enhanced sustainable development in Biosphere Reserves (initially approved for the 11 Biosphere Reserves in Portugal) - (PT-ENVIRONMENT-0032) - <https://www.reservasdabiosfera.pt/en/projeto>

#### **3.3 Most Important Results Achieved, some project examples**

Up to the end of 2022 just 2 Projects closed as planned. The most significant results can be found in <https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/deliverables/>. Regarding this priority (Outcome 3) it must be highlighted:

**Living Lab Afurada [PT-ENVIRONMENT-0052](#):** The Afurada Living Lab project intends to assume itself as a territorial laboratory, for testing innovative technological solutions. This is a territory with a strong identity in the territory of Vila Nova de Gaia, with particular emphasis on the local community that inhabits it, characterized by an intimate connection to fishing activity and by an intense experience and enjoyment of public space, which it is important to preserve and strengthen. Indeed, due to recent territorial urban dynamics, with particular emphasis on tourist activity, this territory faces multiple urban challenges that require strategies that promote a harmonious articulation between modernity and tradition (<https://afuradalivinglab.pt>).

**Hub Criativo do Beato [PT-ENVIRONMENT-0055](#)** - hub criativo do beato is an innovation centre for creative and technological companies which is emerging in a complex of decommissioned factories, on the eastern riverside front of Lisbon. This former industrial area of the Portuguese Army, formerly known as the Manutenção Militar (Military Maintenance), was where flours, pasta, bread, biscuits and other cereal products were manufactured. Now it is getting ready to host over 3 thousand people from around the world who want to produce innovation (<https://hubcriativobeato.com/en/home/>).

**CLIMA:AML [PT-ENVIRONMENT-0036](#) - Metropolitan Weather Network – Advanced Weather Monitoring:** this project seeks to create an integrated solution for weather monitoring through a metropolitan network of certified sensors and an online platform for information query. The purpose is to learn about the patterns associated to climate change and its impacts on local communities. With this project, decision processes will be reinforced based on management and dissemination models of real-time information and, simultaneously, on aggregating key metrics to understand climate change and promote adaptation ([https://www.aml.pt/index.php?cp=COMPONENT\\_TEXT&sr=SUS601AD78307518&item](https://www.aml.pt/index.php?cp=COMPONENT_TEXT&sr=SUS601AD78307518&item)).

**PLAAC Arrábida [PT-ENVIRONMENT-0045](#):** The implementation area of the Local Plans for Climate Change Adaptation (PLAAC-Arrábida), which includes the municipalities of Palmela, Sesimbra, and Setúbal, is extremely vulnerable to the climate change impacts, due to its geographic and socioeconomic characteristics. PLAAC-Arrábida represents a fundamental tool to prepare the community to face these problems through current and future adaptation, which is aligned with the European, National and Regional Strategies for Adaptation (<http://www.plaac.ena.com.pt/>). **Closed on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 with a 100% material execution as planned.**

**Climate Change Adaptation in Vila Nova de Poaires [PT-ENVIRONMENT-0038](#) - <https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/news/climate-change-adaptation-in-vila-nova-de-poiars-second-meeting-of-stakeholders/>**

This plan integrates the definition of actions aimed at adapting and / or mitigating the effects of climate change and it is intended to establish lines of action and the respective priority measures for adaptation to climate change, implementing a policy of environmental awareness in order to stimulate the interest of populations in the conservation of the natural heritage, preserving and enhancing the ecological functions of ecosystems. See <http://cm-vilanovadepoiars.pt/ruido> and the see the Adaptation Climate Change Action Plan [https://cm-vilanovadepoiars.pt/images/areas-de-acao/Ambiente/PAAC\\_Vila\\_Nova\\_de\\_Poiars\\_.pdf](https://cm-vilanovadepoiars.pt/images/areas-de-acao/Ambiente/PAAC_Vila_Nova_de_Poiars_.pdf).

**Closed on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 with a 100% material execution as planned.**

**Bilateral Outcome: Enhanced collaboration between beneficiary and donor state entities involved in the programme**

**Bilateral Implementation Progress**

In cumulative terms of the 60 projects running 29 have partners from donor countries. **4 matchmakings** were co organised by the PT Environment Programme and DPP (Innovation Norway). Here some evidence of the main conclusions:

- [Ebook of the Matchmaking Event of February 28th](https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/1618/programa-ambiente-em-acao_environment-programme-in-action_1_eng16052019.pdf) -  
[https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/1618/programa-ambiente-em-acao\\_environment-programme-in-action\\_1\\_eng16052019.pdf](https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/1618/programa-ambiente-em-acao_environment-programme-in-action_1_eng16052019.pdf)
- [Ebook of the launch of Programme Environment of May 29th](https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/1680/programa-ambiente-em-acao_numerodois_eng_17062019.pdf) -  
[https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/1680/programa-ambiente-em-acao\\_numerodois\\_eng\\_17062019.pdf](https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/1680/programa-ambiente-em-acao_numerodois_eng_17062019.pdf)
- [Ebook of the Conference 'Breaking the Barriers in a Circular Economy', September 24th and 25th, in Oslo](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eeagrants.gov.pt%2Fmedia%2F2573%2Fon3oslo2019_eng.pptx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) -  
[https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eeagrants.gov.pt%2Fmedia%2F2573%2Fon3oslo2019\\_eng.pptx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eeagrants.gov.pt%2Fmedia%2F2573%2Fon3oslo2019_eng.pptx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)
- Within the scope of the EEA Grants Bilateral Relations Fund, the Environment Programme was present in the matchmaking held on November 8, at Sentralen, in Oslo. The Bilateral Business Opportunities Event, organized by the EEA Grants in Portugal in partnership with Innovation Norway and AICEP, and with the support of the Embassies of Portugal in Oslo and of Norway in Lisbon, it aimed to strengthen relations between Portuguese and Norwegian companies, with a matchmaking session taking place in the afternoon. The thematic areas discussed focused on Maritime Technology, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Energy Resources and Biotechnology, Digital Transition, and Industry 4.0.

