



GENERALISED FEEDBACK FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS AFTER STAGE 1

Call for proposals: H2020-SCC-2016-2017 - Smart and sustainable cities

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The stage 1 evaluation is now finished.

Statistics for the call are available via the flash call info update on the Participant Portal.

In order to best ensure equal treatment, successful stage 1 applicants do not receive the evaluation summary reports (ESRs) for their proposals, but this generalised feedback with information and tips for preparing the full proposal.

Information & tips

Main shortcomings found in the stage 1 evaluation of **SCC-02-2016-2017**:

- The deployment aspects of the nature-based solutions were often not sufficiently detailed. For example, the scale of intervention was not always clear. In addition, the assessment of the efficacy, performance and cost-effectiveness of the nature-based solutions compared to alternative solutions is not sufficiently addressed.
- The rationale for selection of the frontrunner and follower cities was in some proposals unclear. Furthermore, several proposals did not adequately address how the frontrunner cities will engage actively with the follower cities to assist them through mentoring or capacity building.
- In general, the innovative character and the market potential of the nature-based solutions in terms of new economic opportunities, products, services, etc. were not sufficiently justified. This raises concerns about the probability of success of the existing solutions to be ready for market uptake.
- In general, the approaches to actively engage citizens in participatory, transdisciplinary and multi-stakeholder processes and thus illustrate the benefits of inclusive urban regeneration for citizens were only generically described.
- In general, proposals did not sufficiently demonstrate how they will be able to secure the long-term financial commitment to ensure the implementation and monitoring of the proposed solutions.
- In several proposals, the monitoring schemes to monitor the performance and assess the impact of the deployed solutions were only superficially detailed. Furthermore, the baseline of social and environmental challenges in the participating cities was not sufficiently presented.

- In general, the contribution to some of the expected impacts of the topic and the pathways to reach them or quantitative targets were not adequately considered. For example, there was a lack of detail on the benefits (e.g. economic, green jobs, etc.) that can be derived from the implementation of the nature-based solutions.

In your stage 2 proposal, you have a chance to address or clarify these issues.

Please bear in mind that your full proposal will now be evaluated more in-depth and possibly by a new group of outside experts.

 The full proposal must be consistent with your short outline proposal. It may NOT differ substantially. The project must stay the same.