

Call for evaluators

The INCIRCULAR project is looking for external evaluators to review proposals received in the framework of INCIRCULAR cascade funding call to ensure the best possible expertise in the evaluation process, so that applications are assessed in a transparent and consistent way.

INCIRCULAR - INtegrating Cybernated Innovation to Raise the Scale of Circular Units Looping Allied Regions is a three-year project launched in October 2023, co-funded by the European Union's Interregional Innovation Investments (i3) instrument.

INCIRCULAR mission is to enhance collaboration within the recycled plastics industry sector, aiming to improve its capabilities and promote the transformation of recycled plastics into new materials through the adoption of innovative technologies.

A total of 6 SMEs from the region Auvergne Rhone Alpes (France), Slovenia and Andalusia (Spain) will receive 60k€ for their project linked to the INCIRCULAR developments.

Who are we looking for?

To support us in the selection process for this open call, we need experts in the fields of composites and polymer materials. Specifically, we are looking for expertise in:

- Circular economy expertise in the polymer sector: Evaluator should have strong skills on circular economy principles in the polymer material value chain, and a clear idea of the strategies and needs in this value chain.
- Technical expertise on recycling of composites: Evaluators must be able to
 estimate technically the viability, innovation potential, and quality of the
 proposed projects. Moreover, evaluators should consider the feasibility of the
 projects in terms of business model.





 Technical expertise on digital innovation: For the technical expertise on recycling, evaluators must have skills on digital solution that will be developed in the proposals, in the sector of manufacturing to improve the efficiency of the circular value chain, in the INCIRCULAR project and beyond.

Each evaluator will be assigned a number of applications based on factors such as their availability, the volume of submissions, and the total number of evaluators. Evaluator will also be called for a consensus meeting conducted online. Only eligible proposals will be evaluated, thanks to the evaluation criteria detailed in the call documents. An evaluation guide and all necessary documents will be provided in September.

The evaluation process will be conducted remotely and will take place in <u>November</u> 2024.

Please note, that the work is voluntary-based, but evaluators will be invited to the final event of INCIRCULAR (accommodation and travel expenses not covered). They will have the opportunity to gain visibility for their own activities and to participate in a discussion panel at the event if desired.

How to become an evaluator?

If you are interested in becoming an evaluator, please submit your expression of interest along with your CV in PDF format and a non-conflict-of-interest attestation to the following email address: *fundingopportunities@incircular-project.eu*

See an example of non-conflict-of-interest attestation below:

I, [surname + first name], appointed to the evaluation committee, declare that I will not evaluate any proposal that may lead to a conflict of interest.

Name, signature