**Other bilateral Activities** that were developed (in cumulative terms):

- Within the scope of the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2014 – 2021, the Secretary General for the Environment (SGA), operator of the **Environment Programme**, and the Directorate-General for Maritime Policy (DGPM), operator of the **Blue Growth Programme**, organized an event which aims to **demonstrate the synergies between both Programs** and publicize the projects financed in the areas of circular economy and marine litter reduction. The event took place on the 3rd of May, with a hybrid nature – online and in person, at the Pavilhão do Conhecimento, Lisbon, in the presence of the Norwegian Ambassador to Portugal, Tove Bruvik Westberg, the Secretary of State for the Sea, José Maria Costa, Secretary of State for the Environment and Energy, João Galamba, the Partner of the Innovation Norway Program, Magnar Ødelien, the Deputy Director of the General Directorate for Sea Policies Conceição Santos, the Coordinator of the National Management Unit, Susana Ramos and the Secretary General for Environment and Climate Action, Alexandra Carvalho. During the pitch session that took place in the morning, 13 projects were presented on the themes of removing single-use plastics from the maritime environment, through actions to raise awareness of the need to reduce the consumption of single-use plastics and plastic bottles. and encourage their recovery after use, innovation applied in the quantification of waste in the marine environment and in the development of new by-products and raw materials from waste and surpluses from the sea, production of sustainable networks and optimization of waste management. The afternoon session included the promotion of Bilateral Meetings (b2b) where the Promoters had the opportunity to demonstrate the stage of development of their projects and respective results.
- Visit to the Portuguese Network of Biosphere Reserves, in particular to 3 Biosphere Reserves occur between 30<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> June. A field trip to the Boquilobo Paul Biosphere Reserve took place on May 31st with the objective of strengthening bilateral relations between Portugal and Norway and to make known the Portuguese Network of Biosphere Reserves. These field visits are attended by representatives of the norwegian environment agency, innovation norway, university of bergen and the nordhordaland UNESCO. The first day of field activities included a visit to the Paul do Boquilobo Biosphere Reserve located in Golegã, where it was possible to

interact with local agents related to the main economic activities of the territory - agriculture and Lusitano horse breeding. The second day the Norwegian team to visit the Trans Biosphere Reserve Gerês-Xurés and interact with local actors from the Portuguese side (Gerês) and the Spanish side (Xurés). Throughout the day it was possible to know this reserve rich in natural heritage, but also cultural and historical. And in the last day it was dedicated to share best practices between Portuguese Biosphere Reserves and nordhordaland UNESCO in Peniche.

### **Bilateral Delays, Deviations and Reallocations**

In 2022 there two major bilateral activities related to PT Environment Programme and Donor Programme Partner: synergies event between PT Environment Programme and Blue Growth Programme and the Study Visit to 3 Portuguese Biosphere Reserves.

### **Bilateral Most Important Results Achieved**

The Level of trust between cooperating entities in Beneficiary States and Donor States get 7.00: the Level of satisfaction with the partnership reach 6.78; 100% share of cooperating organisations that apply the knowledge acquired from bilateral partnership involving 3 cooperating organisations.

5 training courses co-organised by donor state and beneficiary state entities, in particular from two Projects: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0026 (13\_Call#2): 3 and PT-ENVIRONMENT-0007 (05\_SGS#2) (2).

Three documentaries in national television program – Europa Minha -  
<https://www.rtp.pt/play/p10187/e621675/europa-minha>;  
<https://www.rtp.pt/play/p10187/e624303/europa-minha>;  
<https://www.rtp.pt/play/p10646/e648627/europa-minha>

Working in close cooperation with FMO, DPP, NFP is key and will keep on. The purpose is to strengthen and extended the Network and cooperation between Portuguese and Donor Partner Entities.

## **C. MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

### **1. Monitorings carried out**

The on-site checks carried out allowed obtaining a very complete and detailed knowledge of the projects, which is essential for assessing their development as well as any existing constraints and the added value they bring. Since there is a proximity to the project team, which has the opportunity to provide the project status in the different areas and to share the necessary documentation for the digital dossier. On-site checks also allow the identification of information gaps, errors or omissions that are corrected/avoided.

In general, projects that have already been subject to local verification are considered to be of high interest, whether those of a more practical nature with results on the ground, or those involving the development of platforms or environmental policies and tools, innovative in their thematic area, with potential for scalability, continuity and in many cases, with the potential to create new markets and products.

62 On-the-spot verifications were performed by an external consultant. This actions are intended to control the reality of the project/operation, in particular the supply of the product(s)/service(s) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, physical progress, evidence of compliance with Community rules on information and publicity, public procurement and the environment, as well as the collection of additional evidence of the actual

physical and financial implementation of the project (i.e., project/operation implementation reports prepared directly by the promoter). Each Project must have at least one and in projects with a duration more than one year must have one per year.

The criteria to proceed to this on-spot verification were: (i) Very low technical and financial execution and significant project delays; (ii) some technical issues such as Difficulty in collecting data from one of the project indicators - quantity of recovered packaging or Low technical execution due to the breakdown of the machines acquired for the project; (iii) closing of the projects with duration of 12 to 18 months; (iv) delays in the execution of some activities due to the pandemics and adaptation of several activities to remote activities; and for example (v) activity execution and management risk: due to bureaucratic situations and the pandemic situation, it was requested an extension of the project's deadline, adjusting the schedule for the realization of all the activities.

Apart from regular on-the-spot verifications PT Environment Programme promotes several regular meetings with the Projects in two main modalities: bilateral (extraordinary, monthly and bimonthly), and by call /SGS gathering all the project promoters and partners. These regular meetings, namely, to promote a small, oriented capacitation sessions with all the projects from the same output is very useful for sharing experiences and problems. PO shares some examples of the main conclusions from these joint meetings:

Adaptation: From theory to practice – Discussion Forum: Increased climate change resilience and responsiveness in targeted areas (Outcome 3)

[https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/5351/environment\\_synergies\\_adaptation\\_w1.pdf](https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/5351/environment_synergies_adaptation_w1.pdf)

Discussion session on the deposit system for nonreusable beverage packaging

[https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/5065/document-with-questions-and-answers-about-the-quiz-of-drs\\_vs\\_en.pdf](https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/5065/document-with-questions-and-answers-about-the-quiz-of-drs_vs_en.pdf)

Please find project's details on Annex 5: Monitoring plan.

## **2. Evaluations carried out**

No evaluation has been carried out to the PT Environment Programme up to 31.12.2022.

## **D. ANNEXES**

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- 4. Risk management**
- 5. Monitoring plan**
- 6. Evaluation report**
- 7. Agreement conditions**

### Annex 1: Results achieved

Objective: Improved environmental status in ecosystems and reduced adverse effects of pollution and other human activities								
Outcome 1: Increased application of circular economy principles in targeted sectors								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
<b>Construction and demolition waste avoided by the supported sectors</b>	Percentage	48.60 %	50.00 % (APR 2021)	2,478.36	3,257.59	76.08 %	70.00 %	In particular, Projects PT-ENVIRONMENT-0026 (13_Call#2) and PT-ENVIRONMENT-0027 (15_Call#2) contribute to this result.
<b>Use of secondary materials increased in the supported sectors</b>	Percentage	-	50.00 % (APR 2021)	478.36	646.59	73.98 %	15.00 %	In particular, Project PT-ENVIRONMENT-0026 (13_Call#2) contributes to this result
<b>Number of jobs created</b>	Cumulative number	0	23 (APR 2021)	-	-	28	25	The Projects were able to create more jobs than the target proposed.
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	1	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	22	-	-	28	-	-
<i>Age</i>								
<i>Children and youth (0-17)</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Young adults (18-29)</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Adults (30-64)</i>	-	-	1	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Elderly (65+)</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	22	-	-	28	-	-
<b>Tonnes of plastic recycled through all supported schemes/measures</b>	Cumulative number	0	66 (APR 2021)	-	-	145.61	20,000	-
<b>Output 1.1: Deposit-refund system for beverage plastic bottles (and cans) piloted</b>								

Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
Number of retailers participating in the deposit-refund system	Cumulative number	0	20 (IFR 2022)	-	-	26	25	Includes 6 locations in local retail markets in Project PT-ENVIRONMENT-0014 (02_Call#02)
Number of beverage industry organisations participating in the deposit-refund system	Cumulative number	0	33 (IFR 2022)	-	-	33	2	3 Projects contribute for this result: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0014 (3), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0018 (2) and PT-ENVIRONMENT-0020 (28)
<b>Output 1.2: Strengthened framework for the management of plastic packing including a deposit-refund system for plastic bottles</b>								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
Regulation governing the deposit-refund system developed	Binary	No	Yes (APR 2021)	-	-	Yes	Yes	PT-ENVIRONMENT-0001 (PDP-1) on 31.12.2021
<b>Output 1.3: Reduced contribution from land-based sources of marine plastic littering</b>								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
Number of voluntary schemes supported	Cumulative number	0	110 (IFR 2022)	-	-	136	3	Contribution from the Projects: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0008 (3), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0011 (87), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0012 (25), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0010 (21)
Number of CSOs supported	Cumulative number	0	6 (IFR 2022)	-	-	6	3	Contribution from the Projects: PT-

								ENVIRONMENT-0010 (1), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0011 (1), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0012 (2), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0013 (2)
<b>Number of awareness-raising campaigns carried out</b>	Cumulative number	0	516 (IFR 2022)	-	-	513	3	Contribution from the Projects: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0008 (307), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0009 (22), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0010 (11), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0011 (111) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0012 (37), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0013 (25)
<b>Output 1.4: Increased resource efficiency in the construction sector</b>								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
<b>Number of innovative solutions for increased resource efficiency piloted</b>	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	17	5	Contribution from the Projects: PT-ENVI PT-ENVIRONMENTPT-ENVIRONMENT-0026 (13), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0030 (4)
<b>Number of SMEs supported</b>	Cumulative number	0	359 (IFR 2022)	-	-	14	5	Correction: Awareness raising and workshops for capacitation were mistaken counted as SMEs supported. Consider: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0022 (2) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0023 (1) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0024 (2) PT_ENVIRONMENT-0025



								(4) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0027 (2) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0028 +1 big company PT-ENVIRONMENT-0029 (2) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0031 (1)
<b>Number of demonstration buildings constructed</b>	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	1	3	Contribution from the Project: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0030 (1)
<b>Output 1.5: Standards, guidance and declarations developed</b>								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
<b>Number of businesses developing product declarations</b>	Cumulative number	0	5 (IFR 2022)	-	-	10	10	Contribution from the Projects: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0004 (1), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0005 (1), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0006 (3), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0026 (5)
<b>Number of standards/best practices developed</b>	Cumulative number	0	6 (IFR 2022)	-	-	6	5	Contribution from the Projects: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0004 (1), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0005 (1), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0006 (3), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0007 (1)
<b>Outcome 2: Enhanced sustainable development in Biosphere Reserves</b>								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
<b>Number of people benefitting from enhanced sustainable</b>	Cumulative number	0	0 (APR 2021)	-	-	0	320,125	not achieved, yet by PT-ENVIRONMENT-0032

development in Biosphere Reserves								
<b>Output 2.1: Increased capacity to manage biosphere reserves</b>								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
<b>Number of sustainable development plans for Biosphere Reserves developed</b>	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	12	not achieved, yet by PT-ENVIRONMENT-0032
<b>Number of Biosphere Reserves where measures have been implemented</b>	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	6	6	PT-ENVIRONMENT-0032
<b>Number of professional staff trained</b>	Cumulative number	0	4 (IFR 2022)	-	-	4	24	not achieved, yet by PT-ENVIRONMENT-0032
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	-
<b>Outcome 3: Increased climate change resilience and responsiveness in targeted areas</b>								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
<b>Number of people benefitting from the development of adaptation strategies</b>	Cumulative number	0	3,062,512 (APR 2021)	-	-	4,093,240	2,600,000	Contribution from the Projects: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0033 (201,646) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0035 (162,512) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0036 (2,900,000) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0034 (136,886) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0041

								(7,274) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0043 (214,916) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0045 (231,253) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0047 (166,726) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0048 (7,387) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0038 (6,929)PT-ENVIRONMENT-0037 (190,949)
<b>Number of people benefitting from the implementation of mitigation/low-carbon measures</b>	Cumulative number	0	1,332 (APR 2021)	-	-	13,997	13,000	Contribution from the Projects: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0049 (6,715), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0052 (1229), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0053 (1472), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0054 (4581)
<b>Estimated annual CO2 emissions reductions (in tons)</b>	Annual number	0	31 (APR 2021)	-	-	129	43,000	Contribution from the Projects: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0049 (2374 kgCO2) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0052 (31) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0039 (98)
<b>Number of jobs created</b>	Cumulative number	0	1 (APR 2021)	-	-	8	10	Contribution from the Projects: PT-ENVIRONMENT-002 (4), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0049 (1), PT-ENVIRONMENT-0050 (3)
<i>Gender</i>								

Female	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
Male	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
Not specified	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	-
<b>Age</b>								
Children and youth (0-17)	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
Young adults (18-29)	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
Adults (30-64)	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
Elderly (65+)	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
Not specified	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	-
<b>Percentage of habitat areas, that were damaged by forest fires, recovered in the Rio Ceira River Basin</b>	Percentage	-	-	41.77	77.56	53.86 %	30.00 %	in acres. target accomplished: project covers an area bigger (77.56 acres) than the area of forest fires (41.77 acres)
<b>Number of acres with reduced susceptibility to desertification</b>	Cumulative number	0	0 (APR 2021)	-	-	27.50	250	Contribution from the Project: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0060 (27.5)
<b>Output 3.1: Strengthened climate change adaptation at local level</b>								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
<b>Number of targeted municipalities that have developed adaptation plans</b>	Cumulative number	0	22 (IFR 2022)	-	-	26	8	Contribution from the Projects: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0035 (14) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0040 (1) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0034 (1) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0041 (1) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0043 (1) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0045 (3) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0047 (2) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0048 (1) PT-ENVIRONMENT-

								0038 (1) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0044 (1)
<b>Number of targeted municipalities that have implemented concrete measures in their adaption plans</b>	Cumulative number	0	19 (IFR 2022)	-	-	19	9	Contribution from the Projects: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0033 (1) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0036 (18)
<b>Output 3.2: Vulnerability Assessment to Climate Change updated for territorial focus</b>								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
<b>Number of Portuguese territories/regions included in the updated assessment</b>	Cumulative number	0	2 (IFR 2022)	-	-	2	5	Contribution from the Project: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0002 (PDP-2)
<b>Output 3.3: Low-carbon economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation measures implemented (in targeted urban areas)</b>								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
<b>Number of targeted municipalities with mitigation measures implemented</b>	Cumulative number	0	4 (IFR 2022)	-	-	4	3	Contribution from the Projects:PT-ENVIRONMENT-0049 (1) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0052 (1) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0053 (1) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0054 (1)
<b>Number of innovative mitigation/low-carbon measures supported</b>	Cumulative number	0	11 (IFR 2022)	-	-	13	4	Contribution from the Projects: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0049 (2) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0052 (10) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0054 (1)
<b>Output 3.4: Management of the Rio Ceira River Basin adapted to a changing climate</b>								

Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
<b>Flow monitoring programme in place</b>	Binary	No	No (IFR 2022)	-	-	No	Yes	-
<b>Number of Invasive Alien Species reduced</b>	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	2	5	PT-ENVIRONMENT-0003 (PDP-3)
<b>Number of professional staff trained</b>	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	20	160	PT-ENVIRONMENT-0003 (PDP-3)
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	20	-	-
<b>Output 3.5: Pilot projects to combat desertification completed</b>								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
<b>Number of projects combating desertification piloted</b>	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	3	-
<b>Bilateral Outcome: Enhanced collaboration between beneficiary and donor state entities involved in the programme</b>								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
<b>Level of trust between cooperating entities in Beneficiary States and Donor States</b>	Scale 1-7	6.86, Survey administered by the FMO	-	-	-	7	4.50, Target is ≥4.5, and an increase on the baseline value	FMO's Survey

Level of satisfaction with the partnership	Scale 1-7	6.70, Survey administered by the FMO	-	-	-	6.78	4.50, Target is $\geq 4.5$ , and an increase on the baseline value	FMO's Survey
Share of cooperating organisations that apply the knowledge acquired from bilateral partnership	Percentage	N/A	-	3	3	100.00 %	50.00 %, Target is minimum 50 %	FMO's Survey
<b>Bilateral Output 1: Cooperation between donor states and beneficiary states entities facilitated</b>								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
Number of training courses co-organised by donor state and beneficiary state entities	Cumulative number	0	1 (IFR 2022)	-	-	5	4	Contribution from the Projects: PT-ENVIRONMENT-0026 (3) PT-ENVIRONMENT-0007 (2)
Number of projects involving cooperation with a donor project partner	Cumulative number	0	29 (IFR 2022)	-	-	29	4	Contribute PT-ENV-0002: 1 NO PT-ENV-0003 1 NO PT-ENV-0007 1 NO PT-ENV-0013 1 NO PT-ENV-0015 1 NO PT-ENV-0019 1 NO PT-ENV-0022 1 NO PT-ENV-0023 1 NO PT-ENV-0024 2 NO PT-ENV-0025 1 NO PT-ENV-0026 1 NO PT-ENV-0027 1 IC PT-ENV-0028 1 NO PT-ENV-0029 1 NO PT-ENV-0030 1 IC PT-ENV-0031 1 NO PT-ENV-0032 2NO + 1IC PT-ENV-0035 1 NO PT-ENV-

								0038 1 NO PT-ENV-0040 1 NO PT-ENV-0042 1 NO PT-ENV-0049 1 NO PT- ENV 050 1 NO PT-ENV- 0051 1 NO PT-ENV-0052 1 NO PT-ENV 1 NO PT-ENV 1 NO PT-ENV-0058 1 IC PT-ENV-0060 1 NO
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## Annex 2: Communication summary

### 1. Best projects

**PT-ENVIRONMENT-0028 CirMat - Circular aggregates for sustainable road and building MATerials:** Circular aggregates for sustainable road and building MATerials, aims at industrial development and the promotion of multiple products / materials with a high degree of incorporation of waste from the construction and steel industry sectors (<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/cirnat-circular-aggregates-for-sustainable-road-and-building-materials/>). This project aims at the industrial development and promotion of multiple products / materials with a high degree of incorporation of waste from the construction and steel industry sectors. i) the development of industrial technology for structural concrete and bituminous concrete with incorporation of residues; ii) systematic models for the recovery of waste in a business environment, and its transition to the market. It is intended to contribute to a high degree of recovery of CDW, through its incorporation (up to 35%) in the development of structural and bituminous concrete and for the increase and promotion of the use of secondary raw materials, namely, with a high degree of incorporation (up to 75%) of Inert Steel Aggregate for Construction.

**PT-ENVIRONMENT-0032 Biosphere Reserves: sustainable territories, resilient communities:** The project targets the territory level, through the integration of heritage assets and ecosystem services, with a special focus on people, on strengthening their skills and on the governance model. The SD Plans (SDP) of the BR, following participatory methodologies, will be the comprehensive and in-network programmatic framework, aiming at the differentiated territorial development, the resilience and sustainability of BR. (<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/environment/projects/projects/biosphere-reserves-sustainable-territories-resilient-communities/>). The project aims to enhance sustainable development in Biosphere Reserves and will target the territory level, through the integration of heritage assets and ecosystem services. A special focus will be directed towards people and strengthening their skills as well as on the governance model. The project will follow the objectives of the "Sustainable Development Plans" (SDP), following participatory methodologies, that will be the programmatic framework aimed at different territorial developments, resilience and sustainability of the Biosphere Reserves (BRs). The SDP will function as a guiding instrument within each reserve and between national BRs and international thematic and geographic networks. Exchange of knowledge will be ensured through the participation and cooperation between universities (Portuguese and Norwegian), the UNESCO chairs of Coimbra, Bergen and Nova Lisboa, and the participation of an international network in the fields of ecology, biodiversity and sustainability. This will reinforce the role of knowledge as a social transformation and territorial enrichment tool and promote new dynamics of interdisciplinary research. Emphasis will be placed on the integrated valorization of ecosystem services, involving local communities in the identification of priorities, for their own benefit and for the sustainability of their territories.

### 2. Visibility of the Grants and the Donors

### *2.a. Communication activities*

Concerning our activities, the number of page views of the Environment Programme already surpassed the threshold defined (400) in the Communication Plan. The Calls were in a daily newspaper, 100% of replies to request for information by email and the organization of 2 events related to EEA Grants – The signing of the Programme Agreement for the Environment Programme and the Matchmaking Initiative on the application of Circular Economy. The participation in the communication network allowed to produce the Communication and Design Manual EEA Grants Portugal 2014 – 2021. The communication meetings with the NFP and all the Programme Operators were very useful to share common issues to present effective solutions. The visibility of the Grants and the Donors is ensured by the EEA Grants joint website, the Secretary General Youtube Channel, the National Focal Point Social Media and the Projects Website and Social Media.

### *2.b. Project stories*

76 news published in the EEA Grants website in 2022 and over 2000 views for the Environment Programme videos in the Secretary General YouTube Channel.

## **3. Media coverage**

<https://www.cm-arganil.pt/noticias/encontrados-os-vencedores-do-concurso-de-fotografia-a-beira-do-ceiraarganil/>

<https://www.noticiasdecoimbra.pt/rio-ceira-com-melhores-acudes-em-pampilhosa-da-serra-gois-arganil-e-lousa/>

<https://alentejo.sulinformacao.pt/2021/11/21-municipios-ja-aderiram-a-rede-do-alentejo-pelo-clima-e-a-agua/>

<https://www.noticiasominuto.com/casa/1873889/growingcircle-debate-amanha-a-importancia-da-digitalizacao-na-construcao>

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Link to programme website		Total number of page views in the reporting year	
<a href="https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/progr...">https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/progr...</a>		3258	
	Link or account handle	Number of posts published in the reporting year	Number of followers
Other	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/@SecretariaGeraldoAmbiente">https://www.youtube.com/@SecretariaGeraldoAmbiente</a>	9	689

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Project Code	Website
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PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0005	<a href="http://closer.lnec.pt/">http://closer.lnec.pt/</a>
PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0006	<a href="https://construcaocircular.pt/edificios">https://construcaocircular.pt/edificios</a>
PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0007	<a href="https://cplusd-platform.pt/en/">https://cplusd-platform.pt/en/</a>

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0008 [www.lipor.pt/pt/recicla-te/há-rio-e-mar/](http://www.lipor.pt/pt/recicla-te/há-rio-e-mar/)

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PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0017	<a href="https://www.ecoiberia.pt/pagina/geral/eea-grants/">https://www.ecoiberia.pt/pagina/geral/eea-grants/</a>
PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0018	<a href="https://www.cm-mafra.pt/p/mafrareciclaravalermais">https://www.cm-mafra.pt/p/mafrareciclaravalermais</a>
PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0020	<a href="https://www.bebidascirculares.pt/">https://www.bebidascirculares.pt/</a>
PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0021	<a href="http://www.cm-vilareal.pt/index.php/cidadao/ambiente">http://www.cm-vilareal.pt/index.php/cidadao/ambiente</a>
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PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0026	<a href="https://growingcircle.netlify.app/">https://growingcircle.netlify.app/</a>
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PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0030	<a href="https://www.ua.pt/pt/risco/uaveirogreenbuilding">https://www.ua.pt/pt/risco/uaveirogreenbuilding</a>
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PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0033	<a href="https://www.cm-loures.pt/AreaConteudo.aspx?DisplayId=1669">https://www.cm-loures.pt/AreaConteudo.aspx?DisplayId=1669</a>
PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0034	<a href="https://www.cm-vfxira.pt/">https://www.cm-vfxira.pt/</a>
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PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0036	<a href="https://www.aml.pt/index.php?cp=COMPONENT_TEXT&amp;sr=SUS601AD78307518&amp;item">https://www.aml.pt/index.php?cp=COMPONENT_TEXT&amp;sr=SUS601AD78307518&amp;item</a>
PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0037	<a href="https://cimb-al.pt/pt/noticias/9953/%E2%80%9Cviver-o-clima-no-baixo-alentejo%E2%80%9D---cimb-al-e-edia-submetem-candidatura-ao-eea-grants.aspx">https://cimb-al.pt/pt/noticias/9953/%E2%80%9Cviver-o-clima-no-baixo-alentejo%E2%80%9D---cimb-al-e-edia-submetem-candidatura-ao-eea-grants.aspx</a>
PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0038	<a href="http://cm-vilanovadepoiaras.pt/areas-de-acao/ambiente">http://cm-vilanovadepoiaras.pt/areas-de-acao/ambiente</a>
PT- ENVIRONMENT- 0039	<a href="http://cuidarbraga.eeagrants.cm-braga.pt">http://cuidarbraga.eeagrants.cm-braga.pt</a>

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## Annex 3: Overview of contracted projects

### 1. Project summary

	Number	Total Grant	Amount budgeted to dpps (estimate)
<b>Total number of projects contracted</b>	60	€ 27,024,102	€ 1,010,051
<b>Number of pre-defined projects contracted</b>	3	€ 3,150,000	€ 90,000
<b>Number of projects with a donor project partner</b>	29	€ 16,928,499	€ 1,010,051
Number of projects with a donor project partner Norway	26	€ 15,871,365	€ 915,331
Number of projects with a donor project partner Iceland	4	€ 3,255,800	€ 94,720
Number of projects with a donor project partner Liechtenstein	0	€ 0	€ 0

### 2. Call details

Call title	Outcome(s)	Call amount	Submission deadline	Number of applications received	Grant amount applied for	Grant demand %	Number of applications approved for funding	Grant amount awarded	Number of projects contracted	Amount contracted
Call #3 - Projects to 'Enhance sustainable development in Biosphere Reserves'	Outcome 2	€ 2,200,000	15/05/2020	7	€ 15,342,675	697.39 %	1	€ 2,198,666	1	€ 2,198,666
Call #4 – Implementation of pilot projects of living labs for decarbonisation and climate change mitigation	Outcome 3	€ 6,058,823	20/10/2020	7	€ 7,008,384	115.67 %	7	€ 6,058,801	7	€ 6,058,801
Call#1 - Deposit refund system for beverage bottles and cans	Outcome 1	€ 6,400,000	31/01/2020	13	€ 9,001,753	140.65 %	8	€ 6,400,000	8	€ 6,400,000
Call#2 - Promoting circular economy in the construction sector	Outcome 1	€ 3,500,000	31/10/2019	25	€ 10,317,693	294.79 %	8	€ 3,453,707	10	€ 4,241,932
Call#5 - Projects for climate change-related extreme weather preparedness and risk management	Outcome 3	€ 1,229,858	18/01/2022	13	€ 4,559,126	370.70 %	4	€ 1,229,858	4	€ 1,126,085

Small grants scheme #1 – Projects to prevent and raise awareness to reduce marine litter	Outcome 1	€ 1,000,00 0	31/10/2019	24	€ 3,796,739	379.67 %	6	€ 1,000,00 0	6	€ 1,000,000
Small grants scheme #2 – Projects for the development of standards in the construction sector that promote the circular economy	Outcome 1	€ 1,000,00 0	31/10/2019	4	€ 198,969	19.90 %	4	€ 198,969	4	€ 198,617
Small Grants Scheme #3 - Projects to strengthen climate change adaptation at local level	Outcome 3	€ 2,650,00 0	30/04/2020	67	€ 9,816,846	370.45 %	17	€ 2,506,30 3	17	€ 2,650,000



#### Annex 4: Risk management

Risk description	Likelihood (1-4)	Consequence (1-4)	Risk score	Planned response in 2023
Inadequate Programme Strategy or Processes, in particular:	1 low	1 low	1.00	Flexibility and adaptability keeping the same level of ambition, the targets and budget agreed to ensured that all strategic and operational objectives of the Programme are accomplished.
a) Technological issues	2 medium low	2 medium low	2.00	Testing a common IT System for all Programme Operators
c) Lack of time for proper implementation	1 low	3 medium high	1.73	- Monitoring the results of the Programme and correct the procedures if necessary. - Regularly (virtual) meetings with all the Projects consortiums. It Depends of the Project can be monthly, Bimontly, Quarterly.
Political and Policy issues, namely:	2 medium low	2 medium low	2.00	- Reinforce monitoring to the projects with low execution rates and or with higher calendar and budget deviations. - Improve project procedures at the level of Communication of Activities and Results
b) Political and economic situation on the implementation of the programme	1 low	3 medium high	1.73	Reinforce monitoring to the projects with low execution rates and or with higher calendar and budget deviations.
Systems to monitor, measure and communicate results of the Programme	1 low	3 medium high	1.73	- Reinforce monitoring to the projects with low execution rates and or with higher calendar and budget deviations. - Improve project procedures at the level of Communication of Activities and Results. - Regularly (virtual) meetings with all the Projects consortiums. It Depends of the Project can be monthly, Bimontly, Quarterly. - Increase On-the-spot verifications (ordinary and extraordinary).
Deviations from key fiduciary principles of: economy, efficiency, effectiveness, integrity,	1 low	2 medium low	1.41	- Endurance the monitoring alerts (weekly basis): Non-compliance alerts, task planning,

openness/ transparency, fairness and accountability				elaboration of checklists; Correction of damages caused (extension of deadlines; disclosure of information; presentation of correction solutions on a case-by-case basis)
Improper or poorly defined procedures or excessively burdensome controls	1 low	2 medium low	1.41	- Request for clarification more thoroughly. - Request for clarification in writing NFP Development & Cohesion Agency, if necessary. - Programme Icon / Image.
Favouritism, including in selection processes (open calls and public procurements).	1 low	3 medium high	1.73	- Programme Image. - Strengthened the monitoring alerts (weekly basis): Non-compliance alerts, task planning, elaboration of checklists; Correction of damages caused (extension of deadlines; disclosure of information; presentation of correction solutions on a case-by-case basis).
<b>Overall risk of not absorbing most financing and achieving most targets (1-4):</b>			<b>2.00</b>	

### **Annex 5: Monitoring plan**

*Please note this Annex is uploaded separately and is not visible in this document. Please download and print separately if needed.*

### **Annex 6: Evaluation report**

*Not Available*

## Annex 7: Agreement conditions

Description	Type	Tracking	Fulfilled	Date of fulfilment	Description of measures taken
1. During the implementation of the programme, the Programme Operator shall seek to ensure synergies with the programme “Blue Growth Innovation and SMEs” implemented in Portugal under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.	General	Continuously tracking	No		<p>It was agreed on Cooperation Committee Meeting last December 2021 to adopt flexibility to accommodate the ‘COVID effect’. The same initiatives are expected to happen as soon as possible for spring 2022 onwards, such as joint workshops with Blue Growth Programme, webinar PT – NO in specific topics of Programme Areas.</p> <p>PT Environment Programme highlights the modifications that were taken into consideration during the year 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modification of PA#3 in 02/07/2021 for the reallocation of 1M € from the Reserve to Outcome 3: Increased climate change resilience and responsiveness in targeted areas.</li> <li>• Modification of PA#4 in 10/09/2021 for the modification of call amount and results framework.</li> </ul> <p><b>Modification of PA#3:</b> last June 2021, the Environment Programme benefitted from a reallocation of €1,000,000 approved 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021. So, at this moment the Programme estimated eligible cost is €29,411,765,00. The Maximum amount of Programme Grant €25,000,000,00, keeping the Grant Rate</p>

				<p>85,00% and the National Contribution is €4,411,765,00. This modification implies that the 3rd Objective Decarbonisation of society   Outcome 3: Increased climate change resilience and responsiveness in targeted areas endowment of €12,885,294 increased due to the new open call: Call#5 – Projects for climate change-related extreme weather preparedness and risk management (<a href="https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/4377/pt-env-call-5-combat-desertification.pdf">https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/media/4377/pt-env-call-5-combat-desertification.pdf</a>).</p> <p><b>Modification of PA#4:</b> to clarify and fully endorse the objectives of the PT Environment Programme. In more detail the modification took into consideration:</p> <p>a) Output 3.1 Strengthened climate change adaptation at local level: separate in two indicators and revision of the target.</p> <p>Justification: Small Grant Scheme # 3 – Projects to strengthen climate change adaptation at local level has two Priority Areas:</p> <p>A. Drawing up Climate Change Adaptation Plans and Strategies on a local scale.</p> <p>B. Operationalising Climate Change Adaptation Plans and Strategies on a local scale. This priority area aims to implement</p>
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				<p>the adaptation measures foreseen on the Climate Change Adaptation Plans and Strategies, applicable to the territory under evaluation.</p> <p>In the Final Report the 17 projects funded, 8 in Priority A, which are an extension of the previous mechanism (2009-2014) – AdaPT Program, and 9 in Priority B. These 17 projects were the ones with higher quality. The initial indicator was 30 but PO only has funds (total allocation amount) for 17 projects (€2,650,000). As such, the clarification was to split in two different indicators which will fully endorse the objective of the SGS#3. No intention to modify the initial terms, nor the nature of the activities.</p> <p>b) Output 3.4 Management of the Rio Ceira River Basin adapted to a changing climate</p> <p>Justification: It was a clerical error. This indicator covers four municipalities with low density of population. As such this target was overestimated. No intention to modify the initial terms, nor the nature of the activities.</p> <p>Both modifications will have no impact in the level of ambition that is the same; no changes in the budget; no modification of the level of Risk Matrix, or on the objectives of</p>
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				<p>the Environment Programme and were approved by FMO.</p> <p>After Programme Agreement Modifications in 2021 Environment Programme has a total amount of €29,411,765 due to an increase amount address to Outcome 2 and 3 and a small reduction to the total amount address to Outcome 1. 3 Operational Objectives Environment Programme aim to accomplish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st operational objective (Outcome 1): Promotion of the Circular Economy through specific targets (construction sector, reduce marine litter and pilot projects to beverage packaging return system) - endowment of €11,952,187</li> <li>• 2nd Objective Territorial Enhancement (Outcome 2): endowment of €2,297,835 increased by savings from the closing Projects from Promotion of the Circular Economy</li> <li>• 3rd Objective Decarbonisation of society (Outcome 3): endowment of €12,885,294 increased due to the new open call: call#5.</li> </ul> <p><b>PT Environment Programme strategically contributes to (i) Ensure good environmental status of ecosystems in Portugal; (ii) Reduce adverse effects of pollution and other human activities; (iii)</b></p>
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				<p><b>Increase resilience to climate change through mitigation and adaptation measures for a low carbon economy; (iv) Reduce economic and social disparities and (v) Strengthen cooperative relations with Donor Countries.</b></p> <p><b>The Environment Program stands out for financing a large number of innovative projects, promoting: (i) the development, sharing and application of new methodologies and technologies in the area of the circular economy (waste and construction) and climate change (mitigation and adaptation); (ii) citizenship in the area of the circular economy (waste), climate change and the enhancement of the territory; (iii) governance in the area of circular economy (waste) and climate change (mitigation); (iv) basic knowledge to support national policy decisions in the area of circular economy (waste) and climate change (adaptation); and (v) bilateral cooperation in the area of the circular economy and territorial enhancement.</b></p> <p><b>The uniqueness of EEA Grants can be achieved by applied innovation as a complementary fund. In these cases (circular economy and the climate change) they had special features funded by EEA Grants. The Concept Note and the</b></p>
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				<p><b>calls / small grant schemes included the special features. The Environment Program promoted the creation of synergies between projects, and a third of the funded projects have foreign partners / DPP. The dynamics created have provided partnerships, including with foreign entities, and some pilot projects will be reproduced or consolidated beyond the project execution deadline.</b></p> <p><b>Within the scope of the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2014 – 2021, the Secretary General for the Environment (SGA), operator of the Environment Programme, and the Directorate-General for Maritime Policy (DGPM), operator of the Blue Growth Programme, organized an event which aims to demonstrate the synergies between both Programs and publicize the projects financed in the areas of circular economy and marine litter reduction. he event took place on the 3rd of May, with a hybrid nature – online and in person, at the Pavilhão do Conhecimento, Lisbon, in the presence of the Norwegian Ambassador to Portugal, Tove Bruvik Westberg, the Secretary of State for the Sea, José Maria Costa, Secretary of State for the Environment and Energy, João Galamba, the Partner of the Innovation Norway Program, Magnar Ødelien, the Deputy Director of the General Directorate</b></p>
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				<p>for Sea Policies Conceição Santos, the Coordinator of the National Management Unit, Susana Ramos and the Secretary General for Environment and Climate Action, Alexandra Carvalho. During the pitch session that took place in the morning, 13 projects were presented on the themes of removing single-use plastics from the maritime environment, through actions to raise awareness of the need to reduce the consumption of single-use plastics and plastic bottles. and encourage their recovery after use, innovation applied in the quantification of waste in the marine environment and in the development of new by-products and raw materials from waste and surpluses from the sea, production of sustainable networks and optimization of waste management. The afternoon session included the promotion of Bilateral Meetings (b2b) where the Promoters had the opportunity to demonstrate the stage of development of their projects and respective results.</p> <p>Public sector and small and medium enterprises – SMEs are the most representative in terms of number of projects and grants associated to these projects.</p>
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<p>2. The National Focal Point shall ensure that the Programme Operator ensures that project promoter's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep any buildings purchased, constructed, renovated or reconstructed under the project in their ownership for a period of at least 5 years following the completion of the project and continue to use such buildings for the benefit of the overall objectives of the project for the same period;</li> <li>• Keep any buildings purchased, constructed, renovated or reconstructed under the project properly insured against losses such as fire, theft and other normally insurable incidents both during project implementation and for at least 5 years following the completion of the project; and</li> <li>• Set aside appropriate resources for the maintenance of any buildings purchased, constructed, renovated or reconstructed under the project for at least 5 years following the completion of the project. The specific means for implementation of this obligation shall be specified in the project contract.</li> </ul>	<p>General</p>	<p>Continuously tracking</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>It is included in the Description of the Management and Control System as well as in the Applicants guide for financing of projects supported by environment, climate change and low carbon Economy programme, to establish the rules and conditions for access in national territory to the Financing.</p> <p><b>The Programme Operator executed the following responsibilities (EEA Grants Regulation Art 5.6.1):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Ensuring the quality of the implementation of the Programme</b></li> <li>· <b>Selecting projects</b></li> <li>· <b>Facilitating bilateral cooperation</b></li> <li>· <b>Assessing risks</b></li> <li>· <b>Independence and functional separation of tasks</b></li> <li>· <b>Transparency and availability of documents</b></li> <li>· <b>Entry of project-specific statistical data to maintain the reporting database</b></li> <li>· <b>Ensuring that the Project Promoters are fully committed and able to implement their projects.</b></li> </ul>
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					<b>Two major comprehensive ammendaments made in the Description of the Management and Control System ensures that it is given more detail and transparency to the Programme implementation.</b>
No costs shall be eligible under pre-defined project no. 3 (number under Section 5.1 of Annex II to the Programme Agreement) before a detailed description and budget for the respective pre-defined project, including the role and contribution of any project partner(s), has been submitted by the Programme Operator and the FMC has confirmed the grant to the project as described in Annex II to this programme agreement.	Pre-eligibility	One-time fulfilment	Yes	04/10/2019	The detailed descriptions and budget for the respective pre-defined project, including the role and contribution of any project partners, were been submitted by the Programme Operator.